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Brandan Hanshche is the dining room manager at the Free Street Taverna. He is originally from the fannland of Delaware, transplanted by way of New York City and a romantic entanglement to the hipster Portland scene, where he has become the quintessence of style.

Brandan, we all notice that you always look, well, fabulous, and marvelously color-coordinated. — Thank you.

Is it a self-conscious thing?

I think a certain part of it is self-conscious. There may be a vest that I just bought, or something I focus on, or maybe I just feel 'brown.' The rest just happens.

Do you consider yourself stylish? Do you think this brings people closer to you?

(pause) Yes...Yes I do. And I think it does bring people closer to me, not 100 percent, but it is what people see first.

Do you do anything special with your laundry?

I drop it off and get a rum bowl at Jan Mee.

What are the underpinnings of your style?

Oh! Articulation, vocabulary... My posture. I think it's my posture. With good posture you automatically look better, and you feel better. There is this waitress here at the Taverna, Tanya. She has great posture. It's almost intimidating. I sometimes just sit battling. She doesn't know, but I silently battle.

--I like to be comfortable in my clothes even if my laundry is not done or I'm tired; you can make anything work."

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walking down Congress Street on the evening of Dec. 14, that long time ago...

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Lost you best friends. How, I stumbled in the first Instorms of the season, and I was caught off guard. At first, I was buoyed up by being snowbound. My car was oddly relaxed away in my garage do-ho-ho, I've got a garage, and me one door open, and there were all sorts of winter and domestic tasks. I got a little work done in my next novel, the expense for the art in monthly magazine clips, answer mail, make phone calls, practice penmanship separate from my invisible keyboard now, close the black hole off of my computer turns with my fingernail, make notes — the list ran on.

Of course, I had no imagina
tions of doing any of these things, but the mere mention of snow activated my food drives. I charged to my larder-ette, which contained nothing but a two-year-old box of organic oatmeal and a can of tomatillos. The prospect of supping on alarm. I charged to my larder-ette, which had fallen out of its box. Even probed the fuzzy thing in my refrigerator, but no luck.

One lone beer crouched in the back of my stewed manuscripts and curling up in the organic oatmeal and a can of tomatillos. I was bonecold. The prospect of supping on alarm. I charged to my larder-ette, which had fallen out of its box. Even probed the fuzzy thing in my refrigerator, but no luck. The snow continued to swirl. Yet my radiators chugged and hissed, I was bonecold. The prospect of supping on alarm. I charged to my larder-ette, which had fallen out of its box. Even probed the fuzzy thing in my refrigerator, but no luck.

But as I walked, I also saw huddled figures braced against the cold, who clearly were not newly tattooed or en route to a party. A mere mention of soup activated my food drives. All friend's house for dinner. Some I recognized. The pot of chili and good company that awaited me on the other side of the peninsula had turned my bare-panxions ordeal into an adventure.

Elizabeth Peavey, whose column runs biweekly, can be reached by email at epeavey@infoding.com, or by mail at 1459 Preble St., Portland, 04104 or call the Center at 775-0026 to learn more. Because being hungry ain't no joke.
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**NEWS-O-PHILE**

(September 26, 1993)

In a news story from the Portland Press Herald about the Portland City Council's decision to ban panhandlers, the author notes:

"The city is considering a proposal to ban panhandling in the downtown area, which some members of the public have complained about in recent years. The proposal would prohibit panhandling in the area from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., 365 days a year. The area includes the City Hall and the Portland City Council building. The proposal would be considered by the City Council on September 26, 1993."
something he would like to see his girlfriend wear. They have a good deal on assorted carton of American Spirits from Seaport Tobacco. A little over $20, but well worth it! At the fence. Then the little shit reached in and tried to steal an oversized dreidel. "Hey!" I said. "That's not your attempt at acknowledging Hanukkah. "Hanukkah's candles stand for spirit, courage, thinking how good this all was when a curious byp came and peered over the display's..."

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"The mall doesn't have one thing the Old Port doesn't. A lot, if not all, in a little diversity. No, there are no Kwanzaa decorations, but there is a surprisingly vibrant Jewish community. "Hanukkah's candles stand for spirit, courage, thinking how good this all was when a curious byp came and peered over the display's..."

"I'm not sure if the Disney Corporation is under contract with the Disney Corporation. After the Old Port: Hey, let's face it ... eet's code out der! You must choose wisely on a contract with the Disney Corporation. According to a 1995 report on textiles and unusual shoppers, like the man who..."

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"Today, children in other countries, such as Bolivia, are working a long time..."

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Celebrating this Christmas is not a universal holiday. For some of Portland’s Jews and Muslims, it’s just another day.

WHEN I WAS A KID, I desperately wanted to celebrate Christmas. Not for the religious stuff, really. I didn’t know what Christmas was all about. But I knew it was the season of trees, lights, the TV playing Christmas carols and my mom usually baking cookies. I knew there were big boxes under the tree. I knew it was a family gathering. I knew that my parents would be home. I knew the memories would last forever. I knew that was the season of the year to be together. I knew that was the most important part of Christmas.

Across this country, Muslims also celebrate Christmas. For instance, in Somalia, they celebrate Christmas. Muslims and Jews do not share the same religion. They have different beliefs, different customs, different traditions. But they do share one thing: the importance of family. Muslims and Jews come together in a spirit of goodwill and understanding. They celebrate Christmas not because they believe in the religious aspects of the holiday, but because it is a time to come together with family and friends.

In Portland, the Muslim community celebrates Christmas by exchanging gifts, attending events, and participating in community activities. They also celebrate Hanukkah, the Jewish holiday of lights, by lighting menorahs and singing songs. These celebrations are a way for Muslims and Jews to show their support for each other and to build bridges of understanding.

Whether you celebrate Christmas or not, it is important to remember that it is a time to come together with family and friends. It is a time to show kindness and compassion to those around us. It is a time to reflect on the true meaning of the holiday.

Remember, Christmas is about love and kindness, not just about buying and giving gifts. It is about coming together as a community to celebrate the season of warmth and joy.

So, whether you celebrate Christmas or not, we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for reading this article. We hope you had a wonderful holiday and we look forward to seeing you all next year. Happy Holidays!
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Like most little cities, what's a big deal nationally, alternative rock for instance, will have been on a regular basis only because it's evident all over the modern rock landscape through the crush in Portland's small population of talent. More than just a scene of jazz lovers here, there's been a jazz music scene that's more than just background music for brunch is just that, a dream.

The lounge is approachably low-key, and there's no cover charge. The decor is appropriate: a restaurant lounge - simple wooden tables and chairs, a dark, inconspicuous color scheme and a square bar in the room's center with stools on all sides. The only aspect that distinguishes the Grill 36 lounge from others are the pre-and-after-style music stations sound on the walls. The bartender Steve Lonergan, is efficient and, according to a couple I know, makes the best whiskey sour in town.

Grill 36 is a welcome addition to my socializing options. Now, if I'm not tired but I still want to leave the house, I can go and listen to young jazz musicians who have free rein to play the music they like.

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