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Community Calendar

Veteran's Day Ceremony

The University of Portland will host a Veteran's Day ceremony at 11:11 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11, following a 24-hour candlelight vigil. The ceremony will take place at the Praying Hands Memorial located between Kenna and Christie halls on campus. Beginning at 11 a.m. on Nov. 10, more than 100 Air Force and Army cadets will participate in a 24-hour candlelight vigil prior to the ceremony. Call Cadet Brandon Cieloha at 503/943-1579. The event is free and open to the public.

Thanksgiving at Timberline

Celebrate a harvest season tradition at the historic Timberline Lodge on Mt. Hood. Feast on turkey in the classic dining room overlooking the Oregon Cascades and snow-covered ski slopes. Reserve your seat now on this holiday Gray Line bus trip sponsored by Portland Parks & Recreation's Senior Recreation program. The bus departs from the Hollywood Senior Center on Thursday, Nov. 23, at 11 a.m. and returns at 6:30 p.m. All expenses included in the \$67 fee and all ages are welcome. Call 823-4328.

Fall Revival

On Wednesday, Nov. 8 through Friday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m., the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church located at 4009 North Missouri Ave. will be having a Fall Revival. All are welcome to come and experience revival with us. There will be singing, praying, preaching and testifying. The guest evangelist will be Rev. C.L. Bachus of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Call 503/249-0377.

Stress-Free Living Through Self-Empowerment

A one-day class on stress-free living through self-empowerment will be held on Sunday, Nov. 19 at the Subud Center, located at 3185 NE Regents Dr. from 1-5 p.m. You will learn to invoke a deep state of relaxation and instill positive suggestions into your unconscious mind. Also, you will be taken on a journey of self-empowerment as well as gain the experience that will enable you to bring relaxation into your daily life. Call 503/224-5959.

George Fox Hosts Prospective Students

Prospective students will get a taste of college life at George Fox University during Bruin Preview Days, Nov. 9-10 on the Newberg campus. During Bruin Preview Days, high school juniors and seniors and college transfer students can experience campus life at George Fox through a variety of activities. Bruin Preview days are hosted by the admissions office and are limited to the first 200 students. Call 503/554-2240.

Community Energy Project

Drip, drip, drip. Is your leaky faucet dripping money down the drain each month? Come to a free Water Conservation Workshop and learn how to detect leaks around your home, repair leaky faucets and toilets, save money on your water-sewer bill, and more. All Portland residents will receive a FREE kit of water-conserving materials that can help save over \$100 a year on water and sewer bills. Call 503/284-6827.

Etheric Healing Workshop

The Etheric Healing Workshop is a lecture, demonstration and hands-on practice of naturally assisting the body into harmony. Practice sessions focus on developing the sensitive skills needed to detect subtle energy in the human body. Both Level I and II workshops will be held at Friendly House, located at 1737 NW 26th & Thurman. Level I is from 7-9 p.m. and Level II is from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. A free public healing will be at Nature's Wellness Center in Lake Oswego. Call 503/675-9809.

Dribble! Shoot! It's Hoop Time!

Want to dribble and shoot? Montavilla Community Center is the place to start! Take the ball to the hoop with Basketball for Lil' Dribblers (ages 4-6) on Mondays, Nov. 13-Dec. 11, from 4-4:30 p.m., \$10, and Basketball for Junior Hoopers (ages 7-9) on Mondays, Nov. 13-Dec. 11, 4:30-5:15 p.m., \$10 (City of Portland residents). Call 503/823-4101 or visit their website at www.PortlandParks.org.



Aaron Miles, flanked by his mother, Arnella Miles and his Jefferson High School Coach Marshall Haskins, announces his decision to attend the University of Kansas next year. Miles is considered one of the best college basketball prospects in the country.

(PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER)

Nationally Ranked Player Picks Kansas

Aaron Miles Passes Up Arizona, UCLA and Oregon in His College Choice

Jefferson High School's Aaron Miles, rated one of the best high school basketball players in the country, announced the college of his choice Monday.

The 6-foot senior point guard for the Democrats unbuttoned his shirt to reveal a University of Kansas basketball jersey with the number 11 and his last name on the back, during an announcement ceremony.

He will join Jefferson teammate Michael Lee at Kansas. Lee committed to the school two weeks ago.

Miles said he decided Kansas was his best choice, followed by runner up Arizona, with UCLA and Oregon the other two finalists.

"It was a major decision," Miles said. "I prayed about it, and God helped guide me."

He said several factors put Kansas ahead of Arizona.

"When I went down there they just put me in a fun place. I met all the players. It just felt like a good fit," Miles said.

Miles played shooting guard and point guard for the Democrats last season and helped lead them to a 28-0 record, the Class 4A title and a No. 4 national ranking. He was an honorable all-state pick and played himself into the national spotlight during the summer with his performance at national camps and tournaments. Miles was the most

valuable player at the NBA Players camp in Washington that featured the best prep players in the country. Miles and Lee, who play quarterback and running back for the Jefferson league champion football team, will play point guard and shooting guard at Kansas. "We've been winning championships since we were young, we might as well take it to the next level," Miles said.

Miles, who has a 3.5 grade-point average and is Jefferson's student body vice president, said he will major in sports medicine.

"Aaron, obviously, he'll have success there," Jefferson coach Marshall Haskins said.

