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"What's Good In The Hood"



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Friday and Saturday, July 9th and 10th, the Northeast Neighborhood Coalition, and the Holy Redeemer area school sponsored a neighborhood multicultural festival entitled "What's Good In The Hood."

According to Sister Jane Hibbard, one of the coordinators for the project, "It was about time to dispel some of the negative images people have about north Portland, city wide."

The festival was comprised of various vendors; food, clothing and jewelry. Some of the organizations included: Cascade Blues Association, The Uamas project, Stand Up Portland, Q D Taylor Apparel, My Brothers

Bar-B-Que, Stop and Go Espresso and the Conclusion Cafe.

There was also a beer garden, and live entertainment provided by Norman Sylvester. Some of the acts were, The Gospel All-Stars, The Three Amigos, and closing Saturday night - The Norman Sylvester Band.

The festival created an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of north/northeast Portland. It also showed cultural diversity entertainment that reflects the composition of the community.

The Friday night turnout was light, but the attendance improved Saturday.

Speaking to some of the organizers,

their feelings were that "What's Good In The Hood" attendance would increase once it becomes an annual event with name recognition.

"What's Good In The Hood" multicultural Festival was made possible with the support from corporations and foundations such as, The Collins Foundation, U.S. Bank and the Portland Trailblazers, among others.

The event this year is subject to review before proceeding to hold another event next year.

However the general consensus from those interviewed in attendance is that "What's Good For The Hood" should be around for years to come.

Benefit For Woodlawn Children Of Promise

An Ice Cream Social for the benefit of Woodlawn Children of Promise will be held on the lawn of Woodlawn United Methodist Church, at the corner of N.E. 15th and Dekum, Saturday, July 24 from 2-6 pm.

In addition to ice cream and toppings, cake and beverages, there will also be free entertainment.

All funds received through the event will benefit Woodlawn Children of Promise, a community based program for children in Inner North and Northeast Portland.

Celebrate Diversity



Portland's Finest joins in the Festival's activities



One of the younger visitors joins in the festivities

The Black United Fund & Portland House Of Umoja Will Host Family Day

The Black United Fund of Oregon and Portland House of Umoja in partnership with ACT III and MGM studios, will host a special screening of Meteor Man, starring Robert Townsend, on Saturday morning, July 24th at 9:30am for families of North/Northeast Portland.

"We wanted to create a partnership with community organization to encourage families to attend this screening, who may not normally have the opportunity to see many films, says Randy Blaum, Director of Advertising for Act III Theatres "We believe that the Black United Fund and The Portland House of Umoja have the ability to work cooperatively with the whole community to make this project a success."

The Black United Fund of Oregon is a fundraising, philanthropic & community development institution, whose mission is to assist in the social and economic development of Oregon's low-income communities and to increase the cultural awareness of all Oregonians. The Black United Fund operates under the philosophy of helping people help themselves. "We are encouraging each family that participates in this event to donate either a can of food or a school supply item"

says Jo Ann Allen, Director of Development & marketing, Black United Fund. We want everyone to have the opportunity to give something back to their communities. All food will be donated to N/NE Emergency Food Bank and school supplies will be donated to St. Andrews afterschool program.

The mission of Portland House of Umoja Inc. is to develop and operate programs for gang-affected and other high risk youth within the supportive environment of an extended family structure, based upon traditional African values and culture.

The programs of Portland House of Umoja seeks to build and implement comprehensive community support in order to nourish, develop and challenge the best potential of youth and help them achieve full adulthood.

"Portland House of Umoja is very excited about this partnership with the Black United Fund, Act III and MGM studio, says Johnnie W. Gage, Outreach Coordinator of Umoja. "We at the House of Umoja believe that this type of collective effort between organizations helps to build and better serve our community at large. The encouragement of full family partici-

pation is consistent with one of the seven guiding principles of the NGUZU Saba Umoja, which we interpret as "To strive for and maintain unity in the family"

Meteor man, is a movie about a young African-american man, who was hit by a meteor and acquires super powers that he uses to try to improve this community. The film also stars Marla Gibbs, Eddie Griffin, Bill Cosby, James Earl Jones and many other well known musicians and film stars.

The Black United Fund, Portland House of Umoja, in conjunction with Act III Theatres are pleased with the opportunity to share this film because it delivers such an important message; we are all superheroes, if only we would use our powers to build a better community for everyone.

