

# METRO *Life*

The Portland Observer **SECTION B**

## Community Calendar

### Holiday Tree

Kick off the holiday season with a grand celebration and the lighting of Portland's 75' tall Holiday Tree on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. - a new, earlier family friendly time. 1998 marks the 14<sup>th</sup> year that Pioneer Courthouse Square has held the City's most spectacular Tree.

### Tea Time

Looking for a special way to spend the day after Thanksgiving? In Spirit Center, we will be celebrating the holiday with a special High Tea, with all the trimmings, on Friday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM in their "upper room" at SE 60<sup>th</sup> and Belmont. Sweets and savories, wonderful brewed teas, and a light soup will be served, accompanied by live music and a dramatic reading. Call for reservations at 234-8650.

### Menopause 101

Hear Dr. Hudson speak about symptoms, natural hormone replacement, risk factors, diet and soy on Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 PM. A registration fee of \$5 is required. All classes are held at the clinic on 2067 NW Lovejoy in Portland.

### Choir and Band Concert

On Thursday December 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7 PM, Jefferson High School Music department proudly presents a collection of holiday classics and gospel music featuring the talents of beginning and advanced music students. The choir will perform traditional and contemporary gospel classics as a means to and preserve and document African American contributions in American culture. For more information, please contact Ken Berry, Vice-Principal.

### Adoption Awareness

November is National Adoption Awareness Month - a month to celebrate adoptive families and to remember that thousands of children still need a permanent home and loving family. If you've ever wanted to be a parent to help children grow and develop to their fullest potential - consider adoption. Call PLAN LOVING ADOPTIONS NOW, Inc. at 503/472-8452.

### Thanksgiving Dinner

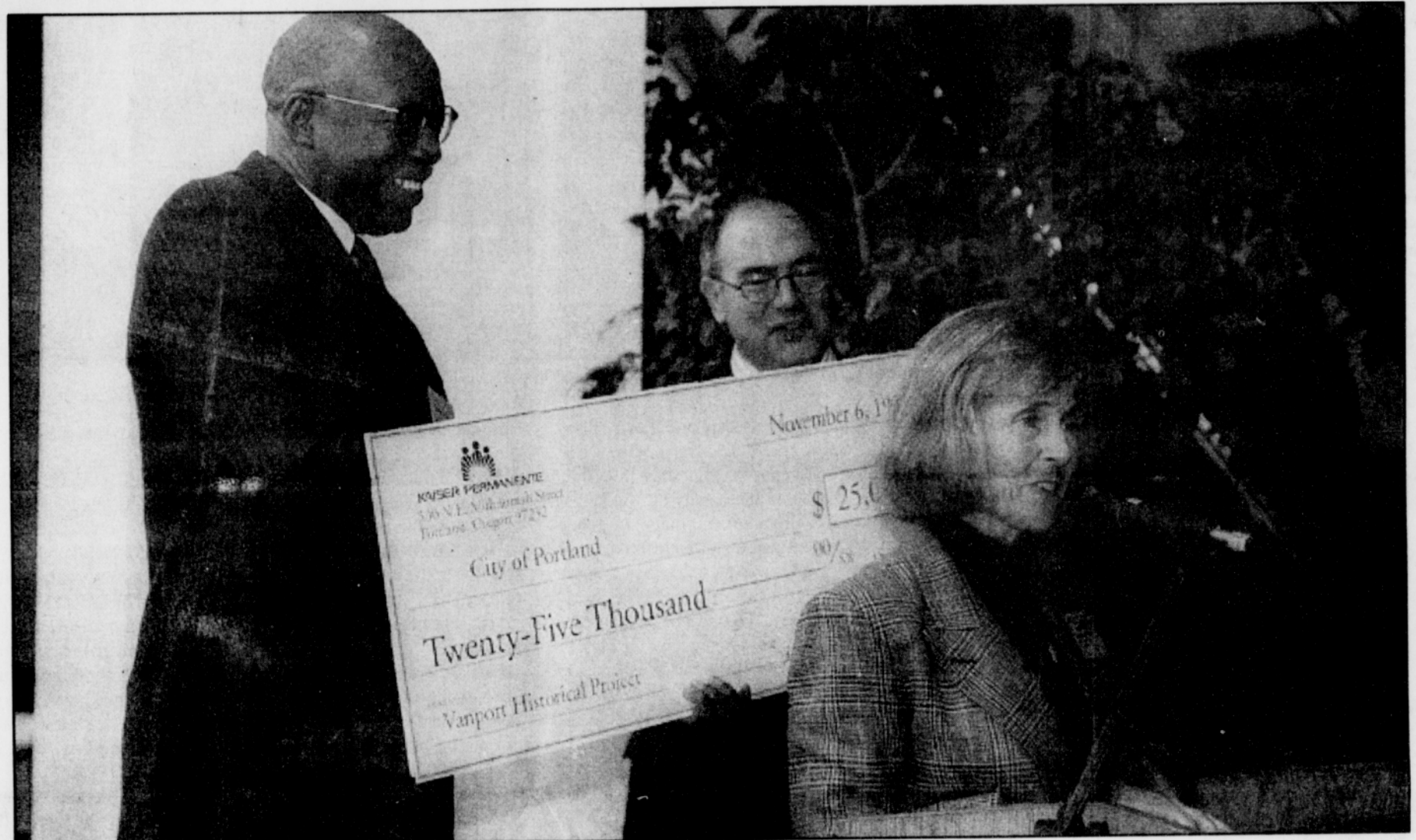
Immaculate Heart Youth Group is having their annual Thanksgiving Dinner on November 26<sup>th</sup> (at 2926 N. Williams Ave. enter on Stanton St, off Williams) from 1-6 PM. Good food! A warm place to eat! Great service with a smile! Everyone is welcome! If you have any questions or donations contact Adrienne Hoggans at 287-3724.

