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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Spring Romance At Civic Auditorium

The Oregon Ballet Theatre performs *Spring Romance* (4 stages of love) through Sunday at Portland Civic Auditorium. For ticket information call 222-5538.

Sheriff Candidates To Debate

The candidates for Multnomah County Sheriff will debate during the regularly scheduled luncheon of the Portland City Club, Friday at 12:15 p.m. at the Benson Hotel.

Fitness Class At YWCA

The YWCA offers a fitness class for women whose physical abilities are restricted by weight, age and inactivity on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:15 at the YWCA Fitness and Swim Center, 1111 S.W. 10th. The organization's name was incorrectly identified in the Feb. 15 edition.

Expert To Discuss DNA Science

A forensic DNA specialist will discuss the validity of the science, the future use of DNA in crime detection and in court at a Portland City Club Technology and Business Issue Committee breakfast Friday, March 17 at 7:30 a.m. at the Imperial Hotel. Call 228-7231 for registration.

PSU Presents Chinese Pianist

Award winning pianist Dan-Wen Wei of China performs Sunday, March 12 in Lincoln Performance Hall as part of Portland State University's 1994-95 Piano Recital Series. His program will include works by Mozart, Chopin, Schubert and Liszt. Advance tickets can be purchased at the PSU Box Office.

Jazz Vocalist To Perform

Jazz vocalist Kelly Broadway, whose musical craft includes classical, contemporary-pop and rock, will bring her sassy sparkle to the Sunday Jazz Series at The Old Church, 1422 S.W. 11th Ave., on March 12. Doors open at 1 p.m. with music from 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Non-reserved seating is \$8.

Spring Break Program Set

The YMCA will offer a week of exciting activities, field trips, arts and crafts for school children during Spring Break, March 20-24. For registration call 294-3355 or come by the YMCA office in the Matt Dishman Community Center, 77 N.E. Knott.

