

Ebony's Glitz and Glamour

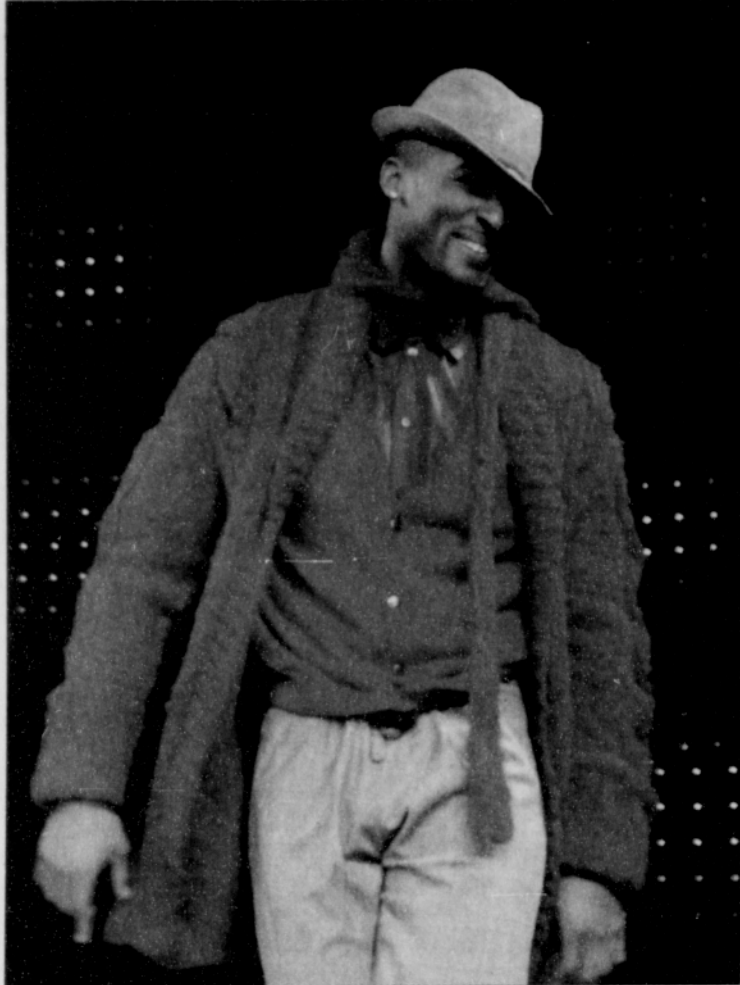
Nearly 800 people attended the 48th annual Ebony Fashion Fair last Friday, a nationwide traveling show sponsored locally by the Portland chapter of the Links Incorporated.

The Portland audience was treated to glitz and glamour, as a dozen Ebony models paraded the Oregon Convention Center runway in rare and one-of-a-kind fashions from designers worldwide.

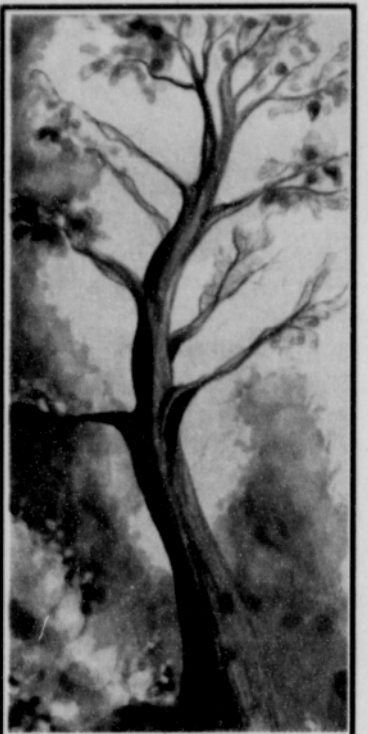
The Ebony Fashion Fair was established 48 years ago to celebrate black beauty and to serve as a fundraiser for African American causes.

The Links is a volunteer service organization of women primarily concerned with making a positive contribution to the community. This year's proceeds from the fair will go to scholarships for students.

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Portland got a look at one-of-a-kind fashions from the world's biggest designers during the Ebony Fashion Fair at the Oregon Convention Center Friday. The show raised money for local scholarships.



