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Community Calendar

Music Features Washington, Klugh

Friends of the Zoo present legendary jazz artists Grover Washington and Earl Klugh in a KINK True To The Music "Live" concert June 9 at Metro Washington Park Zoo. Proceeds benefit the Center for Species Survival. For details and ticket prices, call the Friends of the Zoo office at 220-2493.

Self Defense For Women

The YWCA Fitness and Swim Center, 1111 S.W. 10th Ave., kicks off a women's self-defense class with two free demonstrations on June 6 and June 8 at 5:30 p.m. Participants will work on increasing self-empowerment, mastering physical striking and acquiring verbal and mental skills for self defense.

Golfing Fling Aids Shelter

Golfers are invited to join the 7th Annual Golf Fling to benefit the Shelter/Domestic Violence Resource Center in Washington County. The nine-hole scramble will be held June 3 at Orenco Wood Golf Course.

African-American Ballet

The Northwest African-American Ballet will perform open dress rehearsal June 2 at noon at the Intermediate Theatre on Southwest Broadway and Main. The event will give you a behind-the-scenes look at what goes on before the curtain goes up on the ballet's spring concert. Colorful costumes and dances from different countries will take place in the setting of a small African village.

Spirituality And Family Matters

A parenting workshop entitled Spirituality: A Family Affair, for adults and children, 5 and older, will be held Thursday, June 1 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church at Southwest 18th and Jefferson. Sponsors include Lutheran Family Services, Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon, Safehaven After School program and other groups. For more information, call 750-9651.

Kid's Choir Auditions

The Oregon Repertory Singers Children's Choir, a multi-cultural, multi-ethnic singing group is holding its 1995-96 season auditions every Wednesday afternoon at Colonial Heights Presbyterian Church, 2828 S.E. Stephens. Call Mary Ann Kelley 246-8989 for information.

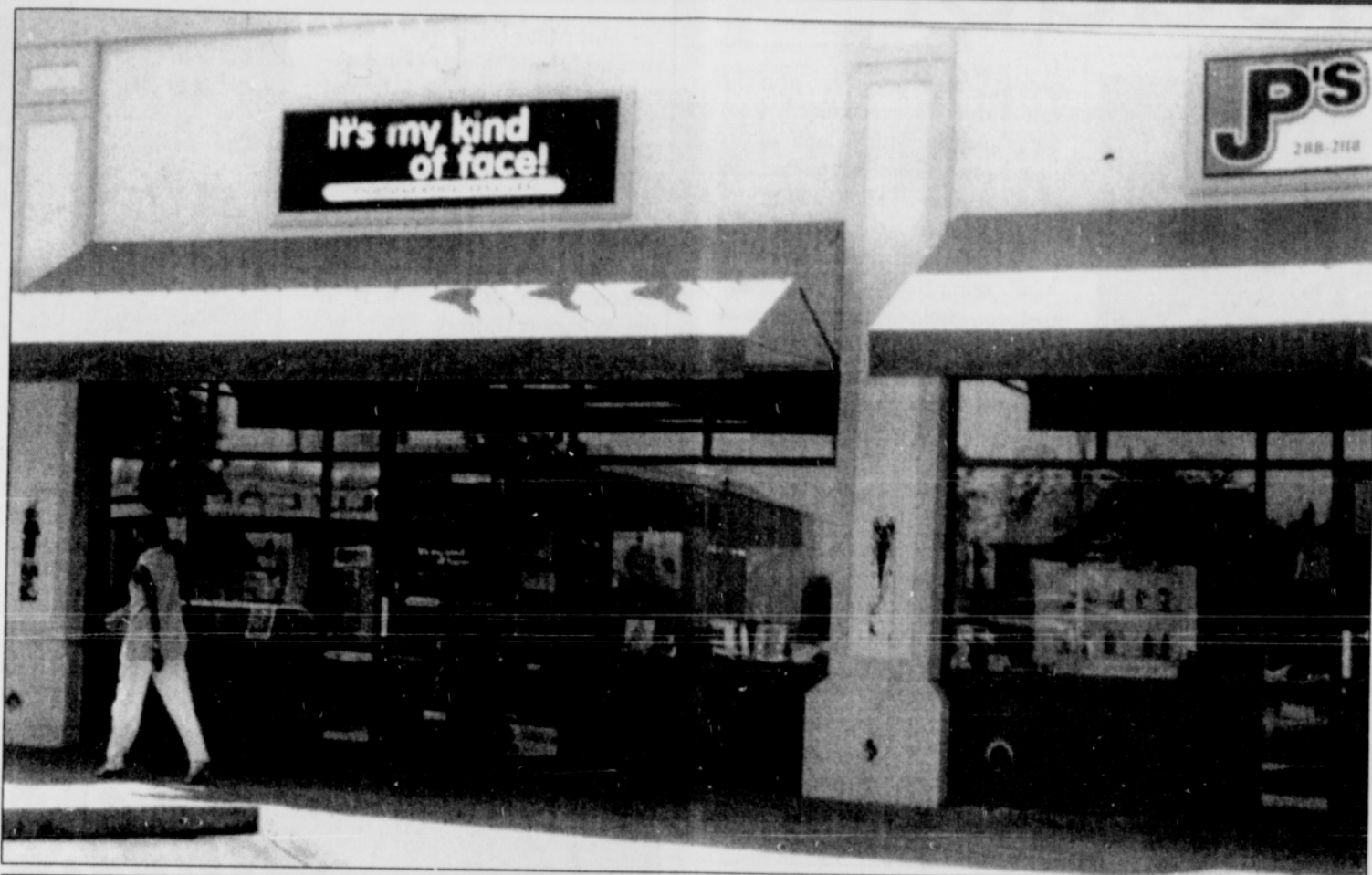
Volunteers Needed For Youth

Hyalite, Inc. the Buffalo Soldier Retrospective Program using art, culture and the history of African Americans to enhance self-esteem for urban boys is recruiting members. Volunteers with upright, moral and motivating character are encouraged to contact the non-profit group at 220-8282.

