



Kwanzaa is neither a religious nor a political holiday, but a celebration of African heritage and traditional African values.

City Hall Kwanzaa

For the weeklong celebration of Kwanzaa, Diverse and Empowered Employees of Portland will present the second day of the holiday's seven principles with Kujichagulia or Self-Determination: To define ourselves, name ourselves, create for ourselves and speak for ourselves.

The free and public event will be held Thursday, Dec. 27 from 5 to 7 p.m. on the first floor at City Hall.

Friends and family are welcome.

There will be spoken word by Renee Mitchell, drumming by Art Alexander and

Caton, and music by DJ Calvin Kyles. The Hope Kitchen will cater; Joyce Harris provides the Libation ceremony, and the Boise-Eliot-Humboldt Krump Crew entertains.

The empowered employees group is a networking and support resource whose mission is to assist the mayor's office in creating and enhancing a work environment that is inclusive and supportive of the city's diverse workforce.

For more information about the organization, visit portlandoregon.gov/deep or e-mail deep@portlandoregon.gov.

The Week in Review

Schools Budget Shortfall

Portland Public Schools projects a \$22 million budget shortfall, equivalent to 220 teaching positions, for the 2013-14 school year, based on Governor Kitzhaber's proposed budget, according to a budget forecast presented to the Portland School board.

Pot Cited in Fatality

A driver who was high on marijuana hit and killed a man in Vancouver Monday night, police said. Witnesses said the man stepped from a median into traffic at Anderson Road and East Mill Plain before the crash. Police said he was carrying a grocery bag.

Excessive Force Suit

The U.S. Department of Justice and the city of Portland filed a court-enforceable agreement Monday to address claims that police too frequently use excessive force against the mentally ill. The city has agreed to revamp its policies on the use of force and Taser stun guns. It's also creating an intervention team to respond to calls that involve people with mental illness.

Hawaii's Inouye Dies

Democratic Sen. Daniel Inouye of Hawaii has died at age 88 after battling a respiratory illness. Inouye won the Medal of Honor in World War II — a conflict that cost him his right arm — and later became the first Japanese-American House member and later senator.



Turtles Pushed to Shore

Strong winds pushed two warm water sea

turtles ashore along the Oregon coast Monday and they're now struggling to survive. One was found on the beach in Seaside and the other was found in Gearhart. The Seaside Aquarium is caring for them where they are being treated for hypothermia.

Jobless Down Slightly

Oregon's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate for November was 8.4 percent, essentially unchanged from 8.6 percent in October. Employers added a seasonally adjusted 600 jobs last month, the Oregon Employment Department said.

Gas Prices Lowest of Year



Gas prices have slid to the lowest prices of the year as an estimated 84 million Americans prepare to take a road trip by car this holiday season. The national average retail gasoline

price on Monday is the cheapest it has been during 2012 — just shy of \$3.25 a gallon, according to AAA and Oil Price Information Service.

News Crew Escapes

Heavily armed pro-regime gunmen kidnapped NBC's chief foreign correspondent Richard Engel and several colleagues for five days inside Syria, threatening them with mock executions and keeping them blindfolded until they escaped Tuesday unharmed during a firefight between their captors and rebels.



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