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## Gift & Holiday Entertainment Guide

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SECTION B

### Community Calendar

#### Thanksgiving Blood Drive

Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, the Red Cross continues a decade-long family tradition with a blood drive at its building at 3131 N. Vancouver. Participants will receive a free pumpkin pie; discount coupons for Oregon Ballet Theater, and event T-shirts, while supplies last. For more information or to make an appointment, call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

#### Free College Outreach

The first Saturday of each month through May, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. high school students will be helped to prepare for college at the Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott St., through the efforts of Oregon State University. For more information call Earlean Wilson Huey at 1-800-291-4192, extension 7-9032, or call Jock White, Matt Dishman at 503-823-3620.

#### Aquatic Fitness

Providence has a full schedule of fitness classes including water exercising at the Providence Aquatic Center, 4805 N.E. Glisan. For a schedule, call 503-215-6301.

#### Swimming Lessons

Portland Parks and Recreation offers swimming lessons for all ages and skill levels year round at the Columbia, Dishman, MLC, Mt. Scott and Southwest Community Center pools. For rates and information, call 503-823-5130.

#### Women in NAACP

Women in NAACP meets from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month at the American Red Cross Building, 3131 N. Vancouver. For questions, call 503-249-6263.

#### Work For Change

Community Advocates invites those interested in protecting children from abuse to become an event volunteer, event outreach, technology expert, graphic artists or office support team member. For more information, call 503-280-1388.

#### Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon meetings are held Monday evenings from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. at Miracles Club on the corner of Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Mason Street. Al-Anon is for friends and loved ones of alcoholics and addicts.

#### Get Fit, Stay Healthy!

Sankofaa Health Institute offers a free diabetes support group from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every third Thursday at Alberta Simmons Plaza, 6707 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For more information, call 503-285-2484.

#### Business Meeting

North/Northeast Business Association meetings are on the first Monday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at Albina Community Bank, 2002 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd. Morning networking meetings are the third Wednesday of each month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Blazers Boys and Girls Club, 5250 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd. For more information, call 503-249-0487 or visit www.nneba.org.

#### Bradley-Angle House

The Bradley-Angle House needs volunteers to help its outreach against domestic violence. Women of color and bilingual women are encouraged to call. For more information, call 503-282-9940.

**35**  
years of  
community service



'Martinez Boys,' courtesy of Eckleman Photography, is one of the photographs going on the auction block for Habitat for Humanity and Architecture for Humanity.



Jim Leisy's 'Vancouver Man and Dog,' is one of many works by local photographers being sold to raise money to meet urgent housing needs in the city.

## Photos Support Urgent Housing Needs

### Lents auction targets diverse neighborhood

Habitat for Humanity and Architecture for Humanity will hold a benefit art show over three days from Friday, Dec. 2 to Sun. Dec. 4, featuring a showcase of Portland's best-known photographers.

Owen Carey, Doug Frank, Cherie Heiser, Stu Levy, Ann Ploeger, Christopher Rauschenberg, to name a few, join with talented students from Marshall High School's Renaissance Arts Academy and Sun School in the "People in Places" exhibit. The benefit will specifically help the 16-unit Lents Habitat Development on Lambert Street, taking place over three days with an opening night reception.

The exhibition seeks to draw attention to Lents' diverse and changing neighborhood

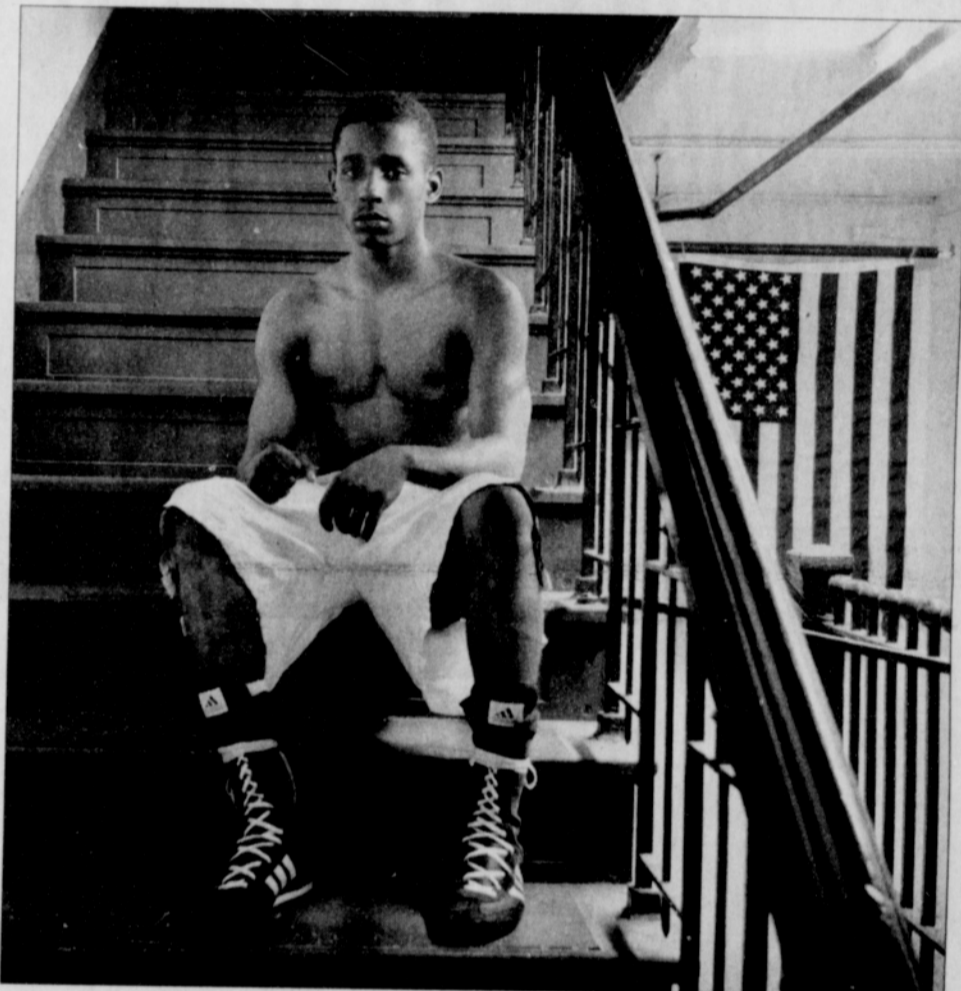
which includes Portland's new Chinatown and a home-building project that is the largest yet undertaken by Portland Habitat for Humanity.

