

COMMUNITY NEWS BRIEFS

Kwanzaa Celebration 2013

Celebrate Kwanzaa with drumming, food, gifts, family activities and a visit from the Brown Clown, from 3-6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 28 at New Columbia Community Education Center, 4625 N. Trenton, Portland, OR 97203.

The celebration is sponsored by the International Center for Traditional Childbearing and the African American Breastfeeding Coalition.

Cost is free and all are welcome. For more info or to RSVP call 503-460-9324

The third principle of Kwanzaais Ujima: To build and maintain our community together and make our brother’s and sister’s problems our problems and to solve them together. At the celebration, you will be invited to drink from the Unity Cup and learn why our collective work will strengthen our whole community and support healthy families.

Union Gospel Mission Will Serve 700 meals Christmas Day

Union Gospel Mission is preparing to serve over 700 meals to the homeless and people in need on Christmas Day, December 25 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Union Gospel Mission. Guests also will be receiving gift bags containing gloves, hats, scarves, and other items. Union Gospel Mission anticipates giving away over 500 gift bags.

Union Gospel Mission is still seeking donations of warm clothing, sleeping bags and blankets. Those items may be dropped off at 3 NW Third Avenue in Portland. For more information call 503-274-4483. Financial donations to support this event can be made at www.ugmportland.org

Musical Chairs: Oregon Politics Version

The Multnomah County Board of Com-

missioners has appointed Barbara Smith Warner to represent House District 45. Smith Warner, who is married to Chris Warner, chief of staff for City Commissioner Steve Novick, will replace former State Representative Michael Dembrow, who was appointed to the State Senate. Dembrow replaced Jackie Dingfelder, who left to join Mayor Hales’s staff, replacing Baruti Arthuree as a senior policy advisor.

House District 45 includes communities in Northeast Portland, Parkrose, and Maywood Park.

Submit to Oregon Humanities

Oregon Humanities magazine is looking for story submissions for its Spring 2014 issue. “We invite readers to send posts, submissions on the theme, “Me.”

Writers may wish to explore concepts such as individualism, narcissism, celebrity, and confessional culture— using history, literature, law, politics, and any other discipline of the humanities.

Send your submission (400 words maximum), by January 27, 2014, to posts@oregonhumanities.org.

Students Question OSU Diversity

Some black students at Oregon State University are questioning the university’s commitment to diversity. The Corvallis Gazette-Times reports that students are raising the issue with a video posted online. OSU Black Cultural Center President Anderson DuBoise III points out that just over 1 percent of OSU students are black.

Graduate student Dominique Austin says Oregon State doesn’t do a very good job of recruiting people from Portland or inner cities and that OSU needs to address the feelings of isolation experienced by black students on a predominantly white campus.

Steve Clark is OSU’s vice president for university relations and marketing. He

Get SMART



SMART Volunteer James Walker is one reason why his student, Justin, at Faubion Elementary, is becoming a good reader. SMART, wich stands for Start Making a Reader Today, is looking for more volunteers to read with elementary students. Research has found that shared book reading during a child’s earliest years is one of the strongest predictors of early literacy skills. Contact SMART at 101 S.W. Market St. Portland, OR Phone: 971-634-1616

called the student video “profound and provocative.” He says several high-level administrators met last week to discuss the issue and plan to meet with the students who made the video after winter break.

Clark says OSU’s campus has become more diverse over the past decade.

Drive Sober

This holiday season, the Oregon State Police, Oregon State Sheriffs’ Association, and Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police are reminding the public that driving under the influence causes deaths and police are

stepping up patrols to prevent people from driving dangerously.

Starting midnight Friday, Dec. 20, through midnight, Sunday, Dec. 22, police officers nationwide and in Oregon will be stepping up enforcement efforts.

- * Have designated drivers. Plan to have sober drivers at your party who can help get folks home safely. .
- * Plan to stay overnight. Make pre-arrangements to stay overnight at your friend’s home or in a hotel room where you won’t have to drive if you have been drinking.
- * Monitor car keys.

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If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Friday December 27

COMMUNITY MEETING AT KING SCHOOL: The Department of Dual language Immersion would like to invite the public to a community meeting at the school to explore the possibility of starting a Mandarin Immersion program next year. 6 p.m. 4906 NE 6th Ave. Portland, OR 97211

Saturday December 28

KWANZAA WILL BE CELEBRATED AT THE NORTH PORTLAND LIBRARY: Noon – 2 p.m. The principle of the day is UJIMA: Collective work and responsibility. Passion Art Theater will do a presentation and Mama Maklin (Joyce Harris) will lead the Kwanzaa ceremony. This is a family event, open to all. Please come and join us. North Portland Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

Sunday January 5

PASTOR APPRECIATION FOR PASTOR DWIGHT MINNIEWEATHER: Help us to show appreciation to a man of God who works tirelessly for our community, the church, and our youth. 3:30 p.m. Christ Memorial Church, 1552 N. Killinsworth st. 97217.

Tuesday December 31

URAL THOMAS PLAYS THE RADIO ROOM ON NEW YEAR'S EVE: Radio Room will be hosting a free New Year's Eve Party with live music by Portland's Soul King, Ural Thomas. 9 p.m. – 2 a.m. 1101 NE Alberta St. Portland, Or 97211

Wednesday January 15

ART EXHIBIT – MATTHEW W. LITTLEKEN – ONE MUST LEARN TO SEDUCE: Artist talk: 1 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. Opening Reception in the Gallery: 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Terrell Hall, 102 PCC Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St.

Thursday January 16

HEAD TO THE OCEAN: A DAY OF SHARED CULTURE IN PRAYER: Noon – 6 p.m. Music, dance, spoken word and performances with the focus and intent of healing the ocean through prayer. Yachats Commons Auditorium, 441 Hwy101 North. Yachats OR 97498.