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Black History Month

Kennedy Sides with Obama

Presidential contender is endorsed as a man of 'grit and grace.'

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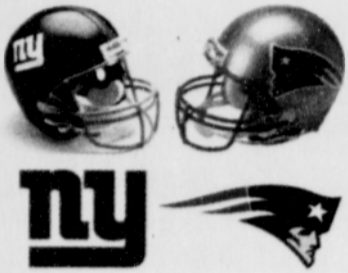
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Week in The Review



Super Bowl Preview

It will be a showdown between Beantown and the Big Apple when the New England Patriots and the New York Giants lock up in the Super Bowl Sunday. The biggest game in America will air on KPTV Channel 12 (FOX). See preview, page B6.

Bush's Last Stand

With his approval rating near its all-time low and less than a year remaining in his presidency, President Bush focused on gnawing recession fears in his final State of the Union address Monday.

Economy Boost

The House, seizing a rare moment of bipartisanship to respond to the economy's slump, overwhelmingly passed a \$146 billion aid package Tuesday that would speed rebates of \$600 to \$1,200 for most taxpayers. The bill now goes to the Senate.

'Z Man' Killed on I-5

Portland police Officer Mark Zylawy, affectionately known as "Z Man" through his post at Northeast Precinct and 17 years of service to Portland, was killed by a truck going south on I-5 Sunday morning. See story, page A2.

Kenya Leader Dead

Mugabe Were, 39, a freshman opposition politician who had resisted his party's often belligerent talk, could have been one of the keys to unlocking Kenya's crisis, but he was shot and killed in his driveway on Tuesday.

Immigrant Seeks Asylum

Spurning a deportation order Monday, Flor Crisostomo, 28, said she is "picking up the torch" from another illegal resident who became a symbol for immigration reform when she took shelter in a Chicago church for a year before being deported.

Spacecraft Threatens Earth

A 20,000-pound U.S. spy satellite containing hazardous materials has lost power and could hit the Earth in late February or early March. It is unknown where on the planet it might come down, but officials assure that numerous satellites over the years have come out of orbit and fallen harmlessly.

Vanport Square Success

A grand-opening celebration last Thursday marked a successful completion of a major minority-led development of office and retail space in the heart of Portland's African-American community.

Vanport Square is a 42,000-square-foot commercial project at 5225 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., across the street from the Blazer Boys and Girls Club.

The development was led by Ray Leary and Jeana Woolley with the backing of the Portland Development Commission and the Portland Family of Funds, a tax credit financial group headed by Carl Talton, another longtime African-American business leader.

"It is immensely rewarding to finally see a project that you have invested so much energy into for six years become a reality. Ray and I are extremely proud of the end result," said Woolley of Vanport Partners, LLC.

Fourteen of the 16 properties in Vanport Square have been purchased and are occupied by local enterprises, including nine that are owned by women and minorities. The businesses are the Horn of Africa Restaurant, Old Town Pizza, Hardshell



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Carl Talton (left), Jeana Woolley and Ray Leary, the backers of Vanport Square, an owner-occupied office and retail complex on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, celebrate last Thursday's grand opening.

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Race in the Media

Forum to spotlight Foxworth case

BY RAYMOND RENDLEMAN
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Portland State University will host a forum next week to discuss what can be learned from the 2006 media handling of then-Police Chief Derrick Foxworth when a former employee accused him of sexual harassment.



Ethan Johnson

Sensationalist reporting and editorials may have contributed to Foxworth's demotion, according to PSU Black Studies professor Ethan Johnson, as the city identified one count of unprofessional conduct while the seven other more serious accusations were found to be unsubstantiated.

