

# METRO *Life*

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SECTION B

## Community Calendar

### St. John's Parade

The St. John's parade committee is pleased to present the 37<sup>th</sup> annual St. John's parade, Saturday, May 8, from NOON to 2 PM starting at N. Burr and traveling west on N. Lombard through downtown St. Johns, turning right at N. New York and disbanding at N. St. Johns Street next to St. Johns Park. There will be a carnival with lots of rides and fun at James John Grade School (in N. Lombard & Charleston) on May 7, 8, 9.

### Intellectual Society

If you are looking for a night of provocative thought, cultural exchange, and poetry, mark your calendar for April 29<sup>th</sup>. The Mogho Naba Intellectual Society presents the first of many readings at Portland's New Club OHM. This open mike poetry reading is for all cultures and ethnicity's. It is an evening of poetry created to entertain and educate. The date is Thursday, April 29, sign-up at 7:30 PM, Open Mike begins at 8 PM Club Ohm is located at 31 NW 1<sup>st</sup> Ave. in Portland.

### Hepatitis C Outreach

Currently, there is an estimated number of 8 million infected individuals that are infected with HCV. Only about 25% of those have been diagnosed, which means there are those who don't know they have it. The rally is called "Wake Up America" and is presented by Hepatitis "C" Outreach Program and The United States Hepatitis Alliance. It is scheduled from 2-3 PM at the State Capitol in Salem on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Learn To Meditate

Discover and enjoy the many benefits of meditation. Free workshop offered by the Sri Chinmoy Centre of Seattle. No registration is required. The next session will be on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 1-3 PM at the Hillside Branch Library (1525 SW Sunset Blvd). Call 206/324-3294 for any questions.

### Bilingual Literacy

Día de los Niños y Día de los Libros, Multnomah County Library's celebration of bilingual literacy, will be held Friday, April 30, from 10 AM - 3 PM at the Midland Regional Library, 805 SE. 122<sup>nd</sup>. Families are invited to come to the library to honor the power and magic that books bring to children. Activities include Pan-Latin music by Grupo Kultura at 10:15 AM and 12:30 PM and bilingual storytelling with Barb Newcomb Stevens at 11 AM and 1:30 PM. Other activities include arts and crafts, library tours, and a hands-on activity presented by the Children's Museum.

### Pet Adoptathon '99

The Oregon Humane Society joins hundreds of other animal welfare organizations and shelters across the country, including the Humane Society of the Willamette Valley and SW Washington Humane Society, to promote the adoption of shelter animals during this first weekend of "Be Kind to Animals' Week." Adoption fee for cats and dogs is \$40. Rabbits are only \$25. Adoption days are on May 1 and 2, 10 AM until 7 PM. Call 285-7722, ext. 215.

### Yugoslavia Bombing

Local feminists will speak about what is behind the U.S.-led NATO military aggression against Yugoslavia and how to pressure the American warmongers to stop the bombing. Thursday, May 13, at 7 PM. An Eastern European buffet will be available at 6:30 PM for a \$6 donation. The event will be at the NW Neighborhood Cultural Center, Community Room, 1819 NW Everett, Portland. Call 503/228-3090. Wheelchair accessible.

**SUBMISSIONS:** Community Calendar information will be given priority if dated two weeks before the event date.

## Cinco de Mayo



Portland readies for the award-winning celebration, Cinco de Mayo (May 5). For more, see El Observador.

## Woodlawn's Saturday School Survives Scare for it's Existence

A timely grant of \$500.00 from children and families, a lot of love from teachers Irene Evans, Mrs. Hicks and Mrs. Goodman, some books donated by Mr. & Mrs. Marshall, and some breakfast meals by the McDonald's on MLK & Columbia Blvd. Acting in concert, they breathed another year of life into the ever so successful school.

Even though this year's Woodlawn Saturday school was only 10 weeks, instead of 21 weeks, the words of the Saturday School Pledge said every morning, "We are here to build our character... We are here to help

each other... We are here to boost our learning skills..." really made its impression.

Here are some examples of the stories used for critical thinking activities: Little Boy King with Dr. Martin Luther King as a boy making good choices; Keelboat Annie getting a job in the 1800's, on a keelboat in a fiction story when she dressed as a man to show she could do the job, instead of getting mad-and got the job; in Arthur's Substitute Teacher Problem, Arthur learned the teacher Mr. Ratburn, who was so tough, challenged his mind and was the best teacher, not the worst. And lastly, Marva Collins, who began a school of her own, over

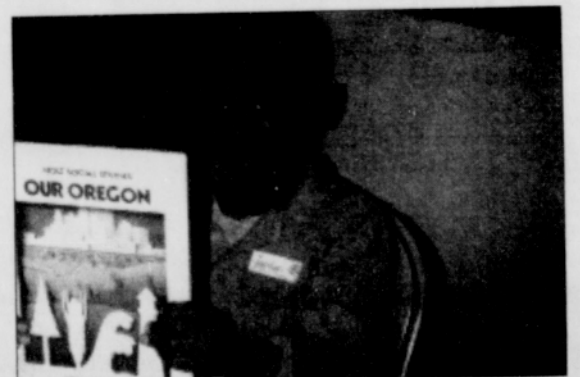
20 years ago, in her home, helped the unteachable students succeed. Her students began tutoring other students in the community. The Saturday School students learned her school, too, had no money, relying on her passion to help students to help themselves.

