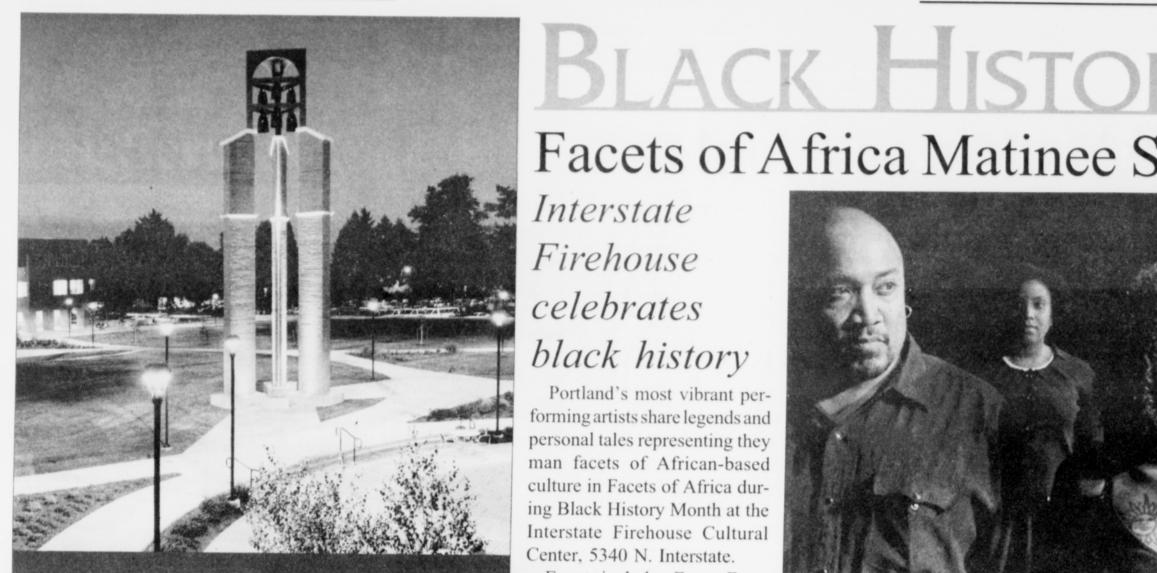
## The Portland Observer Black History Month

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## Celebrate **Black History Month** with Concordia University.

Concordia University welcomes inspirational religious leaders for Black History Month events this February. All events are free and open to the public. Visit www.cu-portland.edu for more information.



Rev. Dr. John Nunes, president and CEO of Lutheran World Relief, will discuss efforts to eradicate malaria in Africa. | February 5, 1:00 p.m. LUTHER HALL ROOM 121

## Facets of Africa Matinee Series

Interstate Firehouse celebrates black history

Portland's most vibrant performing artists share legends and personal tales representing they man facets of African-based culture in Facets of Africa during Black History Month at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate.

Events include a Facets Family Day on Saturday, Feb. 20 at 1 p.m.; a Facets Matinee Series, Tuesdays and Thursdays through Feb. 18 at 10 a.m.; and a galley exhibit through Saturday, Feb. 20.

Featured performing artists include Habiba, a native of Ghana, West African who has performed in the United Sates and internationally for 15 years; Caton Lyles, who has been active on the local music scene for 30 years; and Graceila Teofield, a keeper of family tales that brings the richness of Caribbean, Central American and American cultures through the spoken word.

A world premiere of a stage



The Intestate Firehouse Cultural Theatre, 5340 N. Interstate Ave., hosts the Base Roots Theatre production of Rocket Man, now playing through Feb. 27.



production called Rocket Man, shows through Feb. 27. The play, produced by Base Roots Theatre Company, is about the intimate romance of true love and the heroic romance of the spirit.

The IFCC is a community arts center that awakens cultural awareness by creating an environment for artists and audiences to explore, honor and celebrate diversity.

Caton Lyles

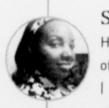
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Rev. Dr. Will Hardy, pastor of Highland Christian Center in northeast Portland, will join Concordia's Chapel Service. | February 11, 10:30 a.m. ST. MICHAELS LUTHERAN CHURCH, 6700 NE 29TH AVE (NEXT TO CAMPUS)



Rev. Alvin Bibbs, executive director of multi-church relations for Willow Creek Church in Chicago, will discuss "The Emerging Church and Race Relations." February 18, 7:00 p.m. LUTHER HALL ROOM 121



Saeeda Wright, worship leader at the Rehoboth World Healing Center in southeast Portland, will share her gift of song during Concordia's Chapel Service. February 24, 10:30 a.m. ST. MICHAELS LUTHERAN CHURCH. 6700 NE 29TH AVE (NEXT TO CAMPUS)



## Rev. Jackson to Speak at UO

Rev. Jesse Jackson, president and founder of the Rainbow/ PUSH Coalition, will visit the University of Oregon to talk about leadership and social justice.

The Tuesday, Feb. 16 talk, "With Justice for All: Human Rights and Civil Rights At Home and Abroad," is open to the public and will be held at 1 p.m. at Erb Memorial Union ballroom, 1222 E. 13th Ave. in Eugene. Doors open at 11:30 a.m.

Jackson has been called the "conscience of the nation" and "the great unifier," challenging



Rev. Jesse Jackson

humane priorities. Over the past 30 years he has played a pivotal America to establish just and role in virtually every movement

for empowerment, peace, civil rights, gender equality, and economic and social justice. He is known for bringing people together on common ground across lines of race, class, gender and belief.

Jackson began his activism as a student leader in the sit-in movement and continued as a young organizer for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference as an assistant to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. He went on to direct Operation Breadbasket and subsequently founded People United to Save Humanity (PUSH) in Chicago in 1971.

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