Trees for Mother's Day, Graduation

Give a gift that lasts a lifetime for Mother's and Father's Day, Memorial Day, or graduation with the help of Friends of Trees.

The non-profit organization has commemorative trees to honor of your parents, a friend who's graduating or a loved one who has passed away. The cost for Natural Area Commemorative Trees is \$25 for an individual seedling tree or \$50 for a grove of six trees. At the time of purchase, Friends of Trees will send a personalized gift card or certificate to the person receiving the gift.

You can also buy a Commemorative Yard Tree, which Friends of Trees will plant in the yard you choose. You can select the type of tree you want when you make your purchase.

Friends of Trees inspires community stewardship by bringing people in the Portland-Vancouver area together to plant and care for city trees and urban natural areas. To learn more about Friends of Trees' Commemorative Trees or to purchase your gift tree online, visit www.friendsoftrees.org or call 503-282-8846, extension 12.

Local Histories Explored

Area residents are invited to learn about the history of the Boise and Humboldt neighborhoods of north and northeast Portland and also how to find out about the history of any building in your neighborhood.

Two free workshops, sponsored by Portland's Architectural Heritage Center, will start with an overview of the history of the neighborhoods, followed by images of selected buildings and some of the long-time neighborhood people who have helped make history happen.

Pre-registration is requested to help plan for workshop materials. Sign up by calling the AHC at 503-231-7264, or email info@VisitAHC.org

The session on the Boise Neighborhood is Saturday, April 29 from 10 a.m. to Noon at the Albina Youth Opportunity School, 3710 N. Mississippi Avenue. The Humboldt session is Tuesday, May 2 from 6 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at the North Portland Library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

Early Detection Fights Colon Cancer

Equals 90-percent survival rate

Despite overwhelming evidence that screening tests can save lives, many Americans still are not following recommendations from the American Cancer Society for early detection of colorectal cancer — commonly referred to as colon cancer.

"Many people 50 and over do not know they are at risk and that they need to be tested," said Dr. Donald R. Henderson, American Cancer Society volunteer and assistant clinical professor of medicine and gastroenterology at UCLA School of Medicine.

"If we can increase awareness and

compliance to the level we've achieved for the disease.

with the Pap test for cervical cancer and the mammogram for breast cancer, we will have a tremendous opportunity to save thousands of lives through prevention and early detection of colon cancer," Henderson said.

The American Cancer Society estimates that 150,000 Americans will be diagnosed with colorectal cancer and more than 55,000 will die of the disease in 2006 - a number that could be cut in half if Americans followed the testing recommendations



Dr. Donald Henderson

The American Cancer Society has launched an aggressive, multi-pronged statewide initiative to heighten awareness about the importance of early colon cancer testing in the African American community.

Black Americans have the highest death rate from colon cancer of any racial or ethnic group in the country.

American Cancer Society guidelines recommend that both men and women who are at average risk be screened beginning at age 50.



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The Housing Authority of Portland has received a federal HOPE VI Revitalization Grant to redevelop the Iris Court public housing cluster.

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Humboldt Gardens COMMUNITY DESIGN WORKSHOPS

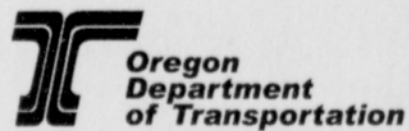
and help shape the future of the Humboldt neighborhood!

Workshops will be held on the following Saturdays:

May 6 • June 3 • July 8
9am - 12pm

4134 N Vancouver Ave (OAME)

Child care and light refreshments provided. Please call 503-802-8525 if you require the assistance of an interpreter at the workshop.



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Oregon businesses are finding opportunities for growth with the Oregon Department of Transportation's OTIA III State Bridge Delivery Program.

The bridge program is repairing or replacing more than 300 bridges on Oregon's highways. It is also designed to stimulate Oregon's economy and keep Oregon businesses strong.

Brothers Concrete Cutting, an Albany-based small business, is one of the only concrete-cutting firms in the state. Because of the work it has received through the bridge program, the company hired more workers and made long-term investments in new equipment.

Other local businesses, materials suppliers and contractors also are benefiting from the increased construction work.

To learn more, visit ODOT's web site at http://egov.oregon.gov/ODOT/HWY/OTIA/bridge_delivery.shtml.

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