Arts Against Hunger Food Drive Begins

In an unprecedented city-wide partnership using the power of the arts to fight hunger, the Philip Morris family of companies is joining forces with the Portland Art Museum, Portland Institute for Contemporary Art, Oregon Ballet Theatre and the Oregon Food Bank to launch Arts Against Hunger, a program that collects food for the hungry while engaging audiences in Portland's vibrant arts scene.

The first 4,500 people to bring two or more non-perishable food items to collection bins at the locations listed below during the food drive will receive free admission to either the Portland Art Museum or PICA.

Participants can also enter a raffle to win one of 25 pairs of free tickets to Oregon Ballet Theatre's performance of "The Nutcracker" on Dec 20 at 7:30 p.m.

All food donations will benefit The Oregon Bank, Philip Morris is covering



Sharon Kitzhaber, wife of Gov. John Kitzhaber, D-Ore., addresses patrons of the arts community in helping kick off the Arts Against Hunger food drive.

(PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/PORTLAND OBSERVER)

the cost of the free admission.

The food collections started Thursday and will continue through Sunday, Nov. 12.

The Oregon Food Bank distributes food to food banks, food pantries, and soup

kitchens throughout Oregon and Clark County, Washington, providing emergency food assistance to one in seven Oregonians in 1999.

For more information call 1-800-932-3788

Great Athletes Ready For Induction

Multi-Cultural Hall of Fame is Off and Running

Seven great Oregon athletes of color will be inducted into the first Multi-Cultural Oregon Sports Hall of Fame Sunday.

The class of 2000 includes Mel Renfro, Freeman Williams, Denny Moyer, Woody Green, Leroy Ellis, Ray Lampkin and Jim Jarvis.

The athletes will be honored during a special fundraising celebration at 7 p.m. at Atwaters Restaurant. Music will be per-

formed by jazz musician Patrick Lamb and R&B artist Kirk Green.

The event is the culmination of a 2-year effort by Portland resident Thad Spencer, a former #1 heavyweight boxing contender.

Spencer once signed a contract to fight Muhammad Ali in 1968, but the proposed fight collapsed two days later when the government took Ali's heavyweight championship title because he refused induction into the military for religious reasons.

Spencer said creating a multi-cultural sports hall of fame was a necessity because

so few minority athletes have been recognized by the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame

Tickets can be bought at any Fred Meyer Fastix or by calling Galore Paging at 503-288-9180. For additional information, call Spencer at 1-877-685-1792.

Proceeds will go towards the purchase of a homebase for the new hall of fame, one that could include a museum, boxing arena, concert hall and fitness center. The Pine Street Theatre in southeast Portland is one possible location; it's currently on the market for \$1.1 million.

Kroeker Rescinds Decade Old Remarks

Portland's police chief, under scrutiny for anti-gay statements 11 years ago, told officers at roll call on Monday that his views have changed.

"Gays and lesbians have values, like everyone, and are to be valued for their lives, work and contributions," Chief Mark Kroeker said in his roll call address. Newly disclosed anti-gay remarks made by Kroeker to a Christian group during a speech in 1989 have kicked up a political storm. In the speech, which was taped, Kroeker blamed the AIDS epidemic on society's relaxed moral standards, spoke of the "terrible issue of homosexuality" and referred to alternative lifestyles as a form of perversion.

Kroeker, a born-again Christian, served 32 years on the Los Angeles Police Department before coming to Portland in December to replace Chief Charles Moose. Since the 1989 tape surfaced, Kroeker has met privately with gay and lesbian officers to reassure them that he respects all people.

Portland Mayor Vera Katz is taking the matter seriously. She scheduled meetings Monday with gay and lesbian leaders, police officers, and others - including Kroeker - to discuss the chief's 1989 comments. But before those meetings occurred, Kroeker told officers at Monday roll call that his views have changed.

"First, AIDS is not a gay disease. It affects all people," he said.

Kroeker also said gays are "no more lawless or criminal than anyone." The chief said he does not "devalue any other human being for his or her belief or sexual orientation, and the Police Bureau would not tolerate any discrimination based on sex or sexual orientation."

Several staff members welcomed the chief's comments. "I was grateful for him taking the side that I am not lesser than he is either because I am a woman or because I am gay," said Detective Sgt. Sara Westbrook, a lesbian. Kroeker has had a rocky start since becoming Portland's police chief.

He was accused by activists of being heavy-handed when he had riot police disperse a workers' rights protest in May.

Kaiser Delays Flu Shots

Kaiser Permanente is delaying the start of its flu vaccination campaign by a week because it hasn't yet received enough vaccine from the manufacturer, Wyeth-Ayerst. The flu shot campaign for Kaiser Permanente members will now start Monday, Nov. 20, instead of Nov. 13 as previously announced. It will continue through Dec. 15. All Saturday flu clinics are canceled.

In north and northeast Portland, shots will be given at Kaiser Permanente's Central Interstate Medical Office, 3600 N. Interstate Ave. Shots will only be given weekdays, on a drop-in basis, from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., except Thanksgiving Day, when medical offices will be closed.

"The first two weeks of the campaign we are reserving our available vaccine for those who most need the protection of a flu shot - people over 65, those with chronic health problems, such as diabetes, heart disease, and asthma, and people who care for seniors and people with chronic ailments," says Jerry Slapjack, MD, chief of Kaiser Permanente's Infectious Disease Department.

"Other Kaiser Permanente members under 65 who want a flu shot should be able to get one after Dec. 4," says Dr. Slapjack. "That will still allow most people to build up their immunity before the flu season gets under way in earnest. In the Northwest, flu activity doesn't generally peak until late December through early March."