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"Bridging Portland's Communities"

Community Calendar

Washington's Humane Society

The Home 4 the Holidays pet adoption campaign is still going on to place orphaned animals with loving families and individuals during the holiday season. Hundreds of pets are available to adopt until Sunday, Jan. 6 at the Southwest Washington Humane Society, located at 2121 St. Francis Lane in Vancouver. Call 360-693-4746.

Portland New Party Celebration

Portland New Party invites you to a New Year's New Party with festive food and bubbling beverages on Monday, Dec. 31, from 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. There will be an open-mike Karaoke starting at 9 p.m. Please bring food or beverages for the potluck. Call 503-281-3951.

World AIDS Awareness

Catholic Charities AIDS Ministry will host the largest display of "The Quilt in Oregon" on Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2 and 3. AIDS Ministry requested 30, 12' x 12' Quilts including Ryan White's quilt and panels representing local people. The finished, hemmed panels represent the average size of a grave. The display will be held at the All Saints School, located at 3847 NE. Glisan St. Call 503-231-4866.

Bonding the Family Together

Bonding the Family Together is a two and a half-day seminar for families to discover the key strategies for building successful communication and relating to each other in a healthy way. The course will be held at the Boys & Girls Club Portland Blazers, located at 5250 NE. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. on Dec. 14, 15 and 16. Call 503-963-9495.

Tree Farm Guide

A free Choose & Cut Guide to U-Cut Christmas tree plantations in Oregon and Washington has been prepared by the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association. The 2001 guide lists 41 Oregon U-Cut tree farms and 40 U-Cut tree farms in Washington. For additional information regarding the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association, visit our website at www.nwtrees.com or call 503-364-2942.

Classical Chinese Garden

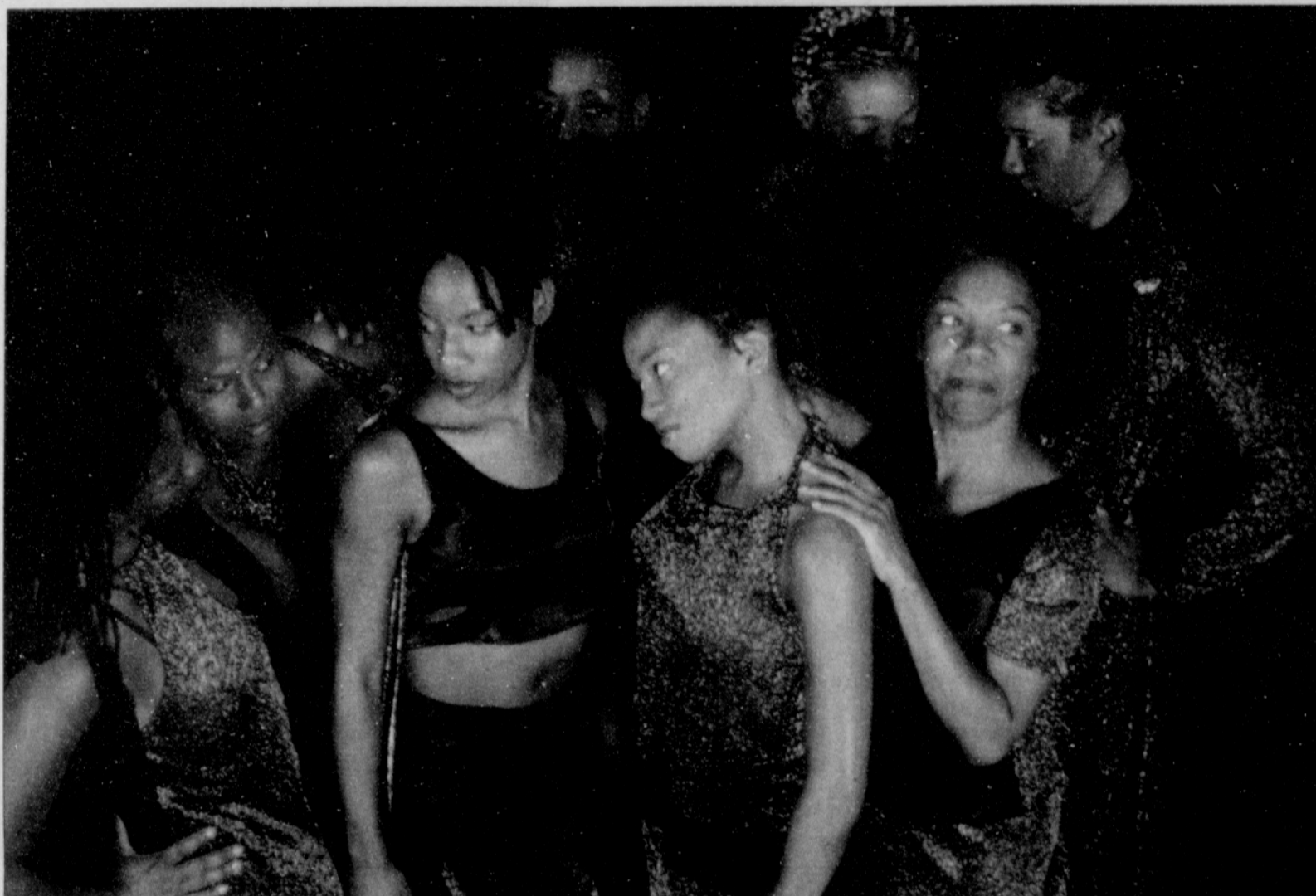
Portland Chinese Garden will host a discussion and tour on the cultural, practical and aesthetic assets of bamboo on Dec. 1, from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. The lecture and tour include admission to the Garden and refreshments during the lecture. To register, contact the Garden office at 503-228-8131, ext. 0 or go online to www.portlandchinesegarden.com.

