

# METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Winter Break

When schools close their doors for Winter Break, many youth-serving organizations will open their doors to keep kids active and involved. The Police Activities League (PAL) Youth Center at 424 NE 172<sup>nd</sup> will be open to youth ages eight through high school for recreation, sports, arts & crafts, movies, reading, and special classes, December 29 and 30 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost is \$20 for a youth membership which lasts through June 9, 2000; or free to PAL members.

### Steelhead Fishing

Beginning fisherfolk age 16 and up will explore the sport of fishing, including technique and equipment. Larry Palmer, a member of the Sandy Steelheaders Chapter, will share his strategies for success in local waters in Steelhead Fishing, a two-week class on Tuesday, January 11 and 18. The cost is \$10. Call 823-PLAY.

### Auditioning for the Camera

TASO is offering "Auditioning for the Camera" on January 8 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Learn the skills to successfully audition for film, television and commercials. Tuition is \$50 and space is still available for this valuable workshop. For more information, call 725-3526.

### Save on Water and Sewer Bills

Save up to \$80 a year on your Water/Sewer Bills. Do you want a free watering can, hose nozzle, wildflower seeds and much more? By attending a free Water Conservation Workshop, you can receive a free kit of water conserving materials that can help you save up to \$80 a year on your water and sewer bills. The workshop will teach you how. All Portland residents will receive a kit worth \$25...for FREE. Call 284-6827.

### Natural Health Lectures

A series of free lectures organized around the classical Chinese triad of Heaven, Earth and Human Beings will be presented by Todd Luger, a licensed acupuncturist. Learn also how Traditional Chinese Medicine can help with the prevention and treatment of PMS, Endometriosis, Uterine Fibroids, Infertility and Cervical Dysplasia. The series of lectures will begin on Tuesday, January 11 from 7-8 PM. Seating is limited. Call 503/526-0397 to register.

### Methane Gas

On Thursday, January 6 at 7 PM, the DEQ staff will provide information on plans to install a new system for collecting methane gas at the former Killingsworth Fast Disposal site at NE Killingsworth Street and NE 75<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Other topics to be discussed include the site's history, landfill gas generation and monitoring, landfill gas collection system operation, and potential new uses for the 24-acre site. For more information, contact Joe Mollusky at 229-6744.

### Vaudeville Revisited

Step back into yesteryear with Vaudeville Revisited! On January 7, 8, 13, 14, and 15 at 8 PM, Portland State University theater arts students rediscover their roots in this wonderfully creative salute to Vaudeville. The stage on SW Broadway & Market in Lincoln Halls studio theatre (Rm. 115) is glowing warmly with old fashion footlights, as the actors don grease paint and crack old jokes. \$3 is the suggested donation. Call 725-3526.

### Renter's Rights

The Community Alliance of Tenants (CAT) is a grassroots, tenant-membership organization. It is the only renters' rights organization in Oregon. Our mission is to educate and empower tenants to demand safe, stable and affordable housing. CAT operates a Renters' Rights Hotline 503/288-0130 for renters throughout the state who have questions about their rights as tenants. Currently, they are looking for volunteers. Volunteer training will be on Saturday and Sunday, January 29-30. Childcare is available. Call Megan at 460-9702.

## Local nurse wins national diversity award



Trudy Rice, RN, with patient at Kaiser Permanente

### Portland woman among two in nation to receive award

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Northeast Portland resident Trudy Rice, RN, was recently awarded Kaiser Permanente's National Diversity Champion Award in the individual category. Rice works at Kaiser Permanente's Interstate South Medical Office in North Portland. She and a California employee of Kaiser Permanente were the only two honored in the individual category out of the organization's 90,000 employees.

This is the first year for the National Diversity Champion Awards, which recognizes individuals and workgroup for their efforts to promote and deliver culturally competent medical care within Kaiser Permanente.

Her peers nominated Rice. She received the award for her outstanding work on promoting diversity in the workplace. Rice started a group called "Harmony" to promote workplace peace and voluntarily counseled and advised African-American seniors to ensure they had a culturally competent care experience.

