

# Wellness Village Health Events

## Free screenings for dental, vision, hearing and diabetes

The 15th annual African American Wellness Village and 6th annual Health Disparities Conference takes place this weekend bringing together community members, health care providers and local and state officials to generate solutions to health disparities.

The conference focuses on diabetes and will be held Friday, Oct. 15 at the Airport Holiday Inn from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sally Norby, executive director of the American Diabetes Association, will share the facts about diabetes—particularly diabetes among African Americans, the largest disparity in diabetes mortality.

The Wellness Village, organized by the African American Health Coalition, will provide much needed life saving health screen-

ings as well as health and wellness information at no charge.

The village takes place Saturday, Oct. 16 at the Blazers Boys and Girls Club, 5250 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Community members will have the opportunity to receive complimentary eye exams, dental

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checks, immunizations, diabetes foot checks and many more health screenings.

“We invite all of our African American community members to take advantage of this valuable community resource event,” said Corliss Mc Keever, AAHC president and chief executive officer. “The health of many of our friends and neighbors has been improved because of the services offered at the Village.”

## Week in The Review

### School Field Landing

A small plane landed early Sunday evening in a field at Robert Gray Middle School, 5505 S.W. 23rd Ave. The pilot, who escaped injury, said he was having engine trouble and looked for a safe place to land.

### Drinks Spiked with Drugs

Twelve young people were rushed to a hospital in Roslyn, Wash. Sunday after they overdosed on a powerful drug that apparently was mixed into their drinks without their knowledge at a party. Police said most of the victims were young women from Central Washington University. Detectives are investigating whether they were given the spiked drinks to render them defenseless against a sexual assault.

### Sauvie Island Search



A team of nearly 60 searchers scoured Sauvie Island again over the weekend in the search for Kyron Horman,

the student from Skyline Elementary who went missing last June.

This was the second weekend in a row they have searched the island, located about 20 miles north of Portland.

### Blazers Sign New Center

The Portland Trail Blazers have signed center Steven Hill, 24, a Blazer summer league player from 2008, it was announced Monday by General Manager Rich Cho. The Blazers needed to beef up their roster after an injury over the weekend to forward Jeff Pendergraph and while waiting for center Greg Oden to recover from an injury.



### Adams Voices 'It Gets Better'



Mayor Sam Adams joins pop culture figures Dan Savage, Tim Gunn, Ke\$ha and many others in contributing a video message to the “It Gets

Better” project to raise awareness and stop suicide among lesbian and gay questioning youth by telling them that bullying and mistreatment does stop. The campaign follows a rash of suicides, including the Rutgers college student who took his life after a roommate secretly broadcast him in his dorm room with a fellow male student.

## Broadway Gets Bicycle Signal

A remodeled traffic signal that includes a bicycle-only signal display has been added to the intersection North Williams Avenue and Broadway.

The new signal was turned on Tuesday as part of a long-planned improvement of the intersection that is being implemented along with the installation of streetcar tracks.

Transportation officials say the public should pay close attention to the signals, signs and lane markings and be aware of fellow travelers in the vicinity of the intersection, which is adjacent to an on-ramp for Interstate 5.

The new traffic signal for bicyclists provides a signal control that separates the through movement of bicycles from the heavy right-turn movement of vehicles. It is designed to eliminate conflicts between motorists and cyclists and improve overall safety. Motorists are not permitted to make right turns are the right turn signals are red.

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