The Black United Fund & Portland House of Umoja working in conjunction with other community based organizations will ensure tickets are distributed to families who would not otherwise have an opportunity to enjoy a Saturday at the movies together.

For further information please call Jo Ann Allen at the Black United Fund 282-7973 or Johnnie W. Gage at the Portland House of Umoja.

KIMBRO KIDDS gives Portland Inner-City Youth A Chance At Success

Fifteen inner-city youth, including 10 who live in Housing Authority of Portland developments, will benefit this summer from a unique, entrepreneurship training program being offered by KIMBRO KIDDS, Inc., a nonprofit community based organization. Subscribing to the notion that early business training and motivation can spark natural entrepreneurial talent. KIMBRO KIDDS will sponsor a summer pilot project to teach youth ages 10-16 business basics while providing the real world employment experience they need to own and operate their own business. The program begins Monday, July 12, 1993, at the Columbia Boys & Girls Club at 7602 N. Emerald.

Through an innovative, exciting hands-on entrepreneurial curriculum, 10 youth, ages 10-13, will own and operate a not-for-profit publishing company and will work as a team to

create--from start to finish -- two bi-monthly newspapers during the six week session. They will sell ads, write articles and learn the technical operations of publication -- from accounting to electronic page production. Five youth, ages 14-16, will own and operate a Public Relations and Graphics Company and will work as a marketing/advertising team to provide graphics services to nonprofit organizations, churches and minority small businesses.

"Young people should be taught at an early age that they can make the kinds of choices that will result in them being employers, as well as employees," says Wanda Irving, Regional Community Relations Manager for the US Forest Services and founder of KIMBRO KIDDS. "Entrepreneurship" according to Irving, "offers youth control over their own destiny and an alternative to drugs and

illicit behaviors. Entrepreneurship is not an effort or a type of individual. It's a behavior. It is the pursuit of opportunity without regards to the resources you currently control. It teaches good decision making skills which carry over into their everyday life where the right choices can make all the difference."

Inspired by her children, Marcel, age 16, owner of MarTees Sports Village, and Shalon, age 12, owner of Reflections of Elegance, Irving created KIMBRO KIDDS, a 501(c)(3) organization, to enhance the self-image and economic self-sufficiency of inner-city youth.

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The Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee invites you to the

Candidate Debate

for the office of

Multnomah County Chair

Vern Cook vs Beverly Stein

Thursday, July 15th, 7:30pm

(Social time at 7pm)

6161 SE Stark, Portland

For more information: 248-3450

Human Rights Commission Seeks Volunteers

The Metropolitan Human Rights Commission provides a volunteer opportunity to deal with the most important issues of the day--protecting human rights, eliminating bigotry, and enhancing a sense of community.

The fifteen Commissioners, appointed by the Mayor and the County Chair serve three year terms. The Commission's function is to maintain

dialogue with a broad range of community and cultural groups and to develop and implement policy based on that dialogue.

Commission terms begin in September. Applications are available at the MHRC office, Room 516 in the Portland Building. Helen Cheek, Executive Director welcomes the opportunity to discuss the Commission with interested persons.

At-Risk Portland Youth Benefit From Safe Summer Programs

When: 10am, Wednesday, July 14, 1993

Where: Beach Grade School, 1710 N. Humboldt, Portland

Who: Charles Moose, Portland Police Chief; David Jordan, Portland Parks Bureau's At-Risk Youth fund Coordinator; Carol Turner, former Chair and current member of the Portland Board of Education; Betsy Radigan, Project Safe Summer Chair and Piedmont Neighborhood Association treasure; and Denise Honzel, Kaiser Permanente Vice President and Health Plan Manager. Also available for interviews will be children, parents, instructors, school principals and business representatives.

What: Project Safe Summer--a partnership of business, schools, police, parents, parks and neighborhood association--announces an expanded program of safe, supervised summer activities for more than 300 at-risk youth at Applegate and Beach grade schools and Ockley Green Middle School in north and north-east Portland.

Instruction in the arts, computers, language and physical education is offered and nutritious lunches are served. This Project Safe Summer's second season. Grants and donations are up 55% to more than \$30,000, enabling about 100 more youngsters to participate.

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