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VENDOR PROFILE

Alvaro Cervantes

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Alvaro Cervantes is selling Street Roots today, but he just registered at Portland Community College to start classes under the GI Bill.

He wants to be a paleopathologist. "They look at the old bones and tissues of animals or humans to figure out what diseases might have killed them off," Alvaro explains. "And this can show if there might be future breakouts."

Born in Portland and raised in Kelso, Wash., he says that as a kid, he was interested in science and dinosaurs.

Six years ago, he signed up with the Army to support a new wife and baby.

"I was trying to figure out something to get started so that I could take care of my family. At the time, that seemed like the best option for me. I was getting paid. We had housing, benefits."

Alvaro trained as an Apache helicopter mechanic and was transferred among Virginia, Texas and Afghanistan.

"My whole military career was in

hot places," he says. "When I was finally done, I got to come back here and was relieved to be in the cool weather. I came home January 20, 2013."

After leaving the Army, he found odd jobs in Kelso, but "my marriage didn't work out,



unfortunately," he says. "We still get along." He sees his two kids, who live in Tigard with their mother.

Alvaro moved from Kelso to Portland to help his mother and to start school.

"We were staying on the streets, wherever we could find a place to lay our heads," he says.

In the past month, they were invited to temporarily stay with an aunt because she needed a caretaker.

Both mother and son sell Street Roots at the Multnomah County Library and nearby Starbucks. They use the money they earn to pay for a \$70-per-month storage unit that holds their belongings in Kelso. Their current goal is to try to earn enough to pay for this and next month's storage rent, plus a little extra.

"We want to take my sister and nieces up to the zoo because my sister's birthday is coming up this month," Alvaro says.

"We try to use the money for positive things. I don't want people to think that we're using money for negative things. I've never been into anything negative anyways. I don't drink. I don't do drugs. I don't even smoke."

What Alvaro does is play the violin. He plays classical, folk and rock music.

"I've been playing for almost 15 years now," he says. "I recently did a gig for my aunt and her fiancé for a special occasion."

Now that Alvaro is continuing his education, he says, "My general goal is to finish school, start my career and be on the right track for success."

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