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Community Calendar

Oregon Food Bank

The Oregon Food Bank will host a gardening workshop on March 9 at 6:30 p.m. at 7900 NE 33rd Drive. To register, call 503-282-0555 ext. 268.

Women Mentors

Women in Community Service is seeking volunteer mentors to serve as advisors, advocates and role models for female offenders at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. Mentors provide support and encouragement to women transitioning from prison back into the community. Mentors must be female, 24 or older. Training is provided on March 19. Call 503-570-6614 for more information.

Portland Children's Museum

Portland Children's Museum will hold a variety of art activities for children throughout March, including mediums using mosaic, African arts and culture and garden stepping stones. For information, call 503-223-6500 or visit www.portlandchildrensmuseum.org.

Used Bookstore Sale

The Multnomah County Library's Title Wave Used Bookstore at 216 N.E. Knott St. will hold its 17th anniversary sale during the month of March. Sales will change daily. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 503-988-5021.

Get Fit, Stay Healthy!

Sankofaa Health Institute offers a free diabetes support group from 6 to 7:30 p.m. every third Thursday at Alberta Simmons Plaza, 6707 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. For more information, call 503-285-2484.

Love the Pooch

Problem pooch classes are a must take for anyone who may be new to the world of pet parenthood or is interested in considering adopting a new friend. Come to the Oregon Humane Society to find out why your dog does those silly little things. Meetings are every first and third Saturday of the month at 11 a.m. For more information, call 503-285-7722.

Women in NAACP

Women in NAACP meets from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month at the American Red Cross Building, 3131 N. Vancouver. For questions, call 503-249-6263.

Business Meeting

Join North/Northeast Business Association meetings on the first Monday of each month from 6 to 8 p.m. at Albina Community Bank, 2002 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd. Morning networking meetings are the third Wednesday of each month from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Blazers Boys and Girls Club, 5250 N.E. Martin Luther King Blvd. For more information, call 503-249-0487 or visit www.nneba.org.

AIDS Awareness

Albina Ministerial Alliance sponsors a bi-monthly support and education group for African Americans living with HIV/AIDS at Maranatha Church at 4222 NE 12th St. The group will meet every second and fourth Thursday of the month. For more information, call Elnathan Hudson at 503-285-0493 ext. 217.

Birth Ready

Whether you need childbirth preparation classes, or just a refresher, Providence Health Systems has a workshop for you. Prepare for pain, take a weekend seminar or prepare big sisters and brothers-to-be throughout the summer by visiting www.providence.org/classes or call 503-574-6595.

Tapping into Star Power

Savion Glover to glide through Portland

It's rare that a pair of tapping feet could sound as pleasing to the ear as Savion Glover's. From being featured on Broadway to the big screen as a dancer and choreographer, Glover has made a lot of noise that he'll continue by visiting Portland on March 29 and 30 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

Glover made his Broadway debut at age 12, starring in "The Tap Dance Kid," and continued on the stage with "Black and Blue" and "Jelly's Last Jam," which co-starred his mentor, the late Gregory Hines.

He made his first film debut with Hines and Sammy Davis Jr. in "Tap" as a 13-year-old. As regular on Sesame Street for five seasons, a feature in Kenny G's video "Havanna" and a spot in Puff Daddy and the Family's video "All About the Benjamins," Glover has made quite a name for himself on the dance circuit.

Glover went on to produce and choreograph the ABC special "Savion Glover's Nu York" and starred in the Showtime movie "The Wall." He also choreographed the HBO movie "The Rat Pack."



PHOTOS BY LEN IRISH/DANCE MAGAZINE



World-renowned dancer Savion Glover is coming to Portland for two performances on March 29 and 30 at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall.

Not Your Ordinary Tappers, Glover's dance company, took him on international tours and caught the attention of President Bill Clinton, for whom he performed in "Savion Glover's Stomp, Slide and Swing" special on PBS.

In 2000, Glover paid tribute to tap greats Jimmy Slyde, Buster Brown, Dianne Walker and Cartier Williams with "Savion Glover in Foot Notes."

Glover's set for some more fiercely passionate and rhythmic performances with his current tour. He will feature various improvised performances with his six-piece band, as well as selections from his last tour.

Tickets for Glover's March 29 and 30 performances range from \$23 to \$57. Shows start at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call 503-248-4335 or visit www.ticketmaster.com or www.ticketswest.com.

Local Students Widen Horizons



A student from Tubman Middle School in north Portland used a tree corer to extract a wood sample for scientific research.

Discover careers in environmental sciences

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An inner city outreach program working with Portland Public Schools has been nationally recognized for its success in building bridges between natural resources issues, urban youth and the need to encourage more young scholars to pursue careers in the environmental sciences.

The program, organized by the College of Forestry at Oregon State University and supported by three other land management and research agencies, recently received the annual diversity award for partnership achievement from Gale Norton, U.S. secretary of the interior.

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natural resource issues among young Portland-area students, and help steer them toward some subjects they might otherwise not have considered," said David Stemper, manager of pre-college programs for the OSU College of Forestry. "We also try to connect them to internships and job opportunities, even during high school, and ultimately take their interests to the next level at OSU or a community college."

Called the Inner City Youth Institute, the program since 1999 has been operating in northeast Portland, mostly at Grant High School and three area middle schools. The program director works with teachers

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On Mississippi Avenue

Monthly Music Walk Premieres

This week, Mississippi Avenue is debuting a monthly Second Thursday Music Walk.

The inaugural celebration will start at 5 p.m. Thursday at participating businesses on North Mississippi Avenue between Skidmore and Fremont streets.

Fans of music, food, dance and art can come to enjoy special events at restaurants, studios and clubs with live music throughout the night. Other participating merchants along the avenue will be open late for business, with some holding their own events such as music, open houses, and art exhibits.

Participating businesses and events include: Bold-Sky Café & Studios, Bold-Sky, Belle Epoque Salon, Mississippi Studios, Pasta Bangs, Mississippi Pizza & Pub, Mississippi Commons, Quirks and Quandaries, Gravy, and Amnesia Brewing.