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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Attention Unsigned Artists!

Approximately 10 artists and bands, encompassing all styles of music, will be chosen to perform at the Black Music Artist Showcase on June 23rd. Top 3 performers will have a chance of winning great prizes like \$1,000. The deadline is May 26. Send a 2-song cassette, bio, picture if possible, any press material and complete contact information with non-refundable application fee of \$25 for a single artist and \$75 for group by the deadline date. Contact the Roseland Theater about the Local Artist Showcase on Friday, June 23, 2000.

Health and Fitness Fair

The 2000 Health and Fitness Fair will be held at University Park Community Center, located at 9009 N. Foss on Saturday, May 20 from 10 am. - 4 pm. There will be lots of health information, prizes, music and games. Some of the exhibitors include the Oregon Dairy Council, American Cancer Society, American Red Cross and the African Health Coalition. Call 503/823-3631.

Free Performance of "The Jungle Book"

The Buckman SUN school program will be sponsoring a free neighborhood performance of THE JUNGLE BOOK by the TEARS OF JOY PUPPET THEATRE COMPANY. The performance will take place at 4 pm. on Wednesday, May 31st in the cafeterium at Buckman School, 320 SE. 16th. For more information, call Diane at 503/998-2166.

The Palace and Collections of a Russian Noble Family

Art lovers have a few more days to see the Stroganoff: The Palace and Collections of a Russian Noble Family at the Portland Art Museum. This acclaimed exhibition, which has garnered international press attention closes on Wednesday, May 31, 2000. The exhibition features icons and antiquities, gold and silver decorative arts, palace furnishings, and Old Master paintings, all arrayed as they were in the Stroganoff Palace, one of the grandest 18th century buildings on St. Petersburg's principal thoroughfare.

Try Acupuncture, Herbal Remedies at Free Seminars

Are you healthy as you want to be, could be? Complementary medicine can give you a new outlook on your health. Now, you can check it out in a safe, educational forum. The Oregon College of Oriental Medicine (OCOM), 10525 SE Cherry Blossom Dr., Portland, is sponsoring free seminars on June 10, 17 and 24. Each Saturday seminar starts at 10 am. and lasts about 90 minutes. To reserve your place, call 503/253-3443.

Learn How to Write Grants

Join a grantwriting workshop headed by Rick Levine on Wednesday, May 24 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. at the Brentwood-Darlington Community Center (7211 SE 62nd Avenue). Rick Levine has been writing grants and teaching grantwriting in the northwest since 1973. He is the creator and author of the first "Guide to Oregon Foundations". The guide, in its sixth edition, is still considered an outstanding tool for grantseekers.

Reengineering Yourself for The New Millennium

Joseph McClendon III, an instructor at UCLA and Master Trainer for the Anthony Robbins Institute, will offer a one-day seminar entitled "Reengineering Yourself for the New Century" on May 18, 2000 at the Oregon Convention Center. McClendon uses a teaching style that includes Neuro-Linguistic Programming, Neuro-associative Conditioning and body movement to teach key communication skills and patterns of physiology of highly successful people. Call 503/241-9200.

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

Portland woman receives award from Oprah Winfrey

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When Mariah Taylor first received the call from Oprah Winfrey's production company, she thought someone was playing a joke on her.

But soon it became clear that Taylor and her almost 20-year-old North Portland Nurse Practitioner Community Health Clinic were being given \$50,000 after being chosen as the sixth recipient of Winfrey's "Use Your Life Award."

Taylor, the clinic's founder and director, appeared Monday on Winfrey's daily television show to receive the award, which is aimed at "someone who is using their life to improve the lives of others," said the show's publicist, Jerilyn Schultz.

The presentation also serves "to bring attention and funding to grass-roots programs around the world," Schultz said.

Taylor's operation certainly is grass-roots. Operating on an annual budget of about \$250,000, it has provided free or low-cost services to about 18,000 children from low-income and uninsured families since it opened on Nov. 3, 1980.

The clinic - which has survived several financial crunches over the years - is supported by donations and helping hands from United Way as well as other public and private sources. It also relies heavily on donated medical supplies.

A single mother of four and a former welfare recipient, Taylor overcame a childhood of poverty in her native Atlanta, Texas.

In 1946, she moved with her family to Portland. While growing up, she cared for many of her siblings during illnesses, sparking an interest that eventually led to several college degrees and a career in nursing.

Today, Taylor, who is 57 and a grandmother of seven, puts in as many as 20 hours a day at the clinic. In addition to her regular pediatric



Mariah Taylor and Oprah Winfrey pose during the Oprah Winfrey show Monday

nurse services, she makes house calls and provides referral services when needed. The clinic is run by a staff of three full-timers and one part-time employee.

Beyond her medical treatments, Taylor collects donated clothing, toys, diapers, bread and fruit, all of which she distributes to needy community residents. She even has a Friday tradition of handing out treats to children who get good grades.

The cash award and national recognition are perfectly timed, Taylor said, because she

plans to relocate the clinic early next year to a larger building and hopes to hire additional staff members.

The new facility will include space to conduct evening classes in English as a second language for many of her immigrant patients and their families.

The Oprah prize "will be a catalyst for other resources that will help cover the costs of medicines and families who have nothing to pay," she said.

"It'll help ensure that every child will be able

to get the proper medicine."

Most important, Taylor emphasized, the award represents a collective family and communitywide accomplishment. "I don't do this by myself," she insisted. "I get help from all over. Back when we were having financial trouble and couldn't pay the bills, we had to go next door to get water to flush the toilet. . . . When people send up prayers for us, they often don't know how much that means. We're all in this together. We all do what we can."

Portland elementary science teacher named among best in the US

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President Clinton has named Eric Olson a recipient of the nation's highest honor for U.S. science teachers in grades K through 12. Mr. Olson a teacher at Chief Joseph Elementary School, is among 200 teachers selected for the 1999 Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

"America's continuing success in the international technological revolution depends heavily upon building our strength in mathematics and science education," says Rita Colwell, director of the National Science Foundation, which administers the awards program on behalf of the White House. "The teachers we honor here are educating those who will lead this country - and the world - in creating, developing, and putting to work

new ideas and new technologies."

Each year, a national panel of distinguished scientists, mathematicians, and educators recommends teachers to receive a Presidential Award - one elementary and one secondary science teachers from each state and four designated jurisdictions. The 1999 awardees were selected from among 648 state finalists. As an awardee, Mr. Olson will receive a \$7,500 educational grant to be used at Chief Joseph Elementary School, a presidential citation, and a trip to Washington D.C., for a series of recognition events, information exchange programs, and an award ceremony. Mr. Olson is a graduate of Portland State University, Portland, OR.

"Heroes are not giant statues framed against a red sky. They are people who say: This is my community and it is my responsibility to make it better."

Tom McCall (Oregon Governor 1967-1975)

Portland's central city concern wins national award for affordable housing effort

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The Fannie Mae Foundation was honored Portland's Central City Concern (CCC) as winner of the national Maxwell Awards of excellence for its Rose Wood Apartments, an affordable housing unit providing appropriate shelter for low-income and homeless people with HIV/AIDS. The nonprofit will be awarded a \$35,000 grant and was honored during a Capitol Hill ceremony in Washington on May 16.

The Maxwell Awards of Excellence Program for the Production of Low-Income Housing (Maxwell Awards) seeks to identify, promote and reward the outstanding work of nonprofit organizations that develop and maintain affordable housing in urban neighborhoods, metropolitan communities, small cities and rural areas. The program also designed to encourage more corporations and foundations to become funding or investment partners in community development endeavors.

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