



N'Touch is a Portland-based jazz band that skillfully weaves R&B, Latin, gospel and other urban styles.

Stage Set for Smooth Jazz

Top musicians to perform Sunday at PGE Park



Bobby Caldwell headlines the Allstate Smooth Jazz 105.9 Summer Concert coming Sunday to PGE Park.

The Allstate Smooth Jazz 105.9 Summer Concert takes place at PGE Park on Sunday, July 23, with a line-up of eight artists on two stages, featuring some of the country's top jazz musicians and Portland's finest performers.

Smooth jazz artist Bobby Caldwell headlines the event, and accompanied by his eight-piece band, he's set to perform a smattering of songs from his recording career.

Originally from Manhattan and raised in Memphis and Miami, Fla., Caldwell grew up in a show business family and found early inspiration in Motown artists like Marvin Gaye and the Spinners.

In 1978 he released his first album, "What You Won't Do For Love" with its classic title song and has since recorded 13 albums, including two greatest hits collections and his latest, "Perfect Island Nights." He calls his new release a continuation, a cross between R&B, pop and smooth jazz.

Local artists Tom Grant, N'Touch, and Patrick Lamb with Patsy Meyer are also included in the concert lineup. Concertgoers can also catch sets from Mindi Abair, Nils, The Poncho Sanchez Band and Craig Chaquico. Gates open at noon and the first performer goes on stage at 1 p.m.

Tickets are priced at \$55 for in-front-of-stage lawn seating; \$45 for level 2 lawn seating; and \$35 for general admission seating at the stadium. Tickets are available at Ticketmaster outlets, by calling 503-224-4400 or visiting online at www.ticketmaster.com.

For more information visit the Smooth Jazz Summer Concert website at www.kijz.com.



Advocate for Women in Politics

John Edwards, former U.S. Senator from North Carolina and 2004 vice presidential candidate, joins Sen. Margaret Carter, D-Portland, at the recent National Organization of Black Elected Legislative Women's 21st Annual Conference, held in Portland. Edwards was the keynote speaker.

Portland Housing Fairs Open to All

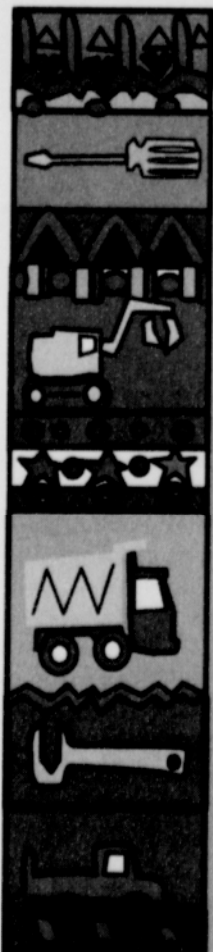
Two public housing fairs open to all and especially geared to first time homebuyers are scheduled over the next two weeks.

The first is sponsored by the Native American Youth and Housing Center, and takes place Saturday, July 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Portland Community College Southeast Center in Mount Tabor Hall at Southeast 82nd and Division. Features include Native American dance performances, a guest drum, food, a kid's corner and raffle prizes.

Participants will meet lenders and housing professionals and may be eligible to enter to win \$1,500 in down payment assistance. Classes, homebuyer assistance information, and housing resources for renters with home ownership goals will be offered.

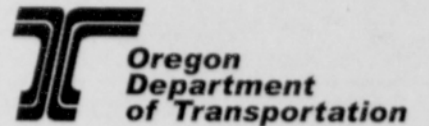
The second housing fair will be held on Saturday, Aug. 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization, 10301 N.E. Glisan. Fair organizers will offer services targeting limited-English speaking and low-income or first time homebuyers from Asian & Pacific Islander communities.

Participating organizations in-



clude public agencies, private businesses and non-profit organizations. There will also be prizes, food, entertainment, arts and crafts, and activities for children.

To pre-register, log on to www.apicia.org or call 971-544-1030.



ODOT IS KEEPING OREGON ON THE MOVE

Major construction is coming to Interstate 5 this summer.

The Oregon Department of Transportation is investing in Oregon's future with nearly \$3 billion in highway construction projects, putting Oregonians to work and improving the state's transportation infrastructure. ODOT is repairing and replacing bridges, widening lanes and performing other important maintenance work.

From Portland to just south of Eugene, dozens of projects will be under way on I-5. Construction over the next five years will be the heaviest Oregon has seen since the interstate system was

built 50 years ago. Some delays are unavoidable; however, ODOT is working to keep congestion to a minimum.

Before heading out on I-5, visit TripCheck.com or call 5-1-1 for up-to-date information about construction work and traffic when you're traveling.

SLOW DOWN—BETTER ROADS ARE AHEAD



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Save the date!

Disadvantaged and Small Business Enterprises Open House

Learn about contracting opportunities and meet the prime contracting teams for TriMet's upcoming I-205 Light Rail, Portland Mall Light Rail and Washington County Commuter Rail projects.

When: July 25, 2006 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs, 4134 N Vancouver Ave., Portland, OR 97217

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