

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

## New Giraffe is 10 Feet and Growing

He may be 7 feet shorter than his roommates, but it's no stretch to say Desi — the newest resident of the Oregon Zoo's Africa Savanna habitat — is now the tallest 2-year-old in town.

The 10-foot-tall reticulated giraffe arrived from the St. Louis Zoo last month and has been warmly welcomed by Oregon Zoo keepers and staff who think the young fellow will be a good companion for the zoo's two other giraffes, both 17-footers.

Desi joins Bakari, a 5-year-old male giraffe who has been at



Desi, a young giraffe is a new resident of the Oregon Zoo's Africa Savanna habitat.

the zoo since 2009, and Riley, an 8-year-old who is staying here temporarily while his home at Utah's Hogle Zoo undergoes renovation. Visitors can now see all three in the zoo's Africa Savanna habitat.

"Desi is getting along great with the other two giraffes, and

seems like he's fitting in really well," said zoo curator Jennifer Davis. "He looks so small standing next to Riley and Bakari that it's hard to believe he's 10 feet tall."

Giraffes, the tallest mammals on earth, can grow up to 18 feet tall. Additional impressive stats

include tongues up to 21 inches long, running speeds of up to 35 miles per hour, and the ability to consume up to 75 pounds of leaves and brush each day.

Reticulated giraffes are threatened in the wild due to habitat loss and hunting.

**Avalon Flowers**  
 520 SW 3rd Ave., Portland, OR 97204 • 503-796-9250



*A full service flower experience*

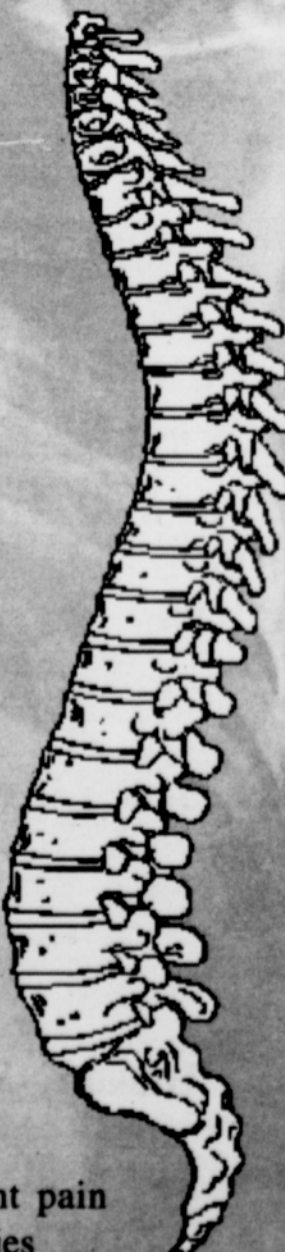

- Birthdays • Anniversaries
- Funerals • Weddings

**Open: Mon.-Fri. 7:30am til 5:30pm Saturday 9am til 2pm.**

Website: [avalonflowerspdx.com](http://avalonflowerspdx.com)  
 email: [avalonflowers@msn.com](mailto:avalonflowers@msn.com)  
 We Offer Wire Services

Cori Stewart--  
 Owner, Operator

**Your Care Our First Priority**

**Dr. Marcelitte Failla**  
 Chiropractic Physician

We are located at  
 1716 N.E. 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave.  
 Portland, OR 97213  
 (Between Broadway and Sandy Blvd.)

- Automobile accident injuries
- Chronic headache and joint pain
- Workers Compensation injuries

Call for an appointment! (503) 228-6140

## Holiday Concert at Emanuel

Legacy Emanuel Medical Center is proud to host a free holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 23 at 2 p.m. in the atrium, 501 N. Graham.

Thirty musicians from the Portland Gay Symphonic Band

will perform holiday music in a variety of musical styles ranging from classical to contemporary and popular music. A symphonic band is a group of wind and percussion instruments similar to an orchestra without the string

players.

The Portland group is active on a national level as a member of the Lesbian and Gay Band Association and a member band of the Association of Concert Bands.

**Subscribe!** Fill Out & Send To: **The Portland Observer**  
 503-288-0033 Attn: Subscriptions, PO Box 3137, Portland OR 97208

\$45.00 for 3 months • \$80.00 for 6 mo. • \$125.00 for 1 year (please include check with form)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

or email [subscriptions@portlandobserver.com](mailto:subscriptions@portlandobserver.com)