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2013 Year in Review



Honoring History

Nov. 20 – Community members and officials from Portland Parks & Recreation and the Portland Development Commission ceremoniously break ground on a \$2.6 million renovation project for Dawson Park that honors the local park's rich African-American history.

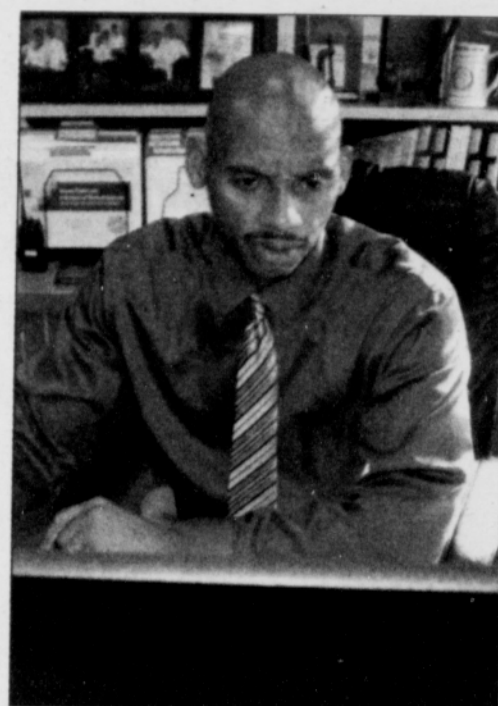
Decorated Veteran

Nov. 13 – Former Portland resident Michelle Watson makes history as the first African American woman to oversee the Coast Guard's Port Security Unit 305 at Ft. Eustis, Va. She credits the mentorship of her Coast Guard colleagues along with the support of family and friends for her long record of success in the military.



New Visions for the Techmen

Oct. 30 -- Benson High School's new principal Curtis Wilson Jr. takes aim at returning "vigor and excellence" to the northeast Portland school's technical education programs.



Model School

Nov. 6 – Self Enhancement Academy is taking its bow after the Portland middle school serving African American kids was named a "model school" by the Oregon Board of Education.



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Sonya Justice
The Reel Nurses

Nurses in the Spotlight

Dec. 4 – Portland multimedia entrepreneur and longtime nurse, Sonya Justice, shines a light on the important role people in her medical professional contribute to better outcomes for patients.

Racism Ignites Protest

Dec. 11 – Lewis & Clark College President Barry Glassner addresses a large crowd of students who rallied against racism during a protest on the southwest Portland campus. An unofficial 10-point list of demands made clear that racist graffiti found on campus was only a symptom of a much larger problem with diversity issues at the school.

