

METROPOLITAN

Hobo parade sparks up Old Town

by Nathaniel Scott

A parade is a parade is a parade. And Portland's Fourth Annual Hobo Parade was no different: it was a parade. But! underneath the hoopla, the Fourth Annual Hobo Parade last Sunday, was in a category by itself.

The hoopla and fanfare of the media was there: flash bulbs popped and shutters clicked and motors ground images onto celluloid strips. Mics recorded sounds and pens and pencils raced across paper, preserving words too precious to be lost to oblivion.

One hundred men and women paraded in blue, pink, and green tuxedos, and, there were banners and floats, too: The West Women Hotel, Baloney Joes, Sisters of the Road Cafe, Sunflower Recycling, Portland Limosine Service, Inc., and the Friends of Washington Park Zoo, were among the floats and banner bearers who were led by the Ebony Ivory Strutters Drill Team and the Jazzmin Marching Band.

The parade wound through Old Town in gala fashion; eliciting cheers and applause from neighbors, friends, and an occasional sightseer bedazzled by the spectacular affair.

"Register the Homeless and the Unemployed to Vote," was the theme of the rally following the parade at Tom McCall Waterfront Park.

Community, public servants, volunteers, and friends, were either called



RIDE 'EM RONNIE: Hobo Parade float Sunday had Ronald Reagan actor riding a cruise missile. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

on to speak or to receive awards.

Seventy-five-year old Ben Saxe, this year's king of the hobos, was called on to speak and the first thing he said was, "Anybody got a jug!" And who could forget Queen Brenda K. Mays saying, "I don't know what to say! I've been (living in the Burnside Community) a long time."

Twelve-year old Princess Elizabeth S. Hochstein, who volunteers her time at Baloney Joes, moved the crowd with, "These people (at Baloney Joes) are real people." And true to the reputation

that preceded him, Prince Arthur "Baby Tramp" Shaw lamented, "I am happy to be a tramp who has lived around the area (Burnside) for about nine years."

Sisters of the Road Cafe received a certificate for merchant of the year; Pat Reynolds was proclaimed volunteer of the year; and Henry Weatherbee was honored with the distinction: recycler of the year.

Then there were the unsung, the ones who unselfishly gave of their time; the ones who went unmentioned; the ones whose floats or deeds signified a devotion toward the betterment of mankind.

The "East Side (Community) Clinic BJ (Baloney Joes)" float, under the direction of helmsman Dr. Neal Rendleman, was one such float. And it is a fitting representation for the unsung.

Dr. Rendleman operates the sliding-scale East Side Community Clinic at Baloney Joes, 313 East Burnside Street. He began treating patients there approximately one year ago.

Today, Dr. Rendleman's patient load is approximately "100 contacts per week." About "ten percent" are alcoholics and the rest are "people who are sick because they are poor or poor because they are

Candidates speak at potluck picnic

The public is invited to gather August 5th, 1984, for a potluck picnic sponsored by the Consumer Power League and the Farmers Union in Laurelhurst Park, Section 'A', beginning at noon. Coffee for adults and juice for children will be provided.

U.S. Senate nominee on the Democratic Party ticket, Margie Hendriksen, will be the featured speaker. Also on the stump will be Democratic State Representative nominee in House District #18, Margaret Carter and Co-Chair of the Black United Front Ron Herndon. Ralph Frohwerk and Charlie Treinen will co-host the picnic/potluck program festivities.

The Consumer Power League and the Farmers Union have been active in public power questions and various initiative petitioning efforts in the Portland area for a number of years.

Northeast farmers market opens

The Farmers' Market opened its second season on Saturday, July 28th, at its site on N. Williams, between Knott and Graham Streets, just south of Emanuel Hospital.

The market will be open every Saturday morning until about 1 p.m. from now until October. The purpose of the market is to bring fresh local produce into the city making it available to individuals on a low- or fixed-income as well as those who do canning. The market organizers also hope to see it as an outlet for urban gardeners and as a direct selling location for regional farmers and orchardists. Food stamps are accepted.

Individuals interested in selling may call 284-7868 or 281-9134.

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