

# METRO

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## The Vagina Monologues

Performance will raise funds for worldwide anti-violence campaign  
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SECTION B

### Community Calendar

#### Budgeting Workshop

Learn how to save and stretch your money. Offered in English, Vietnamese, Spanish and Russian on Monday, Feb. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at Kelly Elementary School, 9030 S.E. Cooper St. Free childcare and food. RSVP to Amie Diffenauer, 503-788-8052, extension 105.

#### Canine 101 Class

"Problem Pooch" group discussion for anyone who has just entered pethood or is considering adopting a dog. Classes offered Saturdays, March 4 and 18 at 11 a.m. Oregon Humane Society, 1067 NE Columbia Blvd. Suggested \$10 donation and please leave pets at home. For more information call 503-285-7722 or visit [www.oregonhumane.org](http://www.oregonhumane.org).

#### Meet Lucinda Tate

Area residents are invited to make history by supporting Lucinda Tate in her campaign to become the first woman of color to sit on City Council. A meet and greet with the candidate is scheduled Friday, Feb. 24 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Talking Drum/Reflections, Walnut Park Retail Center, 446 N.E. Killingsworth.

#### OMSI Animal Secrets

Where does a chipmunk sleep? Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) provides answers in a new exhibit opening March 14. The museum is located at 1945 S.E. Water Ave. For more information call 503-797-OMSI(6674).

#### Community Baby Shower

Soroptimist International of Gresham will collect new or gently used clothing, disposable diapers, baby wipes, diaper pails, pacifiers, shampoo, bath towels and car seats, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, March 4, at the Gresham Fred Meyer, 2497 S.E. Burnside. For pick-up service, call Vickie Kavanagh at 503-294-5941.

#### Al-Anon Meeting

Free "Solutions and Serenity" meetings for anyone affected by another person's drinking are held every Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 147 N.W. 19th at Everett. For more information, call Julianna Tassone at 503-367-6115.

#### Support Abortion Rights

The group Radical Women invites supporters of abortion rights to show their support to the clients and staff of the Lovejoy Surgicenter, a women's health center, on Saturday, March 18 at 8:30 a.m. Meet at northwest corner of Northwest Lovejoy and 25th Ave. Contact Radical Women at 503-240-4462.

#### Courageous Moms Seminar

Rick Johnson will present Courageous Moms: Raising Boys to Become Good Men on March 18 at 9 a.m. at Parkrose High School and Community Center, 12003 N.E. Shaver St. Childcare and activities for kids provided. Cost is free, but limited to first 100 registrants. To register call 503-665-3761 or e-mail [rick@betterdads.net](mailto:rick@betterdads.net).

#### Bradley-Angle House

The Bradley-Angle House needs volunteers to help its outreach against domestic violence. Women of color and bilingual women are encouraged to call. For more information, call 503-282-9940.

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# Examining the Evidence

## Teenagers take on roles in mock trial

Teenagers and a stolen watch.

Approximately 50-60 minority high school students from the Portland-metro area worked with law students and lawyers in a mock trial that examines a criminal situation.

The students were divided into prosecution and defense teams and then put on their own trial, judged by volunteers from Portland's legal community. The mock trial on Feb. 11 was part of National Minority Law Student Recruitment Month at Lewis & Clark Law School.

Mock trials have brought rave reviews from student participants who are motivated by the experience.

After dividing into teams, students receive the criminal situation, which deals with a stolen watch. They are assigned roles, including opening statement, closing statement, direct questions, and objections.

According to Rigo Núñez, assistant director of admissions at the law school, the event is not to promote a career in law.

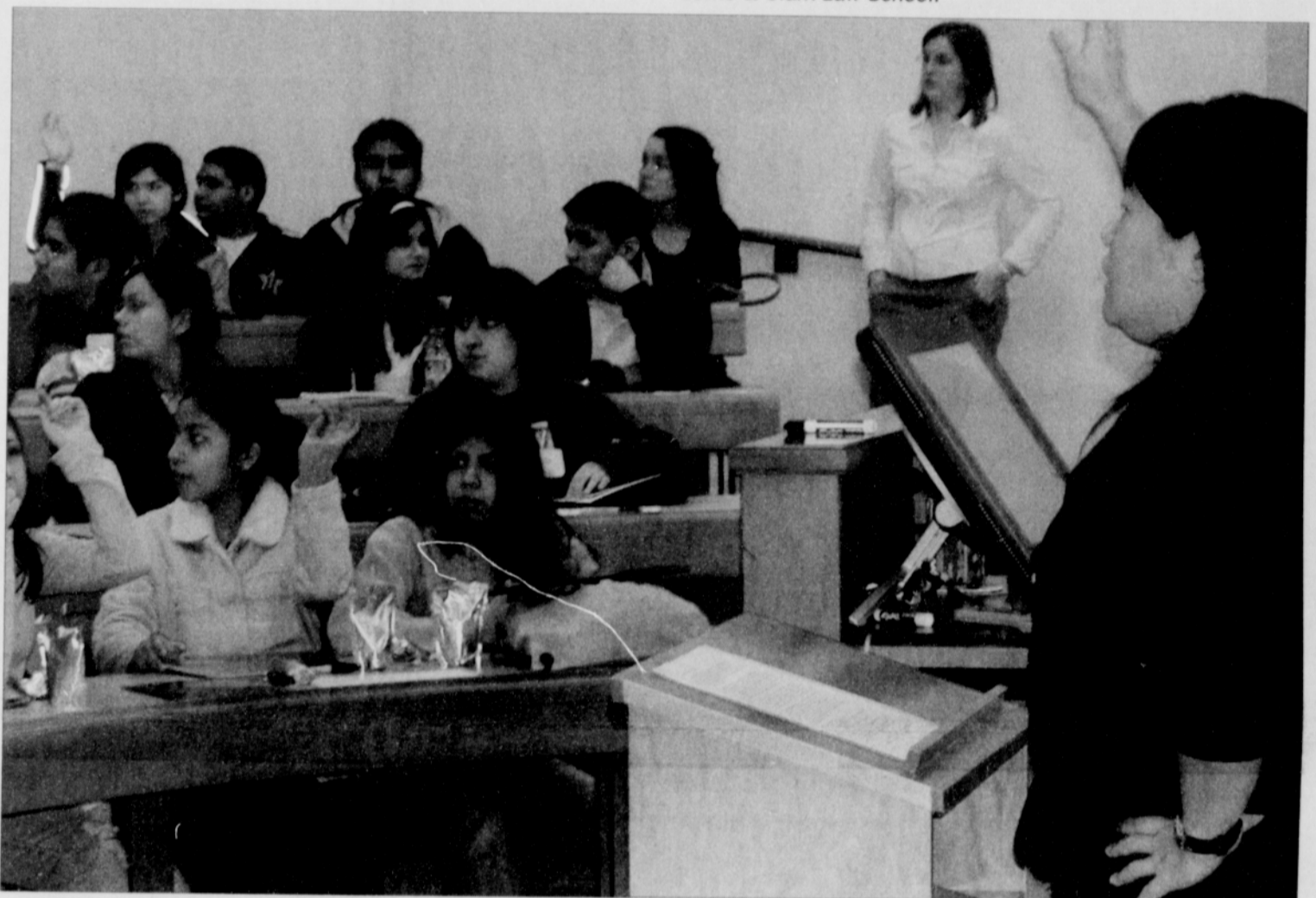
"We want to give these students, many of whom come from families with no history

