

# METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### A Unique Event

A black tie evening of Indian fine art, music, performance and gourmet dining at the Hilton Hotel, Saturday Evening, November 2.

Doors open at 5:30 pm for cocktails and auction preview; dinner at 7:00, oral auction begins at 8:00. Over 75 works of art from the best Indian artists in the country. Over 25 artists and performers attending.

Celebrate native foods. Mixed green salad with pine nuts and cranberries; oregon wines, pacific Northwest salmon, grilled buffalo steak, harvest vegetables, pear torte in raspberry sauce

For Reservations, Call 241-0070.

\$100 per person. Your gift helps establish a premier Northwest Indian Art Market in downtown Portland.

### Digestive disorder seminar

November 20, 1996 -- Oregon Health Sciences University/Casey Eye Institute

What is that uncomfortable feeling in my stomach? should I see a doctor? Should I change my diet? Get answers to your burning questions and learn how to take control of two common and potentially serious digestive disorders, GERD and ulcers, that plague more than 20 million americans. The ABC's of Common digestive Disorders: Acid and Bacteria are Culprits, a free seminar sponsored by Oregon Health Sciences University, will be led by Dr. Brian Fennerty at the Casey eye Institute (McDonald auditorium) of the Oregon Health Sciences University on Wednesday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m.. Dr. Fennerty will dispel myths about these common problems and answer your questions during and after the event. For more information and to reserve a seat, call 1-88-ACID-BUG (1-888-224-3284).

### New East Portland Police Precinct

Seventeen Portland neighborhoods from Pleasant Valley, bordering Gresham, to Cully, south of the airport, are served by East precinct. those neighbors, police, and Portland officials will celebrate the opening of the East Portland Community Policing Center on Saturday, November 9, 1996, beginning at 11 am.

### Tourism Economic Outlook Conference

The Hospital and Tourism Program of Mt. Hood Community College presents... 8th Annual Oregon Tourism Economic Outlook Conference. Oregon Recreation: A Balance Between Growth & Conversation Tuesday, November 5, 1996, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Benson Hotel, Mayfair Ballroom, 309 S.W. Broadway, Portland, Oregon (located at Broadway & Oak) Registration fee \$20. Booth fee \$25

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



A class attending Albina Head Start at the Richard Brown Center, display their creative talents for Halloween. Albina Head Start is creating their own pumpkin patch on Wednesday, October 30th, and Thursday, October 31. The children will be showing off their costumes and enjoying special treats.

## Kaiser promotes safe trick-or-treating

### Kaiser Permanente gives away free reflective trick or treat bags at Medical offices in North Portland

Keep your youngsters visible and safe while trick-or-treating this Halloween by picking up a free reflective trick-or-treat bag at the Customer Service desk of any Kaiser Permanente medical office.

The HMO is giving away 5,000 of the 15-inch 11-inch mylar bags. A safety tipsheet will be given out with each.

"The bags brightly reflect headlights, making children much safer in the dark," says pediatrician Virginia Feldman, MD, who practices at Kaiser Permanente's East Interstate Medical Office on North Portland.

Remembering that a good friend's daughter was killed on a residential street one Halloween, Dr. Feldman offers these tips for parents to help keep children safe.

• *Have an adult accompany youngsters*

*under age 12;*

- *cross streets only at intersections;*
- *obey all traffic signals;*
- *don't let children walk in the street.*

Dr. Feldman says costumes can also pose dangers. "Make sure costumes don't block a child's vision. For example, instead of wearing a plastic mask, paint children's faces and give them creative hats or headgear," she says. "Also, avoid costumes with trailing or long, loose fabric that might present a trip

hazard."

The surest way to avoid traffic accidents on Halloween is to host a party for the kids on your block. "That way, children needn't go house-to-house at night to have fun and collect treats," advises Dr. Feldman.

Kaiser Permanente is a non-profit group practice health maintenance organization serving the health care needs of more than 395,000 people in Northwest Oregon and Southwest Washington.

## Free screening clinic

The Portland Shriners Hospital for Children will hold a free orthopedic and plastic surgery screening clinic on Saturday, November 2 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the hospital's outpatient clinic, 3181 S.W. Sam Jackson Park Road. If accepted for care, children at Shriners Hospital are treated completely free of charge.

"Last year, when we offered this clinic we saw 112 children in six hours," said Phyllis Newton, Director of Community Outreach. "We were stunned that there were so many families who did not know about our free medical services."

Shriners Hospital accepts children up to 18 who have bone, muscle or joint problems, or who have plastic surgery needs--such as for burn scars, cleft lip/palate and facial anomalies. Most patients at Shriners have congenital, life-long problems as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, muscular dystrophy or club foot. Other children suffer accidents and illnesses, such as losing a hand or leg. Other common conditions seen at Shriners include scoliosis--curvature of the spine--and congenital hip dislocation.

