

# Education

## Smith and Bybee Lakes Day



Students from George, Portsmouth and Ockley Green middle schools; Roosevelt High School and EnviroCorps will lead hands-on educational activities at Smith and Bybee Lakes Day, Saturday, May 18 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Activities will include canoe trips, guided tours by middle school students, fishing clinics for youngsters, wildlife watching, planting projects and activities on bird life, water quality and Native American history. Will Hornyak, a northwest storyteller, will begin the welcoming ceremony at 11 a.m.

Smith and Bybee Lakes Day will be held Interlakes Trail at the Smith and Bybee Wildlife Refuge. The trail is located on N. Marine Drive west of Interstate 5, and is handicapped accessible. Please no pets.



## Fighting Youth Crime Through Literacy

Plummeting scholastic ratings predict a growing segment of society unable to hold jobs, while deep-seated poverty in the inner-city has manifested in more than 1 million Americans who live behind bars and more than 800 more out of every 10,000 who are victims of violent crime. Law enforcement experts are predicting a grim future traced to a failed education system.

The Compton-based World Literacy Crusade has been successfully tackling the problem head-on through a program of community empowerment. One inner-city librarian in Memphis, Tennessee, calls the Crusade "a metamorphosis."

According to Reverend Alfreddie Johnson, who has used the study methods of L. Ron Hubbard in his program for more than three years. "These learning techniques are simple and profound in their ability to empower the community to learn how to learn. They are a monumental tool, not only for those who desire to learn, but for those who want to teach others."

After the 1992 civil unrest in Los Angeles, Reverend Johnson, founder of the Crusade, felt he needed to step out from the pulpit and make a personal response to the violence in his community. After learning of the workability of L. Ron Hubbard's study methods, he launched the World

Literacy Crusade to move beyond the confines of Compton. The Crusade differs from other tutorial-type literacy programs because it teaches people how to learn and understand, and also enables them to help others as they have been helped.

Assisted by the efforts of legendary musician, Isaac Hayes, international spokesperson for the WLC and strong advocate, the program rapidly found its way into 15 inner city areas in the U.S. in less than four years, and more than four cities outside the United States.

A community leader in Memphis who worked with Johnson to launch the Crusade in Hayes' home town,

says it is the most "effective program" he has seen in his field in 35 years. A story that illustrates the program's effectiveness is that of a seemingly hopeless individual with a second grade level education who did the program early on in Compton. He was able to complete it and went on to become a medical nurse, passing his accreditation exam with very high marks. The difference, after the program, was he could read and understand a technical field. And the result, he is a contributing member of society.

But what the World Literacy Crusade will mean to youth is perhaps even more profound. The program

has taken gang members--young men who joined gangs rather than participate in a society they feel excludes them--right off the street. These are the affects of the World Literacy Crusade that have led to its rapid expansion.

Reverend Johnson took matters into his own hands when he began the crusade. Today it is poised to become a national effort against illiteracy and ultimately against crime. For more information about the World Literacy Crusade, call (310) 637-2273.

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Portland City Council

**Paul McCoy has served his community, Portland, and Oregon with honesty, integrity, and vision. Paul McCoy will return real citizen participation to city government, promote business development in our communities, and help stop youth crime by supporting alternatives to guns, gangs and the streets.**

### Hales' real record

**Fact:** In 1992, Charlie Hales pledged to business owners he would make it a "priority" to remove the median strip that divides Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. and reduces customer access to the area. He has taken no action while neighborhood stores continue to struggle and even fail.

**Fact:** Hales did not open the door to the Fire Bureau to minorities. The Black Firefighters Union gets credit for forcing hiring opportunities in 1994 after the City Council scrapped a minority recruitment program in 1990 with a hiring freeze. The 1990 program's trainees were left to seek jobs elsewhere.

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