Kate Mytron, a community activist and Lents resident organized the exhibit.

"In thinking about how to raise money for the Habitat development in Lents, along with Architecture for Humanity's work around the world, I decided that photographs celebrating both people and a strong sense of place would support both missions," Mytron said. "Being an arts lover, I also like the idea of bring photography out of museums and galleries into my own neighborhood."

The Lambert Street Habitat project, eight duplexes in a city-designated Urban Renewal District, began construction last July and plans to complete by next summer.

The photo exhibit and auction will be held at the Lents Town Center, 5716 S.E. 92nd St. The opening reception on Friday, Dec. 2 is from 6 to 9 p.m. costs \$10, while the Saturday and Sunday viewings from noon to 5 p.m. are free. For more information, call 503-788-5366.



A photograph by Jim Lommasson from his book 'Shadow Boxers' will be auctioned in a weekend benefit art show at the Lents Town Center, 5716 S.E. 92nd Ave.

## Volume Raised on Verbal, Emotional Abuse

### Columnist takes courageous stand

Award-winning newspaper columnist S. Renee Mitchell is taking a courageous stand on something she believes in: raising the volume on a necessary community dialogue about verbal and emotional abuse.

On Saturday, Dec. 3 at 7:15 p.m., Mitchell will perform her poetry reflecting on the issues of abuse to live music performed by a jazz band of New Orleans-trained musicians - such as saxophone player Devin

Phillips, bassist Nobu Ozaki and Chuk Barber. All of the musicians relocated to Portland after Hurricane Katrina.

The event will take place at the Ainsworth United Church of Christ, located at 2941 N.E. Ainsworth. Donations of \$10 to \$30 will be accepted at the door.

All of the proceeds will be donated to Bradley-Angle House, the West Coast's first shelter for women and children escaping violence. Founded in 1975, Bradley-Angle House provides quality programming to battered women and their children from all racial, social, economic and educational backgrounds.

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior committed by one partner against the other with the goal of exerting and maintaining power and control. It can manifest itself in physical, psychological, emotional, economic, sexual or social abuse.

Mitchell silently suffered from psychological abuse for several years. Now, she intends to spend the rest of her life educating other women about it and then helping them.

A playwright, actress and self-published poet, Mitchell has performed her original work in Portland, Washington, D.C. and New York City.



S. Renee Mitchell

## College Addresses Clogged Street Parking



PHOTO BY ISAIAH BOUIE/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Neighborhood streets get clogged with cars on school days and nights when classes are in session on the Cascade campus of Portland Community College in north Portland.

Portland Community College's expanded Cascade Campus is spilling parked cars onto adjacent neighborhood streets, despite efforts to contain the vehicles to designated parking lots.

The college will address parking problems during a public meeting on Monday, Nov. 28 at 6 p.m. in Room 111 of the new Public Services Education Building on North Killingsworth Street between Mississippi and Michigan Avenues.

An enforcement ban of parking by students and staff in the adjacent neighborhood is made possible through a PCC traffic patrol agreement with the city of Portland. Warnings and tickets for repeat violations are issued, according to John Gardner,

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manager of PCC's parking and transportation service.

He said the neighborhood meeting was scheduled to keep connected with neighborhood concerns.

The session will be followed by a regular monthly meeting of the Humboldt Neighborhood Association.