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Community Calendar

Juneteenth Meeting

The Juneteenth Planning Committee will be having two meetings this month on Monday, April 22 and Tuesday, April 30 at the State Farm Insurance building, located at 6526 N.E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., at 6:30 p.m. The upcoming Juneteenth Celebration will be from June 19 - 29. The theme this year is "Family Reunion." Volunteers are needed for the event. Call Woody Broadnax at 503-285-8898.

Red Cross Training

The Oregon Trail Chapter of the American Red Cross will offer "When I'm in Charge" at Alameda Community School at 2732 N.E. Fremont in Portland. The class will be held on April 29, from 6 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. This 2.5 hour course is intended to train children ages eight to eleven-years-old how to respond to and be safe in "home alone" situations. To register, call 503-823-3180 or go online to www.redcross-pdx.org.

New Seasons Market

There are many alternative sweeteners these days, but what are they and which ones are best for you? "Alternatives to Sugar" is part of New Seasons Market's free talk led by an in-store nutritionist. The event will be on Saturday, April 20 at the Concordia store, 5320 N.E. 33rd Ave. Call 503-288-2323.

Humane Society Photo Contest

Do you have a favorite photo of your pet? The Oregon Humane Society is looking for great pets for its Fuzzy, Furry, and Feathered Friends photo contest. The grand prize winner and

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Students Team Up With Pontiac



Thirty business students from Concordia University in northeast Portland are being given an opportunity to spend the next 15 weeks creating a working marketing agency for their clients,

Pontiac and the Weston General Motors Dealership.

The students have a \$2,500 budget to help them bring their plans to life. Pontiac is providing the money and other re-

sources. This unique partnership is part of a larger industry education program sponsored by General Motors.

The Concordia interns will also be eligible to compete for a General Motors

Marketing Internship Scholastic Achievement Award. A national \$3,000 award will be given to the top 4-year university and top 2-year community college participating in the program.

Concordia University students Niecee Madrigal (from left), Corinne Nelson, Courtney Bridges and Kelly Misley show off their partnership with General Motors, posing in front of a company car. They are part of a unique internship that gives them real marketing experience in the auto industry.

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Tri-Met Tests Hybrid Buses

New buses are cleaner, quieter and more efficient



Tri-Met unveils an environmentally cleaner, more efficient bus.

(AP) — Tri-Met this month began testing new hybrid diesel and electric buses that it says are more fuel-efficient, quieter, cheaper to operate and will cut air pollutants by half.

The transit agency is testing two of the buses and will install them on regular routes the last week of April, the agency's spokeswoman Mary Fesch said.

The diesel engine powers an electric generator, which powers a battery pack on the roof, which powers an electric motor that runs the bus. The new buses also use "regenerative braking," which sends energy to the batteries when brakes are applied.

The smaller engine size is designed to increase fuel efficiency by 50 percent and reduce emissions of oxides and particulate matter by 50 percent.

Tri-Met estimates it will save \$10,000 in fuel costs and \$4,500 a year in maintenance, partly because there is no

transmission to maintain, for the two buses, which it will test for two years.

The cost of the new buses has not been determined because their manufacturer, New Flyer of America, has not yet gone into full production, Fesch said.

Similar buses are in use in Orange County, Calif., although the model being tested is slightly advanced from the ones in use there, she said.

Other transit agencies testing the new buses are in Seattle, St. Paul, Minn., Austin, Texas, Houston, Philadelphia and New Jersey Transit.

Tri-Met said the new buses will be quieter because the engine doesn't rev up going uphill or when starting from a stop.

Initially, Fesch said, the buses, which look like regular buses except for the battery housing on top, will be tested on longer routes with a variety of driving conditions.

Ebony Fashion Fair Brings Latest Trends

Local event to benefit Links education and scholarship fund

Known as the world's largest traveling fashion show, the Ebony Fashion Fair will feature clothing styles from world famous designers. The event will be held at the Oregon Convention Center on Friday, April 19 at 8 p.m.

This year marks the 44th anniversary of the show with the theme "The Changing Trends of Fashion." It recognizes many old and famous fashion houses that are enlisting new, young designers who are creatively influencing changes in every facet of fashion.

