

African American Singles Network

The Portland Metropolitan Area may not be as large as Chicago or Detroit, but Portland can be huge and pretty lonely when you're single and African American.

According to the 1980 U.S. Census (1990 Census not out yet) there are approximately 33,622 African Americans living in this area. Amazing, isn't it! Were you surprised by the number. Well, I was. Why?, because for as small as Portland is, it's extremely large when you have no viable vehicle for introductions to other singles like yourself. Many of us wonder if we really are out there. Well, we are, however we really have no way to meet each other in a professional, no non sense atmosphere.

Well, that's where our organization comes in. We want to make getting to know each other easier. No night clubs, no lounges, no "secret lives", no bars, just people with their lives in order, who are unattached and want to actively do something about that. We are not a dating service, we do not "match anyone. However, what we do try to do is make meeting others exciting, enjoyable and most of all, fun. Remember the 'kid in the candy store' analogy, well this is the kind of atmosphere we want to create.

Have you ever really thought about the way we meet each other in Portland? There's only a very few places, I'm sure you can name them better than I could. Now, think about the quality of those dates. For your own personal reasons, were the prospects less than desirable? Did you have better luck with chance meetings? Most of those you met in a bar were worse, weren't they?

So what did you try? Back to the night clubs, sticking to chance meetings,

asking friends to introduce their friends to you, try other ethnic races, bury yourself in your work, settling for what ever you could find, giving up the whole idea.

Or were you the trailblazer type. Did you pull out the old yellow pages and try the sophisticated approach. The serious hunt! Okay, what did you find? Nothing? What did you pay? To much of something you'd rather not mention! We know that too. So back to the night clubs, or to "giving up." Well, we don't want you to do that, just like we didn't want to do it either. So a few of us friends got together one day over pizza, large of course, a pitcher of Coca Cola and the African American Singles Network was conceived. We wanted a forum for professional African Americans to network. We are not a dating service, as stated earlier, we wanted members to be single only because we wanted a more sophisticated way by which we could meet other African American who we could be sure was single. If that is what the members wanted. We also wanted more elegant ways of which to interact with each other as well as more exciting activities, too. We also wanted an avenue to assist our members in moving out the "passive role of meeting others and provide a way to "actively" take charge of their personal destiny just like they had their professional one.

Brainstorming assisted in the discovery of terrific ideas for interacting. At least four annual events will be sponsored by A.S.S.N. One of which will be the Winter Fantasy Ball. This will be a black tie event at one of the major hotels in the area. There will be a champagne fountain and elegant hors d'oeuvres will be served. Love songs and candlelight

will set the mood. And one lucky couple will win "The Night On The Town" drawing, with their own luxury limousine at their disposal for the evening. It will be a night to remember. We also will sponsor an annual weekend ski trip to romantic timberline Lounge for skiing and romance. All of these events will be open to members at very low cost or free. As well as, some events will be open to members only.

We envision in the near future other ways to meet members with videos as well as the newsletter. Soon enlarging to other cities so that if members move to other states, their membership can move with them.

And yet, ideas and plans are great but without hard work and sacrifice, they will remain just that, ideas. However, it shouldn't be just our dream, it should be yours too. Just imagine all of the opportunities for adventure, fun, excitement just waiting for you. Portland will become much more inviting to other African American professionals moving here. They'll see how we socialize and know that there's something happening in Portland that's not happening anywhere else. But to make it happen we must have you join us. Only you can make it happen, you're the key to its success. Without you its back to the bars, night clubs chance encounters...

As a special offer, to the first 10 gentlemen who sent this ad to us with their names and addresses, if they qualify, will receive a twelve month's membership with all the benefits of our regular members FREE! \$50 processing fee is all that is required. This is a \$139.00 value. So tell your friends and hurry!

Take This Job and... Listen

to "Jobs and Careers" on KXL 750AM

Executive recruiter and career expert Martin Birnbach advises listeners on job searching, interviewing, career exploration, and much more during "Jobs and Careers" airing Saturdays 6 to 7pm on KXL 750 AM.

