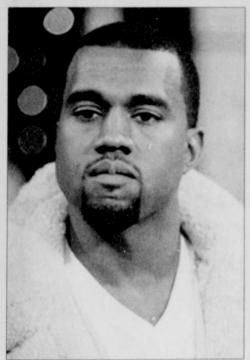
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Top Image Award Nominees

Achievements celebrated by **NAACP**

(AP)—Kanye West, Alicia Keys and Mariah Carey earned four nominations each for the NAACP Image Awards, including best song and album, while Terrence Howard had two acting nominations for the films "Hustle & Flow" and "Crash."

'Crash," an ensemble drama weaving multiple story lines over a tumultuous 36-hour stretch in Los Angeles, led movie contenders

with six nominations, including best picture and four of the five supporting-actor slots, for Howard, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Don Cheadle and Larenz Tate.

Thandie Newton earned a supporting-actress nomination for "Crash."

Howard had a lead-actor nomination for "Hustle & Flow," in which he plays a pimp and drug peddler trying to start a rap-music career. The film also was nominated for best film.

Other best-picture nominees were "Coach Carter," "Diary of a Mad Black Woman" and

Best-album nominees included Keys ("Alicia Keys Unplugged"), Carey ("The Emancipation of Mimi") and West ("Late Registration"). All three had best-song nominations, Keys for "Un-

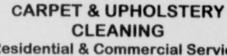
breakable," Carey for "We Belong Together" and West for "Diamonds From Sierra Leone."

Kimberly Elise had two nominations, for best movie actress ("Diary of a Mad Black Woman") and actress in a TV drama ("Close to Home").

Other television nominees included Halle Berry for best actress in a movie, miniseries or dramatic special ("Their Eyes Were Watching God"), Dennis Haysbert for best actor in a drama series ("24"), and "The Bernie Mac Show" and "Everybody Hates Chris" for best comedy series.

The 37th annual Image Awards, for achievement by blacks in movies, television, music and literature, will be presented Feb. 25 in Los Angeles, with the ceremony airing on Fox on March 3.

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English Royals at Lakewood

The public has always had a fascination with the ruling class of England, or as they're called, The Royals. Even today, the late Princess Diana is still frequently in the news, as is her husband, Price Charles. Against this backdrop comes The Lion in Winter, a play by James Goldman being performed by the Lakewood Theatre Co. in Lake Oswego through Feb. 19.

This ingenious drama, directed by Bill Dobson, pits King Henry II (Ted Roisum) against his strongwilled wife Eleanor of Aquitaine (Rebecca Becker) and their three heirs in a 12th-century struggle for love and power.

Showtimes are at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and Sundays at 7 p.m. There will be Sunday center.org



Rebecca Becker as Eleanor of Aquitaine and Ted Roisum as King Henry II star in The Lion In Winter.

matinees on Jan. 22 and Feb. 19 at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$24 for adults and \$22 for both students and seniors. Call the Lakewood Theatre Box Office at 503-635-3901 or visit www.lakewood-



Mel Brown



Concert for Music Program

Local jazz great Mel Brown and saxophonist Renato Caranto will headline a special concert for the Thara Memory American Music Program.

The benefit is scheduled at 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 22 at Pacific Crest Community School on Northeast 29th Avenue and Davis Street. Admission is \$5.

The local music program helps lock kids learn music and identify with American composers.

For more information about the concert, call 503-810-1003 or visit www.americanmusicprogram.org.

Explore Local *On* **Art Scene**

Area residents can explore the burgeoning art scene on Alberta Street this winter through two non-credit classes by Portland Community College. Hands-on working art studios and galleries where new ideas and new artists are emerging every day.



Artmaking as Playful Prayer is a class and creative experiences will take place in that uses new cultural and spiritual influences in art to make a collage. It meets from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Feb. 1 through March 8, at Collage, 1639 N.E.

Alberta. Cost is \$80.

Wild and Whimsical Pastel Workshop teaches students to use pastel as bold and playful color. It begins with drawing and finishes with two pieces of completed artwork. The class will meet from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4, at The Core Source, 5509 N.E. 30th Ave. Cost is \$60. All supplies are included.

For more information, call the PCC Community Education office at 503-

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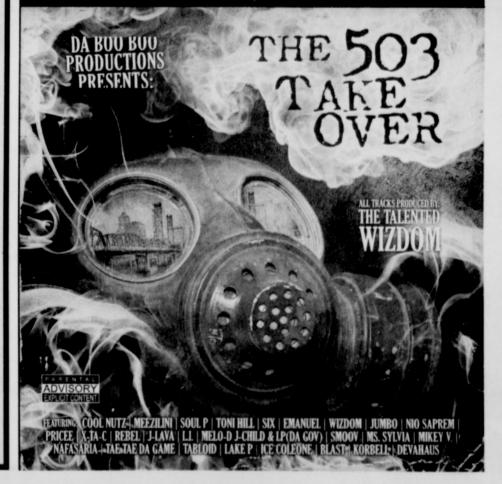
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Cuban artist Elio Gonzalez creates playful sensuous works in acrylic and silkscreen poster-

Playful, Cuban Art

Playful and sensuous paintings by Cuban Elio Gonzalez will be on exhibit at Onda Arte Latina/Cross Currents Gallery, 2215 N.E. Alberta St. on Thursday, Jan. 26 to Tuesday, Feb. 21.

The exhibit is part of a show on Cuban art and Cuban

Gonzalez' acrylic and silkscreen poster-like serigraphs artworks show how a cigar is more than a cigar and an avocado is more than an avocado when combined with other symbols of Caribbean erotism.

For more information, call 503-503-493-1909.