Because care at Shriners Hospital is free, there is

always a waiting list of several hundred names. However, children seen at a screening clinic generally can begin their care within two months. (The hospital does not provide emergency services, such as for broken bones or acute burns).

"We are especially interested in making sure we are reaching out to minority and low income families," Newton said. "We are making every effort to inform those communities that we are available to them by contacting community clinics, distributing flyers in English and Spanish, and working through all news media." A Spanish interpreter will be at the clinic, and interpreters for other languages will be provided if requested in advance. Free return Tri-Met passes will be given to anyone who arrives by bus (#8 from downtown).

No appointments are needed to be seen at the Screening Clinic. Hospital surgeons will be on hand to evaluate every child who arrives for care.

Generally, Shriners accepts all patients for care if treatment would benefit the child and if treatment at another facility would put a financial burden on the family.

## Night Stop is back

### Tri-Met drops off passengers closer to destination at night

With the time change and darkness starting earlier in the evening, Tri-Met reminds passengers about Night Stop. This program allows passengers who are traveling alone to get off the bus anywhere along their routes from 8 p.m.-5 a.m. That gets them closer to their destinations, making rides safer and more convenient.

To use Night Stop, passengers just tell the driver where they want to get off the bus. If the driver cannot stop at the exact spot requested, the driver will find the safest nearby place. Special stops are only offered to passengers getting off the bus. Night Stop does not apply in Fareless Square, because of the large number of buses and passengers in downtown Portland.

For more information about riding Tri-Met, including trip-planning information: call Tri-Met weekdays from 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. at 238-RIDE, TTY 238-5811, fax 239-3092, <http://www.tri-met.org/> or modern at 220-1016 and log in as "Tri-Met".

## Oregon Blacks make clear choices

At its June 1996 board meeting, the Board of Directors of the Oregon Assembly for Black Affairs (OABA), decided to conduct a straw poll on the offices for United States Senator and Second District United States Representative, and on the Ballot Measures that will be on the November 5, 1996 Oregon General Election Ballot. The Straw Poll was conducted at OABA's September 7, 1996 Third Quarter Membership Meeting.

OABA members are registered Democrats, Republicans and Independents. OABA does not endorse candidates for political office. However, the Board wanted to provide an opportunity for OABA members as well as other Black Oregonians to express preferences on the candidates

and ballot measures.

During public discussion at the Third Quarter Meeting of OABA, "straw votes" concerning the desirability of candidates to be the next Oregon U.S. Senator and the next U.S. Second Congressional District Representative were taken. The result of this "straw vote preferences" is reflected below.

### STRAW VOTE GENERAL ELECTION:

<b>United Senator:</b>	<b>Straw Vote:</b>
Tom Bruggerre	100%
Gordon Smith	0%

### Second District U.S.

<b>Repr. in Congress:</b>	<b>Straw Vote:</b>
Mike Dugan	86%
Bob Smith	14%

## Hispanics, Blacks will vote together

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cans--which include affirmative action, the right to have a political voice, the right for a woman to choose, strong support for public education, and family values--the Democratic candidates offer the best choice.

### Affirmative Action a shared need

Blacks and Latinos share an understanding of disenfranchisement through the history of their similar experiences in this country. No one has been handed a free ride because of an affirmative action program. The value of those programs has been to help unfairly disadvantaged people get to the starting line, a point which the Anglo majority left a long time ago. Many of the opponents of affirmative action do not want to understand that.

### Opponents have common goals

The opponents of affirmative action and

the advocates of anti-immigrant measures share common goals, which fundamentally deny opportunity to people of color. They are often the same people who consistently vote to cut funding for public education, who have the opportunity to buy expensive private-school educations for their children, like Republican Bill Witt, and have no core commitment to public education. They are either knowingly or unknowingly blind to the issue, but they are not blind to the colors of the people affected.

Republican candidate for Senate Gordon Smith recently characterized Hispanic immigrants as people who jump right off the airplane and onto welfare. This erroneous and biased view is shared by many of the same people who believe that there is no further need for affirmative action, who believe that the typical welfare recipient is a Black or Latino woman who has no desire to

work and has children because the state pays her to have them.

Republican Congresswoman Linda Smith recently referred to a group of African-American businessmen as "colored men", and stated that the country no longer needs programs that offer opportunities for minority-owned businesses to climb the ladder. Congresswoman Smith--like many of her Republican cohorts--believes that the struggle for equality and against bigotry and racial prejudice in this country is over.

This November 5th, Hispanics and African-Americans across the nation will step forward and make their presence known. It is a historic moment. Be sure that all the registered voters in your home, in your place of business, in your church, in your neighborhood get to the polls that day. It will be a good day to car pool, and a great opportunity to be both a neighbor and a citizen. Vote! Votate!