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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### Scholarship Help

The Women's Resource Center is holding a workshop on Scholarship Application ABCs from 3 to 4 p.m. Nov. 17 at PCC's Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth Blvd. SSB Rm. 103.

### Home Fair

The African American Homebuyers Fair is from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 8 at the Legacy Emanuel Hospital and Health Center Atrium, 501 N. Graham St. For more information, call 503-285-5555.

### Ultimate Freedom

The 45th Annual Portland RV Show will roll through town from noon to 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 5 through Sunday, Nov. 9, at the Portland Metro Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Drive. \$8.

### Samba Class

The World Dance Office presents an 8-week fall samba workshop with live music from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays through Nov. 25. Classes are at the Peter Stott Center, Rm. 207. \$6. For more information, call 503-725-5670.

### Classic Scare

The Northwest Children's Theater and School presents, "Night of the Living Dead," at 7 p.m. Oct. 30. \$8. 1819 NW Everett St. For more information, call 503-222-4480.

### Mashing the Night Away

Meet the ghosts haunting McMenamins Grand Lodge at a Halloween Dance from 7 to 10 p.m. Oct. 31. For more information, visit [www.mcmenamins.com](http://www.mcmenamins.com). Free.

### Orchid Love

Fall in love with gorgeous orchid blooms at the Fall Orchid Show and Sale from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 8 and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 9 at the Washington County Fair Complex in Hillsboro. \$3 for both days.

### Pasghetti Benefit

St. Charles Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner, including salad, bread, drinks, wine and dessert, is from noon to 6:30 p.m. Nov. 2 at the church on 42 Avenue and Northeast Emerson. Dinners are \$8 for adults and \$4 for kids.

### Body, Mind & Spirit

A Body, Mind & Spirit Expo, the largest health and wellness expo of its kind, is at the Oregon Convention Center, 777 NE MLK Jr. Blvd., from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Nov. 8 and from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Nov. 9. Weekend admission is \$8. For more information, call 541-482-3722.

### Mirror Mirror

A discussion on skin care and body sculpting is the topic for the Providence Women's Wellness Series from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at Providence Portland Medical Center Amphitheater, 4805 NE Glisan St. For reservations, call 503-574-6595.

### Colors of Fall

The Hoyt Arboretum is teaching a workshop on Mushrooms of Northwest Oregon from 9:30 to noon on Nov. 1. \$10. To register, call 503-823-3601.

### Chimps Gone Wild

Jane Goodall brings enthusiasts closer to nature with "Wild Chimpanzees," through May at the Omnimax Theater, 1945 S.E. Water Ave. Tickets are \$8.50. For more information, visit [www.wildchimpanzees.org](http://www.wildchimpanzees.org).

## Community Involvement Day

One day. One goal. Give back.

The words rang loud for employees of the retail giant Nike last week when 840 of its workers volunteered at 42 locations in Multnomah and Washington counties as part of Community Involvement Day.

Led by Nike Brand President Mark Parker, employees worked side-by-side with teams from local social service agencies to provide much-needed services to the community. In one day, employees contributed 4,200 volunteer hours, which the company matched at \$10 an hour with community grants.

"Giving back to the communities where we work, live and play has always been one of Nike's core values," said Parker. "Whether it involves helping kids get physically active or working to address the issue of hunger in Oregon, Nike and its employees are proud to reserve this special day for making a significant, positive impact in our community."

Both Hands On Portland and Volunteers of America Oregon worked with Nike to identify the beneficiary organizations and to define the types of projects that were implemented throughout the day.

WNBA stars Swin Cash (Detroit Shock) and Tamika Catchings (Indiana Fever) were also on hand to participate in the day's events.



Nike executive Elliot Hill leads kids from Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School in the making a human pyramid during PE class on Community Involvement Day.

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## Rip City is Read City

Local insurance agent and former Trail Blazer Michael Harper helps kids learn at the Victory Outreach charter school. The Blazers donated books and magazines to the northeast Portland school as part of a Read to Achieve program.

## Bittersweet Anniversary

Crisis workers reflect on 30 years of struggle

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The Portland Women's Crisis Line knows the meaning of struggle. From the intensity of helping a victim in a crisis to the loss of co-workers in a mass resignation, the staff has endured and triumphed, celebrating its 30th anniversary as a domestic violence and sexual assault crisis line.

"Our history has struggle in it and a lot of success," said Aimee Shattuck, co-chair of the crisis line board.

The agency answers more than 10,000 calls each year with crisis counseling and advocacy. Its members also lecture at schools and community groups about sexual assault and domestic violence.

For executive director Barbara Ballou, the anniversary is bittersweet.

"It just feels like 30 years is a long time and I think it's unfortunate that the agency still needs to be in business," she said, alluding to the ever continuing need for helping women in domestic abuse.

The agency's uneven history will be the topic of a keynote speech by Deborah Holton, a local women's advocate, during the group's 30th anniversary celebration on Nov. 1.

"She's going to talk about our ups and downs and how proud we are that we've stayed alive for 30 years, through good and bad economics and good and bad politics," said Shattuck.

The agency has had its own share of internal strife. In 1999, the board and executive director resigned at once, leaving other staff and volunteers scrambling for leadership.

Budget cuts also hit the agency hard, as a bad economy resulted in a loss of federal dollars.

"Domestic violence is a hard thing to be fundraising around because it's depressing and there's a lot of victim-blaming in the community. It's easier to fundraise for animals or children," said Shattuck.

Another challenge for the round-the-clock and often on-call staff has been earning a living wage and creating a good working environment with break periods, benefits and an open grievance policy.

The staff will vote within weeks on joining the Industrial Workers of the World, Local 65, and if the major-

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