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Super Bowl Win

Dungy beats protege Smith for biggest win of his career

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37
years of
community service

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Community Calendar

Bernice King Honored

Saturday, Feb. 10, at 6:30 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, 1441 N.E. Second Ave., the Williams-King Vancouver Avenue Baptist Church scholarship banquet will host Bernice A. King, the youngest daughter of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as the motivational keynote speaker. Tickets are \$50 per person. For more information, call 503-282-9496.

Ghana Women's Art Exhibit

WSU Vancouver, 14204 N.E. Salmon Creek Ave., hosts a powerful West African art exhibit with guest lecturer and well-known Ghanaian art historian Nii Quarcoopome. The gallery hours are Monday thru Thursday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Fridays 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 360-546-9580.

Say Hey Meet and Greet

Thursday, Feb. 8, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., Partners in Diversity will host a Say Hey, NW meet and greet reception to welcome new professionals of color to Oregon and Southwest Washington, at Self Enhancement, Inc., 3920 N. Kerby Ave. Call 503-516-3505 or email nakashimav@mac.com.

Girl Scouts Screen Video

Sunday, Feb. 11, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., at the Kennedy School Theater, the Girl Scouts will raise funds for its Family Giving Program with the screening of the locally produced video "A Circle is Round."

Men's Wellness Screening

Saturday, Feb. 10, Legacy Emanuel Hospital, Lorenzen Center, host Men's Wellness screening, 8 a.m. to Noon; health-screening tests are available for a fee of \$10, to schedule a required appointment, call 503-335-3500.

PCC: Recruiting Fair

Saturday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Portland Community College Cascade Campus Student Center Building-Dining Room, 705 N. Killingsworth St., host the free instructional fair to inform part-time faculty candidates of available opportunities.

Presidents Day Rally

Monday, Feb. 19, show your support to improve Portland public schools. Supporters will rally, rain-or-shine, on the capital steps in Salem at Noon. Visit stand.org/or/2007rally for more information.

Sisters Fat Tuesday

Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at 137 S.W. Sixth Ave., Sisters of the Road, a non-violent community advocacy group, will celebrate breaking ground on the Personalist Center expansion, with Fat Tuesday festivities include music, gumbo, and Mardi Gras fun. All are welcome to this free event.

Black History Foundation

The Black History Museum of Oregon is seeking the brilliant minds of concerned individuals to help in restructuring the museum foundation's committee. Call 503-284-0617 for more information.

Weight Loss Series

New Seasons Market at Northeast 33rd and Killingsworth Street will host free weight loss classes on Feb. 28, March 28, and April 25 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Community Support

The African American Health Coalition, a non-profit that touches the lives of millions of African Americans each year, reminds you to support your community organization. All donations, grants, and gifts are tax deductible. For more information, visit aaac-portland.org.

Diabetes Support Group

Legacy Emanuel Hospital hosts a diabetes support group the first and third Thursdays of every month, from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., in Room 1027.

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.

Parenting Classes

Newborns don't come with instruction manuals but parents and parents-to-be can attend classes through Providence Health Systems to learn about a variety of topics from pain and childbirth to breastfeeding to infant CPR and much more. For a schedule of events, call 503-574-6595 or visit: providence.org/classes.

Critical Housing Success

Southeast site transforms unsafe area

Lincoln Woods has a sordid past life as a dilapidated drug house amid a vacant field, but now stands proudly as an affordable and safe community for East County residents.

Lincoln Woods, 2333 S.E. 130th Ave., is the latest complex opened by Human Solutions, a local non-profit serving low-income and homeless individuals and families in Multnomah County.

The new neighborhood envelops four buildings made up of apartments and townhouses for 70 families, including nearly 200 children.

The original house was set on crumbling foundation with rotten floors, broken windows, mold and numerous leaks left by squatters and frequenting drug addicts. But you'd never know that by its present sight.

From the advanced framing techniques and energy efficient construction to a playground as its centerpiece, Lincoln Woods is a brightly painted and landscaped example of how one organization can transform an unsafe area into an accessible community for low-income families.

In a city where affordable housing is a critical social issue, Lincoln Woods' monthly rent is set at 30 percent to 50 percent of the Area Median Income. In their part to fill the gap, every unit was leased less than two weeks after the grand opening last month.



The southeast Portland affordable housing community of Lincoln Woods opened last month with 77 apartments and townhouses for families with children.



Portland non-profit Human Solutions demolished this drug house and turned the property into a new housing site, with the help of \$8 million in Low Income Housing Tax Credits and a \$1 million loan.

Portland International Film Festival



Which is the more dangerous predator: an eagle or a shark? That's a trick question in the New Zealand film "Eagle Vs Shark" at Regal Broadway Metroplex. Visit nwfilm.org for show times and dates.

