

### Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods Youth Creators enhances community involvement with a Multi Cultural Talent show

Portland, OR, August 8, 2008: After the Mayor's relocation to Jefferson High School a group of outstanding students applied for and received the Youth In Action grant from the City of Portland to showcase and acknowledge the cultural diversity in their community by hosting a Multi Cultural talent show this September. The Youth Creators are currently seeking cultural performers to participate in their event. If you have or know of a youth group who would like to share their artistic talents please contact:

**The Youth Creators at  
NE Coalition of Neighborhoods  
503-823-4113  
4815 NE 7 Avenue  
or  
Email youthcreators@yahoo.com  
Auditions begin on August 23, 2008  
at NE Coalition of Neighborhoods  
Please call or email to set up your audition time**

With the Youth in Action Grant funding ;and additional community help and support we will reach our goal to provide a fun, safe, and rewarding event where we can all come together and plan, organize, recruit, and celebrate our diverse communities, our youth, our future.

## Shields Serves Needs of the Hispanic Commission

Rep. Chip Shields, D-NE Portland, has been appointed by Oregon House Speaker Jeff Merkley to the Commission on Hispanic Affairs.



Chip Shields

The commission is charged with "working toward economic, social, political and legal equality for Oregon's Hispanic population."

"Rep. Shields is an excellent appointment to the Commission on Hispanic Affairs. He brings a great deal of in-

tegrity to the commission. He is a strong supporter of the Latino and immigrant communities," said Ramon Ramirez, director of the farmworkers union Pineros Y Campesinos Unidos Del Noroeste.

Shields said he was honored by the appointment.

"Last legislative session I fought to advance a minority business agenda and throughout my time in the legislature, I have tried my best to fight for equal opportunity and equal justice," he said.

## Metro Internship Opens Career Path

A job training and internship program can lead to a full time job.

Take Lawrence Russell for an example.

Russell, who had a diverse work history with the U.S. military and as an account manager for the banking industry, was injured three years ago while working for Home Depot distribution services.

Through his vocational rehabilitation counselor, Wallace and Associates, he was trained on finance and computer applications through Portland Community College's Professional Skills Training Program.

He received credit for both classroom work and for the on-the-job training at Metro



Lawrence Russell

regional government. As a procurement specialist, his duties included working in the automated finance and purchasing system, preparing bidding and contract documents,

and working on the agency's asset inventory project.


Metro officials credited his "can do" attitude.


When a job opened in the Central Procurement and Contract Administration Office at Multnomah County, Lawrence applied for the position and was hired. Because of his experience at Metro he was able to hit the ground running, officials said.


Lawrence is active in his church and has also served on the planning advisory group for the Portland International Airport. His other activities include participation on the Environmental Action Team for Metro and membership in the Oregon Public Purchasing Association.

**SAVE THE DATE**

## How to Do Business with Your Local Public Agencies







Portland Community College Central Campus  
Wednesday, October 22, 2008  
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.


Meet agency project managers and buyers that want to do business with you.

This free conference will feature workshops to help your small business to be more productive, operate more efficiently, and become more profitable. Lunch and parking provided.

For more information, contact Greg Wolley, 503.823.6860.

Please notify the City of Portland no less than five (5) business days prior to our event for ADA accommodations at 503.823.6860, by the City's TTY at 503.823.6868, or by the Oregon Relay Service at 1.800.735.2900.

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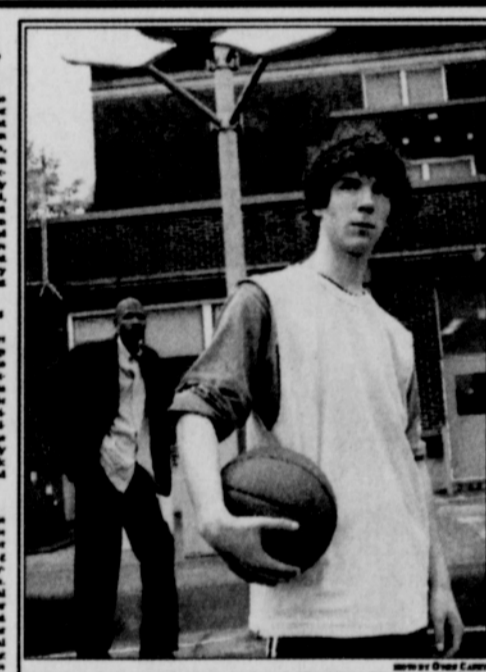
**Week in The Review**

**Two-faced actor**  
A 17-year-old actor who received eight nominations and won two awards for his performance in the play 'The Elephant Man' at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. The actor, who is also a student at the University of Oregon, is a member of the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's Young Artists Program.

**Many students qualify for scholarship**  
Over 100 students from the University of Oregon and other local colleges are eligible for the Oregon Shakespeare Festival's Young Artists Program. The program provides students with a unique opportunity to study and perform in the festival's productions.

**Shakespeare festival**  
The Oregon Shakespeare Festival is celebrating its 35th anniversary. The festival, which is held in Ashland, Oregon, is one of the largest and most prestigious theater festivals in the world.

**Local theater**  
The Oregon Shakespeare Festival is a world-renowned theater company. The festival's productions are known for their high quality and attention to detail. The festival's Young Artists Program is a key part of the festival's commitment to the arts.



**Election Ballots On Way**  
People of color find a political fit

**ONE-ON-ONE**  
Premiere bonds live theater to live basketball

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**Flu Vaccine in Short Supply**