# Focus



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## Youth Art Show Opens

424 N.W. 12th Ave., on Saturday, gallery throughout the month.

April 17 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The "Why the Moon is Free: A chased by calling 503-289-3399.

Arts Academy students from Youth Art Show" by students from north and northeast Portland will Beach Elementary, Ockley Green kick off a gala reception and Middle School and Jefferson High fundraiser at Waterstone Gallery, School will also be exhibited at the

Tickets are \$10 and can be pur-



REVIEWS ON EXCITING NEW VEHICLES BY THE WORLD'S LEADING MANUFACTURERS

## 2004 Nissan Quest 3.5S Minivan

The introduction of the all-new 2004 Nissan Quest makes a dramatic statement in the market, sharing nothing from its previous models. Although it has taken a long time for Nissan to market its own distinctive product for this line, it could be one product that brings them to becoming a major competitor. It started as one of the smallest minivans and now has become one of the largest inside and out.

The all-new cutting edge design and plenty of extras draws the attention of the vehicle shoppers. Nissan Quest could hold up to the familiar long-standing competition of Honda Odyssey or Toyota Sienna with its "performance oriented" product line. The vehicle provides features like: fold-flat middle-row captain's chairs, poweradjustable foot pedals and Nissan's unique Skyview Roof. The instrument panel is a single cage cluster and information screen in the



Tested vehicle information: price: \$25,980, engine: 3.5 liter, V-6 and the transmission 4-speed automatic.

middle, which increases the outward visibility. The design theme for the interior is "Urban Loft." The use of the interior space has dramatically improved for the comfort of all ages not just to hold small children or car seats. The seats are more comfortable for the growing child. The second and third row seats folds flat providing the space to carry large payloads.

The increase in horsepower brings the Quest in line with other Nissan products emphasizing performance and handling. The entire product line is all about driving experience. The engine power comes smoothly with a quiet engine sound. Quest comes with multi-link suspension and front and rear stabilizer bars. The handling of this minivan might leave one thinking they are driving a sport car.

The Nissan Quest offers the vehicle shopper a minivan worth taking for a test drive. They believe that minivans do not sell unless they are safe. They have made a vehicle that will provide safety for all three rows of passengers.

# **Blasting through Hip-Hop Boundaries**

Quest and OutKast. The album rock. was also equated to Public Encal statements.

contributes to hip-hop's timely and timeless messages with a www.deadprez.com.

The hype surrounding dead shift in focus from the 'hood to prez's freshman album "Let's street knowledge. It crosses the Get Free" rivaled acclaimed hip-boundaries of hip-hop with elehop albums by A Tribe Called ments of soul, blues, reggae and

"Unbroken' is a testament to emy in its fiery, observant politi- the fact that we've been through the worst that life could throw at Dead prez' new album, "RBG: us but we're still here, we still Revolutionary But Gangasta," survived," said'M-1' of dead prez.

For more information, visit



Hip-hop emcees and activists 'M-1' and 'stic.man' comprise dead prez.

#### **Hoppity Hop**

The Oregon Zoo welcomes spring with a Rabbit Romp from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 10. The romp features a candy egg hunt, games, face painting and photos with the Mad Hatter's Tea Party by the Young People's Theater Project. For more information, call 503-226-1561.

#### **Spring Fest**

The 10th annual Spring Beer and Wine Fest is at the Oregon Convention Center on April 9 and 10. The theme, A Taste of the Best, introduced another level of culinary education with cooking demonstrations, besides sampling more than 150 beers, ciders, meads, wines, Scotches, bourbons, martinis and gourmet foods. For details, visit www.springbeerfest.com.

### **Neville Brothers at Chinook Winds**

The Neville Brothers bring their Mardi Gras Mambo and New Orleans Big Easy sound to Chinook Winds Casino and Convention Center in Lincoln City, May 7 and Saturday, May 8.

#### Peacejam Diverse World Retreat

Oregon and Washington youth aged 12-20 and adult supporters are holding Peacejam: Youth Leadership for a Diverse World retreat at Camp Adams in Molalla. The registration cost is \$75. Scholarships are available. For more information, call 503-275-0663.