Kicks off with broad mix for movie lovers

The Northwest Film Center reminds movie lovers there is life beyond big-budget Hollywood with the 30th Annual Portland International Film Festival, Feb. 9 through Feb. 24 on silver screens across the city.

This year's festival opens Friday at the Newmark Theatre at the Portland Center for the Performing Arts, with the internationally award winning German film "The Lives of Others," this year's Oscar nominee for the Best Foreign Language Film.

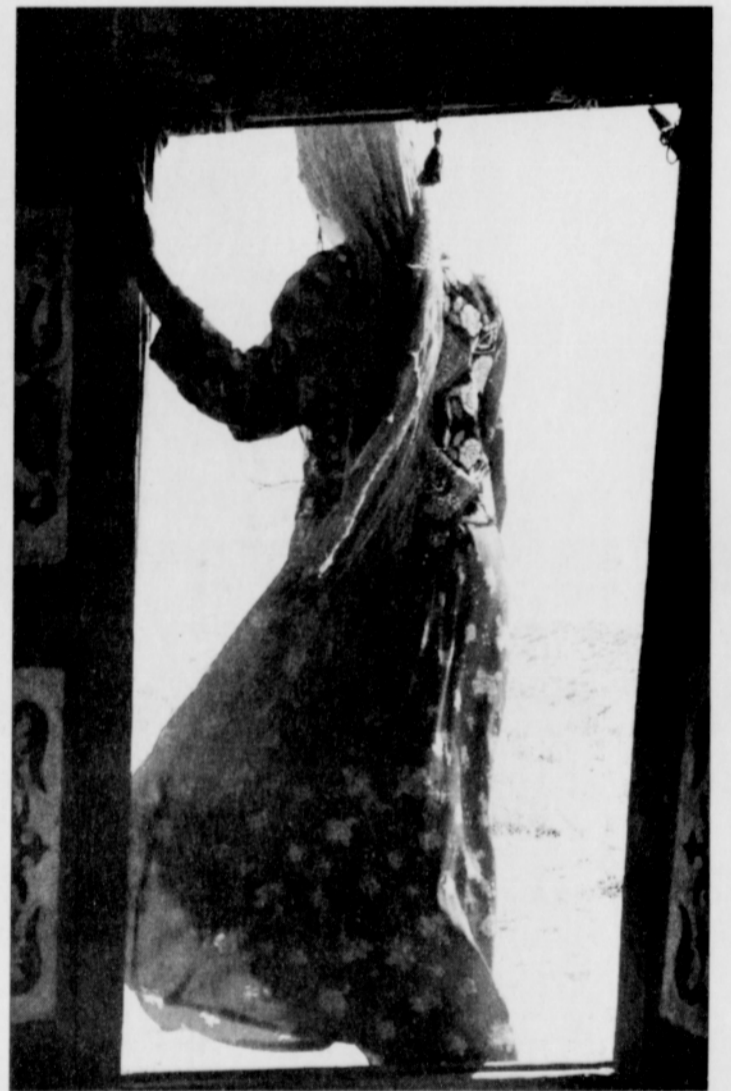
Director Florian Henckel von Donners will be in attendance, joining the audience for the opening

night party in the theater's foyer, featuring music by Portland's Stolen Sweets.

Festival films also will be shown at the Regal Broadway Metroplex, 1000 SW Broadway; Newmark Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway; Cinema 21, 616 N.W. 21st Ave. and the NW Film Center's Whitsell Auditorium in the Portland Art Museum, 1219 S.W. Park Ave.

The film festival is one of the region's most culturally diverse arts events and offers a window

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"37 Uses for a Dead Sheep" will be screened at Regal Broadway Metroplex, 1000 S.W. Broadway, during the Northwest Film Center's Portland International Film Festival, Feb. 9 through Feb. 24.

Diversity Officer Takes Helm Mikal Shabazz promotes workplace goals

Paul Scarlett, director of Portland's Bureau of Development Services, has promoted Mikal Shabazz to a newly created position for management of the bureau's diversity development/cultural competency and affirmative action programs.

Shabazz is charged with addressing various levels of bureau work related to conflict resolution, relationship building, out-

reach, recruitment and a host of other assignments.

"This appointment is aimed at furthering one of my primary goals within the bureau and that is to foster and promote a positive, productive and accepting working environment for both our employees and customers", says Scarlett.

Shabazz has been employed with the city for 18 years and



Mikal Shabazz

worked previously as a plumbing inspector.

As a respected leader in the community, he brings years of experience to the position in dealing with cultural competency issues and facilitating resolution of complex interpersonal and group conflicts.

He is an internationally known speaker on diversity issues and recently traveled to Sierra Leone to

assist villagers with health, infrastructure and community issues.

"To evolve the concept of diversity from committee to commitment, there must be a firm resolve on the part of management to dismantle systemic exclusivity and construct from the ground up inclusivity not only in words but in deeds," says Shabazz. "Change is not always easy, but necessary."