



**BET Honors Portland Photographer**

Carrie Mae Weems, a Portland native who has become world-renown for her photography, documenting the black experience, was honored Monday by Black Entertainment Television (BET) for her achievements and contributions to the arts.

**PSU Faculty Strike Possible**

After 10 months of bargaining, the American Association of University Professors of Portland State University declared Monday they are at an impasse and closer to a potential strike. The union will be holding a rally Thursday, Feb. 27 to bring public attention to their demands for a new contract that defends "quality, affordable public higher education."

**Attorney General Won't Back Gay Marriage Ban**

Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, in a legal filing made on Thursday, said that she will not defend the state's ban on gay marriage. She cited a recent Supreme Court decision as her reasoning, which struck down major provisions of a law prohibiting federal recognition of same-sex marriage, as unconstitutional.

**Serial Motel Robber Arrested**

A man has been arrested by Portland Police as a suspect in a string of alleged robberies in Oregon and Washington. Ernest Lee Dean, 50, was detained by authorities Friday in what police called



a "high-risk traffic stop" at North Lombard Street and Delaware Avenue.

**Rose Court Selections Begin**

57 students were selected Saturday to return to a second round of judging for the 100th Portland Rose Festival Queen Coronation. Portland's high schools and several metro schools including Gladstone, West Linn, and Lake Oswego are represented.

**Federal Reserve Names Charles Wilhoite**

The Federal Reserve Bank has appointed Portland businessman and community leader Charles Wilhoite to its San Francisco circle of economic advisers, it was reported Monday. Wilhoite's appointment is set for a three-year term.



**Benson Students March to Save Football**

More than 100 students marched to the Portland School Board meeting Monday night after the school district's athletic director Marshall Haskins submitted a fall football schedule to the state that did not include a Benson team. A final decision on the fate of Benson's football program has yet been made, officials said.

**Winter Olympics Farewell**

The 2014 Sochi Olympics wrapped up Sunday with a farewell show that handed off the Winter Games to their next host: Pyeongchang, South Korea. The closing ceremony crowd was in a party mood after the high-security games passed off safely without feared terror attacks.



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**Celebrating African American Contractors during Black History Month**



**Maurice Rahming – O'Neill Electric, a General Contractor and Electrical Specialty Contractor.**

O'Neill Electric is the JV General Contractor on the Beech Street Housing Project, TriMet Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Signal Communications building and the PCC S E Campus. O'Neill Electric was one of the principal Electrical firms that completed the rewiring for the Billy Webb Elks Lodge.

**Mark Matthews – Pacificmark Construction**

Mark Matthews was a General Contractor on the Irvington Village Project. He is working at Intel and as a major GC with Hoffman Construction on PCC Cascade Project. Mark also worked on the Billy Webb Elks Lodge, completing the lounge, the fireplace and the carpentry work.

**Willie Davis – Just Bucket Excavating, Inc.**

is working on the TriMet Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail, the Collaborative Life Science Building, and has completed the Eugene Millrace Phase II Project in Eugene.

**James Faison – Faison Construction, Inc.**

Faison Construction recently completed The Magnolia Housing Complex, a Joint Venture with Walsh Construction on MLK Jr. Blvd and Cook, making him the first African American Contractor to complete a major project on MLK Jr. Blvd. Faison is also working on the TriMet Portland-Milwaukie Light Rail Project.

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