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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Sellwood Riverfront Concerts
Celebrate the last summer of the 20th century with friends and neighbors in local parks around the city. The Sellwood Riverfront Concert on the Willamette River (just north of the Sellwood Bridge) will start on July 5 and July 12. Concerts begin on Mondays from 6:30 PM until 8:30 PM. Call 823-2223.

World Walk for Breastfeeding
La Leche League international's World Walk for Breastfeeding will be held on Saturday, August 7 from noon to 4 PM in Lair Hill park in downtown Portland. The one-mile symbolic walk will begin at 1:30 PM on the running track adjacent to Lair Hill Park. La Leche League International (LLLI) is a nonprofit organization that provides information and support to 200,000 breastfeeding mothers in 66 countries every month. Call 503/524-9616.

Woman, Thou Art Loosed!
Women throughout the country and around the world anticipate their largest Christian gathering to date, as they prepare to converge in Atlanta for Bishop T.D. Jakes' fourth annual *Woman, Thou Art Loosed!* Conference at the Georgia Dome July 29-31. "Wailing Women Win" is theme for the 1999 conference - billed by the *Atlanta Business Chronicle* as one of the top five meetings (ranked in attendance) Atlanta hosts. On-site registration will open at 10 AM on Thursday. The event is free and open to the public, however, preferred seating has been reserved for pre-registrants. Call Pamela Gadsen at 214/333-6447.

Explore Africa This Summer
The Homowa African Arts and Cultures is presenting a four-week series of African arts day camps for children ages 6-12. The day camps begin July 19 and run through August 13. Each week-long camp occurs Monday through Friday from 9 AM until 3 PM. The series begins July 19-23 at the East Portland Community Center, 740 SE 106th Ave. The second camp follows July 26-30 at Whitaker Middle School, 5700 NE 39th. For additional information, call 503/288-3025.

Hip Chicks and Activists
Hip Chicks and Activists is looking for women of color and men of color, especially African-Americans living in NE Portland to join our social activist theater group. Open house and informational fun gathering on Saturday, July 10th. Call 306-9000.

Remembering Hiroshima & Nagasaki
An event coordinated by Physicians for Social Responsibility and Women's International League for Peace and Freedom will be holding an annual event memorializing the victims of the Hiroshima and Nagasaki bombings and will call for the elimination of nuclear weapons. The event will be on August 6 from 6-7 PM at the Japanese American Historical Plaza (NW Naito Parkway and Couch St.). Call Jennifer Aldrich at 503/274-2720.

Help Needy Children
The L.I.F.E. (Low-Income Families Emergency) Center is having its 16th annual back-to-school drive for needy children (K-12). The drive will start July 1 through August 10, 1999. The Center needs new and good usable clothing to ensure needy children are properly prepared for the upcoming school year. If you need more information or would like to volunteer for the giveaway, call Leslie Garth at 503/284-6878. All donations may be dropped off at the L.I.F.E. Center at 2746 NE MLK Jr. Blvd. Or, call the Center for a pick-up.

Women Entrepreneurs
The Women Entrepreneurs of Oregon, Portland/Metro Chapter are having meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. For more information about each specific meeting and to make reservations, call 541/858-3323.

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Its Good When Its Good In The Hood



Left to right: B.J. Wade, Cynthia Washington, City of Portland Commissioner Jim Franseconi, Shay Washington, Susan Woolwine and Ivy Huff join the Portland Observer to celebrate the festivities that make the "Hood... Good."



Below, right: The kids of B.I.K.E. were familiar faces to those in the hot dog line at the Good in the Hood festivities following the parade on Saturday. The children rode in the parade with their coach, John Benenate. Kid of B.I.K.E. (Bicycles and Ideas for Kid's Empowerment) believe they have a budding reputation in the community



Bubbling Brown Sugar, above, a Portland social club formed 20 years ago, participated in the Good in the Hood Parade for the second time. The club participates in various community activities and support various causes and each other. Their parade attire was courtesy of Adidas. The president of Bubbling Brown Sugar is Florene Bradley.



as leaders in cycling. The kids are reflecting their community leadership self-image this summer at Unthank Park by coaching other children, using a curriculum created by the Olympic Training Center, called "Kids on Bikes". For information about volunteering, membership, or coaching, please call 234-8454.

Meyer Memorial Awards \$1 Million Grant to S.E.I.

• Prestigious non-profit funding organization continues 10-year record of outstanding support

Self Enhancement, Inc., (SEI) announces Meyer Memorial Trust has awarded a \$1 million grant over the next five years in the form of a challenge grant in which SEI will raise matching funds to benefit SEI's Elementary School program. This is the 10th year Meyer Memorial Trust has contributed to the non-profit youth organization with its first grant award to SEI going directly to fund the founding of SEI's Elementary School Program in 1989.

SEI's Elementary School Program is the first point of entry for SEI participants, beginning in the second grade. Through the Elementary School program, SEI participants receive positive options, support and safety. The 10th anniversary of the Meyer Memorial Trust grant to SEI coincides with SEI's first graduating class to have been a part of this program since its inception.

"No other agency offers this kind of intensive, continuous and comprehensive support as our Elementary School Program," said Tony Hopson, founder and president, SEI. "Meyer Memorial Trust

gave us the opportunity to begin offering this program ten years ago and will celebrate SEI's Class of 2000 as its first graduating class from the program.

SEI's Elementary School Program provides structures, goal-oriented personal development and violence prevention services to more than 500 second-through fifth grade inner-city Portland youth each year. The Elementary School Program provides for case management of an advocacy for SEI participants within schools and within the community, tracking scholastic achievement and behavior. During after school hours and on the weekend, the program provides supervised, task-focused education, recreation and performing arts activities that provide safety and options not typically available to inner city youth. During summer months the program provides an expansion of the after-school program to an all-day program.

The late Fred G. Meyer who established the chain of retail stores created the Meyer Memorial Trust his name throughout the Pacific Northwest. When Mr. Meyer died in 1978, his will established the Trust, bequeathing it nearly two million shares of stock in Fred Meyer, Inc. All stock in Fred Meyer, Inc. was sold prior to the beginning of the Trust's operations and there is no relationship be-

tween the company and the Trust. At the close of its fiscal year on March 31, 1999, the trust has assets of approximately \$450 million, making it one of the largest foundations in the United States.

Founded in 1981 by Tony Hopson, SEI is a non-profit organization committed to helping Portland's inner-city youth make positive choices to achieve their full potential. Located in north Portland, SEI provides young people with constructive options for personal success to help them avoid the pitfalls of drugs and violence. Today, SEI serves 1,200 school-age youth with services in 11 Portland public schools in north/northeast Portland as well as in after school and summer program in its new Center for Self Enhancement. SEI has been recognized as a



Founder and President of SEI, Tony Hopson

national model of youth violence prevention by the U.S. Centers for Diseases Control and was ranked in the top 100 of President George Bush's thousand Points of Light.

