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The Power of Giving

Pacific Power's Manish Gooneratne and Danielle Johnson surprise students at Applegate Elementary School with backpacks filled with everything they need for school this year. Pacific Power donated the backpacks and supplies as part of the Tools for Schools program, founded by Radio Cab driver David Yandell. Pacific Power supplies service to 11 of the highest-poverty elementary schools in the Portland Public School District.

Race for the Bus

TriMet will add extra buses and MAX runs for the Race for the Cure on Sunday, Sept. 14, from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Thousands of people are expected to participate in the annual event to raise awareness and donations in the battle against breast cancer.

MAX will run every seven minutes on race day between Gateway and Beaverton Transit Center and about every 10 minutes from the ends of the line. Buses also will be added to the regular Sunday service on the 8-NE 15th Ave., 12-Barbur Blvd., 15-Belmont, 33-McLoughlin and 54/56-Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy/Scholls Ferry Road lines, from 6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. To plan your trip, visit trimet.org or call 503-238-RIDE.

New Officer Joins Urban League

The Urban League of Portland added the talent of Bernadette DeVito to the team, as fund development officer. DeVito has more than three years of non-profit development experience, most recently as director of development for Planned Parenthood of Idaho.

DeVito will work to build the Urban League's individual and corporate membership programs, secure grant support from foundations and government agencies, and assist with the annual Equal Opportunity Day Dinner, along with other agency fundraising events.

Bernadette DeVito



"My deep interest in economic and social justice issues gives me the foundation on which to help build the financial strength of the Urban League," said DeVito. "I am thrilled to be a part of this organization."

For more information about Portland's Urban League, visit www.ulpdx.org.

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Hispanics Key in California Recall



California Central Valley farm workers hold a sign against the California recall election, and endorsing California Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante (AP photo)

(AP) — Hispanic voters, 16 percent of California's electorate and three times as likely to favor Democrats over Republicans, are poised to play an important - and perhaps deciding - role in the upcoming recall election.

The prospect of electing the state's first Hispanic governor in more than a century if Gov. Gray Davis is recalled is rallying some support for Lt. Gov. Cruz Bustamante. Several recent surveys show him leading Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger by a double-digit margin among likely

Hispanic voters.

"Everyone wants the support of the Hispanic people because they're seeing that we're a great portion of the voters ... and in the future, we'll be the majority," Raul Comejo, a 34-year-old immigrant from Tijuana, Mexico, said in Spanish as he cleared banquet tables at a San Diego hotel following a speech by Davis to Hispanic business leaders.

Bustamante, the grandson of Mexican immigrants, is reminding audiences of his working-class roots as he makes the round

of Hispanic organizations.

Davis has dropped Spanish phrases in his speeches and touted his willingness to give driver's licenses to some undocumented immigrants, a measure he rejected last year.

In a race in which votes could be split among several candidates, the one who is able to solidify Hispanic support could be the one to win, said Harry Pachon, president of the Tomas Rivera Policy Institute think tank based at the University of Southern California.

Juanes Sweeps Major Latin Grammy Awards

(AP) — Three years ago, Juanes was a relative unknown and wondering whether his decision to move to Los Angeles and start a solo career was a good idea.

Last week, the Colombian singer-songwriter was showered with five Latin Grammys, including album of the year for "Un Dia Normal" (A Normal Day) and record and song of the year for "Es Por Ti" (It's For You).

"I never thought that this was going to happen to me," said Juanes, whose album "Un Dia Normal" spent a record 65 weeks on the Billboard Latin charts. "Three years ago I was lost completely in Los Angeles."

Juanes, wearing a black T-shirt that read, "Se Habla Espanol," said he hoped his win would help people look at his homeland in a new light.

"I know a lot of times, people have a bad image of my country,"



Colombian singer Juanes speaks after winning a Latin Grammy Award for the Best Song of the Year.

he said. "That's why it's so important for me to be here, to represent the other side of Colombia."

After the ceremony, backstage, he said: "This is the most impressive day in my life."

While Juanes was the evening's big winner, the show's most rousing moment came at the start of the show. Celia Cruz, who just a year ago kicked off the Latin Grammys

with an electrifying performance, was given a posthumous tribute with a medley of some of her biggest hits.

"Azucar!" - Cruz's trademark rallying cry - was the final shout of the tribute, performed by Marc Anthony, Gloria Estefan, India and others. The Queen of Salsa, who won an award at the Latin Grammys last year, died of a brain tumor in July.



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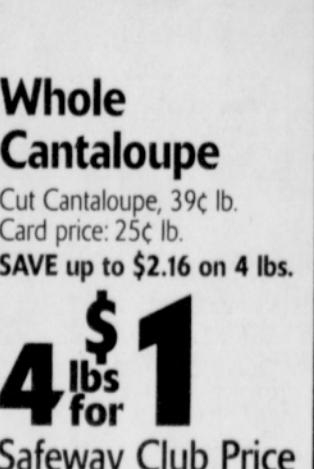
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