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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Community Enrichment

The Community Enrichment Program is designed to provide intensive education and support to individuals with dysfunctional behaviors and their family members at a time when the education and support can be most effective. Learn about active parenting of teens, building loving relationships, managing your emotions. The first session will be on January 12 at Mt. Hood Community College. Classes meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Call 503/491-6979.

Cat Toy Making

The Oregon Humane Society and SCRAP (School and Community Re-use Action Project) present Cat "SCRAP" Fever. Join in the cat toy making workshop - make fun cat toys from recycled materials. The event will be held at the Oregon Humane Society's Whittel Education Wing (1067 NE Columbia Blvd.) on Saturday, January 30, 1999, from 11 AM - 2 PM. Drop in anytime. The event is free.

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.).

Quality Education

Mr. Ed Uecker of the Department of Education will explain to parents the new school standards on CIM/CAM and also share effective techniques so parents can help their children meet the new standards. He will be lecturing at the King Neighborhood Facility (4815 NE 7th) on Wednesday, January 20th at 7 PM. Child care will be provided. Call 282-1975.

Free Clinics

Attend one of the free introductory clinics at the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine (OCOM) and learn how acupuncture can help you keep your resolution to stop smoking. The Saturday morning clinics will be on January 9 - 16, from 9-10:30 AM at the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine (10525 SE Cherry Blossom Dr.). The free Saturday clinics this January are part of the community education program of the Oregon College of Oriental Medicine. Call 503/253-3443 ext.208.

Snowshoe Demonstration

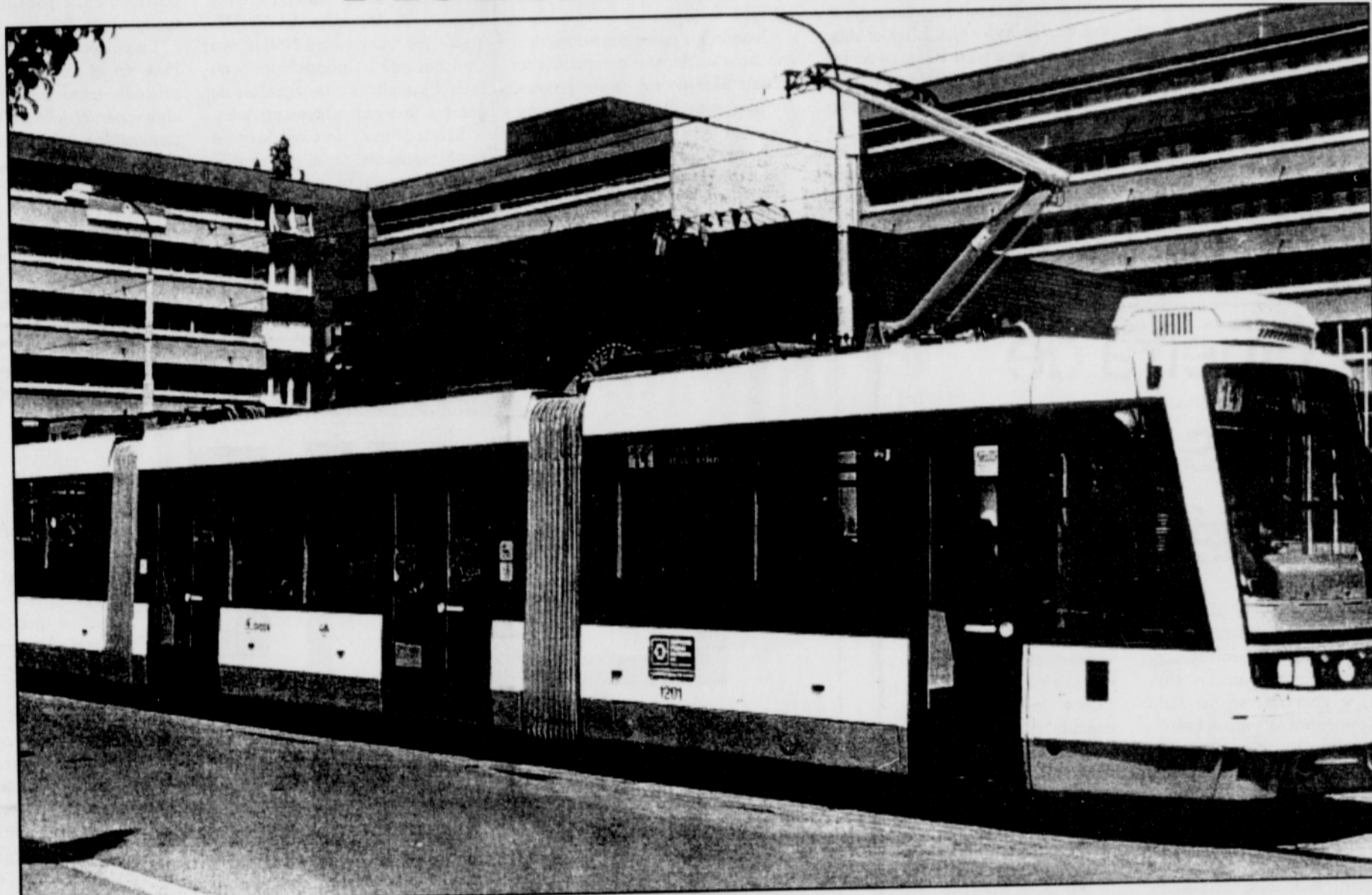
Tubbs Snowshoe company is collaborating with Recreational Equipment Inc. (REI) and Merrell shoe company to provide a day for the public to try out the fast-growing sport of snowshoeing. The free event will be held on Saturday, January 16, from 9 AM to 3 PM at White River West Sno-park, on Highway 25, four miles east of Government Camp. Call 624-8600 or 283-1300.