Rice began her career at Kaiser Permanente Northwest in 1984. She currently serves on the organization's Cultural Diversity Council and was instrumental in starting the Kaiser Permanente African American Health Association of the Northwest.

Kaiser Permanente's National Diversity Agenda is to increase the skill, cultural competence and diversity of workforce to membership. Kaiser Permanente has produced three health care provider handbooks on culturally competent care for the African-American, Asian American and Hispanic populations.

## Local cab company donates turkeys to community

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Many Portlanders were visited by Santa's local helpers from Radio Cab who passed out donations of 115 turkeys and 10

hams. The cab operators unselfishly gave their time and money to the community, which they wholeheartedly believe supports them day in and day out. They had actively sought to find places and families that may have fallen through the cracks and overlooked. A Santa's gift list of 13 agencies were chosen to

receive the food.

The International Refugee Center Organization and the Hispanic Outreach Center were two of their drop-off sites where families were celebrating Christmas in this country for the first time.

Their intent to serve the poor and disenfranchised were met by giving away turkeys to various agencies like W.E.I.R., Cascade Aids, Outreach Ministries, Blanchet House, J.O.I.N., Emanuel House and St. Andrews Church.

The giving was the ultimate "high" for the Radio Cab operators. "We feel the best way to give back, is that of ourselves," explained David Yandell, Project Coordinator. This was demonstrated by their need to see and interact with the people receiving their turkey or ham.

Support for their cause came from various fronts who believed in the value of their mission.

When Outreach Ministries could not cook the 5 donated turkeys to serve the homeless and mentally ill, David Yandell requested help from Kell's Sports Bar which generously cooked it for them.

Shelly Kelly, head of the Radio Cab Credit Union did her part by raising over \$600 from the Radio Cab operators. Peter Baker, Manager of the Westin Hotel supplied 12 turkeys. Money donations were also received by Yurs, a bar in Northwest Portland and Georgetown Realty.

Giving to the community has been so fulfilling for the Radio Cab drivers that they are planning to do it again. This time, with greater support, they will donate 500 turkeys to make Christmas for those who may not have had the chance.



David Yandell of Radio Cab is the Project Coordinator for the giveaway of turkeys and hams to the poor and disenfranchised throughout Portland.

## Portland arts organizations recipients of PacifiCorp Grants

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Some prominent Northeast Portland arts organizations were among nearly 30 from around Oregon that received grants totaling nearly \$350,000 from the PacifiCorp Foundation.

Representatives from the Homowo Foundation of African Arts and Culture, the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, the Artists Repertory Theatre and the Haven Project were among nearly 70 people gathered from arts agencies from as far away as Bend, Astoria, Medford and Pendleton who gathered for the festive reception.

Together, they learned about the foundation's funding of artistic and cultural endeavors around the state and met PacifiCorp's new CEO Alan Richardson and other members of the foundation's board of directors.

Judith Yeckel, artistic director of the IFCC, said she was delighted to be included in the event. "Support from community leaders like

the PacifiCorp Foundation is crucial in giving opportunities to students and arts organizations," Yeckel said.

The foundation's funding of the IFCC's Teen Artist Apprentice program allows youth who need jobs to work for pay with professional artists. By the end of 2000, Yeckel said the group hopes to have 25 students involved in the program. Students learn high-quality, real-world skills like grant writing, producing, curating and more.

"This is a multicultural community. Students here don't need to learn about being multicultural, they need to forge relationships and make community," she continued. "They do this everyday through the work they do in arts."

Foundation Executive Director Ernie Bloch said the event marked the first time in the foundation's 10-year history that funded agencies were invited to come together. "We see this as a chance to do more than just fund these amazing projects," Bloch said. "We're also interested in helping to build the relationships that arts agencies have with



PacifiCorp's new chief executive Alan Richardson (center) visited with representatives from arts organizations around the state last Wednesday at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. Richardson is joined by (from left) Judith Yeckel, his wife, Maria, and Susan and Obo Ady of the Homowo Foundation of African Arts and Culture

one another across the state."

Statewide projects that received funds in 2000, included:

- The Oregon Symphony's Regional Touring Program, with performances in

Medford and Klamath Falls, \$25,000.

- The Oregon Ballet theatre's "Moving Signatures" outreach program for

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