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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Health, Safety Fair Offered

U.S. Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., and other federal agencies, host a children's health and safety fair Saturday starting at 10:30 a.m. at Creston School, 4701 S.E. Bush. Free immunizations will be provided. Child safety, health and nutrition information will be available.

Wyden To Appear At Irvington

Congressman Ron Wyden hosts a town hall meeting Saturday at 2 p.m. at Irvington Community School, 1320 N.E. Brazeo. He plans to discuss key issues Congress is debating this year, including welfare reform, crime, the budget and environmental issues.

Alvin Ailey Comes To Portland

The Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre comes to Portland's Schnitzer Hall March 24 for an 8 p.m. performance. Under the direction of Judith Jamison, the 40-member company will perform their most requested and famous piece, "Revelations." Tickets are available at FASTIXX or by phone at 224-8499. An after show reception with the dancers will benefit the Urban League of Portland.

Inmates Plan Annual Banquet

The self-help group Uhuru Sa Sa invites the community to its annual banquet, April 21, from 7-9 p.m. at the Oregon State Penitentiary. The group was formed in 1968 by African-American inmates who wanted to foster black awareness and self worth. "Saving the youth" is the theme of this year's banquet. Contact Randy West, coordinator, Uhuru Sa Sa, 2605 State St., Salem, OR 97310 or leave a message at (503) 378-2289.

Cruise To A Taste Of Jazz

Tickets are now being sold at Ticketmaster box offices for A Taste of Jazz, a Willamette River cruise featuring many of the best jazz musicians in the Portland area. The May 21 event on the Cascade sternwheeler Columbia George is a fund-raiser for the scholarship fund of the Mt. Hood Festival of Jazz Instrumental Workshop.

Adventures In Omokunle Village

You can test your skill at balancing a basket on your head or see how you'd look with a Nigerian hair-do at the African Adventures in Omokunle Village at the Children's Museum, 3037 S.W. Second. The exhibit is open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and every Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 823-2231 for information.

Spring Swim Lessons Start

Portland Parks and Recreation spring swim lessons are available for all ages and skill levels. Morning, afternoon and evening lessons are available at various sites. For a pool schedule, call Portland Parks at 823-5130.

Cabaret Extended Another Month

Hatbox: Under the Big Top! A Circus Cabaret has extended its 7:30 p.m. performances every Monday, through April 24, at Theatre on the Park, 904 S.W. Main St. Theatre founder Leigh Clark stars with a diverse, six-member multicultural cast of student performers. Call 226-6544 for more information.

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The Jefferson Dancers Return



◀ The Jefferson Dancers, the exciting young company from Jefferson High School, is returning to the Portland Center for the Performing Arts for two completely different shows, May 2 through May 7 at 8 p.m. The highly acclaimed young dance company has electrified audiences throughout the Northwest with their versatility and range. All seats are reserved. Tickets at \$12.50, \$10, and \$6 and are available at the center's box office and at all Fred Meyer FASTIXX outlets.



A City Of Roses And Landslides

Heavy rains reminded thousands of Portland motorists and homeowners recently about the city's propensity for landslides. The combination of steep hillsides and a desire to build homes and roads on hillsides makes landslides a common and sometimes devastating occurrence.

Portland State University geology students recently gained a first-hand look at these bane of nature through an "Engineering Geology" class.

Scott Burns, PSU associate professor of geology, combined field work, mapping and computer analysis to give students a better grasp of landslides.

"Our class saw nine significant landslides just along Skyline Boulevard and Thompson Road in west Portland after the heavy mid-February rains. Four or five of the landslides closed portions of

the roads temporarily and a couple are threatening homes," Burns said.

Portland's west hills is a slide-prone area, thanks in part to the area's soil composition. Fine-grained silt deposits called loess form the bulk of the soil. Loess material is thought to be the accumulation of wind-blown dust.

Area residents may not be aware that the city has some sizable landslides.

Washington Park Zoo is built on one of the city's biggest land slides, stretching roughly a half-mile long and a quarter-mile wide. It was formed thousands of years ago.

When the state widened Canyon Road (Oregon Highway 26) in the 1950s, the landslide started to move again, ever so slowly. The state highway department has stabilized the road often during the past 40 years.

Another sizable landslide is nearby, where the Washington Park reservoirs were built some 90 years ago. It's active as well, moving fractions of an inch each year. But the well-built reservoirs are in no danger and city crews carefully re-grout the reservoirs periodically to ensure their stability.

▶ Portland State geology students Tom Braibish (from left), Mike Boynau, Mark Groseclose and Chip Barnett place a drive probe into a landslide near the METRO Washington Park Zoo to measure the depth of a slide.

Jobs Group Hires Director, Opens Office

An organization to help at-risk youth find employment, has hired its first full-time manager and has opened an office in northeast Portland.

David K. Allen, an Oregon native experienced in job assistance services, will lead the Youth Employment and Empowerment Coalition as executive director.

The Coalition also announced the opening of a new office at 1818 NE Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.

Allen brings more than 10 years of non-profit experience in directing employment training and job development for at-risk youth to his new position.

Prior to joining the coalition's, Allen worked as an employment coordinator for Portland Impact, Inc., one of 18 provider groups involved with the coalition.

He has also worked with the Private Industry Council and the State of Oregon Employment Division.

Allen is active in a wide variety of community organizations, including the Northeast Rescue Plan Action Committee, Leaders Roundtable, Coalition of Black Men, American Red Cross and the Portland Housing Center.

He is a graduate of the University of Oregon and co-founder of "Oregon Black Professionals," an organization devoted to providing its members with professional development and networking opportunities.



▶ David K. Allen