

# Arts & ENTERTAINMENT



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## Po'Shines Hosts Chitlin Festival

Po'Shines Cafe De La Soul, Portland's premiere soul food restaurant at 8130 N. Denver Ave. in the Kenton neighborhood will be hosting its 13th annual chitlin festival on Friday and Saturday, Jan. 3-4 from 12 p.m. until 10 p.m. both days.

A variety of chitlin dishes for both seasoned and curious eaters to try will be served, including fried chitlins, chitlin mac & cheese, traditional stewed chitlins,

and more. The southern cuisine is also called chitterlings or "The Calamari of the Ghetto"!

Chitlins are not seen often in Portland, let alone in the northwest. However the staff at Po'Shines wasn't surprised by last year's chitlin festival turnout and the request for chitlins throughout the year. In addition to plenty of good food, the two day festival will also feature local musicians.

Po'Shines has served a public

service mission since it opened in 2006. In addition to its soul food and great customer service, the restaurant provides youth and young adults with an opportunity to get job training and experience in the culinary world.

"When we started, we had no idea what we were in for," stated Po'Shines Executive Chef James Bradley.

For more information, call Po'Shines at 503-978-9000.



PHOTO BY MICHAEL DURHAM, COURTESY OF THE OREGON ZOO. Oregon silverspot butterflies successfully bred in the Oregon Zoo's conservation lab for the first time ever last year.

## Hope Rises to Save Oregon Butterfly

Oregon Zoo's butterfly conservation lab has 269 reasons to celebrate the New Year. That's how many Oregon silverspot caterpillars are waiting to become butterflies thanks to the first-ever breeding of this endangered species in a captive-rearing setting.

"This is a really exciting breakthrough," said Tia Perry, a keeper in the butterfly conservation lab.

At the request of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Perry and her colleagues held back 22 pupae from last year's butterfly release,

in the hopes they would successfully breed in the lab. Nearly all the butterflies that emerged were female, but a wild male successfully mated with one of them, resulting in 269 tiny caterpillars.

Listed as threatened under the federal Endangered Species Act, the Oregon silverspot was once common in coastal grasslands from Northern California up into British Columbia. Today, due to habitat loss and the disappearance of its host plant, just five isolated populations remain.

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