From college students to executives, first-job seekers to those seeking long-term career satisfaction, all will benefit by tuning in to "Jobs and Careers". During this informative and innovative program, Birnbach guides listeners through fundamental skills such as resume writing and interviewing techniques, offering the secrets of climbing the corporate ladder and getting a promotion or raise.

In America's ever-changing and competitive job market, people need to be armed with the best information and make the best first impression during their search for a new job or career. KXL's "Jobs and Careers" helps listeners gain the knowledge and skills they need to select the right career path.

Answer the Call of the Riled: Volunteers Needed at Metro Crisis Intervention Service

Metro Crisis Intervention Service is recruiting volunteers to staff its 24-hour telephone intervention and information referral phone service. The agency needs volunteers for daytime, evening and weekend shifts. Classes for fall training begin Saturday, Oct. 6; sessions are held evenings and weekends for the convenience of people with daytime commitments.

No experience is necessary, though applicants must be at least 18 years old. Metro provides 57 hours of training for applicants accepted into the program. Volunteers typically work one four-hour shift per week. Call the Metro Crisis Intervention Service volunteer coordinator at 226-3099 to apply. Metro Crisis is a United Way member agency.

Doggett Elected to PMN Program Committee

Tom Doggett, vice president of television programming, Oregon Public Broadcasting, has been elected to a three-year term on the Pacific Mountain Network program committee.

The Pacific Mountain Network (PMN) is a nonprofit regional public broadcasting network owned and operated by public television stations throughout the Rocky Mountains, the Pacific Coast, Alaska, and Hawaii. PMN's activities include programming, distribution, research, promotion, training, production, and learning services.

The program committee is elected by program managers of affiliated stations. One of the major functions of the committee is to serve as a channel between local program managers and PMN and the national public broadcasting organizations. The committee also helps distribute the Program Fund, a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, to assist member stations with production.

Doggett, who joined KOAC-TV as a television producer-director in 1965, has successively been production manager for KOAC radio and television, director of radio and television programming for Oregon Educational and Public Broadcasting Service, director of TV programming and production for Oregon Public Broadcasting, and, since 1988, vice president of television programming for OPB.

Parent Support Group Reactivates With Picnic

Parents of children with down syndrome are re-activating the down syndrome parent support group. It is the intention of this group to involve parents of children of all age groups.

There will be a picnic to round up all interested individuals and their families on Saturday, September 22, 1990 beginning at 11:00 am at Montavilla Park located at 8219 N.E. Glisan. People are to bring their own food and beverage (no alcoholic beverages, please!) There will be lots of socializing and games for a variety of age groups.

For more information please contact: Multnomah County: Joan Medlen 244-3289; Washington County: Pat McFall 640-9301; Clackamas County: Roberta Monger 657-0849; Vancouver and Clark County Judy Marick 694-1284.

DINOS ON DISPLAY TWO MORE WEEKS AT OMSI!

Visitors have only two weeks to witness a prehistoric head-smashing battle between two Pachycephalosauria at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry. OMSI's all-new action-packed dinosaur exhibit, featuring 14 dinosaurs which have never been seen in Portland, will be on display through Sept. 9.

This action-packed exhibit features dinosaurs made by Kokoro Company Ltd. in Tokyo, Japan, and focuses on behaviors of present-day and prehistoric animals in a jungle-like atmosphere. Visitors will also see a mother Maiasaura nurturing a nest of hatching eggs and babies; a 20-foot-tall Albertosaurus chasing a 20-foot-long Euoplocephalus; and will learn about the fierce flesh-eating, warm-blooded Deinonychus as it joins others to capture its prey. All dinosaurs move and roar and appear to come to life in

their jungle-like setting. In previous years, OMSI had dinosaurs which stood alone. This year, DINO-MIGHT! includes dinosaurs in groups, acting out different behaviors. Examples of behavior patterns of present-day animals, including nesting, eating and dominant behaviors, will help visitors understand how dinosaurs might have acted over 100 million years ago.

Admission to DINO-MIGHT! is free after OMSI admission. Museum admission is \$5.25 for adults; \$4.25 for seniors; \$3.50 for students, age three through 17; and free for OMSI members.

