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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Spring Carnival

The Vernon Elementary School will be having a Spring Carnival on May 5 from 4:30 - 7 pm. at 2044 NE Killingsworth. Activities include bingo, velcro darts, face painting, cake walk, duck pond, joy jump and basketball toss. The cost for tickets are five for \$1. Proceeds to be utilized for 5th grade promotion picnic and other school activities.

Mensa Offers IQ Test

Mensa, the high intelligence society, will offer an IQ test to potential members. The test will be held Saturday, May 13 at 1 pm. at Portland State University. Those wishing to take the test are asked to preregister with Brewster Gillett, testing coordinator at 503/245-3707 and will be proctored by Brian Aveny, editor of Oregon Mensas monthly newspaper. The test lasts two hours and costs \$30.

The Buds of

Promise Dance

Recital

The Buds of Promise (Buds) are holding a dance recital on Sunday, May 7, 2000 at 5 p.m. at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center (IFCC). Special guests for the recital will be Jontae Moaning, a member of the Jefferson Dancers and the Northwest African American Ballet. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 years of age. The "Buds," as they are affectionately called, are primed through the art of dance and oration to express themselves with confidence.

Women in Trades

Fair

Learn about the opportunities in the construction trades on Saturday, May 20 from 10 am. to 4 pm. at the NECA/IBEW Electrical Training Center at 16021 NE Airport Way. For more information, call 503/943-2228 or visit their website at www.tradeswomen.net

Free Vehicle Law

Class For Bicyclists

On Thursday, May 18, from 6 pm. - 7:30 pm., A class will be held on Oregon's vehicle laws from a bicyclist's perspective with Bike Lawyer, Ray Thomas. It will be held at the Bicycle Transportation Alliance, 1117 SW Washington in downtown Portland. The event is free. Multnomah Bar Association noon time bicycle rides - short rides with hills will meet on Mondays and Thursdays between Noon and 12:10 pm. at the SW corner of Pioneer Courthouse Square. Call Ray Thomas at 503/228-5222.

NAACP Youth

Award Nominees

This is the last call for NAACP Youth Award Nominees. They are looking for candidates from the Linn/Benton Counties who have made a difference in their own personal life or in the life of the community. Send your nominating letter via email to Sylvia Volk at volks@peak.org or mail it to: Sylvia Volk, Corvallis-NAACP, 605 NW Linden Avenue, Corvallis, OR 97330. Any questions? Call 754-7325 x324 or at home evenings, 754-5816.

Speak Out Against Police Abuse

A Northeast Portland Community Forum is inviting the public to speak about their experiences of police abuse. City Council claims that low numbers of official complaints reflect proper police conduct - we know otherwise. This forum has been organized to show the city the extent and the prevalence of police misconduct in Portland. Co-sponsored by the Portland NAACP, St. Andrew's Catholic Church, and the Police Accountability Campaign 2000. The event will be held at the ST. Andrew's Community Center, NE 9th/ Alberta on May 3 at 7 pm. This will be a bilingual event, in English and Spanish.

Vandals of police radar trailer sought by police



The Milwaukie Police Department, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the person or persons responsible for vandalizing a police radar trailer.

The trailer, which contained an electronic speed display for passing motorists, was parked near the intersection of SE Linwood Avenue and Cedarcrest Drive in Milwaukie. Sometime late Saturday night, March 25, 2000, the trailer was extensively damaged and the radar unit stolen. Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, which leads to an arrest in this case or any unsolved felony crime, and you can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP(4357)

Meet Portland's newest celebrity resident: Danny Glover

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Meet Danny Glover. Hear from Portland's new police chief Mark Kroeker. Witness a performance of the Northwest African American Ballet. Bid in a silent auction. Help answer the question: "Who's the Hot Minority?" Get tips on how to get a novel published, whether in novel, poetry or comic book form. And groove to the sounds of the N' Touch Jazz Band.

You can do all this and more when you attend the Western Regional Conference of the National Association of Black Journalists, the media organization for people of color in the world. The weekend will kick off on Friday, May 5 with An Evening With Danny Glover. This will be the first occasion for Glover to interact with a large number of Portland residents since he moved to town several months ago. What's more, Gov. John

Kitzhaber has declared May 5 as Danny Glover Day and the local Buffalo Soldiers plan to present Glover with an honorary membership for his work as an executive producer and star of a television movie about the accomplished but little-known black calvary units.

As a distinguished actor of the stage and screen, Glover is known for his work in both Hollywood blockbusters and serious dramatic films. But he is also a caring man who uses his name and presence to make a difference in society. Since 1998, Glover has served as Goodwill Ambassador for the United Nations Eradication of Poverty, regenerating the environment, creating jobs and advancing the rights of women. He also works closely with TransAfrica Forum, an organization that promotes and works for the advancement of human rights and sustained economic development for the nations of Africa and the Caribbean. Currently, he is chairman of the



Actor Danny Glover

"Stop Killing Kids" campaign for the National Coalition Against the Death Penalty. Other high-profile, out-of-town guests include:

- Barry Cooper, founder and CEO of BlackVoices.com, the most successful virtual community for African Americans. Cooper is an award-winning journalist who made the switch to dot.com. His site gets more than 20 million page views a month.

- John Burris, civil-rights attorney for Rodney King and author of *Blue vs. Black*, a compelling account of police brutality and police misconduct cases tried by Burris' firm. A limited number of conference tickets - at \$150 each - are still available. Registration does include the Evening with Danny Glover event and the tickets are tax deductible. For more information, call Renee Mitchell at 503/221-8142, check out www.pabj.net or send a check or money order to P.A.B.J., P.O. Box 6507; Portland, OR 97208-6507.

Christmas in April celebrates rebuilding 51 Houses

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Christmas in April-Portland will celebrate its 10th anniversary on Saturday, April 29, when more than 1200 volunteers will renovate, repair and refurbish 51 homes for low income, elderly and disabled homeowners and five non-profit community centers in the Portland metro area.

The one-day rebuilding blitz will concentrate activities in North and Northeast Portland but, for the time, will include homes in SE Portland and one in Lake Oswego. "We're expanding our coverage," said Mike Malone, Executive Director for Christmas in April-Portland, "and hope to partner with social service and neighborhood groups in the new areas."

Neighborhood churches and area service agencies identify and designate homeowners that need assistance to make their homes safe and livable again. Teams of volunteers from corporations, schools, service clubs, and churches provide labor for the projects. This year, 55 groups will participate in the April 29 activities. Skilled trades and other volunteers will provide painting, carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, hauling, cleaning and yard work services to the homeowners. Since its founding in 1991, Christmas in April-Portland has rebuilt 390 houses and 15 non-profit community centers. More than 7,000 volunteers have invested their time and talents and along with donated materials has resulted in an estimated market value of \$6 million worth of rebuilding activity.

Christmas in April-Portland is an affiliate of Christmas in April USA, a national home rebuilding program with 275 chapters in all 50 states. From left to right: Doyle Thomas, Linda Annbisiten, Crystal Bell, Nona Warren.

