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years of  
community service

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### Community Calendar

#### Morning Star Barbecue

Saturday, March 3, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., all eight New Season's Market locations will host benefit barbecues with all proceeds going to rebuild the fire-ravaged Morning Star Baptist Church. Enjoy a delicious handmade sausage on a fresh baked bun, with an ice cold soft drink, \$4 per plate.

#### Date and Dash Speed Dating Party

Valentine's Day may be over but it's not late to start for next year. Chicago based speed dating company Date and Dash is coming to Portland. On March 7th, meet for new friends, food and fun. McFadden's Restaurant and Saloon located at 107 NW Couch is sponsoring the event. To sign up visit [dateanddash.com](http://dateanddash.com).

#### Humboldt Fund Raiser

Tuesday, March 6, McMenamins Chapel Pub, 430 N. Killingsworth, will contribute 50 percent of all food and beverage sales after 5 p.m. to the Humboldt Elementary School programs. Enjoy a delicious meal and help support the school.

#### 97th Anniversary Party

Saturday, March 17, from noon to 2 p.m., the Camp Fire USA Portland Metro Council will host the 97th birthday party. Filled with fun for all ages, activities including live entertainment, games, prizes, music, and even birthday cake. Call 503-224-7800 for more information.

#### One Hemisphere, Indivisible

Beginning, Thursday, March 1, at 7 p.m., the Bread & Roses Center, 819 N. Killingsworth St., will host the weekly discussion series exploring the origins of social revolt throughout America. Everyone is welcome to this free event. For more information call 503-240-4462.

#### Zoo Teens Needed

The Oregon Zoo needs 300 high school students for the summer to assist in educating zoo visitors. If you love animals and teaching others, call 503-220-2449.

#### Used Book Sale

Wednesday, March 28, from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m., the Multnomah County Library used book store at 216 N.E. Knott St. will celebrate its 19th anniversary by offering all used merchandise at 55 percent off.

#### 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.

#### Wolf Family Encounters

Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., the Oregon Zoo, presents "Don't be afraid of the big bad wolf", a unique opportunity for children ages 8-13 years old (children must be accompanied by an adult), to explore and learn the nature of wolves. Call 503-220-2781 for more information.

#### End the War Now Rally

Sunday, March 18, Pioneer Courthouse Square, Oregonians will mark the 4th anniversary of the Iraq War, with a peaceful march through downtown Portland at 1:30 p.m. Call 503-230-9427 for more information.

#### Fostering Diversity

Thursday, April 26 thru Friday, April 27, Mt. Hood Community College and Portland State University, will host the two-day conference to address critical diversity-related issues in the Portland and Gresham communities, with educational, business and cultural leaders. Call 503-491-7254 for more information.

#### 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.

#### 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.

## Couple Turn to Entrepreneurship

### PCC business program helps get them started

When Bill Kendrix retired from his 30-year stint with the Portland Fire Department, he found himself using an essential element from his work as a firefighter with his new business. Kendrix started Nia Water, a bottled water company to "quench your soul."

The light bulb for his three-year-old venture came about with a trip to his home state of Arkansas and a visit to Hot Springs.

"They have lots of spas and take pride in the fresh water and people fill their containers for free," he said. "So I thought, 'Why can't I take some of this water back to Oregon? Wait a minute. Oregon has wonderful water.'"

With that idea, Kendrix began a search for Oregon bottlers, labelers and mountain spring water. Nia Water, with its colorful logo reflecting the African culture, provides five-gallon bottles and dispensers for homes and offices. They provide the maintenance and delivery,

beverage catering, beverage stations for special events, and sales of individual cases of half-liter bottled water.

Bill and his wife Kathy work side-by-side promoting and growing Nia Water Sales and Service, along with her own business, the Empowerment Group. Established in 1991, she provides speakers

and trainers for conferences and special events as well as consulting and media planning.

"Our businesses complement one another," Bill said. "Kathy has expertise in marketing and promoting, where I focus on operations - production, delivery and service."



Bill and Kathy Kendrix of Portland aim to "quench your soul" with their Nia Water bottling company.

turning point came when a big bottler pulled out of the World Beat Festival in Salem. Nia Water stepped in and delivered 17,000 bottled waters to the festival. But first, Kendrix ran the numbers with Babicky-Paterson, his SBDC counselor.

"I wrote down figures, talked to Jackie, and went ahead and did it," he said. "(I learned that) I can deliver and do big business like that."

Last summer, he expanded his service to include five gallon bottles, which increased his client base.

"That came out of the class (SBDC), diversifying your product," said Kendrix.

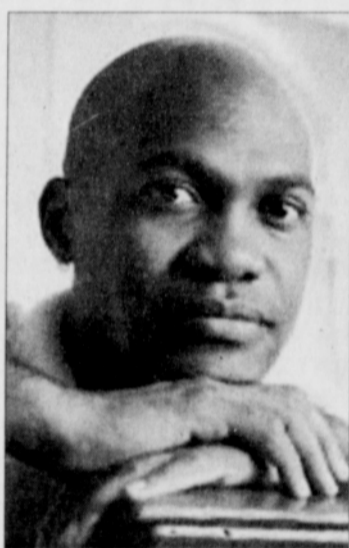
Cleophus Limrick, owner of R. J. & Company Property Maintenance, has been a Nia client for several months. Limrick heard of Nia through an event at the Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs.

