

Black History Tribute

The Vancouver NAACP and the YWCA invite the community to a Black History Month tribute event honoring the late local leader Val Joshua. Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon at the YWCA Clark County Community Room, 3609 Main St. in Vancouver.

Joshua, who led the NAACP chapter for 29 years, died in December at the age of 92. The tribute takes place on Thursday, Feb. 28 from 10 a.m. to noon at the YWCA Clark County Community Room, 3609 Main St. in Vancouver. The YWCA is dedicated to eliminating racism and empowering women. The NAACP works to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic



Val Joshua

equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination.

To RSVP, contact eventsrsvp@ywcaclarkcounty.org. For more information, call Michelle Hurdle-Bradford at 360-906-9129.

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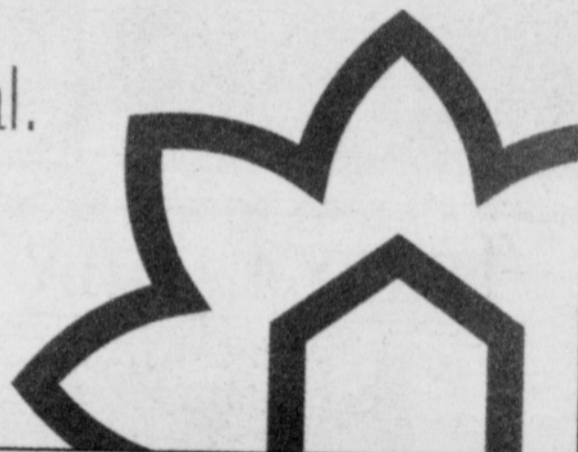
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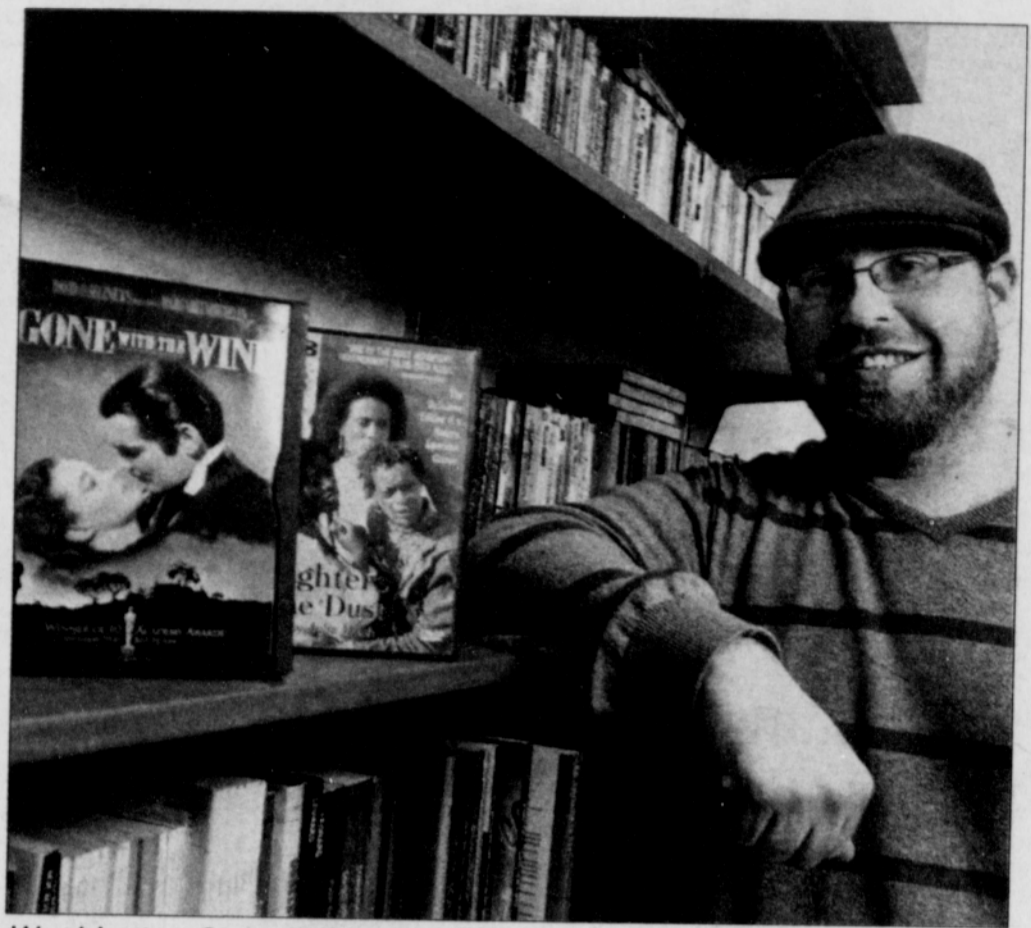


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Washington State University professor David Leonard, the author of 'Screens Fade to Black,' a book about African-American cinema

First African-American Oscar

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Supporting Actress for her portrayal as Scarlett O'Hara's mammy, a "no blacks" rule at an Atlanta, Ga. venue kept her from attending the film's extravagant premiere. And then, on Oscar night in 1940, a tucked-away table at Los Angeles' Coconut Grove kept her apart from the biggest movie stars of the time.

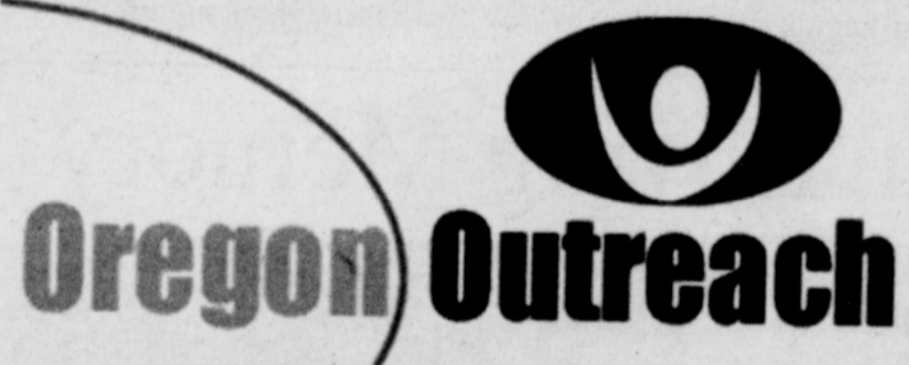
Accepting the award at the podium, she told the audience and newsreel cameras, "I sincerely hope I shall always be a credit to my race."

The door may have squeaked open, but only a crack. It would be 50 more years before the next black woman received an Oscar — Goldberg for her role as a psychic in "Ghost."

"What the Oscar didn't win Hattie and other blacks that night was equality," said Leonard.

Today, with prominent African American stars such as Halle Berry, Denzel Washington, Danny Glover and Will Smith, things in Tinsel Town have changed, he said. Yet, change in the film industry lags, especially compared to blacks' opportunities in music and sports.

"Hollywood still has a tendency to equate blackness with have-nots, criminals and domestic help," Leonard said. "The day they are depicted not as symbols but as blacks being themselves, we can look back at Hattie on Oscar night and say, 'OK, it took a long time, but we finally got there.'"



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