

# METRO *Life*

The Portland Observer

## One Of The Youngest College Head Coaches in The Country at 23

### Community Calendar

#### Oregon Special Olympics

The Oregon Special Olympics needs four hundred volunteers for The Bite on August 13, 14 and 15 at Tom McCall Waterfront Park. This event raises more than \$100,000 for Oregon athletes with mental retardation. Volunteer efforts in running this event generate over \$100,000 each year. Bite volunteers are given vouchers for free food and their names are submitted in a special drawing for free airline tickets. The following weekend, August 21, 22 and 23, volunteers are needed at the Summer Sports Tournament in Salem. For more information, call 503/241-3834.

#### Oregon Peace Institute

The Oregon Peace Institute will offer a workshop on "Understanding the Sources of Conflict" on Thursday, August 26 from 6:30-9 PM, at the First United Methodist Church in Room 134, 1838 SW Jefferson St. in Portland. Please register in advance by calling 503/725-8292. A \$10 donation would be appreciated.

#### Ancient Forest Picnic

Join ONRC friends and families for a day of guided ancient forest hikes, games, swimming, music and fabulous vegetarian bar-b-que. Learn about the Oregon Wild campaign to protect wilderness in Oregon on Sunday, August 22 from 11 AM - 5 PM. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 8-18. This will get you the entire day's activities and all-you-can-eat. For more information or directions, contact Catherine at 503-283-6343 ext.211 or visit their website page at [ct@onrc.org](http://ct@onrc.org).

#### Children's Fair

The N/NE Taskforce is sponsoring a Children's Fair! It will be held on Saturday, August 14 from 10 AM to 3 PM at Common Bond, located at 4919 NE 9th (behind St. Andrews Church). All families, child care providers and children are welcome to participate in games, music, dance, food and fun! Last year over 500 families attended the fair. The Children's Fair will also feature information on childhood development, helpful parenting tips, community resources, and a free lead testing clinic. A limited number of scholarships are available for non-profit agencies who are unable to afford the \$10 donation. Call Joann Borud at 503/256-0432 X225 to request a scholarship application.

#### Planning for Retirement

As part of Black United Fund's commitment to Education and Economic Development, they are presenting a complimentary seminar on "Planning for Retirement". The seminar will be held at Kaiser Town Hall, 3704 N Interstate on August 19 from 6 - 7:30 PM. The discussion will cover the five stages of retirement planning, assessing what you need and identifying gaps, building a plan, and making your money last. This event is free and open to the public. Call 503/291-8304 or e-mail at [aliving@teleport.com](mailto:aliving@teleport.com).

#### Romeo and Juliet

Portland Actors Ensemble presents their 30th Annual Shakespeare-In-The-Parks production: Romeo and Juliet. This production promises to be the best in Portland. Don't miss the opportunity to bring a picnic and join us for an afternoon of exceptional live theatre! Call our Events Line at 321-0710 for more information or visit our website at [www.portlandactors.org](http://www.portlandactors.org) for location maps, cast list, and other info.

#### Insights Teen Parent Program

All are invited to attend the Family A-Faire on Sunday, August 22, from 11 AM to 4 PM, to celebrate 20 years of service to families in the Portland area by the Insights Teen Parent Program. The event will be held in Colonel Summers Park, located at SE 20th and Belmont. A picnic and BBQ will be served from noon to 2 PM. There will live music, Ballet Folklorico de Woodburn, henna Tattoo artists, apinata maker, carnival booths and much more.

