

Keeping the Faith



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When Chandra Curtis first heard opera, she thought that must be what angels sound like. Today, the Portland Community College student is an accomplished opera singer. She is preparing audition material to enter the voice program at Yale University.

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vocal training. She pursued voice work with the diligence of a monk, practicing daily in a quiet space where she could isolate the disparate elements of her body that produce extraordinary sound and then concentrate on combining them to ecstatic effect.

For her exceptional aca-

coach who would prepare me for vocal studies at Yale." She'd planned long-term to secure a Certificate of Voice from Yale University. "Right then, I knew I wanted to study with someone who was doing what I would be doing or had been where I am going."

Curtis got onto the Internet, found and contacted renowned opera singer Elizabeth

one-on-one with Saunders. She'll be honing her vocal and breathing technique and preparing audition material to enter the voice program at Yale.

Fine-tuning the beautiful instrument that is her voice, she is preparing to meet still greater opportunities in this limitless world.

"It's all about combustion," Curtis says. "Two notes com-

Work harder than anyone else. Learn everything about your craft and then return to square one and re-learn what you learned so you know it intellectually and experientially. Love what you do. Then love it more. Keep the faith, in fact let exhaustion strengthen your faith. Such is Chandra Curtis' method for success; a method that has opened door after door to her dream of singing opera professionally.

demie work, Curtis landed on the PCC Dean's list winter term. She planned to continue studying science and acting with a focus on voice, continuing intense supplementary voice lessons, and perhaps performing with The Portland Opera.

But plans change.

"One night," she says, "I sat straight up in my bed and the idea came to move to New Haven and study with an opera

Saunders, then sent her an e-mail citing her qualifications and inquiring if Saunders might work with her. A few days passed.

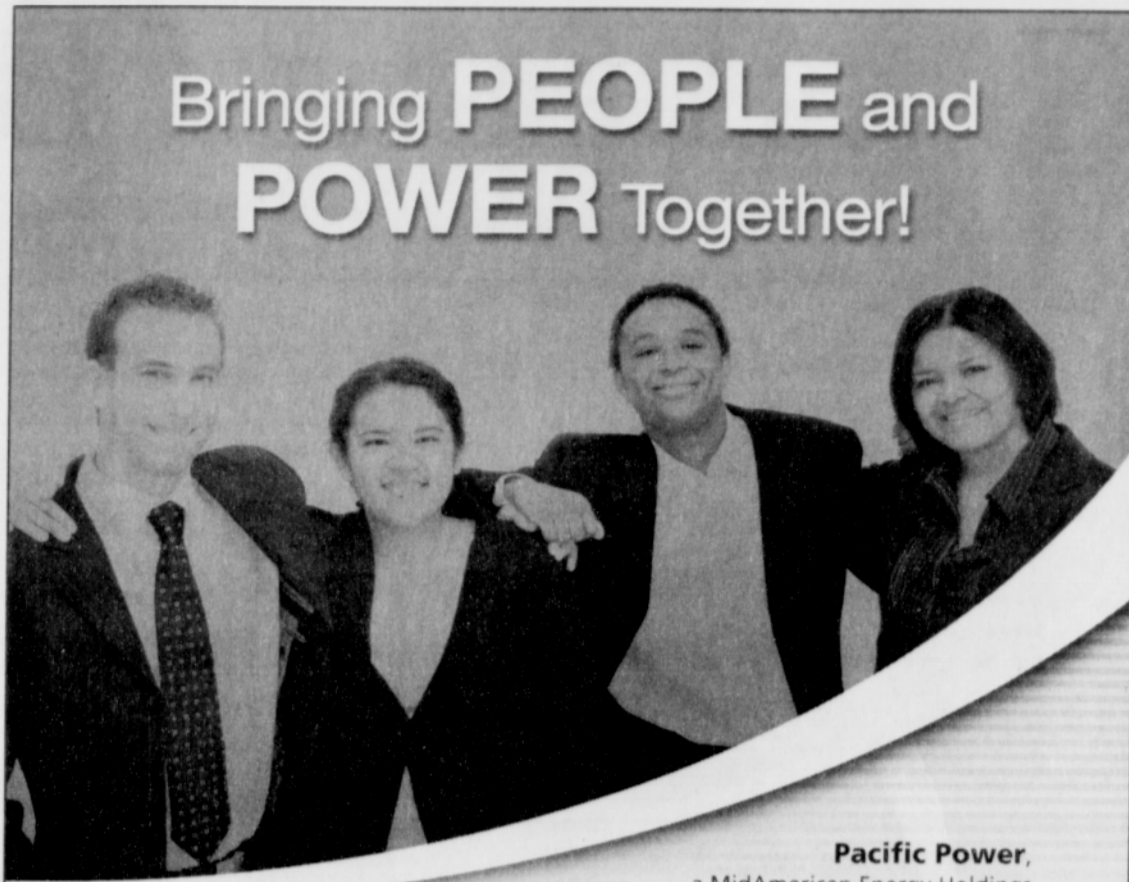
"I prayed to God to send me a sign," Curtis says. Saunders, then in Japan singing in a presentation of Madame Butterfly, responded to her e-mail. She'd be pleased to take Curtis on as a student.

Curtis will travel to Connecticut this month to work

ing together to create something different and beautiful."

Curtis, buff as an athlete, races from Starbucks to return to her studies and her plans.

"I truly love to study," she says, "but the solitude can be a dangerous thing." Still, every time she leaves solitude for the public arena she rises to the top. Her secret is her own incandescence combusting with hard work.



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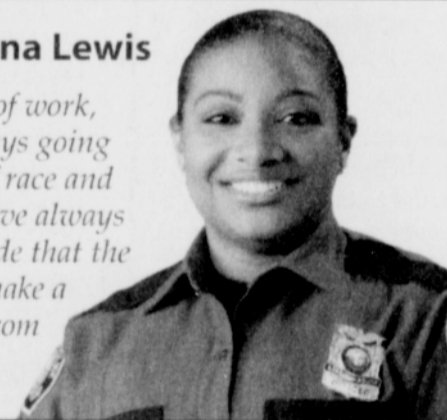
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