



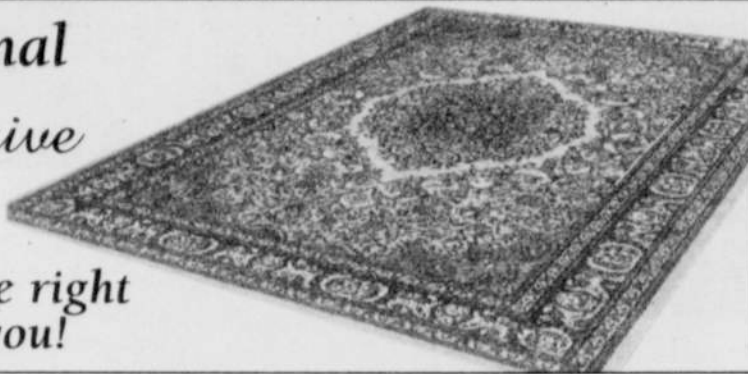
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on developing new and original plays, performances and workshops that dramatize women's history and advocate on behalf of women and artists of color in the performing arts.

This event starts 7 p.m. at the Portland Community College Sylvania Performing Arts Center, 12000 S.W. 49th Ave. Admission is free.

For more information call Deborah Evind at 503-977-8101 or visit www.guerrillagirlson-tour.com.

NORTH PORTLAND PRIDEFEST SEEKS ORGANIZATIONS

University Park United Methodist Church will play host to a Pride event the Sunday before Portland Pride and is interested in hearing from businesses and organizations that might want to get involved.

North Portland has a large sexual minority population and is seeing a large number of new queer folk moving to the neighborhood. The church's council members want to do everything they can to welcome and encourage queers to come to North Portland. They are hoping that by playing host to the event at a church, they can send a message to queers that faith communities are also about them while sending a message to other faith communities that queers are welcome, encouraged, included and sought after by some communities of faith.

The event will take place from noon to 4 p.m. June 12 and will feature a barbecue and music. The church is located at 4775 N. Lombard St. Darcy's Restaurant & Bar across the street will play host to some after-party specials, as alcohol is not allowed on church property.

To get involved, contact Scott Jensen at 503-345-0160 or scott@scottjensen.net.

CENTRAL WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY TO HOST TRI-STATE QUEER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Central Washington University in Ellensburg is now making final preparations to host the first tri-state queer meeting April 22 and 23. The Power of One LGBT Leadership Conference will offer learning opportunities and leadership development to the sexual minorities community and its supporters.

"This is the first conference of its kind to be held in Ellensburg," says Dustin Jarred, conference planning committee chairman. "I can't think of a better place to bring students and advisers together from around the Northwest to celebrate diversity."

The conference will focus on developing intentional leadership skills, exploring queer issues and building campus and community coalitions. Participants will hear about resources and programming tips to strengthen their organizations, increase their services and create positive community awareness.

Featuring regional experts, academic and professional student development staff and student organizers and activists, the conference will consist of three tracks: ally development, gender awareness and leadership.

In addition, a special educational track titled "Stop the Hate" will be led by Shane Windmeyer, a nationally recognized campus bias and hate crime prevention specialist.

The nationally recognized keynote speakers will include Elizabeth Birch, former director of the Human Rights Campaign.

The conference will also feature performances by the Seattle Women's Chorus and AEdonis, a newly formed ensemble of the Seattle Men's Chorus, at 7 p.m. April 23 in the new music building concert hall.

All other conference events and exhibits will be in the Samuelson Union Building. The conference is sponsored by the university's Diversity Education Center, Center for Excellence in Leadership and Empowerment Center.

The registration deadline is April 14. Full scholarships are available for Central Washington students.

For application materials call 509-963-1685 or TDD 509-963-2143. Conference registration forms are also available online at www.cwu.edu/~diversity/leadership.html.

PORTLAND PFLAG CHAPTER SETS APRIL MEETING

This month's meeting of Portland Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays will be held 7 p.m. April 12 in the Fireside Room at First United Methodist Church, 1838 S.W. Jefferson St.

PFLAG will screen *Journey to a Hate Free Millennium*, an award-winning documentary by Brent Scarpo and Martin Bedogne that seeks solutions to ending hate and the terrible hate crimes that have become frequent events in our daily lives.

The film addresses the subject of hate by searching out the origins of how it is "taught and learned" and the scope of its danger, from childhood taunting to murder. Viewers are invited to take a stand against hate and create their own vision of a world free of hate, where senseless acts of violence are a thing of the past.

For more information visit www.pflagpdx.org.

FURBALL PROMISES TO HAVE GUESTS "FELINE GROOVY"!

The Furball, now in its seventh year, is the largest annual fund-raiser for the Feral Cat Coalition of Oregon. The funds from this event help support the spaying and neutering of feral cats in cities throughout the state.

The Furball is black-tie optional and will feature a martini bar, catering by Elephants Delicatessen, silent and live auctions, and raffles. Live auction items include accommodations at a private villa in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, and a spectacular three-bedroom condo in Puerto Rico; original art from Portlanders; a VIP package for the historic races; a monthly dining-out package; wine tasting parties; shopping sprees; jewelry; and cat-themed items. A raffle drawing for a \$1,500 prepaid Visa card rounds out the evening. This year's theme is "Feline Groovy," and the honorary chairman is City Commissioner Sam Adams.



Feral cats chow down thanks to their benefactors at the Furball.

The Furball will take place from 6 to 10:30 p.m. May 7 in Miller Hall at the World Forestry Center, 4033 S.W. Canyon Road. Tickets are \$75 in advance or \$90 at the door.

For more information, e-mail feralcats_oregon@yahoo.com. To make a tax-deductible donation, visit www.feralcats.com.