

Free Thanksgiving Day Dinner



Taking place at Moonstar Bar and Grill
7410 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, Portland

503-285-1230

12 pm til evening

Hosted By:

MoonStar Bar & Grill and My Brother's BBQ

Turkey, dessert & all the fixings, including two whole smoked pigs

Excessive Force Inquiry Ordered

Members of Portland's police union demonstrated Tuesday and plan a vote of no confidence against Police Commissioner Dan Saltzman and Chief of Police Rosie Sizer after an officer was placed on administrative leave pending an investigation into the use of force against a 12-year-old girl.

On Nov. 14 at 10:47 p.m., police officer Chris Humphreys shot the young female with a beanbag shotgun. The girl had

been combative with officers at a MAX station where police had been called to after reports of a disturbance involving a large number of people.

Humphreys was also a key figure in the actions surrounding the death of James Chasse, a diagnosed schizophrenic who died in police custody after he was tackled by officers who said Chasse ran from them after they tried to apprehend him for urinating in public in 2006.

The latest incident was caught on TriMet security video. The footage showed two officers trying to subdue the girl while Officer Humphreys circles closely with a beanbag gun.

After the video went public, Chief Sizer said she found the incident on the video "disturbing" and placed Humphreys on leave, prompting an immediate outcry from rank-and-file officers.

MAX Operator Ignored Emergency

TriMet says it has placed a MAX light-rail train operator on paid leave after deciding his actions contributed to a 3-year-old boy being separated from his father at a southeast Portland stop.

A disciplinary hearing for the driver, who was not identified, is set for Wednesday.

The agency said Monday that a thorough inspection found no problems with the

train's doors or emergency intercom system. The boy was stranded Nov. 16.

TriMet spokesman Josh Collins says little Aidan Bailey likely engaged the disabled ramp moments before the operator pushed a "door close" button in the train's cabin, overriding the door from reopening.

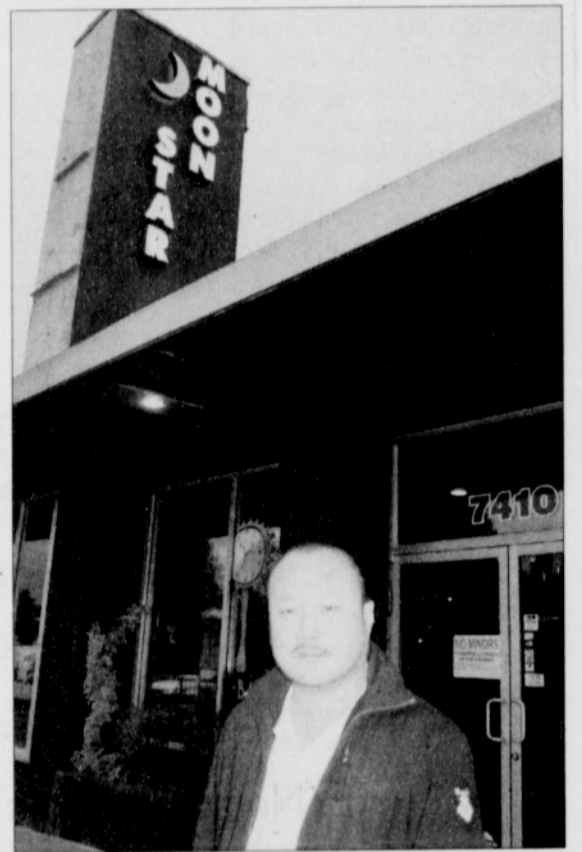
The boy's father, Aaron Bailey, says he tried repeatedly to get the operator's attention via the

train's emergency intercom. He wound up riding to the next stop, then doubling back to his son, who was safe on the platform with a woman who held the boy's hand until his father returned.

A review of the train's database and intercom tests showed that the intercom was functioning. TriMet spokeswoman Mary Fetsch says the agency now believes the operator ignored those cues.

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Moonstar Bar & Grill Owner Jack Chung invites the public to a free Thanksgiving Day Dinner on Thursday, Nov. 26, hosted by Moonstar and My Brothers BBQ at his restaurant at 7410 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Two whole smoked pigs, turkey, desert and all the fixings will be served from noon until gone.



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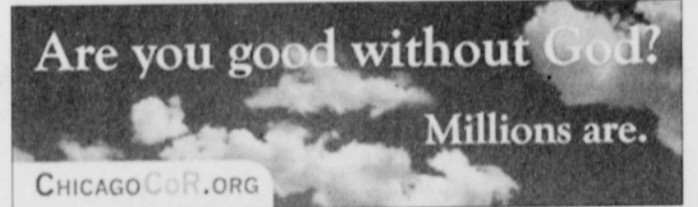
Controversial Bus Ads Allowed

Non-believers behind message

Ten TriMet buses are currently displaying a controversial advertisement from non-believers.

The Portland Coalition of Reason purchased the ads that feature the words "Good without God? Millions Are."

Similar ads have been run in 14 other cities across the country as part of a national campaign to remind agnostics, atheists, and humanists that there



A controversial advertisement is allowed on TriMet buses.

are other like-minded individuals, according to a statement by the organization.

"We want people to understand that humanists, freethinkers, agnostics and atheists are essentially like everyone else," said Sylvia Benner, spokesperson for the coalition. "We have most of the same values and concerns. And people will find us among their friends, neighbors, coworkers and family members. Now it's time for us to be acknowledged and granted our rightful place at the table."

According to the Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life, nine percent of Oregonians do not believe in god, up significantly higher than the national number, which is at three percent.

TriMet Public Information Officer Bekki Witt said that TriMet used to only accept advertising by organizations offering goods and services, but a court challenge to the rule prompted the mass-transit agency to suspend the rule until further notice.

"We pretty much get to accept anything now," said Witt.

The book reading and signing



will be held Saturday, December 5, 2009 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

at Talking Drum Book Store

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