### Victory Charter School Fails

#### Poor academics, management blamed

Victory Middle School, a 116- Luther King Jr. Boulevard is student charter school using fa- losing its government funding cilities in the Blazer Boys and after failing to complete neces-Girls Club on Northeast Martin sary academic and managerial

improvements.

tion voted unanimously Thursday not to extend the school's charter for another year, which means the school will likely be extended the charter last year. out of business in August when the school year ends.

school had not completed the improvements promised by organizers when the state board

Victory, serving mostly African American students, opened

allows for state board sponsorship of a charter school if a local school district rejects it, and Victory was the first such school for trying to help the school. to get a state charter.

State board members agreed in 2003 with a state charter White Jr. said after meeting with he said.

with an Oregon Department of after the Portland School Board the state board he wasn't sure The Oregon Board of Educa- Education staff analysis that the rejected its proposal. State law what happens next. White, a former Portland Public Schools teacher and administrator. praised state department staff

> "We made improvements, but Victory Principal Cottrell B. we just didn't quite get there,"

### Stop Darfur **Genocide Rally**

**Walking Bass Master Jam** 

and mobilize local residents to and human rights tragedy of contact their government leaders to help stop the genocide in Darfur will be held Sunday, April downtown.

Congressman Earl Blumenauer is feared. and Samwell Dilla of the Sudanese Christian Fellowship, as well as other prominent faith and survivors of genocides.

region of Darfur is acknowl- Darfur.

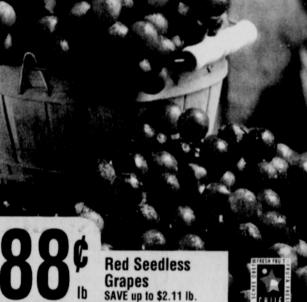
A rally to raise awareness edged to be a humanitarian the first order.

The humanitarian, security and political situations continue 30 from 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at to deteriorate: atrocities con-Pioneer Courthouse Square, tinue, people are still dying in large numbers of malnutrition Featured speakers include and disease, and a new famine

According to reports by the World Food Program, the U. N. and the Coalition for Internaleaders, human rights activists tional Justice, 3.5 million people are now hungry, 2.5 million have Nearly three years into a been displaced due to violence crisis, the western Sudanese and 400,000 people have died in

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#### LeRoy Vinnegar Jazz Week celebrated

For its third annual Jazz Week, May 4-6, the Leroy Vinnegar Jazz Institute at Portland State University pays tribute to the man known as the "Master of the Walking Bass," with performances spotlighting some of the West Coast's most prolific practitioners of this jazz art.

On 600 plus recordings and countless live performances over the course of his 45-year career, bassist Leroy Vinnegar's name Marcus Shelby came to be synonymous with the pulsing, rock-steady bass lines that Lincoln St. underpin modern jazz.

PSU's Lincoln Hall, Room 75.

of the San Francisco scene, critically acclaimed bassist and com- forming alongside the award-winposer Marcus Shelby.

Shelby will give a free jazz work-State University, and perform on available at the PSU box office, by Friday and Saturday evenings at calling 503-725-3307 or at any L.V.'s Uptown Jazz Club, 310 S.W. Ticketmaster outlet.



The week concludes with a con-The schedule kicks off with a cert entitled Walking the Line: The free performance by the Mel Brown Legacy of Leroy Vinnegar, on Sun-Trio playing the music of Vinnegar day, May 7 at 7:30 p.m. at Lincoln's on Thursday, May 4 at noon in Performance Hall. Featured will be five of the Northwest's most es-On May 5 and 6, the institute teemed bassists, Ed Bennett, Dave presents one of the brightest stars Captein, Andre St. James, Dan Schulte and Tom Wakeling, perning PSU Jazz Ensemble.

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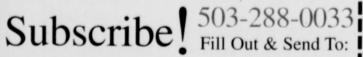
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