#### 4th Annual Menagerie Project

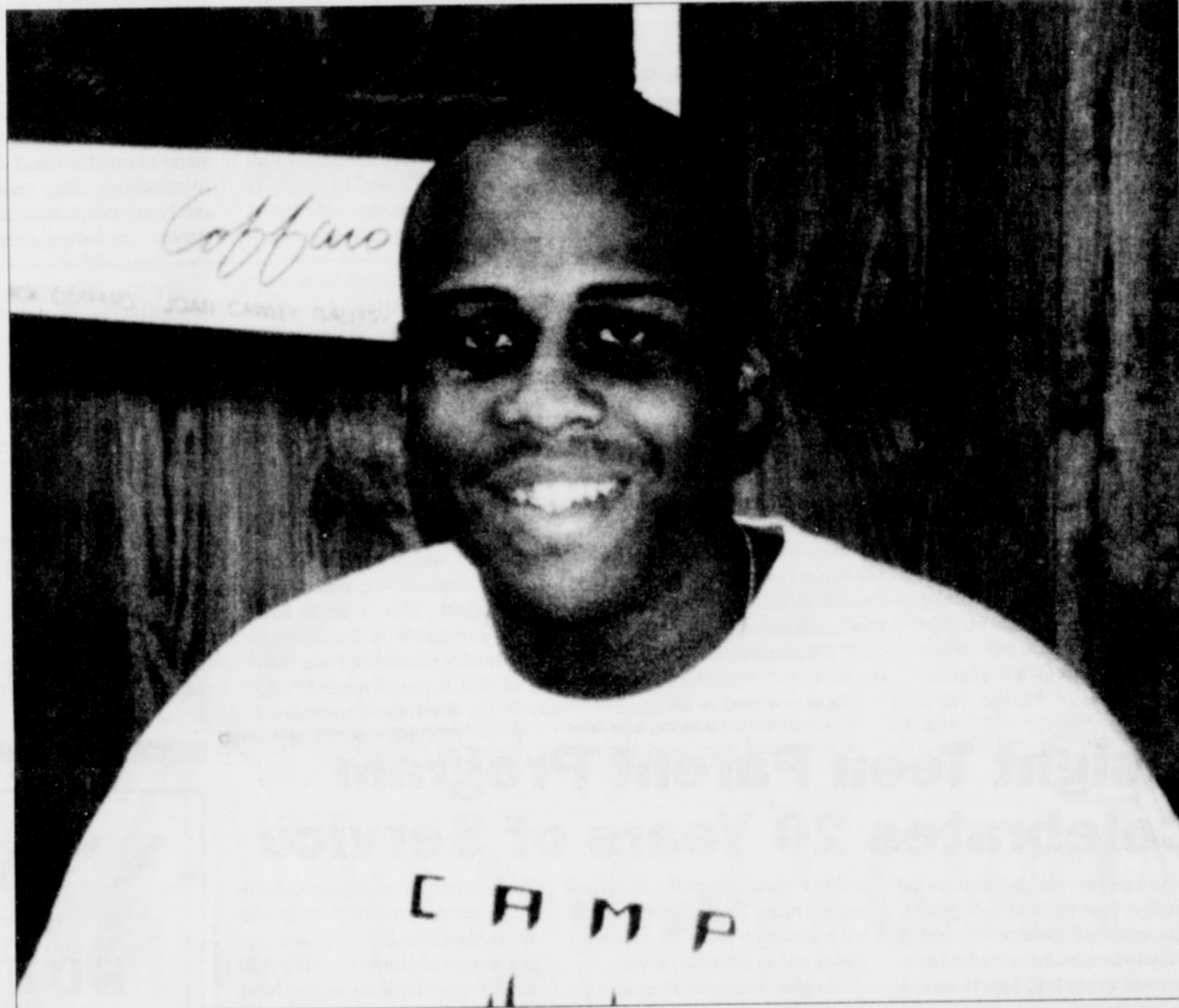
The Really BIG Dance Company presents the 4th Annual Menagerie Project (or Menagerie Quatre for all you fancy folks) August 26-28 and September 2-4 at 8 PM at Conduit Studio, 918 SW Yamhill, 4th floor. In years past, you've witnessed dueling belly dancers, wild animal revues, as well as "really big" dancing fruit... Tap dancers, pranksters, songstresses, and some really bad- (oops!) make that Really BIG magic! Call 503/236-9843.

**SUBMISSIONS:** Community Calendar information will be given priority if dated two weeks before the event date.

Jason D. Lowery from Northeast Portland has worked hard to be masterful in both sports and academics. He is currently one of the nation's youngest college-level basketball head coaches, leading an NAIA Division I team at Hope International University. This achievement was further complimented by his ability to earn a Master's degree in Educational Counseling with a G.P.A. of 3.95. Lowery has done all this despite being only 23 years old.

Lowery graduated from Jesuit High School, playing both basketball and baseball. He later attended Pfitzer College on a scholarship. After playing in a NCAA Division III team for four years, he pursued more education at the University of Redlands. It was a life of balancing full-time schooling and serving as a recruiting coordinator. Gary Smith, the former head basketball coach at the University of Redlands for 29 years took an active interest in Lowery and helped propel him to the position he currently holds.

Lowery wants to coach and encourage his team members to become a success in the sports and academic arena. His set goal is to "graduate 100% of my players in four years."



Jason D. Lowery is the head coach of Men's Basketball and teaches Black History at Hope International University in Fullerton, California.



Tiante Tims, a graduate from Wilson High School, is Jason Lowery's most recent recruit this season for Hope International Universities.

## Consolidated Freightways Names Berreth Senior Director, Administration

James D. Berreth has been appointed to the new position of senior director, administration for Consolidated Freightways (CF).

Berreth, 52, will be responsible for all of CF's payroll, accounts payable and accounts receivable operations while based at the company's Leland James Center in Portland, Ore., and will manage a staff of 350.

Berreth, who has been with Consolidated Freightways for 33 years, was most recently the company's director of rate services, a position he held since 1991. He joined the company as a processing clerk in 1966 while attending collage and subsequently was promoted to rate auditor. In 1976 he moved to Boise, Idaho, where he became a supervisor at the company's Boise rate center. In 1983 he was named the rate center manager.

Berreth has attended both Portland State University and Boise State University. A native of Portland, he is married and has three children.

Consolidated Freightways is a



James D. Berreth

transportation company primarily providing less-than-truckload and logistics services throughout the United States, Canada and Mexico.

## Albina Community Bank Swings the Door Open With New Loan Program

Albina Community Bank, a certified Community Development Financial Institution, recently announced the beginning of its \$1 million Fresh-Start Revolving Loan Fund. It will target small businesses, with a significant focus on minority and women-owned companies located in North and Northeast Portland.

"The minority and women-owned business sector, particularly in North/Northeast Portland, is an important market for the bank," said James Taylor, Albina Community Bank Senior Vice President. "Additionally, with the current redevelopment efforts occurring in North/Northeast Portland, the bank wants to ensure that minority and women-owned businesses have the resources to grow and prosper for many years to come. The Fresh-Start Revolving Fund wouldn't be possible without the unique partnership the bank developed with the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department.

"Although we'll look to finance businesses that have good potential for growth and profitability, we will be more flexible when reviewing traditional areas that plague small businesses: lack of collateral, lack of equity and past credit problems," Taylor said. "We want this fund to be very accessible to small businesses. Consequently, we've built in allowances realizing that many small-business owners have had past problems."

Call Albina Community Bank's Commercial lending Department at 287-7537 for information on the Fresh-Start Revolving Loan Fund. Or visit their offices at 2002 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Portland, Or. 97212.



James Taylor

Albina Community Bank Senior Vice President