

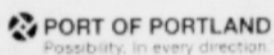
Take Your Small Business to the Next Level! Learn How to Do Business with Local Public Agencies



The next Doing Business with Local Public Agencies will feature workshops to help your small business to be more productive, operate more efficiently, and become more profitable.

You will learn about:

- Upcoming project opportunities from large construction, architecture, and engineering firms
Resources to finance, insure and certify your business, legal advice, and training/educational opportunities
Emerging technology that can help you reach your customers and grow your business
Registering your business on multiple agency websites
New laws and regulations for prevailing wage rates



Inventing the Portland's Future



Where: PCC Cascade Campus, Terrell Hall 705 N. Killingsworth Street, Portland, Oregon
When: Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Doors open at 8 a.m.)
Information: Greg Wolley, 503.823.6860 gwolley@ci.portland.or.us
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Champion Honored

For Project Clean Slate

Portland business entrepreneur Roy Jay was the recipient of the American Red Cross Breakfast of Champions Heroes Award.

The annual event drew a packed house. Jay was recognized for his efforts to launch Project Clean Slate which has assisted literally thousands of people get a new lease on life by having traffic fines and minor criminal convictions forgiven through community service and award winning lifestyle changing courses.

Project Clean Slate has drawn community and state support from Multnomah County District Attorney Mike Shrunck, police departments, lawmakers and city, county

and government agencies.

Jay said that he was humbled by the recognition but also wanted to recognize the many others that have been so supportive, including Nova



Roy Jay

Hill-Allen, Joe Nunn, Mary Edmeades, Ulanda Watkins, Gary Oxley, Cynthia Hamilton, Xavier Allen, Safeway, Fred Meyers, Enterprise Car Rental, Portland Community College Cascade Campus and Highland Christian Center.

Project Clean Slate has assisted nearly 3,000 people to date in getting back on track. It has been catching the attention of other jurisdictions.

Jay, a native of Portland Oregon is also known for his other capacities including national executive director of Association of African American Meeting Professionals, Chairman of the Multnomah-Washington County Regional Investment Board, President of the African American Chamber of Commerce and joint venture partner in the multimillion dollar Smart Park parking garage contract which he masterminded nearly four years ago.

Zoo Lures Kids In

For Spring Break fun

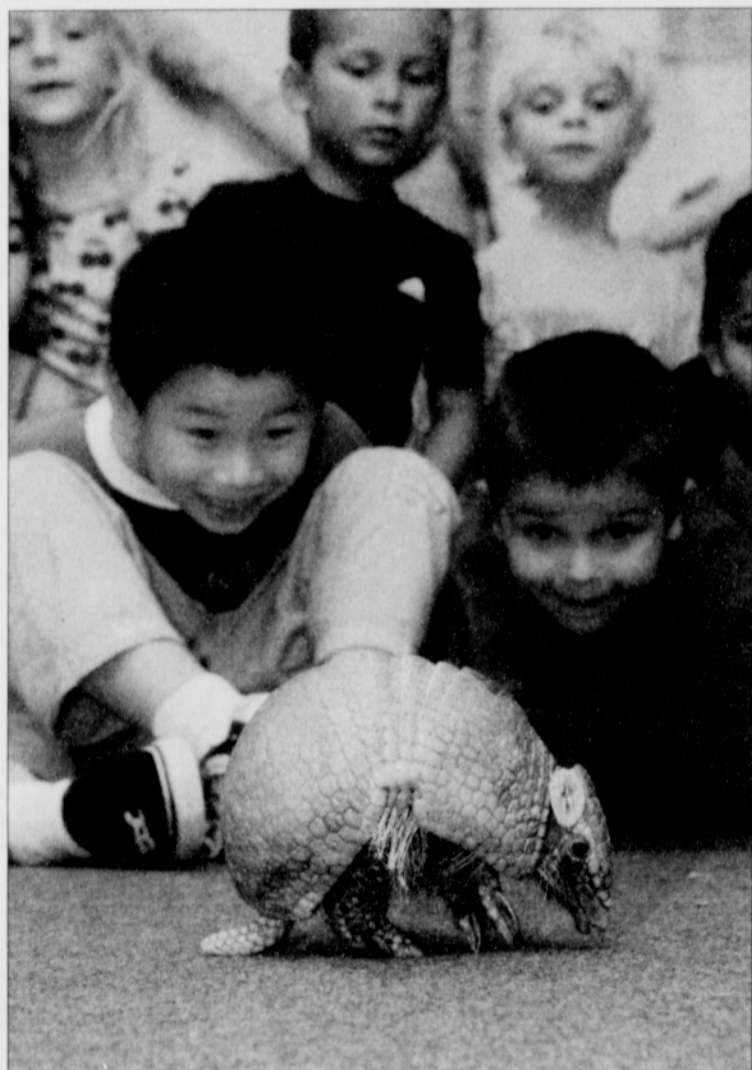
Spring break at the Oregon Zoo is sure to be an adventure for kids 4 years of age to fourth grade. The zoo's popular day camp, ZooVenture, is designed and led by the same professional staff that oversees the zoo's summer camp. Daily camps start on Monday, March 24, and run through Friday, March 28.

"We hope the kids make a connection with zoo animals, so they care about those animals' wild counterparts and the future of all species," said Oregon Zoo Director Tony Vecchio.

Each day's activities focus on a unique animal theme. Kids explore how zoo animals build their lodges, nests and burrows in "At Home With the Animals"; discover how animals climb, fly, glide, dive and survive in the wild in "Movers and Shakers"; and learn how different kinds of animals get along with their families and neighbors in "Groups, Troops and Crashes." Two other themes are scheduled.

Guided trips allow kids to explore the zoo in detail, and touchable animals make special visits to campers each day. Games, crafts and stories with animal themes add to the daily experiences.