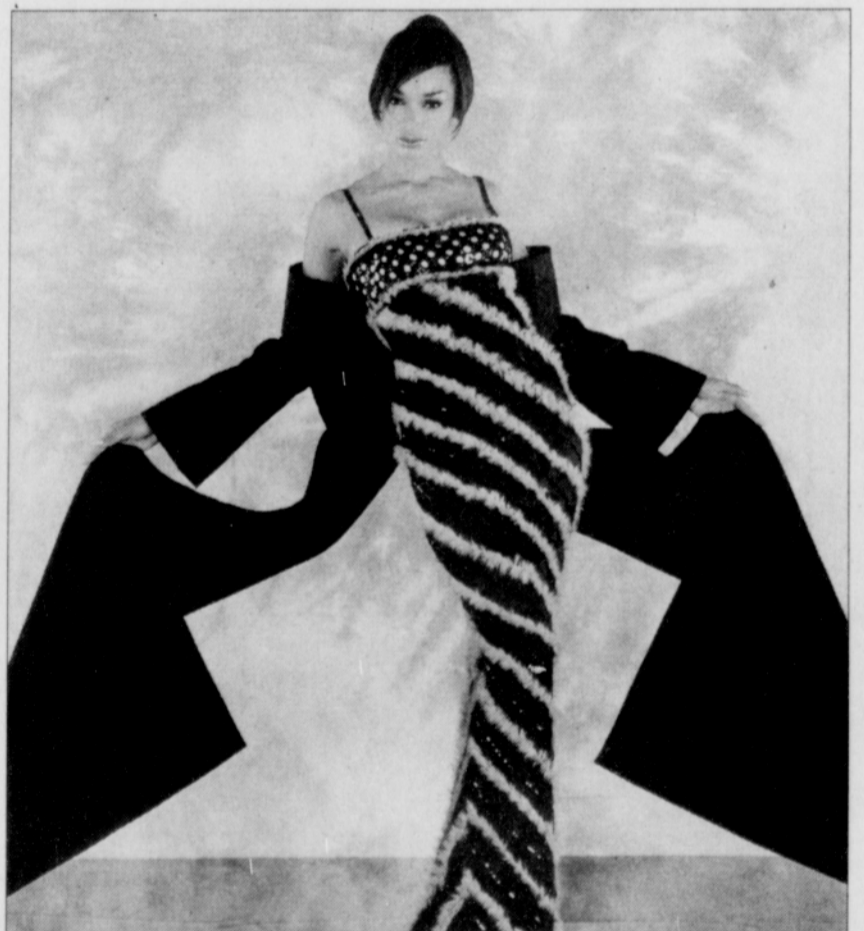
One of the biggest trends this season is the ingenious resurgence of leather that clings to the body like second skin. Also, old apprehensions about fur appear to be fading as the elegance of long-hair fox and plush sable and mink give a bold richness to garments worn, be it night or day.

The Ebony Fashion Show this year is expected to attract a larger audience. Characterized by its glamour, elegance and beauty, it has all of the energy of a Broadway show. Designer wear by Bob Mackie, Givenchy, Oscar de la Renta and others will be modeled by eleven gorgeous women and two handsome men.

The flare of the world's most creative clothing designs makes Ebony Fashion Fair an event that must be experienced.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Links educational and scholarship fund.

Links is a national public and social



A svelte black gown with matching stole and diagonal rows of lush dyed fur enhance a beaded bodice in this fashion design by Sarli.

service organization with a chapter in the Portland area.

Tickets can be purchased at the following locations: Mrs. C's Wigs, Sheba's

House of Elegance, One Stop Record Store, Tondalayera Designers Salon, Reflections Coffee and Books, and through all Ticket Master outlets.

Kaiser Offers Help on Child Safety Seats

Kaiser Permanente invites parents to a child safety seat clinic in its covered parking structure at 500 N.E. Multnomah near Lloyd Center on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The public is welcome to drive up and have any safety seat checked for proper size, installation or damage for

free. Certified child passenger safety seat technicians will also check to see if seats are under a manufacturer's recall order.

"It is delightful to know that these families will be able to travel safely with their children in the car," says Daniel Rappaport, MD, pediatrician at Kaiser

Permanente's Interstate Medical Office East in Portland. "Having a good car seat, combined with professional instruction for proper use and installation, ensures these precious children receive the best protection."

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