### 1001 Cranes

The Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center is pleased to host an exhibit about family heirlooms centering around the theme of the crane, a traditional Japanese symbol for long life and happiness.

The exhibit features a collection of designs and sculptures, each made from 1001 miniature cranes folded from paper. The event will be held at the Oregon Nikkei Legacy Center (117 NW 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue), from December 4<sup>th</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>. Free workshops are available. Call 224-1458.

## Kaiser Permanente Gives \$25,000 To Vanport Historical Project



Charles Jordan (left), director of the Portland Bureau of Parks and Recreation, accepts a check for \$25,000 from Kaiser Permanente's Medical Director Allan Weiland, MD, during recent opening ceremonies for the HMO's newest medical office in north Portland.

Kaiser Permanente's Executive Director Barbe West (at podium) says the gift will help purchase historical signs commemorating the vanished Vanport community, built to house thousands of workers in the World War II Kaiser shipyards. Many Vanport families moved to north Portland when floods destroyed Vanport in 1948.

(Photo by Carole Archer)

## Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. CleanSweep



L to R: Harold Phillips, Michael Martin, Carlos Rimrez, and Kenny Goldsby lend a helping hand at MLK's "CleanSweep". (Photo by M. Washington)

The MLK Jr. Blvd. Main Street Program - sponsored by the North-Northeast Business association - invites you to join us on November 21 to assist in cleaning the Blvd. in preparation for the wonderful festivities planned by the groups coordinating "The Spirit on the Blvd."

We will meet on November 21 at 9:00 at the adidas plaza, 5020 NE MLK - and form two crews, one which will go north

and one going south (from the corner of NE Alberta and MLK Jr. Blvd.). We will work until approximately 3:00 p.m. but all are welcome to help for as much as they can donate.

Organizations joining to assist include Multnomah County Alternative Community Services, SOLV; the city of Portland, our local neighbors and business folk hopefully many other volunteers. Mike Grimes, Community Work Leader for the County, will have crews complementing our efforts

on November 28 as well.

"Spirit on the Blvd." will start December 4 at 6:00 p.m. also at adidas plaza, when Mayor Vera Katz will light the 1998 Holiday Tree. Sponsors of this special occasion are: the NE Portland Police Response Team, the Northeast Community Development Corporation, the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods, the Franciscan Enterprise and the North-Northeast Business Association.

## St. Andrew's Church Hopes To Feed More Than 400 This Thanksgiving Day

■ With Damon Stoudamire's Support

This year's Thanksgiving Day Dinner planning doesn't feel much different for St. Andrew's Catholic Church parishioners: they have hosted turkey meals with all the trimmings for at least 200 people for the past 12 years, thanks to a tradition established by a Jesuit volunteer. This year, from noon to 3 p.m., food will again be served, at the Gym, at 806 NE Alberta. Just as in past years, volunteers will arrive much earlier, to prepare, cook and serve those guests who welcome the food and fellowship.

This year, what may be different is the number of lives the Church can touch: Wishing to feed double the number of people fed in the past, the Church welcomed Damon Stoudamire's request for involvement. Stoudamire, a northeast Portland native and Trail Blazer, is bringing 15 turkeys, additional food, and rounding up friends and family to cook the food. He will be on hand to serve dinner guests.

"I am so thankful for my health, friends, family and opportunities. What better way to give thanks than to share my blessings with others," says Stoudamire.

"When I looked for a successful thanksgiving Day program with which to build a partnership, St. Andrew's filled the bill."

"I hope, together, we can increase the number of people who enjoy a good meal on this holiday."

While the meal is free, St. Andrew's encourages donations, both monetary and in the form of non-perishable goods, from those who can contribute.