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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Party for Human Rights

Celebrate the Universal Declaration of Human Rights with international refreshments, music, dancing and speeches from students of model United Nations programs and community activists at St. Andrews Community Center, at Northeast Eight Avenue and Alberta Street, from 5:30 to 9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 10.

Shopping Opportunity

The Hail Mary Gallery, 1609 NE Alberta St., is holding a Holiday Bazaar from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and noon to 4 p.m. Sundays through Dec. 24 with an artist's reception from 6 to 9 p.m. Dec. 6. For more information, call 503-281-6096.

Crafty Women

WomenTree, Portland's nonprofit Women's Resource Center, hosts "She's Crafty," a craft fair supporting local female artists. Crafts, including jewelry, ceramics, bags, quilts and much more are available at the WomanTree Gallery, 2641 N.E. Alberta, from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6 and Sunday, Dec. 7.

Shop and Support

Shop and support students at Mount Hood Community College's 20th Annual Holiday Ceramics and Print Sale at the campus' Visual Arts Center Gallery from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 3 through Saturday, Dec. 6. For more information, call 503-491-6923.

Home Improvement

The Community Energy Project holds free workshops on water conservation and weatherization. For more information, call 503-284-4962.

Radical-Curious?

Radical Women holds its next meeting at 6:30 p.m. Dec. 10 beginning with a hearty meal for a \$6 donation. The meeting is at the Bread and Roses Center, 819 N. Killingsworth. For more information, call 503-240-4462.

Chimps Gone Wild

Jane Goodall brings enthusiasts closer to nature with "Wild Chimpanzees," through May at the Omnimax Theater, 1945 S.E. Water Ave. Tickets are \$8.50. For more information, visit www.wildchimpanzees.org.

Get in Shape

Providence Health Systems offers Westside fitness classes at 4015 SW Mercantile Drive, Lake Oswego. Classes include step, ball and bar, cardio mix, cardio step, gentle-paced fitness, group strength training and Tai chi, to name a few. For a full schedule, call 503-574-6595 or visit www.providence.org/classes.

No Excuses

Pacific Northwest Regional Blood Services asks Oregonians to run out of excuses when it comes to donating blood. The agency is holding its annual MLK Day Blood and Marrow drive on Saturday, Jan. 17 from 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the American Red Cross, 3131 N. Vancouver Ave. For more information, call 503-528-5476.

Wild Oats Wellness

Wild Oats Wellness Center presents free workshops at 3535 N.E. 15th Ave. (at Fremont) in upstairs studio A. A lecture on "Loving What is" is from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 3. A class on Healing Depression and Anxiety is from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Dec. 10 and a class on the benefits of cloth diapering is from 3 to 5 p.m. Dec. 13. Pre-register at 503-281-3262.



Urban Bush Women perform "Shadow's Child," coming to Portland State University's Lincoln Performance Hall.

Bush Women Teach Tolerance

The dynamic company Urban Bush Women brings a story of tolerance of the world's cultures to Portland State University's Lincoln Performance Hall.

The dance troupe is stopping in Portland during the nationwide tour of "Shadow's

Children" for shows at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 11, Friday, Dec. 12 and Saturday, Dec. 13.

"Shadow's Child" tells the stirring tale of a young woman from Mozambique who moves with her family to a rural Southern town in the United States and learns about forging bonds

of friendship, acting courageously and being tolerant of people's differences.

The work will feature artistic director Jawole Willa Jo Zollar's unique blending of African and contemporary dance, with masks and puppets designed by award-winner

Debbly Lee Cohen, and live music and guest performers from Mozambique.

Tickets are \$24 with discounts available for seniors and students. For tickets, call 503-224-4400 or for more information, call 503-245-1600.

Spirit of Community

Franklin junior Marneet Lewis gives back

Marneet Lewis is a musician, a writer, a leader and an activist.