Free Mental Vacation

Twila Nesky, a Certified Master Hypnotherapist is conducting free stress reduction workshops. During a free Mental Vacation workshop, participants are invited to shut out the world, kick off their shoes, and find themselves guided through deliciously peaceful relaxation session; participants are encouraged to bring friends and family. The next workshop will be on January 17th, starting at 3 PM at LMT located at 76 SE 60th between Stark and Belmont. Call 503/774-2320 to register.

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

Council Approves Purchase Of Five Modern Streetcars



The City Council approved the purchase of five, modern streetcars for \$12 million from a Czech Republic manufacturer at its meeting on Wednesday, January 13. The vehicles will operate on the Central City Streetcar line, the first modern streetcar operation in the U.S., beginning in the fall of 2000. "We are pleased to form this partnership with Skoda (the manufacturer) and the Czech Republic to bring modern streetcars to the streets of Portland," said City Commissioner Charlie Hales, who oversees the project. "Skoda has been building high-quality streetcars for decades for customers in Eastern Europe and we are honored to be their first U.S. buyer. These cars fulfill our promise to build a modern transit line, not a toy trolley or tourist mover, for Portland residents and neighborhoods."

New Vision For Metro

Council Votes Rod Monroe As New Leader

The Metro Council's new Presiding Officer, Rod Monroe, is bringing with him a new vision that calls for more accountability and demands better working relationships with local partners from throughout the region.

"We are in a new era," Presiding Officer Monroe said. "We need to work on common goals and reach positive outcomes -- not for our own personal agendas, but for the results that our region demands and expects."

Councilor Monroe replaces Councilor Jon Kvistad who served three years as Presiding Officer. Councilors voted, as they do every January, to select their leader for the coming year. The Presiding Officer is charged with setting the policy agenda for the regional government as well as promoting innovative programs that further Metro's mission of creating livable communities in

our region. Among his areas of interest:

- * Completing Metro's work begun last year on the urban growth boundary while protecting open spaces, stream corridors and farm and forest lands
- * Increasing Metro's efforts to secure transportation funding from the federal government and State Legislature
- * Significantly reducing wholesale garbage rates

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* Completing the much needed improvements to the Expo Center without using property tax dollars

