

# METRO *Life*

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## SECTION B

### Community Calendar

#### MLK design up for review

Community members are invited to review the design for Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at an open house, Dec. 4 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at King Elementary School Cafeteria, 4906 N.E. Sixth Ave. Public comments are encouraged on proposals to add on-street parking, improvements for pedestrians and bicyclists, sidewalks, lighting and other elements designed to encourage commercial revitalization along the corridor.

#### Largest Christmas bazaar

America's largest Christmas bazaar opens Friday at the Portland Expo Center. The weekend show features more than 1,000 booths, thousands of unique gift ideas, plenty of food, plus decorations, greenery and more.

#### Volunteers needed

The Salvation Army needs food box preparation volunteers Dec. 1 through Dec. 23, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Plan on a shift of at least 3 hours and be sure to dress warmly. Call Lt. Colonel Jean McHarg, volunteer coordinator at (503) 731-0156.

#### Kwanzaa reception

The Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center presents Kwanzaa: A Celebration of Life, a group exhibition of African-American artists whose works evoke the African ancestral traditions and the sense of community that underlie the celebration. The exhibit opens with a free public reception, Thursday, Dec. 4 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at 5340 N. Interstate Ave.

#### Scouting for Food

Scouting for Food is the last major food drive of the holiday season for the Oregon Food Bank. The non-profit agency depends on the food brought in from the drive to sustain hungry families through the winter. Call the food bank to help at 282-0555.

#### Ring in the holidays

Willamette Valley Vineyards presents Tall Jazz and Friends, a holiday concert and CD release party with Rebecca Kilgore vocalist, on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. in the vineyard's Great Room. Table seating is available by calling (503) 588-9463.

#### Gingerbread palace

Portland's historic Benson Hotel will ring in the holiday season with a regal display of gingerbread art, displayed in the Benson lobby, from Monday, Dec. 1 until Monday, Dec. 29.

#### Afternoon Rides

Your invited to meet bicycle enthusiasts who gather for afternoon rides on Monday and Thursday from 12:10 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. Prepare for fast rides with lots of climbing. Meet at the southwest corner of Pioneer Courthouse Square between noon and 12:15 p.m. Cost is free.

#### Money management tips

Control your money during the holidays and afterwards, is the topic of a professional development seminar presented by the National Black MBA Association, Portland-Seattle chapter. The event will be held Dec. 6 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at Reflections Books in the Walnut Park Plaza at NE Killingsworth and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

#### Terry Evans at Key Largo

Terry Evans brings his "Come to the River" west coast tour to Key Largo, 31 N.W. First, Dec. 4 at 9 p.m.

#### It Had To Be You

Stark Raving Theatre presents the reprise of last season's Christmas hit: It Had To Be You, a lighthearted story of a woman's quest for love at any cost! Performances run Dec. 3 through Jan. 3 at the Sanctuary Theatre, 3430 S.E. Belmont.

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



## Garlington Center

Singer Tamera Stephens of Whitaker Middle School, Ken Boddie of Channel 6, Police Chief Charles Moose and Shelia Holden of Pacific Power attend annual dinner to show support for north/northeast program providing mental health services.

(Photos by M. Washington)

Solving problems our communities really care about



### 'The money is Coming, How Much Can You Spare?'

The Portland Community College Foundation and other school and college foundations from across the state are encouraging members of the community to donate some or all of the surplus tax checks, called the kicker, to public schools. The checks were mailed out by the state of Oregon, and people received them this past weekend. "The goals of the Portland Community College Foundation are to first serve needy students and then to provide technology resources for our classrooms and student labs," said Jan Coulton, executive director of the PCC Foundation. "We are working hard to keep college affordable and accessible to citizens and maintain high quality. We hope that community college supporters will donate some of their tax check to help students at PCC."

## Sensitive Jazz

Jordan sings Thanksgiving concert at Corbett's Viewpoint Inn

Wonderful food, and fabulous music in a peaceful setting will charm visitors when jazz vocalist Pamela Jordan sings at the Viewpoint Inn Thursday, from 3 to 6 p.m.

Jordan gave her first performance at the Inn Nov. 16. Her sensitive, compelling vocals, and gracious, understated style wowed patrons.

"When Pam's CD was playing in our dining room a few weeks ago, a patron insisted - absolutely insisted that I sell it to her," said Viewpoint Inn manager Geoff Thompson. "I knew then and there Pam's music would be a good fit for the Inn. We just had to have her perform live."

Jordan's recent release Standard Procedure has won rave reviews from local critics. And merchants carrying the recording.

"Beautiful spare arrangements and a many-hued honey of a voice are the hallmarks of Pamela Jordan's gorgeous new CD, Standard Procedure," said Borders

Books and Music in Tigard.

Just minutes away from Multnomah Falls and Crown Point, the Viewpoint Inn has quickly become a must-see for people visiting the Columbia River Gorge. Since opening in mid-June

the Inn regularly fills its dining room reservation list for Sunday brunch.

The arts and crafts style structure rests on Thor's Heights in Corbett, and offers dramatic views of the Columbia River.

The Lois Thompson Housing Project acquired the Inn in June. LTHP is a non-profit corporation that provides residential, and vocational services to adults with developmental disabilities.

Additional performances by Jordan at the Inn are set for Dec. 5-6



Pamela Jordan



### Wheelchair users call battle with Rose Garden a major victory

Tom Ciesielski (from left), Jack Benson and Bob Pike at a news conference celebrating judge's ruling upholding American Disabilities Act as it relates to violations in the new Rose Garden. The arena created a "wheelchair ghetto" assigning wheelchair users to a special floor in the "nosebleed" section to maximize ambulatory seats in more desirable locations, they said.

## United Way raises \$11 million

Annual campaign finds tremendous support

Campaign Chairman Robert G. Miller announced that United Way of the Columbia-Willamette has raised more than \$11 million to date for Campaign '97.

"As we wrap up our effort for another successful campaign, I'd like to thank all of the donors for their tremendous support of United Way," says Miller, CEO and president of Fred Meyer, Inc.

For the past two years, United Way has seen an increase in campaign dollars raised.

An additional \$450,000 was collected last year and contributed almost \$800,000 to member agency budgets thanks to the increase in funds and reduction in United Way's overhead

costs.

Many companies finished the campaign with positive results:

Louisiana-Pacific Corporation realized a 90 percent increase in employee giving

Doubletree Hotel Downtown, Montgomery Ward Jantzen Beach and Mall 205, Providence Medical Center and Union Bank of California represent just a few company campaigns that have increased employee giving by more than 50 percent this year.

United Way welcomes several companies that ran first-time campaigns this year, including Albina Community Bank, Paramount Graphics, Paul & Company and Elcon Associates.