For her dedication to her northeast Portland community and to Franklin High School in southeast Portland, she will be recognized during an awards ceremony Thursday as one of the city of Portland's Youth Volunteers of the Year.

Lewis volunteers for many community projects and organizations, including the Oregon Food Bank, the Multnomah County Youth Commission, the Salvation Army, American Red Cross Youth Voice and Alameda neighborhood cleanups.

In school, Lewis writes for the newspaper, plays drums in the concert band, works in the

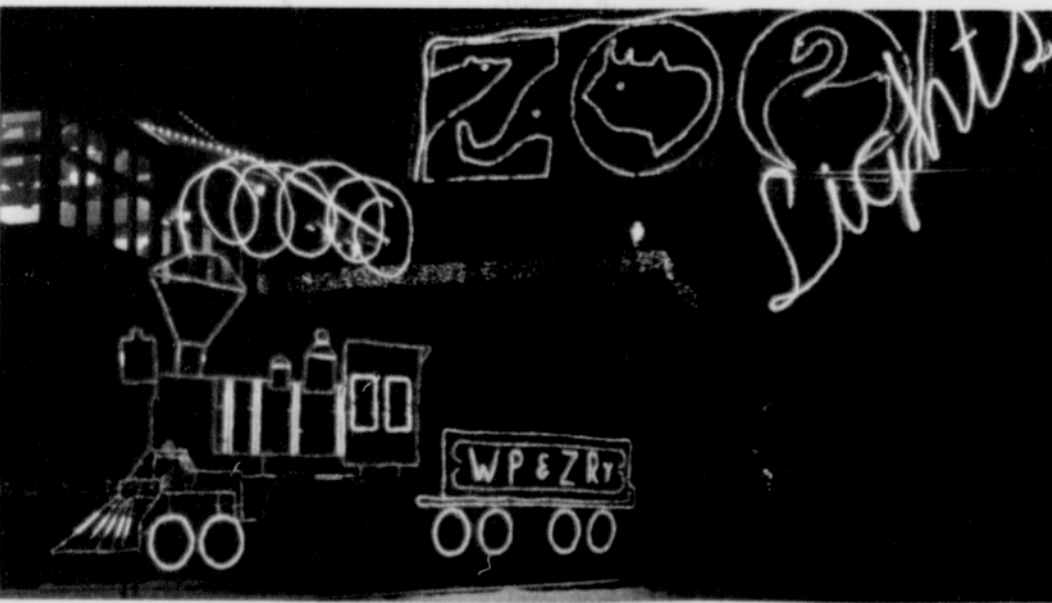


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Franklin High School junior Marneet Lewis (right) and her mom, Juanita, prepare fruit for distribution at the Oregon Food Bank headquarters in northeast Portland.

cafeteria, participates in an upper class leadership planning group, and is active in the law and public service program.

Lewis says she values her volunteer work because she can help her community while meeting her neighbors and making new friends.



The Oregon Zoo in southwest Portland turned into a nightly holiday wonder of colorful displays during the ZooLights festival which opened on Saturday and continues through Dec. 28.

Zoo Turns On Lights

The silhouettes of life-sized animals will burst into light on Saturday when 500,000 lights were switched on Saturday by the Oregon Zoo.

The 16th annual ZooLights festival ignites a holiday tradition for zoo visitors to enjoy through Dec. 28.

"The beautiful animated animals, the decorated train and all the new colorful displays are sure to make this year's ZooLights the best ever," said Tony Vecchio, zoo director.

"It's become a great tradition for our visitors. Some parents who visited as children are now bringing their children." Besides a variety of animated animals emblazoned at the zoo's entrance and throughout, the zoo's popular costumed characters and elves will be on hand to greet visitors and pose for pictures. Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer will be joined by Buddy Beaver, Honey Bear, Eliza Elephant, Lulu Lemur, Nate the Eagle, Rock E. Goat, Sandy Sea Otter and Titus Tiger. For more information, visit www.oregonzoo.org or call 503-226-1561.