Socially Conscious Hip Hop Jam Session



Mic Crenshaw



Tony Hill

the nightclubs and on to the stage for a Northwest artists. series of hip-hop cabarets.

Interstate Firehouse hosts cabarets

Portland is join- monthly series at the Intering the ranks of state Firehouse Cultural Cen-Philadelphia, L.A., ter, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. Chicago and New Each installment will be York by inviting geared toward a socially con-DJ's MC's, dance scious hip hop experience for crews, poets and the entire family, celebrating flowologists out of hip-hop culture through an

The next show will take will host the 'b' word," exploring, exposing available at 6 p.m. on the said owner Ed Wizawaty.

sogyny in hip-hop culture.

An all-star group of artists will speak about the influence women have had on their craft as they perform inspired, exhilarating work. The performongoing collaboration with crew), Othello, Syndell, and nity since 2005. Unseen Dance/JoonRA.

and dispelling the myth of mi- night of the show, with doors opening at 6:30 p.m. Next month's event is scheduled for Sanday, April 12, also at 7 p.m.

Eddie's Flat Iron Pizza, 1218 N. Killingsworth St., will parters include Tony Hill, DJ ner with the IFCC to host the Sugarman, DJ Computerfam, hip hop series. The restaurant Bisquits and Gravy (dance has been part of the commu-

"We have a very strong re-Tickets at \$12 for general peat and regular customer place on Sunday, March 8 at admission and \$10 for stu- base and we are looking to Mic Crenshaw 7 p.m. under the theme, "The dents and seniors will be give back to our community,"

Vancouver First Families Celebrate

African-American Community, a local history project sponsored by NAACP Vancouver are welcome. Branch will celebrate Black history and culture in song, dance, and the spoken word on Sun-State University Vancouver.

The free program, at 3:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Ad- First Families with writer Jane

"Connecting to Our Heritage." Everyone is invited and all ages

planned for Black History Month in February, but a full day, March 8 at Washington schedule of First Families public events pushed it into March.

Cornetta Smith developed

First Families of Vancouver's ministration Building, is entitled Elder Wulff to tell the story of the African Americans who came to Vancouver to work in the shipyards during World The program was originally War II, and stayed to build a community here.

> In January 2007, the NAACP agreed to sponsor the project, with the goal of building awareness of this important part of Vancouver's history.



Kia-Lynette Carter of Jefferson High School was named the first Rose Festival princess of 2009 during ceremonies

Jefferson Picks First

Jefferson High School senior Kia-Lynette Carter was named to the Rose Festival Court Monday, the first princess from the traditional Portland schools that make up the court in addition to a new metro princess that will be named for the first time this year.

Carter is the varsity cheerleading captain at Jefferson and is a community service coordinator for the National Honor

She plans to attend Spelman College and pursue a career in journalism.



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Pedaling and Planting

Friends of Trees volunteers dismount bikes and grab shovels to plant trees in northeast Portland. The 'Green teams' pulled 20 big trees and shovels on bikes to the yards where they were planted. In all, 154 trees were planted Saturday in the Woodlawn, Vernon and Concordia neighborhoods.

Retired Soldier Honored

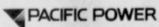


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Let's turn the answers on.



Army National Guard presents the Oregon Exceptional Service Medal and a copy of the Creed of the Non commissioned Officer to retired Master Sgt. Earl Henry Winchester, the first African-American member of the Oregon National Guard.

The chief of Staff for the Oregon

Heritage Month Thursday at Church, also in Salem. the Oregon Military Department in Salem.

Salem Chapter, was the keynote was honored at the ceremony,

The Oregon National speaker. Brooks is also the As-Guard Diversity Council held pire Coordinator at McKay a commemorative ceremony High School in Salem and head observing African American pastor of To God Be the Glory

Retired Master Sgt. Earl ments. Henry Winchester, the first Ronnie Brooks, NAACPEx- African-American member of ecutive Board Member of the the Oregon National Guard

joined by his wife, Virginia, sister Norma Kennedy and son Peter Winchester.

Brooks highlighted Winchester's accomplish-

"If it were not for him, I would not be your keynote speaker today-I stand on that man's shoulders," Brooks said.

Oregon Jobless Numbers Grow

State hurt more than most

(AP) - A dismal report on economist. rising unemployment in Oregon shows the jobless rate up to 9.9 percent as the state's economy sinks faster than most others in the nation.

numbers for Oregon showed the state lost 14,600 jobs as the unemployment rate jumped nearly a percentage point from December, when Oregon ranked the sixth worst in the

"Oregon has been hit harder than the nation over the last cember 2008, Oregon's unem-

The figures released Thursday showed declines across six of the eight largest industry sectors in Oregon, led by the loss of 4,500 jobs The January employment in trade, transportation and utilities, about 4,400 jobs in manufacturing and 2,100 in construction.

Overall, nearly 215,000 Oregonians were unemployed in January, by far the largest number since World War II.

From December 2007 to Deyear," said Art Ayre, state labor ployment rate rose 3 percent- jobs

age points, the fastest 12month rise since 1980.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski offered reassurances that state officials were doing everything they can to put people back to work.

"Today's news isn't just a number. It represents our family members and neighbors deeply affected by this recession," Kulongoski said.

The governor said the state is on schedule to break ground on \$175 million worth of deferred maintenance for public buildings, universities and community colleges to repair the infrastructure and provide