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LOCAL NEWS



Portland musicians Esperanza Spalding and her mentor Thara Memory receive a Grammy for Best Instrumental Arrangement Accompanying Vocalists for their song "City of Roses," at the annual Grammy Awards Sunday in Los Angeles. (AP photo)

Honored Musicians

Grammys for Spalding and mentor Memory

Portland jazz bassist and singer Esperanza Spalding once again was honored at the annual Grammy

Awards Sunday in Los Angeles, but this time she joined her mentor, Portland trumpeter Thara Memory on stage as both won Grammys.

Spalding and Memory won for Best Instrumental Arrangement Accompanying Vocalists, for their song "City of Roses," which is on Spalding's "Radio Music Society"

Album. The album also won Spalding the Grammy for Best Jazz Vocal Album.

Memory, a long-time Portland jazz musician and instructor, has been Spalding's music teacher since she was 8 years old.

Spalding was the Grammy's Best New Artist in 2011.

Free Tax Help Sites Open

Volunteers reach out to individuals and families

BY CARI HACHMANN THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Kaysen Kerrick was sitting in a third floor office at Lloyd Center last week waiting to get her tax refund filed.

Last year the North Portland resident opted out of Jackson Hewitt's tax preparation services for free tax services provided by CASH Oregon, the AARP Tax-Aide program and the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

This year she and her boyfriend waited more than two hours outside of CASH Oregon's Lloyd Center tax site for a meeting with one of the



PHOTO BY CARI HACHMANN/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER Northeast Portland's Alejandra Rodrigues, wife and mother of four, waits for her name to be called at CASH Oregon's free tax preparation site at the Lloyd Center mall.

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