

Focus

Interstate Firehouse Celebrates Culture



Sylvia Welch's "Mud Mosaic" is inspired by mud cloths of West Africa.

Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center announces two gallery exhibitions featuring Sylvia Welch and a Marti Gras Art Auction Preview.

The Marti Gras exhibit is on display in the Main Gallery through the gala event from 7 to 11 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21. Tickets are \$40 for individuals and \$75 for couples.

Welch's work is exhibited in the Entry Gallery, and will show through Feb. 26 in celebration of Black History Month.

Welch, inspired by the rich palette and texture of the African mud cloths of Mali, West Africa, presents fabric wall-hangings- variations of a flat weave, with colors and patterns juxtaposed to create a vibrant surface of rich black, brown and ochre hues.

For more information, call 503-823-4322 or visit www.ifcc-arts.org.



Michael Taylor's "Down Cut" will be auctioned at a Marti Gras gala on Thursday, Feb. 26.



TV court Judge Greg Mathis and former members of the Tuskegee Airmen join forces to salute Black History Month on the nationally syndicated show "Judge Mathis."

Judge Puts Black History Before Viewers

Fights racist traditions with month-long broadcasts

This month "Judge Mathis" is airing in-show vignettes celebrating the achievements of African Americans and specifically organizations that have forged ahead in the face of racial segregation in honor of Black History Month.

The profiles focus on the strength and courage of black Americans to fight against racist traditions. They include The Ne-

gro League, which thrived until the color line in baseball was broken in 1946; The Southern Christian Leadership Conference, which continues to champion the struggle for human rights; Tuskegee Airmen who broke color barriers in the U.S. Army Air Corps and later in the U.S. Air Force.

As a young man, Greg Mathis was involved with gangs, dropped

out of school, spent time in jail and then, as a promise to his dying mother, turned his life around. He attended college, earned a law degree, became the youngest judge in Michigan's history and then served as a Superior Court Judge for Michigan's 36th District.

"Judge Mathis" airs in Portland on KPDX/UPN 49 each weekday at 9 a.m. and noon.

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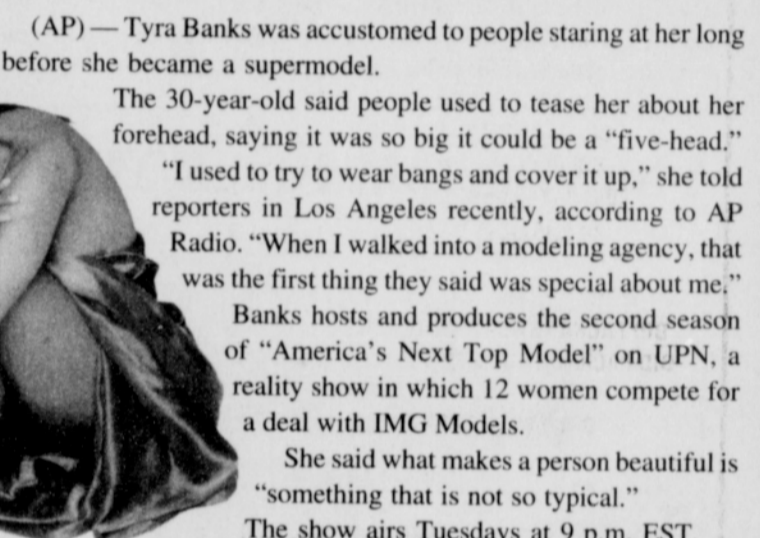
(AP) — Tyra Banks was accustomed to people staring at her long before she became a supermodel. The 30-year-old said people used to tease her about her forehead, saying it was so big it could be a "five-head."

"I used to try to wear bangs and cover it up," she told reporters in Los Angeles recently, according to AP Radio. "When I walked into a modeling agency, that was the first thing they said was special about me."

Banks hosts and produces the second season of "America's Next Top Model" on UPN, a reality show in which 12 women compete for a deal with IMG Models.

She said what makes a person beautiful is "something that is not so typical."

The show airs Tuesdays at 9 p.m. EST.



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