Medicare Overall Discussed

U.S. Rep. Ron Wyden, D-Ore. will discuss legislation that would overhaul the nation's Medicare system during a constituent meeting, Saturday, June 3 at 10:30 a.m. at Kirkland Union Manor, 3530 S.E. 84th. Wyden also hosts town meetings June 3 at 3:30 p.m. at Concordia College, 2811 N.E. Holman; and June 4 at 2 p.m. at the Montavilla Community Center, 8219 N.E. Glisan and at 4 p.m. at Troutdale City Hall.

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WALNUT PARK RESURRECTION

The Walnut Park Retail Center brings new economic life and commerce to the intersection of northeast Killingsworth and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. A celebration will mark the opening at noon Saturday with music, food, art and dance.

Clinton Advisor Visits Humboldt

President Clinton Domestic Policy Advisor Carol Rasco took a tour through the Boise and Humboldt neighborhoods last week to evaluate a pilot program that puts chronically unemployed people back to work.

Mayor Vera Katz introduced Rasco to the effort called "It," which puts resources into targeted neighborhoods with the goal of raising income levels.

"We called this program the 'It' project because is so new and so unique that we didn't know what to call it, but we knew it would be effective and that we wanted to do it," said Katz. "We started with a north/northeast Portland neighborhood because the poverty level and unemployment in that area exceeds the region and that's unacceptable."

Case workers in the program will go door-to-door, asking people what they can do to help them get back to being productive members of the work force.

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Security Lights Added To Area Homes

Portland homeowner Kelly Holland looks on as a volunteer from the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local 48, installs a motion sensor security lighting at her home.

A group of low-income homeowners in the Boise neighborhood now have increased security with new outdoor lighting thanks to the volunteer efforts by Portland area electricians.

The National Electrical Contractors Association, Oregon-Columbia chapter, and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, local 48, recently installed motion-sensor exterior lighting for 24 neighborhood homes - all at no cost to the home owners.

Grants from Pacific Power and Light and Portland General Electric were used by the community service organization, Housing Our Families, to purchase the lights.

The contractors and electricians provided these services as part of the volunteer efforts of the program Christmas in April. The program is a nationwide effort dedicated to providing home repair and rehabilitations to low-income, elderly and disabled home owners.

The goal of the program is to enable them to live in warmth, safety, independence and dignity. It provides not only needed electrical work, but a complete range of repair work from roofing to painting to general clean up.

Keith Edwards serves as volunteer coordinator for the Christ

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Honoring Achievement At Annual Ball



Alina Christina Clark



Nicole Love Bowles



Katrina Denise Hopkins



Elisa Joy Bennett

Editor's note: The Portland Observer introduced a group of distinguished young men of Portland as Cavaliers to an annual ball. Now we are pleased to begin the introduction of 25 Debutantes, outstanding young women of our community.

Prospective Debutantes and Cavaliers will have taken part in many community activities before they are honored during the annual ball by the organization Les Femmes.

The activities include participation in an African American conference at Western Oregon State College, attending a lecture/reading by Maya Angelou, feeding the hungry at Thanksgiving, caroling at Christmas, visiting nursing homes and other community services.

Many of the activities are done under the leadership of current Les Femmes President Betty Thompson.

In keeping with this year's theme "And Still I Rise" each week preceding the ball

will feature a passage from the following poem:

*"You may write me down in history
With your bitter, twisted lies,
You may tread me in the very dirt
But still, like dust, I'll rise.
Does my sassiness upset you?
Why are you beset with gloom?
Cause I walk like I've got oil wells
Pumping in my living room."*

Five Debutantes featured in this issue are Elisa Joy Bennett, Nicole Love Bowles, Alina Christina Clark, Michella' Yvette Henderson and Katrina Denise Hopkins.

Bennett, a senior at Benson High School, is the daughter of Jacqueline and William Bennett.

"I bring many things to Les Femmes as a Debutante. The main thing that I am, as a Debutante, is an example to others. If the Les Femmes program was ever asked to introduce a product of their program, tomorrow or

10 years from now, I would definitely be a person they could choose and be proud of. As an African American female now, I am a leader, smart, intelligent and a worker. Ten years from now, I will not only be all of the above but more. I will have graduated from a four year college or university. I will always hold my head up high and remember that I am a 'phenomenal woman,'" Bennett said.

Bowles, a senior at Benson High School, is the daughter of Dene' and Willie Bowles.

"What Do I Bring To Les Femmes As A Debutante?"

"I feel that by being involved with Les Femmes it will give me an opportunity to better myself, and myself esteem as a growing young lady. I have been a perspective Debutante for more than a year and it has already given me a life time of special experiences. By knowing my expectations for being presented this spring it will give me the chance to show myself and those around me



Michella' Yvette Henderson

how very willed powered, and self controlled I can be. I will bring to Les Femmes my care and concerns and my ability to

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