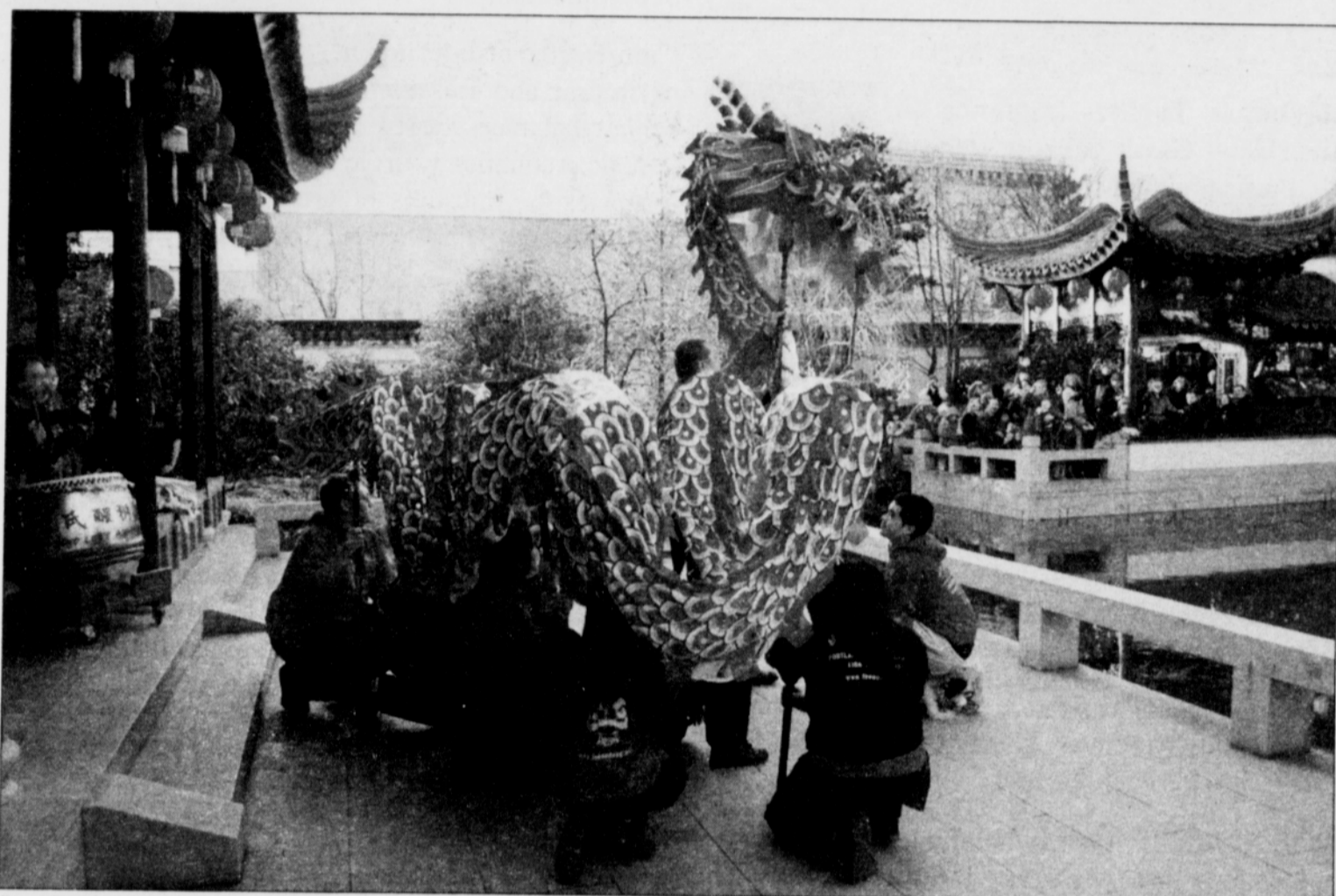


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Chinese Garden Celebrates



Lee's Association Dragon and Lion Dance Team performs at the Lan Su Chinese Garden. Located in Old Town/China Town, the garden is staging a two week festival for the Chinese New Year.

Two week festival for the Year of the Snake

The Lan Su Chinese Garden in Old Town/China Town celebrates the symbolism and history of the Chinese New Year and the arrival of the Year of the Snake with a two week festival.

The most colorful, sensational and joyous of all Chinese festivals, the event for families and individuals roars with lion dances, glows with lanterns, and entertains with cultural activities and demonstrations.

The activities include a traditional tea ceremony, Chinese yo-yo, and fan and sword demonstrations. Interactive activities include a make your own snake activity, live snake demonstrations, tai chi and more. There will be music and dance performances by local Chinese schools and talks on feng shui, food, calligraphy and holiday plants.

Lion dances, the most colorful and loudest of New Year activities, will greet visitors on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.; and then are repeated at the same times on Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 16 and 17, and Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23 and 24.

Three magical nights of traditional lantern viewing close out the festival on Friday, Feb. 22 through Sunday, Feb. 24, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each night. The entertainment includes a dragon procession led by Lee's Association Lion and Dragon Dance Team and a lantern dance by the Portland Chinese Dance Troupe.

The after hours events require a special admission ticket for entry. More information and tickets are available at lansugarden.org. The Chinese Garden is located at 239 N.W. Everett St.

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