Community Energy Project

Learn how to take control of your water and sewer bills. The Community Energy Project will be having a free workshop on Water Conservation on Tuesday, Dec. 4 at the Multicultural Senior Center, located at 5325 NE. MLK Blvd., from 10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. Each Portland household receives an instructional workbook and a free kit of materials worth \$25. To register, call 503-284-6827.

Dance Company Presents 'Hair Stories'

Performance explores politics of African-American hair



Urban Bush Women make their Portland debut with 'Hair Stories,' a dance and musical performance that mixes political aggression with humor.

Urban Bush Women, a no-nonsense troupe of African-Americans, is coming to Portland to perform 'Hair Stories,' a humorous, poignant combination of dance, test and music.

Three performances are scheduled at 8 p.m. each night on Dec. 13, 14 and 15 at Portland State University's Lincoln Hall. The production marks the

opening to a 2001-02 Whitebird/PSU Dance Series.

Urban Bush Women is a company of seven African American dances dedicated to exploring the use of cultural expression as a catalyst for social change, making possible the transformation of struggle and suffering into the bitter-sweet joy of survival.

The troupe's repertory is suffused with furious energy, sexual freedom and powerful and vocal interplay.

'Hair Stories' explores African-American women's hair and its relationship to images of beauty, social position, heritage and self-esteem.

The "New York Times" has heralded Urban Bush Women, and its founder

Jawole Willa Jo Zollar, as "triple-threat performers who dance, sing and act with a... searing sense of truthfulness."

Tickets for the Portland performances are available at the PSU Box Office on Southwest Hall at Fifth Avenue and at all Ticketmaster outlets. For information and group sales, call White Bird at 503-245-1600.

Young Ladies Leadership Group Celebrates Victory

Sisters in Action for Power, a community-based, multi-racial, multi-issue organization, celebrated a victory for transportation equity at a Nov. 16 gathering.

The group recently won concessions from Tri-Met to reduce fares for students.

Sisters in Action for Power believes that a strategy for transportation planning and decision making must address the concerns and needs of people most affected by public transit, including youth, low income people and people of color.

The group argues that transportation serves as a political and social link between housing, education and employment, among other things.

As a girl-driven, intergenerational organization, Sisters in Action for Power has developed an innovative youth leadership development program to ensure and support the full participation and leadership of girls under the age of 18.

The program allows for the sharing of power and decision making among young and adult women.

The women become empowered as leaders in the organization, in a mixed aged circle of women and girls, in their peer groups, as well as in their community.



Sisters in Action for Power is a group of women and girls of color that campaign for economic, racial and gender equality.

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North/NE Bus Schedules to Change

More weekend service and other improvements to relieve weekday crowding are part of series of bus service changes to begin Oct. 2 in north and northeast Portland.

Since 1998, Tri-Met's weekend ridership has grown 50 percent on Sundays and 26 percent on Saturdays as more people ride for shopping and recreational trips.

The weekend changes will bring 15-minute service, seven days a week to the Line 8--5th Avenue route, with twice as many Sunday trips as before. The line joins 12 other primary bus lines with ser-

vice running at least every 15 minutes throughout the day, seven days a week.

Other changes impact the Line 1-Greeley route with weekend service doubling to every 30 minutes. Weekend service on the Line 10-NE 33rd Avenue route also doubles to 30 minutes.

The Line 6-Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard route gets a new Sunday schedule. The Line 5 Interstate gets two more evening trips to Vancouver on weekdays, and Line 40-Mocks Crest gets an extra weekday afternoon trip from Southwest 6th & Salmon.

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More People Choose to Abandon Cars

(AP) - Portland ranks among top 25 percent of U.S. cities in getting to work without driving there alone, according to U.S. Census Bureau findings.

A quarter or more of Oregon's metro area residents reported using an alternative means of commuting, mostly carpooling, riding the bus, walking or bicycling.

"There are two things I hear from everybody who's biked in other cities and then moved here: 'I see so many bikers here,' and, 'It's so much easier to bike here than in other cities where I have lived,'" said Brita Johnson, volun-

teer coordinator with the Bicycle Transportation Alliance.

Twelve percent of Portlanders ride the bus to work, compared to a national city average of 9 percent. More than 2 percent of Portland commuters cycle to work, compared to a national average of just .6 percent. Twelve percent of Portland residents car pool, 4 percent walk and 4 percent eschew the commute altogether and work at home.

Altogether, 37 percent of Portland commuters used alternate transportation.

The figures reported by the Census Bureau come from the Census 2000

Supplemental Survey. The survey was given by mail, by phone and in person to 700,000 households throughout 2000. More than 9,000 Multnomah County households took part, making it one of the most-sampled counties in the nation.

Because the survey did not reach every household, as an official census does, and excludes group living quarters, the results are estimates.

The survey also did not list light rail as a choice. People who get to work mainly by MAX train were forced to

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