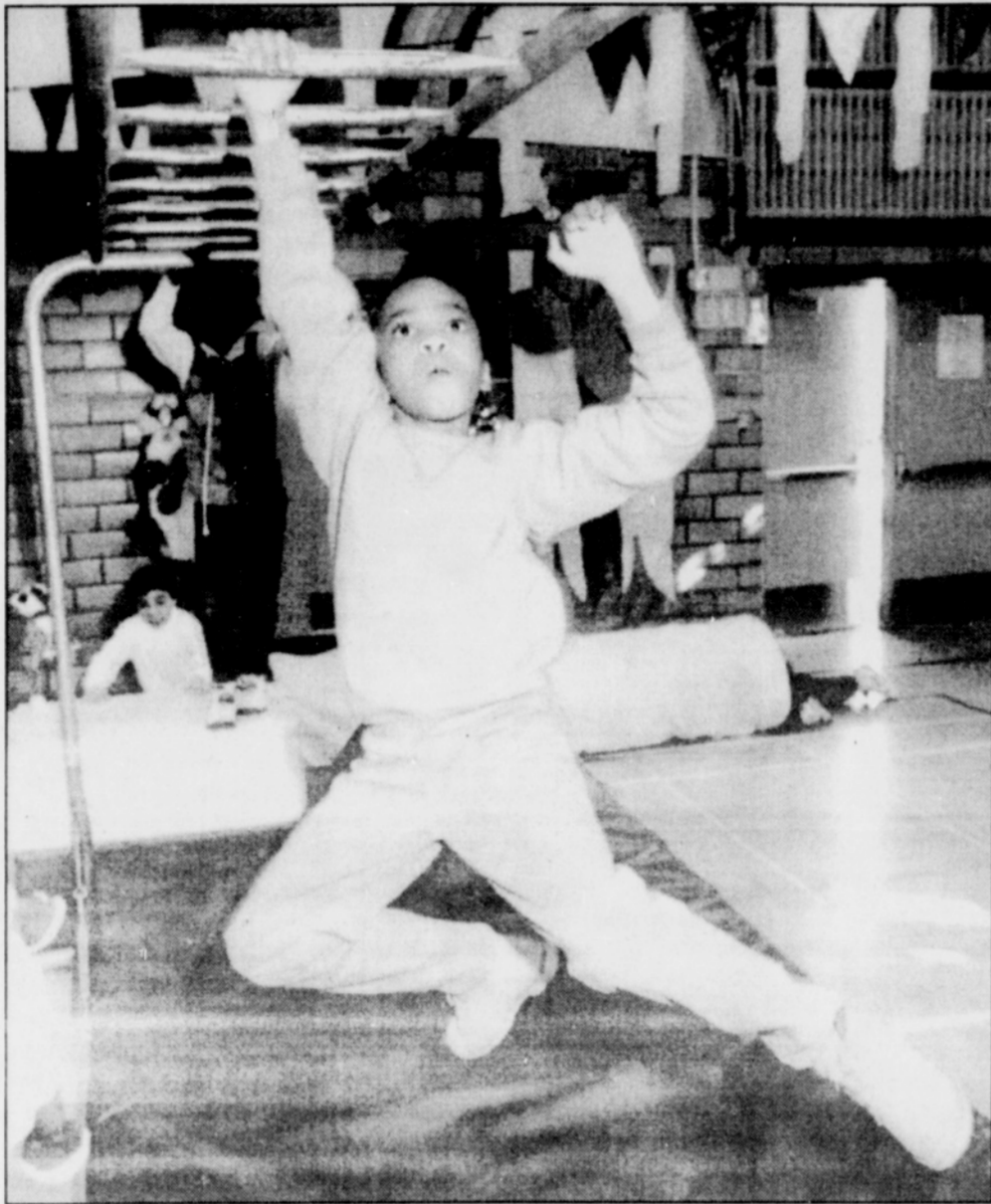
Concert To Benefit AIDS Concert

Musicians throughout Portland present a benefit concert on Sunday, March 19 at 5 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Portland to raise money for the Cascade AIDS Project. A choir of musicians from some of the best groups in Portland will be led by conductor Mark Kimes.

Local Heroes To Perform

A Creative Arts Nite of Entertainment by 1993-94 Local Heroes takes place Tuesday, March 14, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. Performances will include dancer Linda Moore, poet Lois Lewis, musicians Ron Steen and Janice Scroggins and vocalist Selinda Grace Parks.

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Learning Made Fun

Irvington Elementary students Chiquita Wilkins (left) and Alex Boone maneuver through a "jungle" obstacle course in the northeast Portland school's gymnasium. The journey, under the direction of teacher Karen Barker (right), was a culminating event following the study of gymnastics. (Photos by Donn Thomas)

Vote Puts North Portland Rail In Question

A key group of local decision-makers has determined that the proposed South/North light rail project is still on track despite the Feb. 7 defeat of a local matching funding measure in Clark County.

However, without support from Clark County voters, the proposed line might skip Vancouver and North Portland, going only as far as the new Rose Garden arena.

A map presented to the Legislature in Salem last week showed a first-phase rail line starting at Clackamas Town Center and ending at the new basketball arena.

The same map shows the stretch of rail line between the Rose Garden and Clark County's 99th Street as a dotted line to be built if Clark County and Washington state agree to join the project later.

Transportation officials in both states are still officially optimistic that Clark County can find a way to pay for a light-rail line into the county, despite the 2-to-1 margin of defeat last month.

According to the finance committee of a transportation committee studying the proposal for Metro regional government, the two-state project is still the best solution

to traffic congestion and growth in the metropolitan area.

Clark County officials are also continuing to work to gain support for the project.

"We know that we need to have serious conversations with our residents about how we proceed," said Clark County Commissioner Dave Sturdevant. "But we also know that we can't just sit on our hands and let traffic congestion overwhelm us. Clark County is still in the game. Don't shut the door on us yet."

Washington County Commissioner Roy Rogers said Oregon has been successful in securing federal matching funds because it stays ahead of the game.

"That was how we succeeded with the westside light rail project. Despite the defeat in Clark County, we are still ahead of the game if the Oregon Legislature makes the necessary commitment of funds now," Sturdevant said.

Tri-Met is asking the Legislature to promise \$475 million in matching funds from lottery money even if the line only goes to the arena, as leverage for applications for major federal government transportation subsidies.



Mass transit finds use in downtown Portland, but its future through north Portland is in doubt because voters in Clark County rejected a tax measure to partially pay for an expansion of light rail to Vancouver.

Moose Neutral In Sheriff's Race

Portland Police Chief Charles Moose says he will not make an endorsement in the March 28 election for Multnomah County Sheriff.

"The voters of Multnomah County will make their choice for sheriff on election day," Moose said. "They can be assured that I will work together with the sheriff on law enforcement issues that impact residents of Portland and greater Multnomah County. My focus is not on politics, but on ensuring that our agencies continue to work together as partners to improve the liveability of our community."

Work Offered As Jail Alternative

A program of community service called *Work in Lieu of Jail* has been launched by the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office.

Qualified individuals who are sentenced to spend weekends in jail may have the option to perform the public service work.

The labor would include such things as cleaning up roads, lots, buildings and other community projects.

Officials said the program gives judges an alternative to jailing offenders and opens up limited jail space.

Jail crowding often becomes a problem on weekends when arrest rates

are higher and jail population problems are intensified by a lack of weekend or night court activity.

Inmates in the work program are screened by corrections division staff to ensure they are suitable for working within a community setting.

Persons charged or convicted of certain violent crimes would not be eligible to participate, officials said.

More information on the program can be obtained from Capt. Greg Schar, commander of the Inverness Jail at 248-5033 or from Sergeant Mary Berrigan who developed the program for the corrections division of the sheriff's office. She can be reached after 3 p.m. at 248-5390.

Art Sought For NE Health Center

Qualified artists and artist teams are being solicited to add art to a remodeling project at the Multnomah County Health Center at Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and Killingsworth Street.

The budget for the art is \$20,000, to include the cost of design, fabrication and installation.

Applications are due March 24 at the Regional Arts and Culture Council Office at Southwest 6th and Oak.

The center is undergoing remodeling and a structural upgrading. The facility also houses the county's aging services, Loaves and Fishes, and Meals on Wheels.

Health services available at the center include a medical and dental clinic, a field unit of community health nurses and a pharmacy. With the remodeling, optometry services will also be offered.