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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Trillium Charter School

Trillium Charter School is now accepting applications for the 2005-2006 school year. Application deadline is April 1. For more information, visit www.trilliumcharterschool.org or call 503-285-3833.

Pet Identification

The Oregon Humane Society, 1067 N.E. Columbia Blvd. will offer pet ID tags for free, ID microchips for \$15, and information on finding a lost pet, along with refreshments during a clinic on Saturday, April 2 from noon to 3:45 p.m. For more information, call 503-416-2985.

Foster Girls

A presentation on the great women of the Middle Ages will be presented for free on Monday, April 4 from noon to 2 p.m. at Terrell Hall 122 at the Portland Community College Cascade Campus. For more information, call 503-978-5249.

Women Mentors

Women in Community Service is seeking volunteer mentors 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. Call 503-570-6614 for more information.

Portland Children's Museum Activities

Portland Children's Museum will hold a variety of art activities for children throughout the month, including mediums using mosaic, African arts and culture and garden stepping stones. For more 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 all month long. Sales will change daily. Hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Hospice Training

A free comprehensive course of training to prepare people who are interested in becoming hospice volunteers will be held from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays from April 19 to May 10 (with various exceptions). To pre-register, call Cynthia Cohen at 503-215-5774.

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.

AIDS Awareness

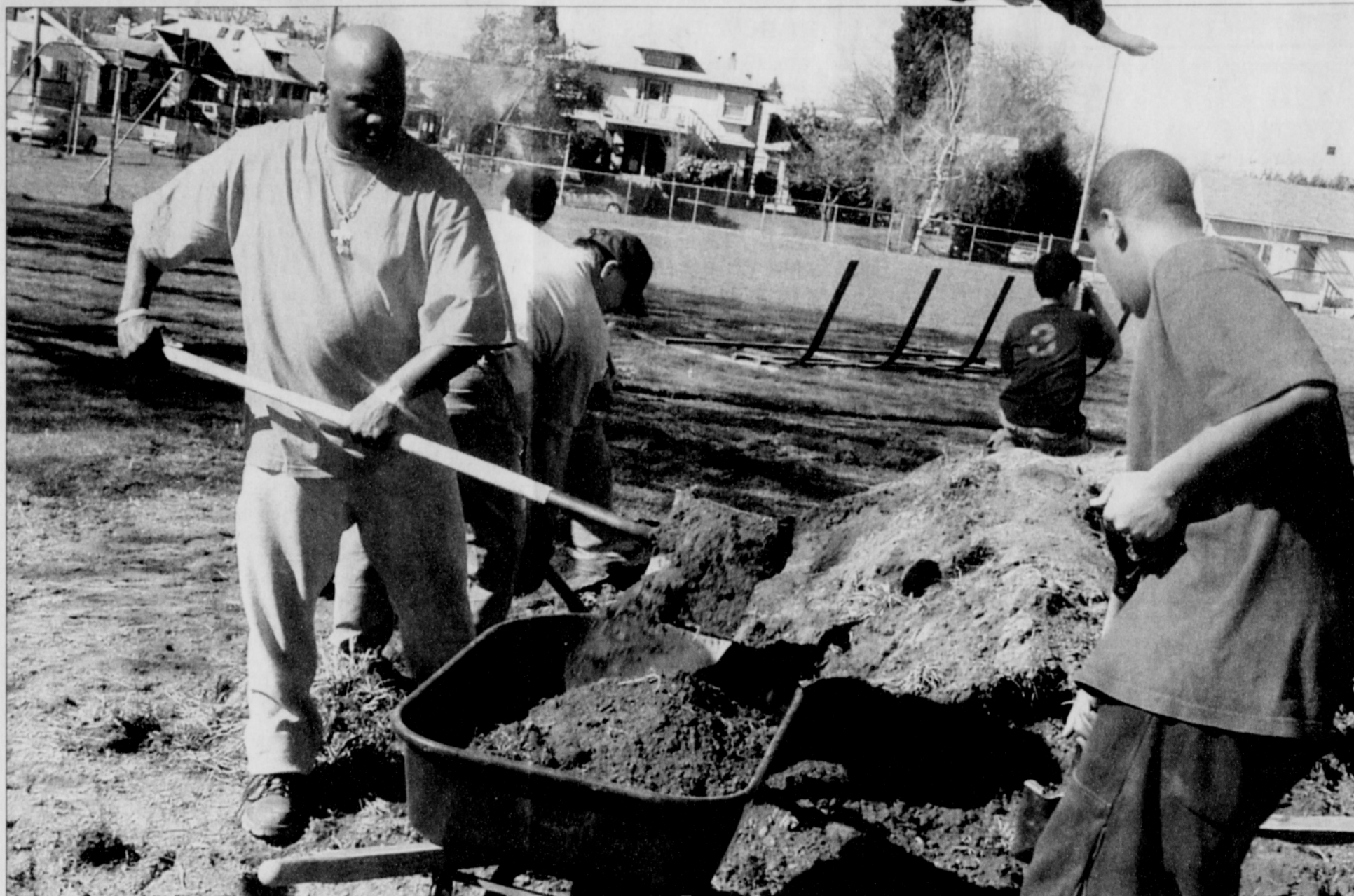
Albina Ministerial Alliance sponsors a bi-monthly support and education group for African Americans living with HIV/AIDS at Maranatha Church at 4222 NE 12th St. The group will meet every second and fourth Thursday of the month. For more information, call Elnathan Hudson at 503-285-0493 ext. 217.

