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Leslie Odom, Jr., Nate Parker, Kevin Phillips and David Oyelowo portray pilots from the famed Tuskegee Airmen in the epic film *Red Tails*, opening with a special preview on Thursday at Pioneer Place and nationwide on Friday.

Lucas film on Tuskegee airmen soars on big screen

The thrilling true story of the Tuskegee Army Airfield buzzes to the big screen in Portland and across the nation this week in an epic war adventure from executive producer George Lucas and first-time feature director Anthony Hemingway.

A special preview of the movie is presented by the PDX African American Film Festival on Thursday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at

the Pioneer Place Stadium 6, located at 340 S.W. Morrison. The film opens nationwide the next day on Friday, Jan. 20.

Red Tails is a salute to black pilots who made history for their honor and valor. In the fire and chaos of World War II, the U.S. military recruited a fearless group of African-American fighter pilots to help reclaim the skies over Europe.

Discriminated against both as citizens and as soldiers, the Tuskegee Airmen took flight in planes distinguished by distinctive red tails, and fight to defeat the tyranny of the Axis powers. As a result of their bravery, the pilots emerged as true heroes, and prove that all men are truly created equal.

Terrence Howard, Cuba Gooding Jr., and Bryan Cranston star.

Billboards Feature Unsolved Homicides

The Portland Police Bureau has unveiled a series of billboards featuring the photos of victims of unsolved Portland homicides.

The bureau's Cold Case Homicide Unit and Clear Channel Communications recently announced the placement of 25 billboards throughout the city. Each billboard features four cold homicide cases for a total of 100 cases citywide.

Clear Channel donated the \$18,000 worth of advertising space.

The Cold Case Unit is comprised of a sergeant and four detectives who are assisted by several retired investigators who volunteer their time and are now working under a federal grant sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Institute for Justice.

"We don't give up. We never give up," is the Cold Case Unit's slogan.

There are nearly 300 unsolved murders in Portland dating back to 1969.



A billboard near Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. and Columbia Boulevard features photos of four victims of unsolved Portland homicides. Clear Channel Outdoor communications donated the advertising space.

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