## **Benevolent Queen helps Community**

Darcelle XV is having a benefit extravaganza premiere glamour drag queen show for the Linnton Community Center at 7 p.m. Sunday, April 25. Tickets are \$20 for legendary performances at the Community Center, 10614 N.W. St. Helens Rd. For more information, call 503-286-4990.

## Ebony Fashion Extravaganza April 16

The Portland Chapter of The Links presents its annual fundraiser, the Ebony Fashion Fair at the Oregon Convention Center at 6 p.m. April 16. Tickets are \$45 to \$75. For more information, call 503-2866426.

## **Ongoing and Upcoming Music**

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The Blue Monk on Belmont plays live jazz. For a schedule, visit www.thebluemonk.com. Interstate Bar and Grill has mature live music at 4234 N. Interstate. The Black Notes play Thursdays at the Candlelight Room. Mel Brown plays jazz at Jimmy Maks on Tuesdays and Thursdays and Fridays and Saturdays at Salty's on the Columbia. A Community Unity Breakfast is every third Thursday at SEI at 7:30 a.m. Skip Elliott Bowman Jazz Trio plays Saturdays from 10 a.m. to noon at Hannah Bea's, on northeast Shaver. R&B and live funk bands perform weekends at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural

### Dino Discovery at Oregon Zoo

The Oregon Zoo discovers Dino Island: The Land of Civilization Forgot through April 30. This simulator thrill ride includes riders on a scientific team whose mission is to explore a newly formed island baffling environmentalists around the world. The ride is \$4 in addition to general admission. For more information, call 503-226-1561 or visit www.oregonzoo.org.

#### **Artist's Featured at Abbey Cafe**

The Abbey Café, 441 N. Killingsworth St., invites musicians to sell their CDs and perform on Fridays and Saturdays. For more information, call 503-286-4847.

## **PIII HIII at IFCC**

PassinArt Theater presents "Pill Hill," the story of six black steel mill workers as they move from blue collar to white-collar professions. The play by Samuel Kelley and directed by Brenda Phillips through April 10 at the Firehouse Interstate Cultural Center, 5340 N. Interstate Ave. General admission is \$15 with discounts for students and seniors. For more information, call 503-823-4322.

#### Laughing Through It

A Portland Jam Night plans to heal the community's ills through laughter at the Wave Theatre in North Portland. The live music and sketch improv comedy is at 9 p.m. Fridays. Tickets are \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids. For more information, call 503-735-4184 or visit www.jam-night.com.

#### Larger Than Life-sized

OMSI's big-screen OMNIMAX theater is "Lewis and Clark: Great Journey West" through June and "Jane Goodall's Wild Chimpanzees" through May. For more information, call 503-797-4588.

## Trippin' through Town

Take a trip through time to find the hottest poetry, hip-hop and soul influencing Portland on Wednesdays at the Ohm. \$7 cover. 31 N.W. First

## **Ten Grands Concert**

A benefits for the Snowman Foundation is Saturday, April 10 at 7 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall. For information, visit www.snowmanfoundation.org or call Mert Meeker at 503-227-7271.

## Jazz Mass Performance

Pacific University presents the world premiere of a new arrangement of the only Jazz Mass commissioned by the Vatican at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 8 in McCready Hall in the Taylor-Meade Performing Arts Center on Pacific University campus. General admission is \$5, and \$3 for students and senior. For more information call 503-352-2918.

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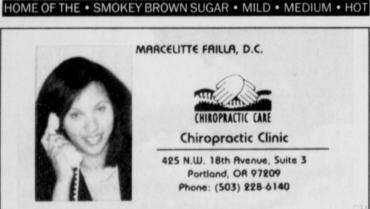
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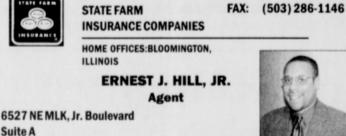
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