OMSI is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. and until 8 p.m. on Fridays. OMSI is located at 4015 S.W. Canyon Rd., in Portland. Call (503) 222-2828 for more information.



NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS TO GATHER FOR CONVENTION CENTER OPENING CELEBRATION

A neighborhood event to celebrate the convention center opening will be held Sunday, September 23, at 1 p.m. Beginning with tours of the new site, guests will move to the Carousel Courtyard for music, refreshments and other entertainment.

The Portland Office of Neighborhood Associations has joined with organizations and businesses from the Lloyd District, including the North/Northeast business Boosters, the Holladay District Association and Pacific Development, in sponsorship of the event.

Guided tours at the convention center will be followed by a "Welcome Neighbor" reception, featuring the "Good Neighbor Awards."

The Good Neighbor Awards are intended to promote a feeling of fellowship and pride in being Portlanders and neighbors, and to recognize people who make a difference in small, important ways-by being friendly or helpful, or in some special way contributing to the overall quality of the neighborhood.

Following a musical path to the Carousel Courtyard (on Northeast Holladay Street, between Seventh and Ninth Avenues) guests will be entertained by the Michael Harrison Band from 3-5 p.m., and enjoy complimentary refreshments and free rides on the Looft Carousel.



Army and Air Force Hometown News -- Army Reserve Private Velma R. Sanders has complete basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

She is the daughter of Velma J. Sanders of 846 NE Emerson, Portland, OR.

The private is a 1987 graduate of Cleveland High School, Portland.

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You've just about given up! You've tried the dating scene: night clubs, bars, social lounges. All the prospects just were not what you were looking for in a permanent relationship.



We understand how you feel. The African American Singles Network Dateletter is what you need. It offers unique opportunity to meet qualified, pre-screened singles who are eager to meet you as well.

The Dateletter provides:

- Intriguing articles on dating, loving and relationship success.
- Notice of cultural and social events where the possibility of meeting other African American Singles are greatest.
- Detailed info. on singles who are interested in a long term, meaningful relationship.
- Privacy is assured!

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Please send me more information and a membership packet. I don't want to let this unique opportunity pass me by. I have enclosed \$2.00 for shipping and handling.

Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____

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City/State/Zip: _____

I certify that I'm 21 years of age or older, single, and African American.

Signature: _____

African American Singles Network, P.O. Box 12514, Portland, OR 97212, (503)293-7979

KBPS 1450 AM AIRS "CLASS OF 2000: THE PREJUDICE PUZZLE"

Black teenagers in Bensonhurst, young Navajos in Albuquerque, young Latinos in California.

Amerasian children in Philadelphia, and physically and mentally-impaired young people everywhere have one thing in common: the "melting pot" isn't working for them.

Instead, they are forced to grow up in a society where prejudice is an everyday fact of life that limits what they can do, quashes their hopes, and threat-

ens their future.

From Sept. 8-15, KBPS AM and National Public Radio's award-winning news magazines will focus on the lives and biases of young people, and how they deal with prejudices and stereotyping.

"Class of 2000: The Prejudice Puzzle," the first presentation of NPR's Special Project, is funded by a grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. More than a dozen reports of

five to 22 minutes each will air during

the week, culminating a two-hour national call-in LIVE from NPR's Washington, D.C. studios at 12 noon Saturday, Sept. 15. Peabody Award-winning journalist Scott Simon will host. The "Prejudice Puzzle" reports present the voices of a cross-section of America's young seldom heard in the media: blacks, whites, Hispanics, children of multiracial families, teenagers in the Alaskan bush, Native Americans

at a powwow, Amerasian children looking for acceptance, gay and straight friends talking about sexual identity, and teenager in jail.

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Timanook Park Bldg. 2108 N.E. 41st Ave. Mon. 7:00 p.m. Tues. 7:00 p.m. Wed. 9:30 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. Thurs. 7:00 p.m. Fri. 9:30 a.m.		University of Portland 5000 N. Willamette Blvd. Columbia Hall (Enter from Portsmouth) Wed. 5:00 p.m.

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