

Family/Health



HOLIDAY BIKE DRIVE WARMS HEARTS

Michael Tshimanja, 9 (left), and his brother, Simon, 11, fit into their new bicycle helmets during a holiday bike drive sponsored by the Community Cycling Center of northeast Portland. Nearly 1,000 bikes and helmets were distributed to deserving kids during the Sunday event at Emanuel Hospital. For many of the children, this was their first bike.

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Pedestrian Struck and Dragged

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She told police that she had swerved to try to avoid what she thought was a box.

Investigators have determined that neither of the drivers were intoxicated, speeding or criminally at fault but they are still looking for a third motorist who is believed to have dragged the body from 72nd to 42nd avenues. It is not known whether the body rode on

the top of the car or was dragged underneath.

A family member of the victim has asked the driver to please come forward with information not for fault of blame since Nichols was not in the crosswalk at the intersection.

Nichols was a 32-year-old unemployed Portland native with seven children. She was returning home from her stepfather's home when she was killed.

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Armed Against Aids



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Rebecca Tinnis (left) of the Women's Intercommunity AIDS Resource shares information about HIV/AIDS prevention with Tangela Jackson in north Portland. Tinnis said most women know how they can become infected with HIV, but others are totally in the dark.

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unwind and leave their inhibitions at the door.

"It's kind of like a big family," said Tangela Jackson, also a peer educator with the organization. "It's cozy and comfortable."

WIAR services also extend to the children of women living with AIDS.

Camp Starlight gives kids affected by AIDS a chance to be with peers their own age in a supportive

and fun environment. Mental health practitioners at the camp give the children one-on-one attention.

Tinnis feels very close to the women she helps. She came from the same neighborhoods and has the same background as many of her clients. She added that she feels fortunate WIAR reached her before AIDS did.

"It took someone to reach out and help," she said. "If I do the same, maybe we can get a handle on this."



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Pastor W.G. Hardy Jr. (from left), Bennie Moore, Harold Williams, Safeway's Bridget Flanagan, Roy Jay and Andrea Irby serve as community volunteers Tuesday distributing hams for the holidays to single parents and seniors.

Hams for the Holidays

Community reaches out to single parents, seniors

Safeway Food and Drug in cooperation with the Hormel Co. and the African American Chamber of Commerce donated over 1,000 hams Tuesday to single parents and seniors as a special holiday celebration.

Pastors from the Albina Ministerial Alliance rolled up their

sleeves to help distribute the hams at a warehouse provided by Celebrity Limousine, an African American business.

Roy Jay, executive director of the Oregon Business Network and president of the chamber said the generous donation was worth over \$10,000.

The hams were given to any head of household or individual receiving public assistance, a single parent or a senior citizen, age 60 or older.

The Week in Review

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Hotwheels

Wheelchairs users beware: You could be ticketed - or worse, expelled - for speeding at Valley College in Los Angeles, Ca. Campus officials recently set a speed limit of 4 mph for wheelchairs, hoping to keep pedestrians from being hurt. The regulation was proposed after Tom Jacobsmeyer, vice president of administration, saw a student nearly hit by a woman "going very fast" in a wheelchair. Jacobsmeyer called the regulation a safety issue but some students find it absurd.

Hogtied

A petite 17-year-old girl awakened by intruders sprinted from her house in Dayton, Ohio, barefoot in pajamas and tackled one trespasser, pinning and hogtying him for police. Melissa Alexander said her experience training horses and playing soccer and softball helped her as she took down the taller and heavier 18-year-old man. Two others were arrested later, and police were looking for a fourth suspect.

'Fear' has the power to clear

A New York student is facing charges of reckless endangerment over an art project that sparked a terrorist alert and led to the evacuation of one of the city's busiest subway stations. A spokeswoman for the Manhattan District Attorney said Clinton Boisvert, 25, had turned himself in on Monday and confessed to placing 38 black boxes printed with the word "fear" all around Union Square station.

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