Yes! These third graders and peer tutors learned their lessons of making things happen. Their \$500.00 "Take Time Grant" was written by dividing the students into groups. Each group had several grants, submitted by Mrs.

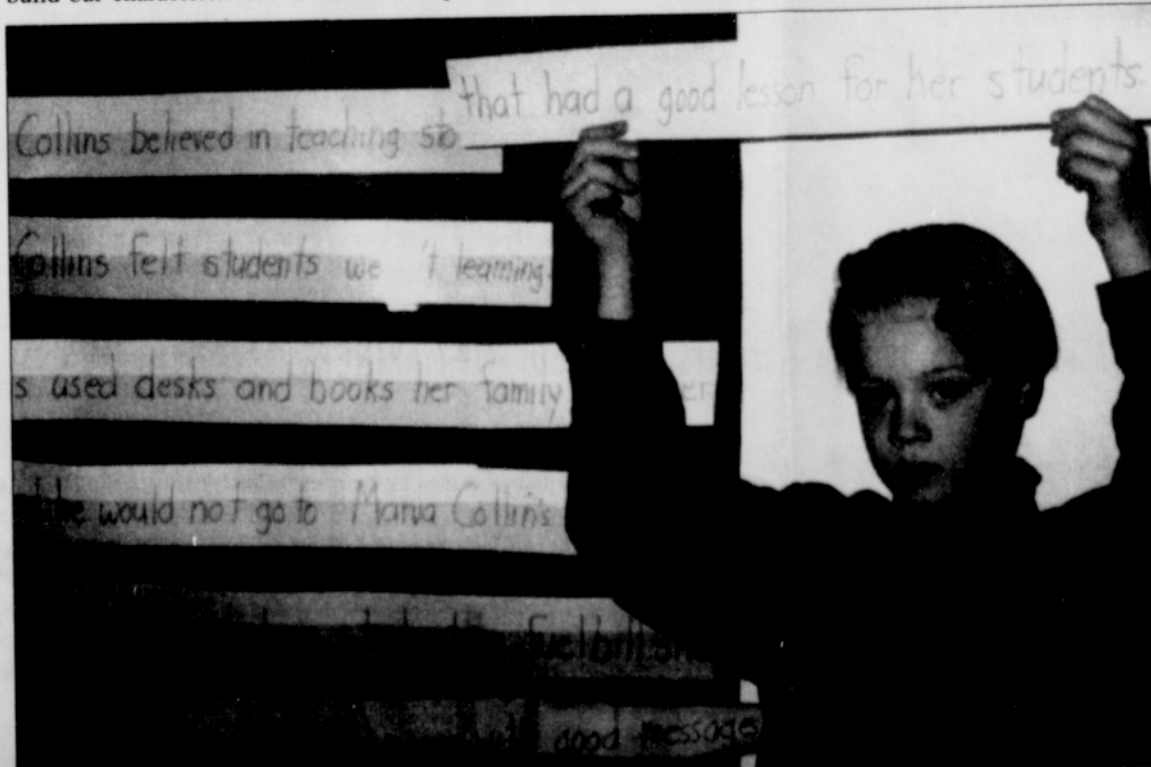
Goodman, will be either approved or not by the end of May 1999. At that time we will know if the grant they wrote will become a reality. Their effort is a good citizenship reminder to us all, about what can be accomplished with initiative, self-discipline, problem solving, and perseverance (all discussed in Saturday School, along with other life skills).

This is the same group of students who after reading information on Coos Bay and book "Oil Spill," did compare and contrast activities. Following that, each wrote letters to Senator Wyden, voicing their concerns about the oil spill's effect on animals and their environment.

In a time when stu-



Jordan Polk a Woodlawn Saturday School student - holds up one of the donated books for classroom books for classroom activity.



Ian Buxman, a third grader at Woodlawn Saturday School puts a sentence stripe in order, to show the story event in "The Marva Collins Story."

dents are not making good choices, it seems the Woodlawn Saturday School staff, peer student tutors, and third graders are saying by example that good choices can be made.

It is the hope that next year's Woodlawn Saturday School students can keep up the tradition of putting into action the life they have learned at Saturday School by wearing a T-shirt with the Saturday School Pledge displayed on it, as a reward for 21 weeks of learning. This will be the first time in history of Woodlawn Saturday School that students have T-shirt with the pledge on it. It is the hope as they wear the T-shirt; their good choices and good citizenship will be evident throughout the community.

The third graders-"the children that led the way"- to show what can be done, when funding was in question for this program. If you would like to donate funds for either school supplies or for next year's Saturday School students breakfast, or to donate actual school supply materials, please contact: Woodlawn Elementary School • 7200 NE 11<sup>th</sup> Ave • Portland, OR 97211