

In the Neighborhood

How do you think that the elimination of Jammin 95.5 will affect Portland's diversity in music and cultural events?



It will probably be replaced by Z100 or another hip-hop channel.
--Brian Yoder

Jammin 95.5 is more important than another sports talk station.
--Laura Lydick



It's a problem because a lot of people listen to it.
--Robin Cousineau

It will affect music culture and club events because not many stations play hip-hop.
--Telena Rogers



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moving to a different frequency or anything."

The revamped station already has a website called 955thegame.com that says, "On Monday, May 12 at 9 a.m., Portland will become one of the rare major U.S. markets to boast an all-sports station on the FM dial when Rose City Radio launches

95.5 The Game."

Citing the 80 to 90 percent white demographics of his hip-hop shows, Leiken appreciated how the station served a large proportion of the young community, regardless of race.

"Jammin 95.5 had its shortcomings, (but) it's a loss for a significant proportion of promotion for hip-hop concerts," he says.

Double Tee was counting on Jammin to promote the June 3

Kanye West concert at the Rose Garden but will try to make it up through other local stations' like Z100, scattered hip-hop shows and through cable television.

"With the loss, it's really going to force local talent to work harder," Jackson says. "It puts the pressure on artists to get out in the streets."

Charity Prater and Michael Leighton of the Portland Observer also contributed to this story.

Second Chance Extends to Gresham

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Slate will be able to assist people in the Gresham area to regain drivers-license privileges, convert delinquent traffic fines to effective com-

munity service."

Gresham Police Chief Carla Piluso welcomed Project Clean Slate to East County, citing the organization's unique style in connecting with residents and promot-

ing ways to be productive.

"One size does not fit all," Jay said. "Sometimes people can't get their records clean through the forms we have, but we try to make something work for them."

Reynolds Hosts Mentoring Group

A Black Student Leadership conference will address the needs of high-school students enrolled in the Reynolds School District.

The free event, sponsored by the school-based mentoring corporation Reaching and Empowering All People (REAP), is scheduled Monday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at Reynolds High School, 1698

S.W. Cherry Park Rd.

The entire school day will be set aside to specifically respond to academic and personal challenges. Students will be exposed to black business leaders through workshops, a panel discussion and motivational presentations.

Featured guests include State Sen. Avel Gordly, Dr. Dalton Miller-Jones of Portland State

University and the Board of Higher Education, Fairview Mayor Mike Weatherby and Reynolds Superintendent Terry Kneisler.

There will be a special dance performance by the Urban Arts Dance Company.

For more information, please contact Mark Jackson, REAP program director, at 503-341-6161.

ART STUDENTS

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An art competition for African-American high school students in the Portland Metro area!

Theme: *The Black West*

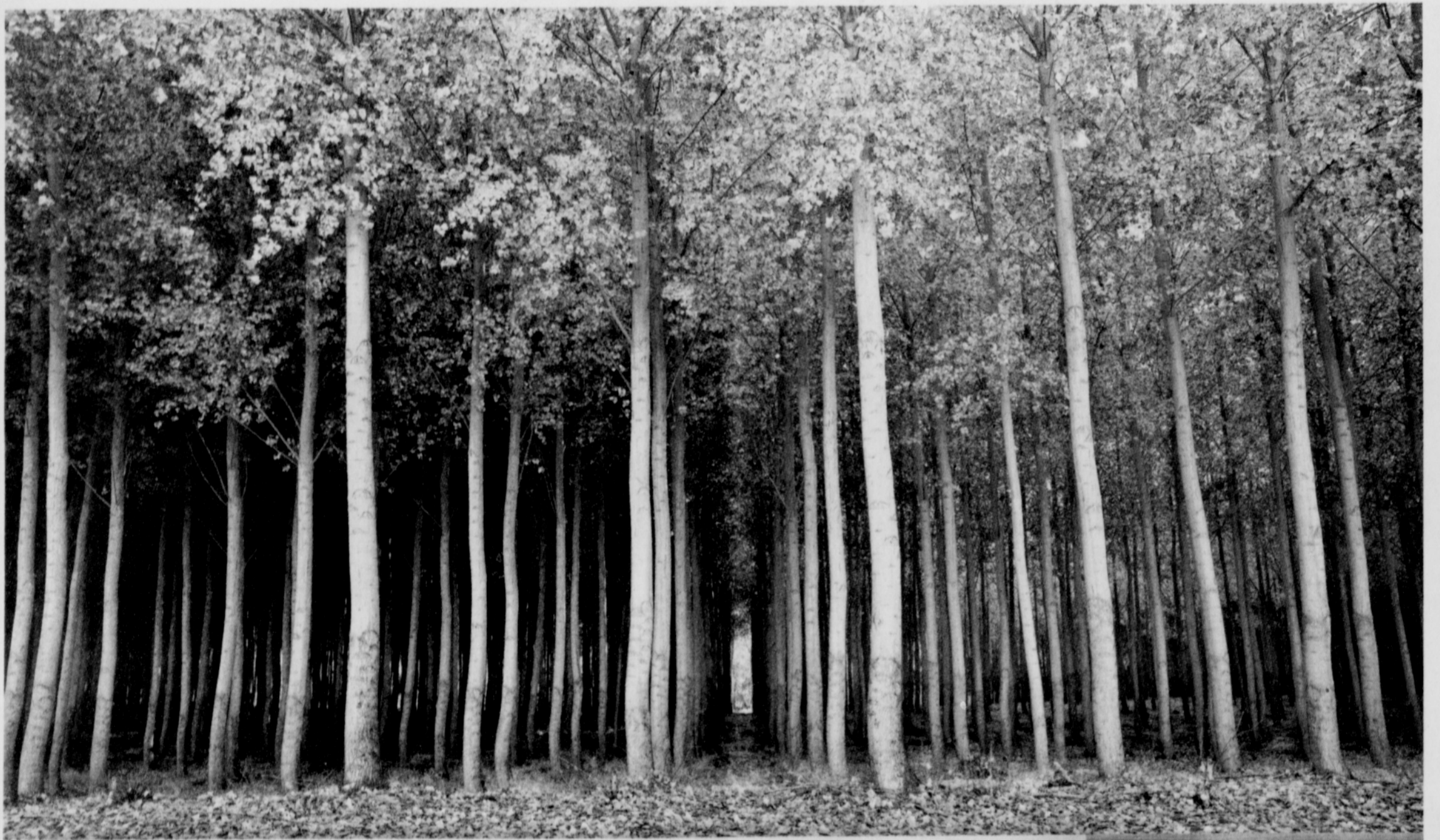
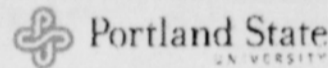
Cash Prizes: 1st Place: \$500 • 2nd Place: \$250 • 3rd Place: \$100

All entries will be exhibited at the 2008 Portland Rose Festival

Deadline: May 23, 2008

For information, call 503.916.5180, ext. 1391 or 503.232.1671 or visit www.aavas.com

Presented by the African American Visual Arts Scholarship Committee, Jefferson High School and Paint A Difference



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With funding help from the Oregon Lottery, the farm will soon have an important addition. Built by the Collins Company, the new Upper Columbia Mill will be one of the largest of its kind in North America. The result: 85 new full-time jobs to go along with the 150 jobs already in place at the tree farm. That's the kind of growth we can all get behind.



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