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.

Creative Space For Dance

Aurora Dance Studio, 5433 N.E. 30th (at Killingsworth), offers an array of classes for children, teens and adults at all levels of ability. Call 503-249-0201 or visit online at www.hevanet.com/auroradance for information.



Jefferson Baseball Coach Mike Magnum (left) and John Johnson dig through a neglected infield at Jefferson High School in a volunteer effort to bring the field back to its former glory.

Investment Volunteers rebuild a field of dreams

Help is pouring in to rebuild a field of dreams on the Jefferson High School campus in north Portland.

Dozens of community residents, including police officers, coaches, players and neighborhood representatives are renovating the high school's baseball field after years of neglect.

The Portland Police Association became interested when they learned that Jefferson hasn't fielded a team for three years.

African American police officer Daryl Turner and other members of the association went to their union board and won a \$2,500 donation that is being used to pay

for some of the renovations.

Members of the non-profit Youth Gang Outreach team and Humboldt Neighborhood Association have also added a donation of sweat-equity by working on the project. A local business has offered to donate bats needed for the team to practice. The school is also seeking the donation of additional baseball equipment and a riding lawnmower to maintain the field.

The goal is to have a working baseball field by April 6 ahead of Jefferson's opening game on April 19.

For information on how to contribute to the project, call Coach Magnum at 503-793-3803.



Portland Police Sgt. Dave Virtue and Mike Hebrand of Athletic Field Design work on the baseball infield at the Jefferson High School.

Fruit Trees Distributed on Saturday for Free



Fruit trees will be distributed free Saturday at the Friends of Trees headquarters at 3117 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Annual giveaway honors growing

Friends of Trees is encouraging area residents to celebrate Arbor Month in April and Earth Day on April 22 by picking out your own apple, pear or plum tree at the organization's annual fruit tree giveaways.

The events are scheduled for this Saturday, March 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Friends of Trees, 3117 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and on Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Earth Day 2005: A Celebration of Localization at Sunnyside Environmental Middle School on Southeast 34th and Yamhill Street.

Donated by a local nursery, the bare root fruit trees are six to 12 feet tall and include dwarf, semi-dwarf, and standard stock. Friends of Trees will provide planting and tree care tips. A \$5 to \$10 donation per tree to support Friends of Trees planting projects is welcome.

In addition to providing shade and homes for song birds, trees planted in our yards trap rainwater on their leaves and through their

roots, reducing stormwater management costs and combined sewer overflows into the Willamette River. They also release oxygen and trap pollutants on their leaves, cleaning our air, and they remove carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, slowing global warming.

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A Center for Urban Forestry Institute study shows that each yard tree planted in the Northwest today can provide more than \$1,000 in benefits to homeowners and the community over the trees' lifetime.

This is Friends of Trees' 15th anniversary planting season. Since its inception, volunteers have planted more than a quarter of a million trees and shrubs in the Portland-Vancouver area.

Friends of Trees inspires community stewardship of our urban forest by bringing people in the Portland-Vancouver area together to plant, care for, and learn about city trees.

For more information about Friends of Trees and the Fruit Tree Giveaways, call 503-284-TREE (8733) or visit Friends of Trees' web site at www.friendsoftrees.org.