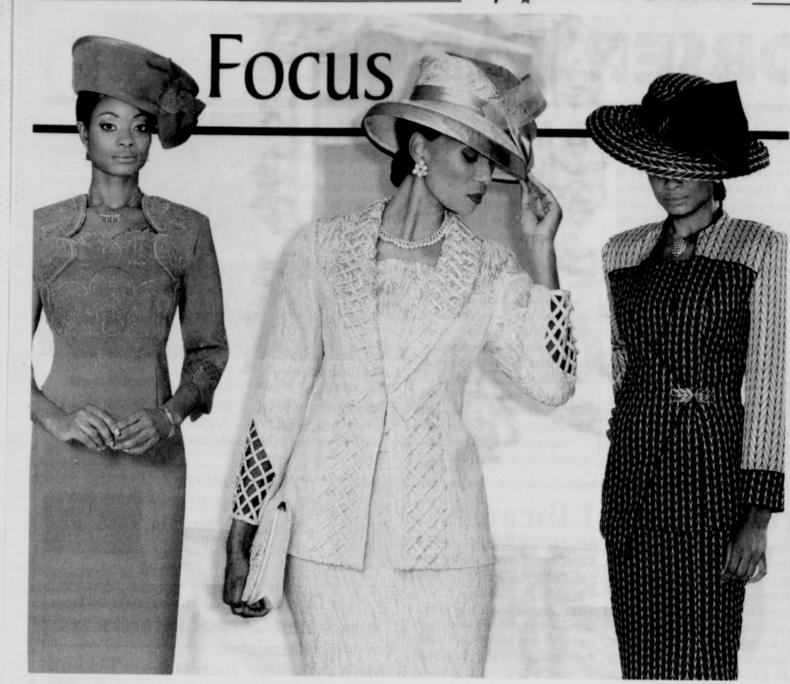
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Elegant outfits are modeled from the Donna Vinci spring collection.

Fashions from the Soul

Outfits for the African-American plussized woman

The intuition and remarkable creativity of fashion designer Donna Vinci has garnered him a devoted following amongst African-American churchgoing and professional that comes from the soul: Classy gospel couture for women of all

flawless workmanship. The slimming for Donna Vinci Couture. shapes, novel designs, quality fabric and ubiquitous color all combine to create a style that is as transcendent as the spoken word.

Donna Vinci fashions are easily appropriate for every special occasion from weddings, Easter or Mother's Day, to giving entirely new meaning to your "Sunday Best."

Women should celebrate their curves, and I thank the Lord that a else the reality of the modern designer has finally realized the fashion industry: Elegant fashwomen. Imagine stunning elegance needs of today's women," said Grammy-nominated - and notoriously fashionable - gospel diva ever as women face increasingly sizes featuring magnificent hats and Dottie Peoples, the spokeswoman unrealistic portrayals of beauty

The clothing line's lead designer Danny Golshan is a third generation fashion designer whose family hails from the same region that has produced handmade Persian carpets that are known because of their stunning quality, for over a thousand years.

He realizes more than anyone ions custom cut to flatter figures are more relevant now than

and body image in all forms of media.

Perhaps creating exquisite highquality clothing for the full figured woman is not the answer to addressing the distorted body images, but it is a reflection of the growing determination of women everywhere to be judged for who they are and what they have to offer as vibrant members of their community

"When I look my best, it helps me feel and sing my best," Peoples said

To view all the latest collections visitwww.donnavinci.com.

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Authorities said the shoot

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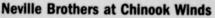
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Lil' Kim, Entourage Charged with Lying

Rapper Lil' Kim arrives at court in New York accompanied by her lawyer to turn herself in on charges she lied to authorities investigating a 2001 shooting at the hip hop radio station Hot97, WQHT. (AP photo)



The Neville Brothers bring their Mardi Gras Mambo and New Orleans Big Easy sound to Chinook Winds, Casino and Convention Center in Lincoln City, May 7 and Saturday, May 8.

Ongoing and Upcoming Music

The Blue Monk on Belmont plays live jazz. For a schedule, visit www.thebluemonk.com. Interstate Bar and Grill has mature live music at 4234 N. Interstate. The Black Notes plays Thursdays at the Candlelight Room. Mel Brown plays jazz at Jimmy Maks on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Fridays and Saturdays at Salty's on the Columbia. A Community Unity Breakfast is every third Thursday at SEI at 7:30 a.m. Skip Elliott Bowman Jazz Trio plays Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at Hannah Bea's, on northeast Shaver. R&B and live funk bands perform weekends at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center.

Dino Discovery at Oregon Zoo

The Oregon Zoo discovers Dino Island: The Land of Civilization Forgot through April 30. This simulator thrill ride includes riders on a scientific team whose mission is to explore a newly formed island, baffling environmentalists around the world. The ride is \$4 in addition to general admission. For more information, call 503-226-1561 or visit www.oregonzoo.org.

Artist's Featured at Abbey Cafe

The Abbey Café, 441 N. Killingsworth St., invites musicians to sell their CDs and perform on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, call 503-286-4847.

Laughing Through It

A Portland Jam Night plans to heal the community's ills through laughter at the Wave Theatre in north Portland. The live music and sketch improv comedy is at 9 p.m. Fridays. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids. For more information, call 503-735-4184 or visit www.jam-night.com.

Larger Than Life-sized

OMSI's big-screen OMNIMAX theater is "Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West" through June and "Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees"

(AP)-Lil' Kim, the Grammy- her manager, Damion Butler, bo winning rapper known for her outrageously revealing outfits and sexually charged lyrics, was charged April 14 with lying to a apparently happened as Lil' Kin New York grand jury about a 2001 shootout involving her entourage.

The 28-year-old star, whose real the entourage of the rival rap gro name is Kimberly Jones, turned Capone-N-Noreaga was arrivi herself in at federal court. Her at- One man in the duo's entoura torney, Mel Sachs, called the was wounded. The indictment s charges "baseless."

Also charged in the case were other person fired guns.

through May. For more information, call 503-79 4588

Trippin' through Town

Take a trip through time to find the hottest poetry, hip-hop and so influencing Portland on Wednesdays at the Ohm. \$7 cover. 31 N. First Ave.

Jazz Mass Performance

Pacific University to present the world premiere new arrangements of the only Jazz Mass comm sioned by the Vatican at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May in McCready Hall in the Taylor-Meade Performi Arts Center on Pacific University campus. Gener admission is \$5, and \$3 for students and seniors. F more information call 503-352-2918.

Blazers Street Jam

Blazer Street Jam 3-on-3 basketball to benefit th Special Olympics Oregon is on July 16-18. For information, vis

www.blazersstreetjam.com.

The School of Rock

The School of Rock presents Music Law Basics the Mississippi Pizza Pub with attorney Pet Vaughan Shaver from 4-6 p.m. Sunday, April 2 Free admission. For more information, call 503-88 4480.

Musical Event

An Evening with John Farrell, a musician and writer, is from 7-8 p.r May 15 at the Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd. Ticket are \$ for kids, \$7 for adult and \$12.50 for a family. For more information, vis www.hollywoodtheatre.org.

Toots & The Maytals

Toots & the Maytals will perform with special guests at 8 p.m. May at the Roseland Theater. Ticket are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the doo To charge by telephone, call (503) 224-8499 or (503) 992-8499 or to orde online, visit www.ticketswest.com.

Le Femme Filmposium!

Le Femme Filmposium is from May 22-23 at Itisness, 3016 N.I Killingsworth. For information, visit www.zonkerfilms.com.

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