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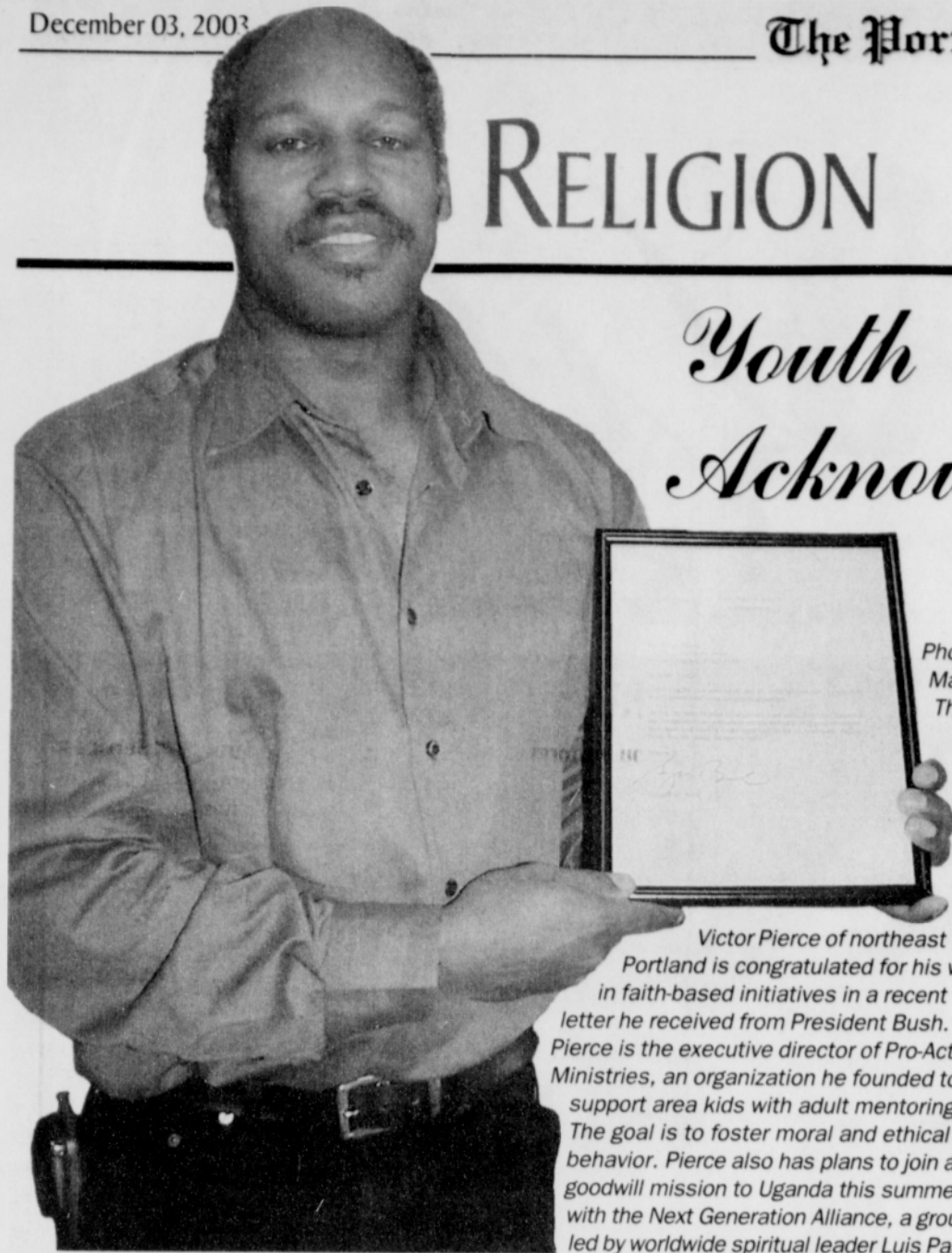


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The Portland Observer

Victor Pierce of northeast Portland is congratulated for his work in faith-based initiatives in a recent letter he received from President Bush. Pierce is the executive director of Pro-Active Ministries, an organization he founded to support area kids with adult mentoring. The goal is to foster moral and ethical behavior. Pierce also has plans to join a goodwill mission to Uganda this summer with the Next Generation Alliance, a group led by worldwide spiritual leader Luis Palau.

Girlchoir Sings for the Holidays

The Portland Symphonic Girlchoir, a choir for girls who love to sing, and are between the ages of 6 and 18, announces its 15th annual Holiday Concert, on Saturday, Dec. 6 at 1:30 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 7 at 3 p.m.

This jubilant concert features a wide range of repertoire, including "Laudate Pueri Dominum" by Michael Hayden, "Kyrie" from

"Missa Brevis in C Minor" by Imant Raminsh, as well as Girlchoir favorites "Choose Something Like A Star" by Randall Thompson, and "African Celebration" by Stephen Hatfield.

Girlchoir's combined choirs, 170 voices strong, will conclude this joyous concert singing John Rutter's "Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day," "Give Us Hope" by

Jim Papoulis, Caldwell and Ivory's "Hope For Resolution," and the traditional holiday concert finale, the beautiful "O Holy Night."

Concerts are at the First United Methodist Church, Southwest 18th Avenue and Jefferson. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$9 for students and seniors. For reservations or information call 503-226-6162 or visit www.girlchoir.com.

Music

Tradition with Holiday Twang

Those looking for a choral Christmas concert will find the musical seasonal tradition in the Warner Pacific Choir, and guest choir the Novum Chamber Singers. The show is at 3 p.m. Dec. 7 at the Warner Pacific College campus, 2219 SE 68th Ave. Tickets are \$10 with discounts available. For more information, call 503-517-1059.

Study Chinese Medicine

Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC) makes the study and practice of qigong, an ancient Chinese therapeutic self-healing practice available with lectures and presentations on Qigong Healing by Master Madame Hui He of Ling Gui International Healing Qigong School.

Qigong originated from Chinese medical arts, Tao-

ism and Buddhist philosophy.

A series of four lecture presentations will discuss The Power of Breath, The Seven Sacred Doors, Peace of Mind through Mudra Movements and Women's Health.

Remaining lectures are on Dec. 15 and Jan. 12 from 8 to 9:30 p.m. at the IFCC Theatre, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. For more information, call 503-823-4322.

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