

YOUR BEAT EYES ON THE STREET

David Douglas School District's African American Family Night

The David Douglas School District will be holding an African American Family Night for parents and family of the district's Black students from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 17 at the Fir Ridge Campus, 11215 SE Market St. in Portland.

The goal of the night is to support and empower parents of African American students. Dinner and child care will be provided. The event will feature guest speaker Rob Ingram, the director of the Office of Youth Violence Prevention at the city of Portland. There will be resources present to help your child experience a positive educational experience, to be educated about public health issues, after school activities, academic support and parental empowerment.

Art Opening at City Hall

The Portland Chapter of the Links, Incorporated is having an Opening Ceremony and Reception on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011 at City Hall from 4 to 7 p.m. for the Pacific NW Black Pioneer Traveling Exhibit that will be housed at City Hall from Feb. 11-Mar. 11, 2011.

Grammy Winner to Hold Free Seminar

Grammy Award-winning songwriter and musician Shannon Sanders will be holding a free music seminar, "One on One: Where Purpose Meets Passion" for local artists and musicians. A question and answer session will be held, moderated by Vursatyl of the Lifesavas. The event is free, but attendees need to RSVP as seating is limited.

The event will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 5 at SEI, 3920 N. Kerby Ave. RSVP for the event at www.soulinthepearl.com.

Sanders has been credited for creating chart-topping hits for artists such as India.Arie, Jonny Lang, John Legend, Robert Randolph and the Family Band, Nicole C. Mullen and Heather Headley. Sanders serves on the Grammy Chapter of the Board of Governors, the Mayor's Music Council in Nashville, Tenn.

Career Club for Portland Area Teens

Step It Up, Inc. has a NEW CAREER CLUB for TEENS starting at the Lloyd Center mall in NE Portland, Oregon.



The Oregon Northwest Black Pioneers Annual Gala Celebration on Feb. 12 at the Salem Conference Center drew VIP guests including, from left, State Sen. Jackie Winters, former Gov. Ted Kulongoski, Salem City Councilor Sheryl A. Thomas, and Salem Mayor Anna M. Peterson. Keynote speaker was American Legacy Magazine Publisher Rodney J. Reynolds. Find out more at www.oregonnorthwestblackpioneers.org.

Teens ages 13-17 are invited to apply using the link below! Career Club is an after-school program where youth come to have fun and improve their writing, communication, and financial literacy skills. They also learn about their natural talents and strengths, and explore many different career opportunities that are right for them! Career Club members will meet once a week from 4:00-6:00 p.m. on Mondays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays. Sign-up today at: <http://www.stepitupinc.org/index.php/career-clubs> Questions: email programs@stepitupinc.org.

Fashion Show Benefits Kidney Health

It's the Fashion to Love Your Kidneys! Saturday, March 12, 2011 Ambridge Event Center 1333 NE MLK Jr. Blvd. Portland, OR 97232 Doors: 5pm Program: 6pm Show: 7pm MIKE Program (Multicultural Integrated Kidney Education Program) presents "Our Community Gathering: It's the Fashion to Love Your Kidneys," a fashion show produced by Kenneth Doswell, BJC Productions, LLC, featuring local designers. Reserve Your Space Now! Call 503-296-7705 or register online at www.mikeprogram.org. \$25 Regular admission \$50 VIP seating \$20 Students (with ID at the door) All proceeds benefit MIKE Program. MIKE Program is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to promoting healthy behavior among multicultural youth to prevent kidney and other chronic diseases.

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Saturday February 19

CASCADE FESTIVAL OF AFRICAN FILMS HOSTS BABA WAGUE DIAKITE: The festivals family fun day focuses on films that appeal to younger audiences (ages 5 and older) and is free and open to the public. The movie will be held at McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd

Ave. The showing starts at 2 p.m.

READY TO WORK? Workshop helps women get prepared. Participants will focus on identifying strengths and translating those into marketable job skills. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. NW Catholic Counseling Center 8383 NE Sandy Blvd, Suite 205 Cost is \$15. For more details call 503-253-0964

Monday February 21

ASIAN NEW YEAR CELEBRATION: Portland Community College Southeast Center will celebrate the year of the Rabbit with music, entertainment, food, vendors, door prizes and much more. 9:30 a.m. Legin Banquet Hall 8001 SE Division St. Admission & parking is free.

Wednesday February 23

LEAD POISONING PREVENTION WORKSHOP! Do you live in a home older than 1978? Free workshop

teaches people how to avoid lead exposure in older homes. Please RSVP 503-284-6827 ext 109. 6:30 - 8 p.m. University Park Community Center 9009 N. Foss

FILM: A PANTHER IN AFRICA - CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH: The office of Human Relations will show the award winning documentary A Panther in Africa an Aaron Mathews film. 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. 5315 N. Vancouver. Free and open to the public. Food and Beverages will be available.

Saturday February 26

24TH ANNUAL FIX-IT FAIR. The Fix-It fair offers free workshops designed to help Portland residents save money. 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. Jefferson High School 5210 N. Kerby Ave.