"We were using another competitor for our five gallon dispenser and I can say that definitely the prices are better and the service is a lot better," said Limrick. "Bill is just a great guy."

Kendrix estimates a 10 percent per year increase in sales and says the company is slowly evolving. Long range, his goal is doing his own bottling.

"It takes a lot more patience and time to get to the same level (with a minority business), but it motivates you to be more diligent and to operate a business like a business," said Kendrix.

## Symposium Focuses on Gender Issues



E. Patrick Johnson



Mab Segrest



Staceyann Chin



Daisy Hernandez



Dolores C. Huerta

### Black men, feminism, sexuality explored

Lewis & Clark's Gender Studies Symposium features over 30 events including lectures, performances, roundtable discussions, readings, and an art exhibition. This year's symposium, titled "Our Voices, Ourselves," is scheduled Wednesday

through Friday, March 7 to 9, with most of the free and public events taking place at the college's Templeton Student Center.

E. Patrick Johnson, associate professor and director of graduate studies in the Department of Performance Studies at Northwestern University, will give a performance titled "Pouring Tea: Narratives of Black Gay Men of the South." Johnson will speak at 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday,

March 7.

Dolores C. Huerta, co-founder (with César Chávez) of the United Farm Workers of America and president of the Dolores Huerta Foundation, will give a keynote address titled "Reflections on 50 Years of Activism and the Challenges Ahead" at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7. In addition to her work fighting for better wages and improved work conditions for

farm workers, Huerta has battled segregation and police brutality in her 50 years of activism.

Daisy Hernández, managing editor of the national newsmagazine "ColorLines," will share her perspectives on writing personal essays about feminism and sexuality in a language other than the one her

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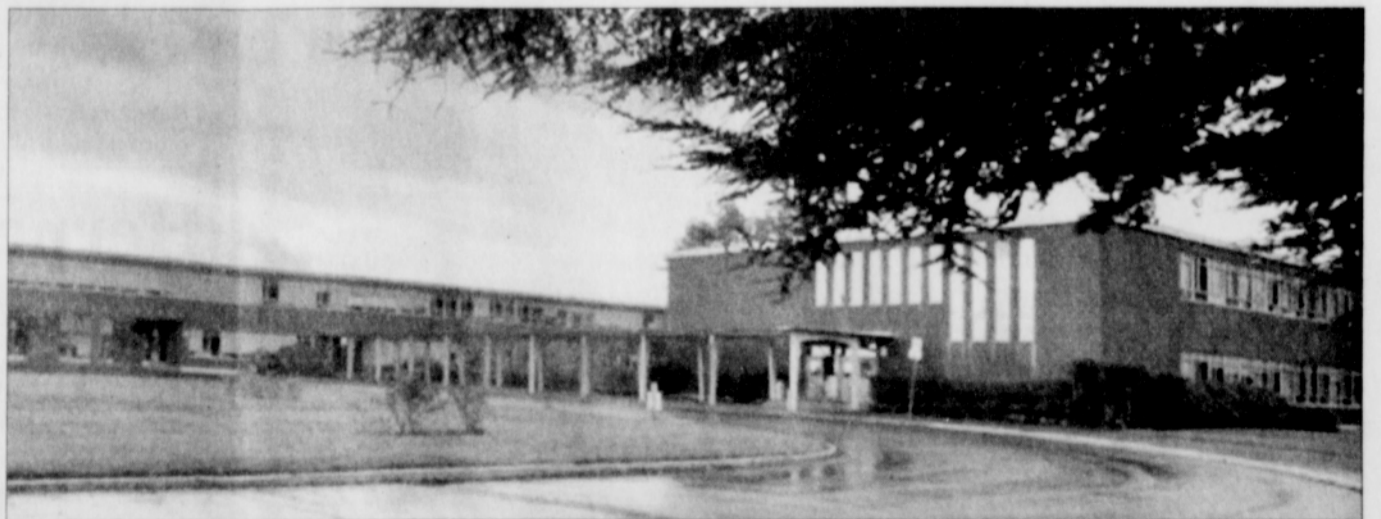
## Madison High Police Officer Violated Trust

### Filmed girls and made sexually charged video

(AP) — A police officer assigned to a Portland High School told investigators he made a "stupid spur of the moment decision" when he filmed girls at a school dance and basketball game and titled the footage "Girls Gone Wild," according to an internal Portland police inquiry.

Officer Ryan Graichen, 31, who now lives in Pasco, Wash., resigned last summer after almost eight years on the force. This month, a statewide police policy panel voted to recommend that Graichen's police certification be revoked, concluding that he violated the state's moral fitness standards for police.

Portland police discovered the misconduct when Graichen's sergeant asked to see what he thought was Graichen's copy of a professional "Girls Gone Wild" video,



A Portland police officer made a sexually charged video of students at Madison High School in northeast Portland.

which typically shows women acting in a sexual nature. Graichen accidentally handed over the high school video, which included zoom-in shots of girls' breasts and crotch areas. It was filmed while he was on duty at Madison High School.

A Portland police internal affairs investigation revealed that the filming occurred

sometime in 2003, a few years before its discovery.

In interviews with internal affairs investigators, Graichen said he filmed the events at the students' request. He transferred the footage, which focused on their private areas, to a DVD and titled it, "Girls Gone Wild."

Graichen said he was "shocked, angry, embarrassed and remorseful," when confronted by his supervisors and has since sought professional counseling, according to state documents.

Dave Burrig, executive director of the

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