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**Saluting Portland's First's
for Black History**



Matt Dishman was Vanport's First Black Sheriff and Portland Police Officer. The Matt Dishman Community Center in Northeast Portland is named after him.

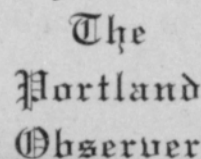


William A. Hilliard was the Oregonian's first black staff reporter, after being hired as a copy boy when he was 25. He became the city editor, assistant managing editor and then the newspaper's first black editor in 1986.



Bethel AME Church is one of Portland's Oldest Black Christian churches that's over 100 years old. It was formed by a small group of twenty Christians in 1889. It has moved several times and is currently located in Northeast Portland.

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**The 11th Annual
Cascade Festival
of African Films
Schedule**

This month of February promises to be an exciting time for Portland Community College. A variety of cultural events will grace PCC's campuses during the month to commemorate Black History Month. All events are free and open to the public, including the centerpiece of the celebration, the 11th Annual Cascade Festival of African Films, which will show more than 20 films.

The film festival will also pay tribute to the great Senegalese director Djibril Diop Mambety, who died in 1998. In a partial retrospective, the films are *The Girl Who Sold the Sun*, and two earlier festival favorites: *Touki Bouki* and *Hyenas*.

There is a new element to the festival this year. On Thursday evenings, a series of documentary films from Cameroon, Sudan, Sierra Leone, and South Africa are planned.

As with the other evening film showings, a discussion will follow, generally by individuals from those countries. The film festival will continue to have Thursday afternoon matinees, beginning at noon. This will be a chance for the community to see the same films that will be shown on Friday and Saturday evenings. Finally, *Kirikou and the Sorceress* (now in English) will be shown for the Family Film Day at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 17. Bring the children for a time of storytelling, film and more.

McMenamins Kennedy School and the Oregon Council for the Humanities sponsor the 11th Annual Cascade Festival of African Films. For more information, phone the information line at 503/244-6111 (ext. 3630).

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