* Passing an ethics code for the Metro Council within the next 30 days

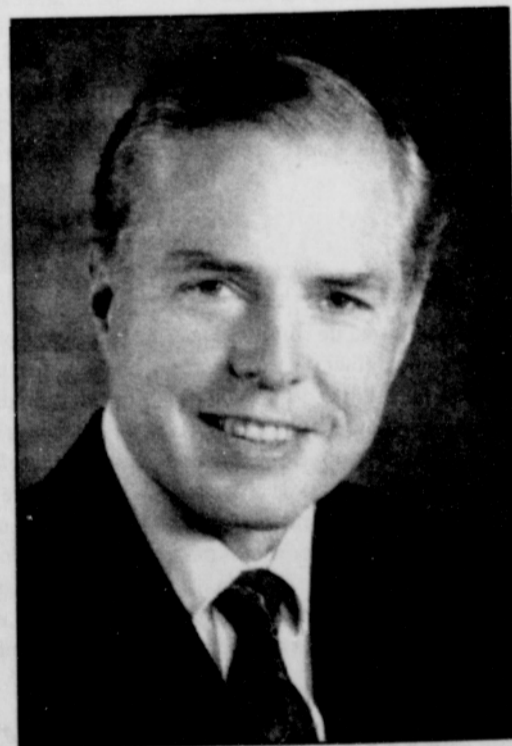
Councilor Monroe represents District 6 which includes portions of Southeast and Northeast Portland as well as the City of Maywood Park. The Presiding Officer served on the Metro Council from 1992-1996. He was re-appointed to office in July of 1998 to

fill an unexpired term, and he won re-election to office in November. He has also served on the David Douglas School Board, as a State Representative (1977-81), and as a State Senator (1981-89). Councilor Monroe taught high school for 21 years, and he currently serves on the Governor's Advisory Commission on DUII and as Vice-chair of Warner Pacific College Board of Trustees.

"Rod will give the Council a cooperative perspective when it comes to working with the citizens and the other governments of this region," said Tualatin Mayor Lou Ogden.

"It is very important that Metro help foster relationships where different groups can coordinate and cooperate. I think that this is a wonderful opportunity for new partnerships." This year Mayor Ogden will chair the Metro Policy Advisory Committee (MPAC), a group of local officials that reviews regional policies and advises the Council.

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1.3 million people living in 24 cities and 3 counties. Metro works to help guide growth and to help create livable communities for the future.

The 70th Legislative Assembly Opens

State Senator Brady Adams, R-Grants Pass, gavelled in the state Senate's 70th Legislative session after being elected to serve a second term as Senate President.

"The responsibilities of this position are extraordinary and I am honored to be elected as Senate President," began Adams. "Thank you for the trust you have shown in me. You have my commitment that I will work with you in a bi-partisan manner. You have my commitment that I will treat each of you fairly and with respect. You have my commitment that when

I make a promise, I will keep that promise. Together, we will create the best public policy possible to improve the quality of life for all Oregonians, because that is what we are about."

Other positions elected by the full Senate were President Pro Tempore, Randy Miller (R-West Linn) and Secretary of the Senate, Judy Hall. Janice Watkins was appointed as the Sergeant-at-Arms. Watkins is the first female to hold that post in the Senate in recent history.

Senate members then walked across the Capitol Building to join the House members in

a Joint Session of the Legislative Assembly. Adams convened the Joint Session and reminded his colleagues, "We are a reflection of our state...and let's work together to see that the reflection is as beautiful as our state...I ask that we walk together into a new century...and do the job our fellow citizens have sent us here to do."

Adams broadly outlined several issues he would like to see the Legislative Assembly address, including education, the environment, and public safety. He emphasized his desire for

legislators and the Governor "to come together and find solutions that we can agree on."

Senator Adams was joined by his wife Pat, daughter Jennifer, son Ted and his wife Stephanie and several other relatives at his swearing-in. First graders from Lincoln Elementary school sang patriotic songs. Boy Scout Troop #23, also from Grants Pass, presented the colors. Father Jim Boston of St. Luke's Episcopal gave the invocation and Joe Gomez sang the National Anthem, both are from Grants Pass.