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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Kwanzaa

A Kwanzaa celebration sponsored by Sankofa (the spiritual and cultural temple of Ifa and Ile Obatala) at Reflections Coffee Shop & Bookstore on December 30 at 7 PM. For more information, call 503/235-5070.

Art On Alberta

The Art on Alberta celebrates its 20th monthly 'Last Thursday' art walk on December 26. For questions, call Reggie Petry at "Our Dream" Gallery at 288-3024.

Concert-at-Christmas

The annual Concert-at-Christmas of the 75 year old Portland Youth Philharmonic (PYP) will have an operatic flair this year and feature a guest appearance by the Portland Symphonic Gilchoir which celebrates its 10th anniversary this season. The Concert-at-Christmas is at 7:30 PM, Saturday, December 26 in the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

Vocolot

Congregation Neveh Shalom and the Mittleman Jewish Community Center are proud to present the first Portland concert by the Bay Area acapella group Vocolot. The concert will be held on Saturday, January 9 at 8 PM at Congregation Neveh Shalom, 2900 SW Peaceful Lane in Portland. Vocolot's repertoire mixes folk, jazz and classical music, creating an innovative sound for the coming century.

Indian Singing

In Other Words is proud to host a reading with Gail Tremblay author of a newly revised collection of poetry INDIAN SINGING (Calyx Books, 1998) on Saturday, January 9 at 7 PM. Tremblay's vision is achingly vivid. Her poetry mourns the death of a lover, the loss of her home, the way our society smothers itself. In this pregnant grief, Tremblay holds the direction to healing: through the old ways, through stories, through travel home.

Health Technologies

Learn in just 1 hour as RDH & Associates demonstrate a non-medical way to recharge your energy, fight stress, gain relief from aches and discomforts, sleep more deeply and feel more fit by using nature's tools. These non-medical, breakthrough health technologies have actually given people their lives back. The FREE workshop will be on Tuesday, December 29 from 7-8 PM at the Central Branch of the Multnomah County Library (801 SW 10th St.). Call 503/283-1972.

Memorial Ski Race

Skiers can remember a fellow athlete, have a great time and raise money for valuable eye research all at the same time during the third annual Kyle Curran Memorial Ski Race on Sunday, January 3. The race will be held at the Mt. Hood Ski Bowl. Skiers of all ages and levels are encouraged to participate in this event. Registration for the dual, head-to-head slalom race is \$27. For more information, contact Jonathan Weaver at the Casey Eye Institute at 503/494-3360.

Chamber Orchestra

After a national search, the Rose City Chamber Orchestra is pleased to present visiting conductor Dr. Eric Kujawsky, Music Director of the Redwood Symphony. Dr. Kujawsky has shocked audiences with his bold interpretation of classical music. Come experience this excitement with the Rose City Chamber Orchestra on Sunday, January 17 at 3 PM at the Peace Lutheran Church (2201 North Portland Blvd.).

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Safeco Partners With McCoy Village To Bring Computer Skills To Those Who Need Them