of higher education, the opportunity to see that they can succeed," Núñez says. "Higher education of any kind is within their grasp; we just want to give them a positive introduction to it."

The law school partners with Portland Community College's Educational Talent Search at the Rock Creek campus and

Portland State University's TRIO programs to reach out to minority teens for the mock trial.

"I'm thrilled to see a shy student develop confidence even in this one-day event, to do an opening or closing argument in the mock trial, and leave with so much confidence," says Núñez.



Instructor J.B. Kim sets the stage for a mock trial for minority high school students from the Portland area at Lewis & Clark Law School. The college hosted the event to promote higher education as a gateway to careers in law and other pursuits.

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# Warfield Honors Jazz Legend Etta James

## In Black History Month tribute

Liv Warfield, a rising star in the Portland music scene, will honor legendary blues singer Etta James on Saturday, Feb. 24, at the local jazz hotspot Jimmy Mak's.

Liv and her group The Warfield Project will perform "A Tribute To Etta James," as homage to the blues pioneer and living legend, most famous for her amazing vocal techniques and strong jazz influences. The show is part of the Portland Jazz Festival and is a tribute to Black History Month.

Liv & The Warfield Project features jazzy instrumentals and R&B blends, infused with a soul and funk flavor. Warfield created the group after finding success as the lead vocalist with the local popular group Silky.

Warfield moved to Portland from Peoria, Ill. when she was 20, with a track and field scholarship at Portland State University. She spent her childhood pursuing

athletic abilities, but after arriving in Portland she began adapting her focus and dedication to her musical talents.

In the beginning, Warfield honed her skills almost religiously, through karaoke. Stages across the city served as her training grounds, where she learned to perfect the styles of vocal powerhouses Chaka Chan, Etta James, Patti Labelle and Jill Scott, to name a few. After receiving encouragement to move beyond the style of others, Warfield found confidence in her own voice, described as a "soul blend."

Warfield will follow her performance at Jimmy Mak's with the final shows of "The Warfield Series," a collection of live performances by the group at Studio 1050, Feb. 25 and March 17.

"A Tribute To Etta James" begins at 9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24 at Jimmy Mak's, 300 N.W. 10th Ave. Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$12. For more information call 503-295-6542.

"The Warfield Series" will be at Studio 1050, located at 1050 S.E. Water Ave. For information on times and tickets, call 503-702-2261.



Local singer Liv Warfield will honor the legendary blues singer in "A Tribute to Etta James."

# Ambassadorship Awaits Woodlawn Girl

## Community help will make dream come true

A local 5th grader who is excelling in school will study overseas in pursuit of her dreams with a little bit of help from the community.

Njeri Ford of Woodlawn Elementary in northeast Portland was recently interviewed and accepted to participate as a member of

the People to People Student Ambassador Program traveling to Europe this coming summer.

The objective of the program is to promote international understanding while building leadership skills among America's youth. The 14-day experience includes meetings with government officials, interaction with other students Njeri's age, and educational activities.



Njeri Ford

People to People was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956 who believed that if people from different cultures could come together in peace and friendship, so eventually would different countries in the world.

Njeri plans to share her experience with local schools and civic clubs when she returns.

But to make the opportunity possible, she needs help raising the more than \$4,000 for needed transportation,

accommodations, meals and educational activities.

Donations can be made by check or money order to: People to People Student Ambassador, 110 S. Ferrall St., Spokane, WA 99202. Be sure to include Njeri Ford's name and student delegation number 781362.

Njeri is also making her time available to volunteer for assignments in the community and can be reached at 503-257-0473. For more information about People to People, visit [www.studentambassadors.org](http://www.studentambassadors.org).