Children may attend one, some or all five days. Half-day sessions for 4-year-olds and kindergartners take place from 9 a.m. to noon or 1



First graders learn about an armadillo's armor during a presentation by the Oregon Zoo.

p.m. to 4 p.m. Full-day sessions for first-through fourth-graders begin at 9 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

Advance registration is required. Half-day sessions for 4-year-olds and kindergartners are \$15 per day for zoo members and \$18 per day for nonmembers. Full-day sessions for

first-through fourth-graders are \$30 per day for zoo members and \$35 per day for nonmembers. Early drop-off (8 a.m.-9 a.m./\$5 per day) and late pick-up (4 p.m.-6 p.m./\$10 per day) are available. For information call 503-220-2781 or visit oregonzoo.org.

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Week in The Review

Insistence on Afterlife A 17-year-old Israeli girl who reported light fair after her car crashed and landed 200 feet down a ravine may have been saved for her own destruction, which prevented the explosion of a blood car in her home, according to a report by the Israeli newspaper Haaretz.

Many Americans Qualify as Working Poor

One in every five U.S. jobs pays less than a poverty level, according to a study by the University of California, Berkeley's Center for Economic and Policy Research.

Revelation on the Road

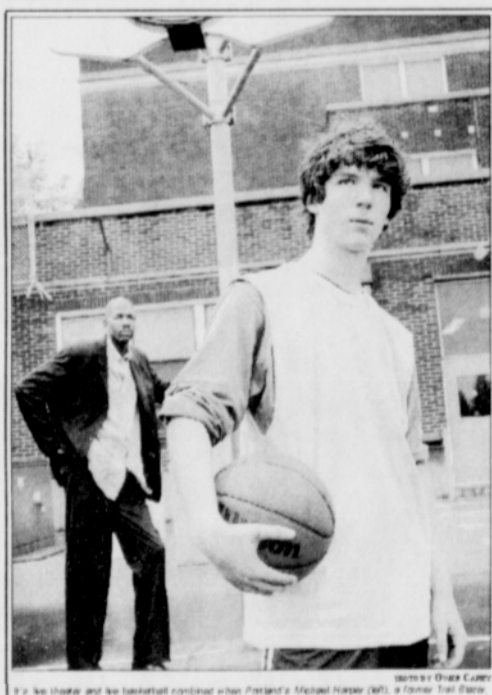
Christine Torres often said she wanted to be a scientist. For her, the road was a revelation. She is now a scientist.

Bush Premier Laughed Off

Compassion for President Bush (editorial) Laughed off? Reporters' questions about whether the president was ready to get his hands dirty during his first term.

Don't Ask, Don't Tell

A gay couple's fight to get a child is a landmark victory in the fight for equality for the gay community.



ONE-ON-ONE

Premiere bonds live theater to live basketball

Live theater and basketball are the perfect partners. The intimate Winningstad forms a theater in the round where a street basketball court dominates.

Election Ballots On Way

People of color find a political fit

By Jennifer Cruz The Portland Observer People of color will find a political fit in the Portland area as they prepare for the November 2004 election.



Ballot boxes are set up at a voter center at 2124 N. Lombard Street in the Hillside neighborhood.

People of color are encouraged to vote in the November 2004 election. The election is a critical moment for the community.

Park Centers Plan Activities

Promoting safe vacation break in neighborhoods

Next week's spring break has a calendar filled with activities designed to keep kids having fun and out of trouble.

Several city agencies have partnered with neighborhood and park centers to provide safe alternatives for youth during the time off from school.

Free activities will be available all week from morning to night at various locations, including the Peninsula Park Community Center, 700 N. Rosa Parks Way. Visit

Portlandonline.com to get a complete list.

In addition, for a one-time \$5 fee, guided activities will pass the time at the Police Activities League Youth Center, 424 N.E. 172nd. The Safe Haven Spring Break event is for youth ages 8 through 17. Basketball tournaments, soccer clinics, art projects, field trips and a closing barbecue are planned. Registration forms are available at PAL's main office at 449 N.E. Emerson.

City officials are also reminding communities of enhanced police patrols designed to provide a positive and safe environment for youth during spring break.

Officers will have an increased presence in areas where juveniles consistently congregate in large groups or where there have been ongoing problems with speed racing, vandalism and property crime.

Curfew for juveniles under 14 years of age is from 10:15 p.m. to 6 a.m. Curfew for youth 14 and older is midnight to 6 a.m.

Parks Board Recruits Members

The Portland Parks and Recreation's Parks Board is currently recruiting four new members.

The volunteer panel advises the PP&R director, the City Commissioner of Parks and the entire Portland's City Council, advocat-

ing for parks and recreation in city infrastructure and providing a forum for public involvement and decision making about major park policy issues.

Members of the public who are interested in applying are encour-

aged to find out more about the role, duties, and expectations of Parks Board members at www.portlandparks.org.

Applications will be accepted through April 23. Interviews will occur in May and June.

Kicker Checks Returned to Sender

(AP) — Nearly 13,000 Oregonians are missing their kicker checks, each one averaging more than \$200.

The U.S. Postal Service couldn't find about 25,000 out of the 1.6 million taxpayers to whom the tax rebates were mailed just before Christmas.

Since then, about 12,000 of them have gotten their rebates, most often by calling the state Revenue Department to inquire about them.

But checks totaling \$2.8 million are sitting in Salem awaiting claims from their rightful recipients.

The Revenue Department says taxpayers can visit its Web site or call 1-800-356-4222 or 503-378-4988. The Web address is http://www.oregon.gov/DOR/PERTAX/start.shtml.

Oregon's constitution requires the state to rebate taxes if revenues exceed forecasts by more than 2 percent.

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