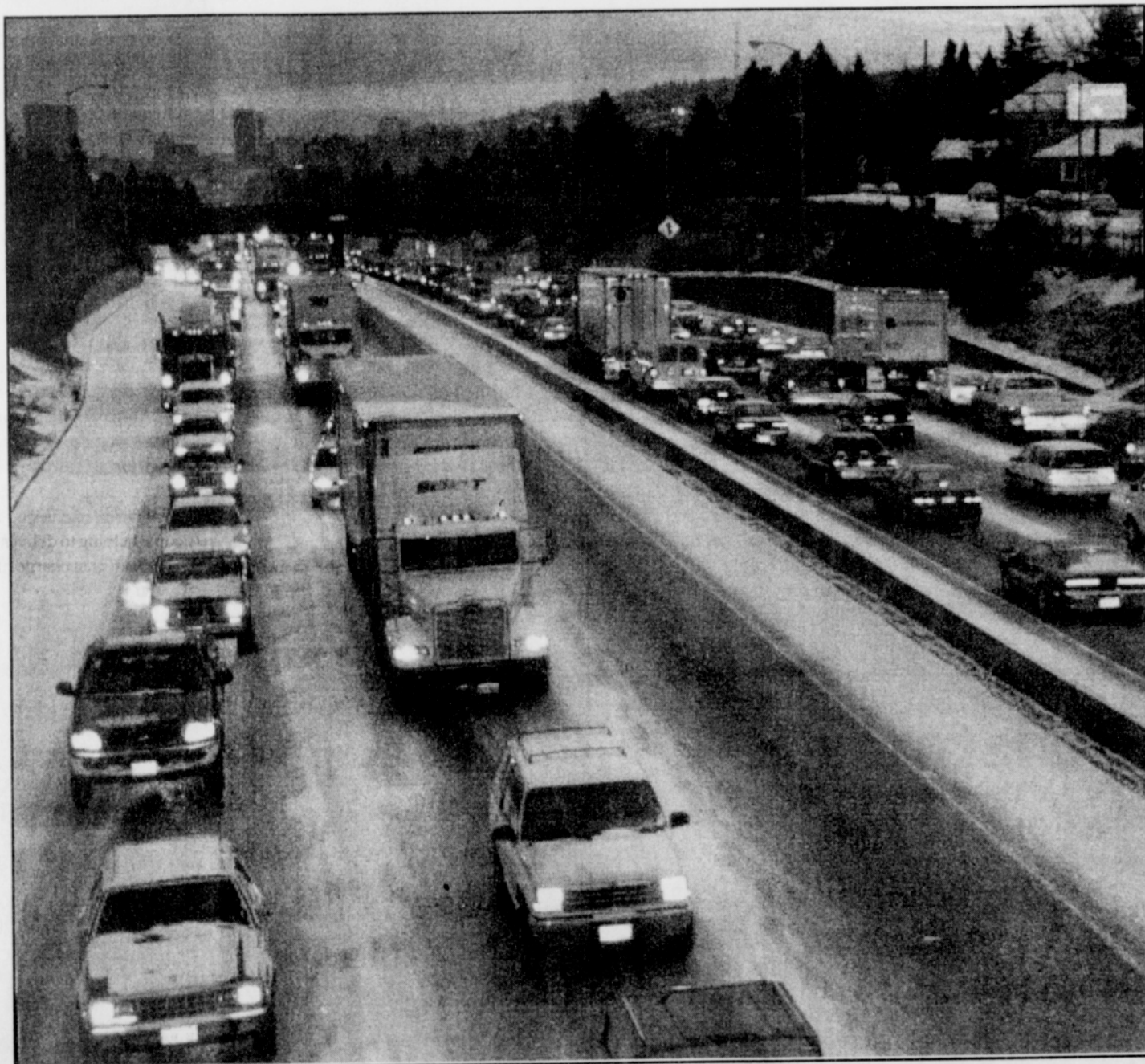


Its never too early to start. A young resident of McCoy Village is eager to learn computers. Photo By Mark Washington

When McCoy Village rose like a phoenix from two empty weed-infested blocks in Northeast Portland' predominantly African-American community, it was hailed as a positive and creative low-income urban housing solution. Now, with the opening of McCoy Village's Safeco Computer Lab and Learning Center, its residents have a cyberspace ticket to greater income and academic achievement.

Portland Gets First "Winter Chill"

Snow and freezing temperatures affected the city causing heavy traffic as shown on highway I-5 north and south bound. The forecast for Christmas day in Portland calls for ice with occasional rain and freezing rain.



(Photo by M. Washington)

Happy Holidays From Radio Cab



Kevin & Kevin Jr. Martin (left), receive a healthy turkey from Radio Cab Driver David Yangell (right), courtesy of Radio Cab Co.

We at Radio Cab have decided, in an attempt to support the community that we believe supports us day in and day out, to give back, in what we believe to be a rather unique way. We purchased sixty turkey and donated them in the Portland area. We actively sought to find places and families that may fall through the cracks and be overlooked in the community. Of the sixty turkeys, twenty-five went to the International Refugee Center. Here, many of the recipients are spending their first Christmas in the United States. Ten went to families in the inner northeast area. The remaining turkeys were donated to the Cascade Aids Program and Outreach Ministries.

Again our hope at Radio Cab is to give back, support, and be involved in the community that we believe supports us all year long. We feel the best way to give, is that of ourselves. The drivers of Radio Cab donated their time and money to hopefully make this a better Christmas for those who may not of had the chance.

Kwanzaa 1998: A Celebration Of Family, Community, And Culture

The Portland community celebration of Kwanzaa, a seven day holiday of African-American culture will begin with a Children's Kwanzaa program on Saturday, Dec. 26, 1998 from 12:00 noon-2 pm at the N. Portland Branch Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St. children and youth will participate in a variety of activities that include singing, dancing, drumming, arts and crafts, storytelling and refreshments. Join in this very special day of celebration for the children and youth sponsored by the N. Portland Branch Library, Black Educational Center, and Project Network. The sights and sounds of a tradition African marketplace featuring community vendors will highlight the Kwanzaa festivities on Sunday, Dec. 27 from 12 noon- 6 pm, at the Multicultural Senior Center located at 5325 NE MLK Jr. Blvd. (entrance is through the rear parking lot on NE Garfield Ave). The Portland Branch of the NAACP will present the critically acclaimed family oriented film, "Once Upon A Time When We Were Colored" on Dec. 27, followed the next night by a community learning activity on cooperative economics presented by the

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