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Neighbors object to Young's home car wash

by Robert Lothian

Sangea Young has been washing cars alongside his house on North Vancouver Ave., but apparently some of his neighbors aren't too happy about it.

They have been putting notices on his door asking him to shut down his small business. There have also been complaints to the city, he said.

Now the city wants him to pay \$150 for a revocable license, "and I need to go in front of them and explain why I'm doing this," said Young.

"That's two weeks' wages, not including my water bills," he said about the license fee. Young said he already has a business license.

"The problem is that some people around here don't want me washing cars," said Young, 35, a Rastafarian. He said that some of his neighbors are apparently upset because they think his car washing is an eyesore and a nuisance.

But Young says his small car wash business is not an eyesore — his only equipment is a hose, several plastic buckets, rags and a vacuum cleaner which go into the garage at night.

He contends that the neighborhood benefits by having him out there. He can keep an eye out for strangers who might be burglars, and he watches neighborhood children who like to wash their bikes and watch him, he said.



Sangea Young, wife Cheryl Williams and son Frank pose in front of their home business. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

"When they go to work they don't need to worry about anybody breaking into their homes," he said. "I'm here every day and I see who's coming up through here."

"I have people stop and say, 'That's nice, what you're doing.'" Young's wife, Cheryl Williams, said, "This is a neighborhood business and that's real nice." She dyes silk

in their basement and markets it by mail all over the world. Between their two home businesses, Young and Williams support themselves and their two-year-old son, Frank.

Young proudly displays a photo of young Frank washing a lineup of his tricycle, toy trucks and cars.

Their snowy alpine shepherd also seems a part of the family. This past winter they found an injured crow near their house, and nursed it back to health for several weeks in their garage.

Young charges \$4 for a complete inside and out wash. He also does hand waxing and steam cleaning. Customers can drop their cars off and pick them up later, he said. "I like messing with old cars, antiques and making things look nice," he said.

If he could make enough money, Young said he would send some to Ethiopia. "All my people come from Jamaica and Ethiopia," he said.

About the problems with his neighbors, said Young, "all these people have to do is come forward and talk to me."

He has come up with what might be a unique solution to his problem: "We're going to write the mayor," he said, "and invite him to come and have his car washed here. Maybe that will prove to the people that don't like his car washing that Sangea L. R. Young's Antique Hand Car Wash is a respectable business," he said.

Kaiser offers teen films

Kaiser Permanente is offering two films for teenagers or their parents focusing on family communication around issues about teenage sexual decision-making. "Running My Way" examines the process of decision-making that a young girl goes through in deciding that she does not want to become sexually involved. "Are You Ready for Sex?" shows how to encourage open and honest communication between sensitive, concerned adults and young adults who are in transition from child to adult.

The films will include time for informal discussion and questions with a health educator.

The program will be presented at Kaiser Permanente Town Hall, 3425 N. Kaiser Center Dr., Portland, May 7, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., and at Kaiser Sunnyside Medical Center, 10180 S.E. Sunnyside Road, Clackamas, on May 9, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

The public is invited to attend. Admission is \$1 at the door for adults, no charge for children or teens.



"Donuts and Dollars" brought about 30 community members together with State Legislators Margaret Carter and Mike Burton, Saturday at P.C.C. Cascade Campus. Discussion included sales tax, prostitution, lottery and many other issues. Above, Lowery Gibson (l) and Sue Guentner (r) listen to Carter as Burton looks on. Senator Bill McCoy, who was scheduled to appear, was out of town. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Survival Coalition Director Barbara Major to speak

Barbara Major, co-founder and director of a statewide "Survival Coalition" in Louisiana, will speak Wednesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m. at King School Cafeteria, 4906 NE 6th.

The Survival Coalition is made up of 50 organizations. It has helped protect poor people from budget cuts, using methods such as hearings, workshops, and bringing busloads of people to testify and lobby on important legislation. A Coalition suit against the State of Louisiana forced the state to change its Congressional

reapportionment plan. The Coalition was also instrumental in forcing Louisiana to hold a Presidential primary.

Ms. Major is a board member of the Southern Organizing Committee and co-chair of the National Third World Caucus of Clergy and Laity Concerned. As a Black woman, she says she was "born involved."

This event is sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, the Black Women's Network, Oregon Human Rights Coalition, and The Rainbow Coalition.

Basic first aid classes scheduled

An all day class in basic first aid is scheduled at Portland Community College Cascade Campus, 705 N. Killingsworth on Thursday, May 2.

The class will run from 8 a.m. to

5 p.m. Students will pay a \$15 lab fee at the time the class meets.

Reservations for a space in the class can be made directly through the instructor, Sue Voorhies, 283-2541.

Cleanup set for this Saturday

There will be a neighborhood cleanup on Saturday, May 4, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Make North/Northeast Portland look like a rose!

Dump site will be located as follows: Sabin: Tradewell at 15th and Fremont, Sabin School parking lot — Refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, all metal and glass.

Piedmont: Lombard & Union, S.W. corner, Holy Redeemer parking lot — Refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, all metal and glass, newspapers.

Humboldt: PCC - Cascade parking lot, Salvation Army, 5335 N. Williams — Refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, all metal and glass.

Please, NO tires accepted at any location.

Literacy training workshop in May

A Laubach Tutor-Training Workshop will be held May 13, 15, 20, 22, 1985, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon at 635 S.E. 39th St., Portland.

The workshop is sponsored by Oregon Literacy, Inc. for persons interested in learning to be volunteer tutors to work on a one-to-one basis with low-reading level adults. Persons interested may call Oregon Literacy, 232-9116, for more information. Pre-registration is required and there is a registration fee.



From left: Rhonda Richardson, Tony Jackson, Bill Granato and Angie Brown inspect exhibit at last weekend's Teacher Fair at Lloyd Center. There were 100 booths and 26 stage presentations. (Photo: Richard J. Brown)

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