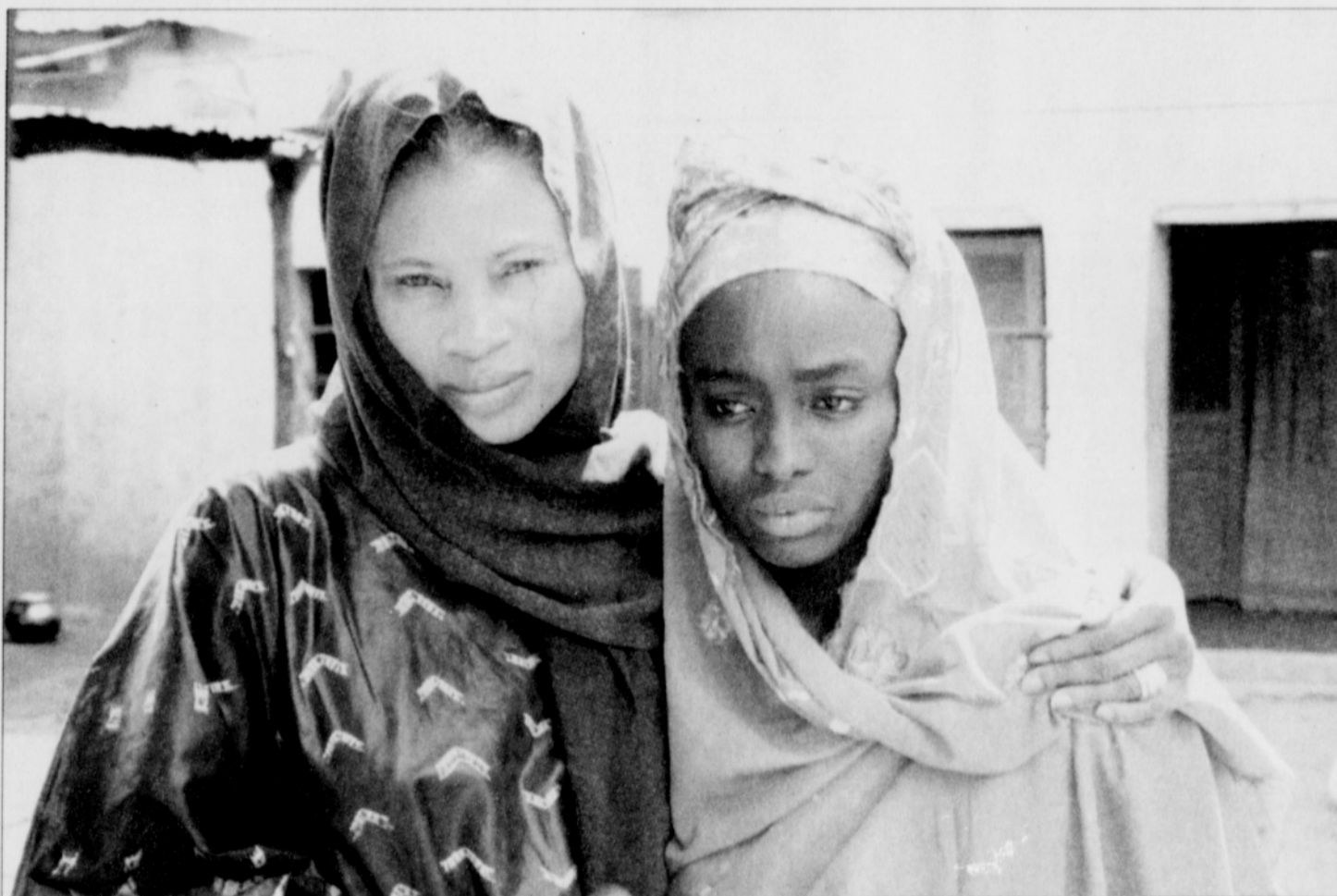


Derrick Foxworth

Seeing an opportunity to learn from past instances involving white women and black men, Johnson hopes that a panel of editors and reporters who wrote

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Cascade Festival of African Films



Bamako, a film from Mali, brings to life the realities of contemporary Africa. The Cascade Festival of African Films selection will be screened on Thursday, Feb. 7 at noon and again Friday, Feb. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

18th-annual event opens Friday

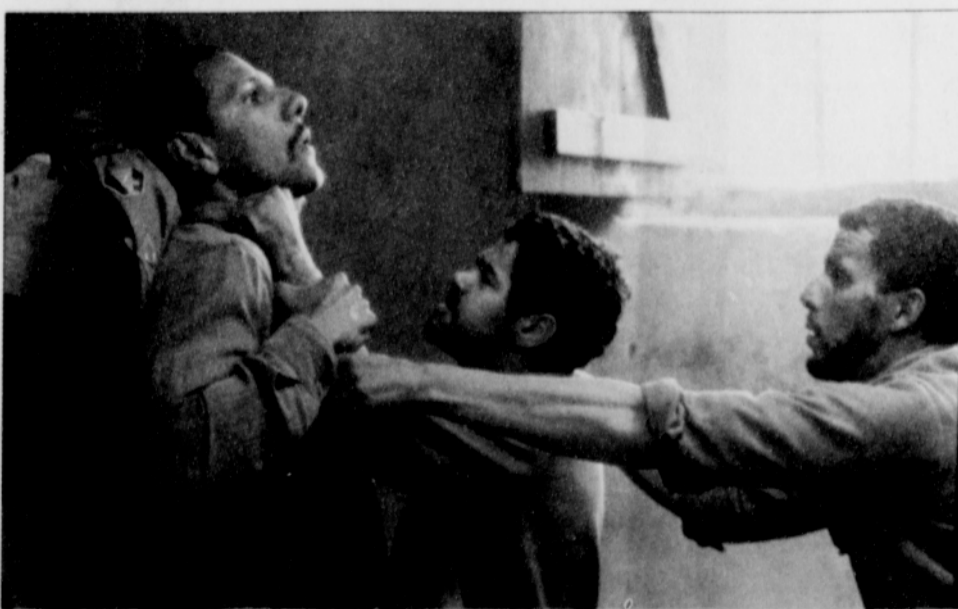
The 18th edition of Portland Community College's Cascade Festival of African Films commences in February with a Cannes Film Festival award-winner and a visit by one of Cameroon's most influential filmmakers.

Organized entirely by volunteers, the festival is offered free to the public at venues that include Room 104 of the Moriarty Arts and Humanities Building at PCC's Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth St.; the Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd.; and the McMenamins Kennedy School Theatre, 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave.

This year's month-long event, starting Friday, Feb. 1, and running through to Saturday, March 1, will open with a screening of

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Algerian director Rachid Bouchareb's "Days of Glory," the hard-hitting winner of the 2006 Cannes Film Festival, is an exceptional war film and a study in colonial exploitation.



Sweet Crude is a documentary of Nigeria's Niger Delta - where big oil brings stories of survival, corruption, greed and armed resistance.