

Grip and Grin

Nature's Northwest has been receiving a large inflow of shoppers. In proportion to this inflow has been an increase of traffic to the area. This was a problem to the neighboring residents who had experienced an increase in traffic. The city had put in speedbumps on 15th Ave. as a corrective measure which only served to reroute traffic to 14th Ave, the next available through street.

John Svicarovich expressed his concern for the community by speaking to city officials. They told him about the Purchase A Speed Bump program. In order to join, a neighborhood would need a 2/3 majority vote to qualify and the speedbumps would be placed in a minimum three-block interval area.

Within the Irvington neighborhood near the Nature's store, there were 72 land owners within the three-block corridor. Of that number, 52 land owners had agreed to participate in the program to acquire the much-needed speedbumps from the city.

The overall cost to the Irvington area residents in the program was \$12,000, or \$170 per household. Based on the financial hardship imposed for some of the families to participate, John Svicarovich approached the administration at

Nature's on Fremont with the problem. He sought their assistance in this matter since they were part of the traffic issue. Mark Cockraff, the Marketing Coordinator for Wild Oats/Nature's NW and Barbara Fitch, the Co-Developer of the store heartily agreed to work together to cover the remaining expense that had not been raised by the Irvington residents. Their

contribution is enough to get the speedbumps in place and hopefully slow down the traffic, especially for the sake of the young children living and playing in the area.

Mayor Vera Katz commended Nature's neighborly act, recognizing it as a worthy grassroots effort of a business cooperating with a neighborhood to work out community issues.



John Svicarovich received a check from Carly Curtis (Store Mgr. at Nature's Northwest on NE. 15th and Fremont) for the purchase and placement of traffic calmers that would slow down traffic considerably around the health food store.

Tennessee Red's BBQ Restaurant Opens In North Portland

Michael T. Munson, whose nickname is "Tennessee Red," has opened up a BBQ Restaurant at 736 N. Lombard St., Portland, OR, by the name of Tennessee Red. Munson has two other restaurants in Portland, on S.E. 11th and on S.E. 82nd.

Munson said his love of cooking goes back to the days when his mother cooked in her Harlem kitchen in New York City. "The thing that stuck with me was the smell and the sound of the cutting board," he said, "when I got in the Kitchen I began to identify with the smells."

When he was a child his family opened Four Corners in Harlem, a popular soul food restaurant, he said.

Munson's life has taken a lot of turns from growing up in New York City to opening his restaurant on

Lombard.

He was 8 years old when his father, a laborer, longshoreman and union worker, disappeared. His heart-broken mother gave up the Harlem restaurant and moved to South Brooklyn. He said it was home to gritty shipyards and shady characters, a tough place for any child to grow up. But Munson was befriended by Italian-American longshoremen. He ran errands for them, he said, and they looked out for him.

The longshoremen became his family after his mother fell into a deep depression. She died of a broken heart, Munson said. At 13, he was orphaned and homeless. An Italian family in Brooklyn took him in. He slept in a boiler room.

Munson graduated from Lafayette High School in Brooklyn and Albany State University

and enrolled in the Reserve Officers' Training Corps.

He graduated with a degree in accounting in 1978 and immediately joined the Air Force. After four years in the service, he took a job as operation manager for the Sambo's restaurant chain. He was in Charge of three Sambo's in Syracuse, Utica and DeWitt, N.Y.

Munson said the restaurants were making \$1,000 an hour, but controversy over the name of the chain did it in. Groups such as the NAACP labeled the name racist. The chain changed the name, but its popularity waned. Munson, who is part African-American, white and Native American, says the restaurant chain was the victim of political correctness.

Munson was hired for a job at the Sheraton in Dallas, Texas. But

Victims Mourned

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Susan "Kim" Jones, 23, worked with youth at Wedgwood. She lived on campus at the seminary where she just recently began classes after graduating from Texas Christian University. Friends said she loved missionary work and had a ready smile and a personality that lit up a room.

"We are not angry and we have peace that God is in control," said Ms. Jones' mother, Stephanie Jones. "She was a joy and a delight."

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"As long as you thought she was funny, she was OK with any other opinion" of her, he said.

Justin Ray, 17, whose service took place at a Methodist church, is said to have blossomed after transferring

to the Cassata Learning Center, an alternative school with a self-paced environment. He was a devoted Boy Scout who had developed an interest in the audiovisual arts and wanted to pursue a career in film and sound production.

He was videotaping the band and attending to the sound system when gunfire erupted.

"The next thunderstorm we have, we know who's going to be running the lights and sound," he said.

A baggage led the funeral proces-

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