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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Car Wash and Barbeque

Just Men In Recovery will be having a car wash and barbeque (weather permitting) on June 16 at the Miracles Club, located at 4069 N.E. MLK. For more information, call Michael R. Booker at 503/267-3193 or Morris Price at 503/515-8152.

Son of Salmon Slam

Portland Poetry Slam and Education Without Borders will host "Slam Final." These bouts will decide which four individuals, out of a dozen competitors, will become the 2001 Slam Team, scheduled to do national poetic battle with 55 other teams in August. Money raised will be donated to the "Books Not Bombs" Somaliland Project. The event will be held on Wednesday, June 13 at the Northwest Children's Theater, located at Everett and N.W. 18th. Music begins at 7 p.m., Poetry Slam at 8 p.m. Call 503/661-1317.

Free Cruise on the Sternwheeler

Discover the spectacular views and wonders of the Eastbank Esplanade as you participate in the grand opening programs being offered all summer—absolutely free of charge. For Father's Day, discover the new Eastbank Esplanade from the water—learn some of the stories of the construction and history of the Eastbank. The Sternwheeler will leave at 2:30 p.m. Call 503/823-5596.

Fast Friends Duet

If you share a special musical talent with your cat or dog, you are invited to the Advantage Topical Solution nationwide contest called "Advantage Fast Friends Duet." For those looking for a new four-legged family member to love, Oregon Humane Society will also offer pets for adoption. The contest will be held at the Pioneer Courthouse Square on Saturday, June 30. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. Call Stefanie, Hodge-Lis, Edelman Worldwide at 312/233-1280 office or 630/728-7049.

A Walk in the Pearl

The Pearl District, Old Town and the Eastbank Riverfront Park will be explored during a non-credit Portland Walk Abouts series sponsored this summer by Portland Community College. The four-part guided tour series begins Saturday, June 30 with "A Walk in the Pearl." The three-hour walk starts at 9:30 a.m. at the U.S. Customs House at Eighth Avenue and Davis Street. Call 503/614-7308.

Rose Cup Races

A popular weekend with local racing enthusiasts for more than 40 years, the 2001 Rose Cup Races presented by Temp Control Mechanical Corp. features Sports Car Club of America's Regional and National Championship point races with more than 300 amateur drivers in varied classes of race cars. The race begins at 1:30 p.m., Sunday, June 17.

Mothers and Daughters Basketball

A Mothers and Daughters Basketball support group will be starting in September 2001. Be one of the many 4th to 12th grade young ladies participating with your mother to help bounce this support group to its full potential this coming season and for seasons to come. Call 503/283-7905.

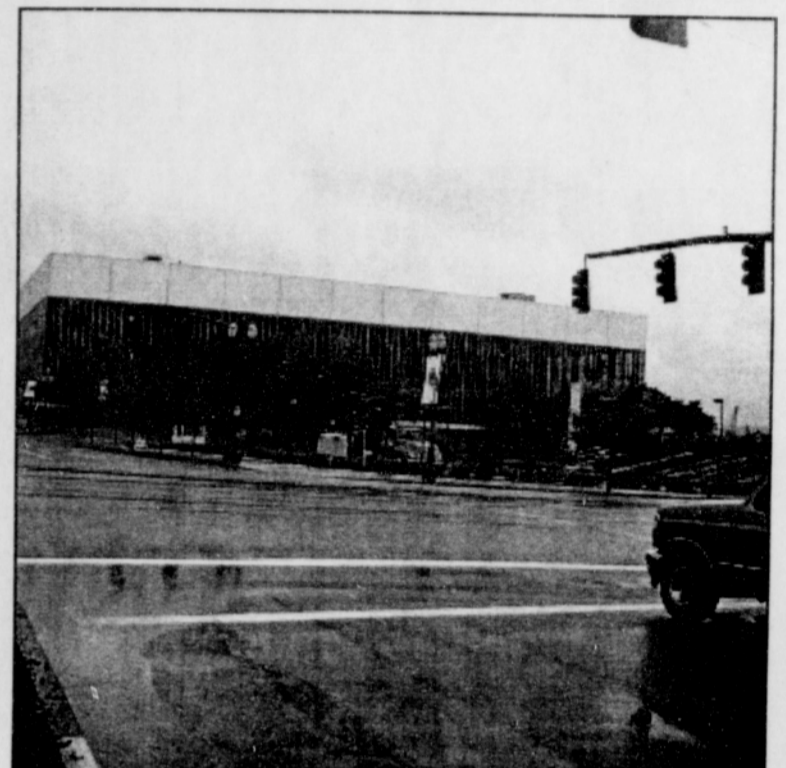
American Heart Walk

More than 1,000 area residents will take part in the American Heart Walk on Saturday, June 16 to help the American Heart Association raise \$100,000 for cardiovascular disease research and education programs. Registration is at 9 a.m. and the walk begins at 10 a.m. at Rose Quarter Commons, One Center Court Drive in Portland. American Heart Walks are also taking place this month in Eugene and Salem. Call Alex Modrell at 503/233-0100.

YMCA Camp Collins Celebrates 75 Years

YMCA Camp Collins is 75 years old this summer. The camp has served 350,000 children in that time, and is getting ready for the next 75 years. Come and share the memories with them. They will be celebrating on Saturday, June 16 at the YMCA Camp Collins, located at 3001 S.E. Oxbow Parkway, next to Oxbow Regional Park. For more info., call 503/663-5813, or visit www.ymca-portland.org.

Major League Promoters Build Support for New Stadium



The Memorial Coliseum (left) and the administration building for Portland Public Schools (right) are two sites in the Rose Quarter area that promoters of Major League baseball say could be sacrificed to make room for a new baseball stadium.

A builder of big-league stadiums is scouring the city for potential places to put a new stadium.

The planning is part of the effort to bring a Major League Baseball team to Portland. Currently, there are half a dozen prospects. Local architect John Vosmek is working

with H.O.K. Sport, the designers of Jacobs Field in Cleveland and Pac-Bell Park in San Francisco.

But finding nine square blocks of real estate for the Portland venture isn't easy. The Portland School District headquarters is one candidate.

Two blocks south, the idea is to tear-down Memorial Coliseum and use its nearby parking.

Across the river sits the central post office, which doesn't want to sell its old-town location. Other sites are just south of Union Station and on West Burnside with a cap over

the I-405 Stadium Freeway.

Land on the Eastside between the Hawthorne and Morrison bridges has also been talked about as a potential site.

Promoters are still working to get state lawmakers to support a new stadium at a cost of about \$300 million.

Billy Reed Boosts Pride at Jefferson

After three years as a physical education teacher and coach at Jefferson High School, Ehren Plummer finally has some new equipment to help his students perform at their best.

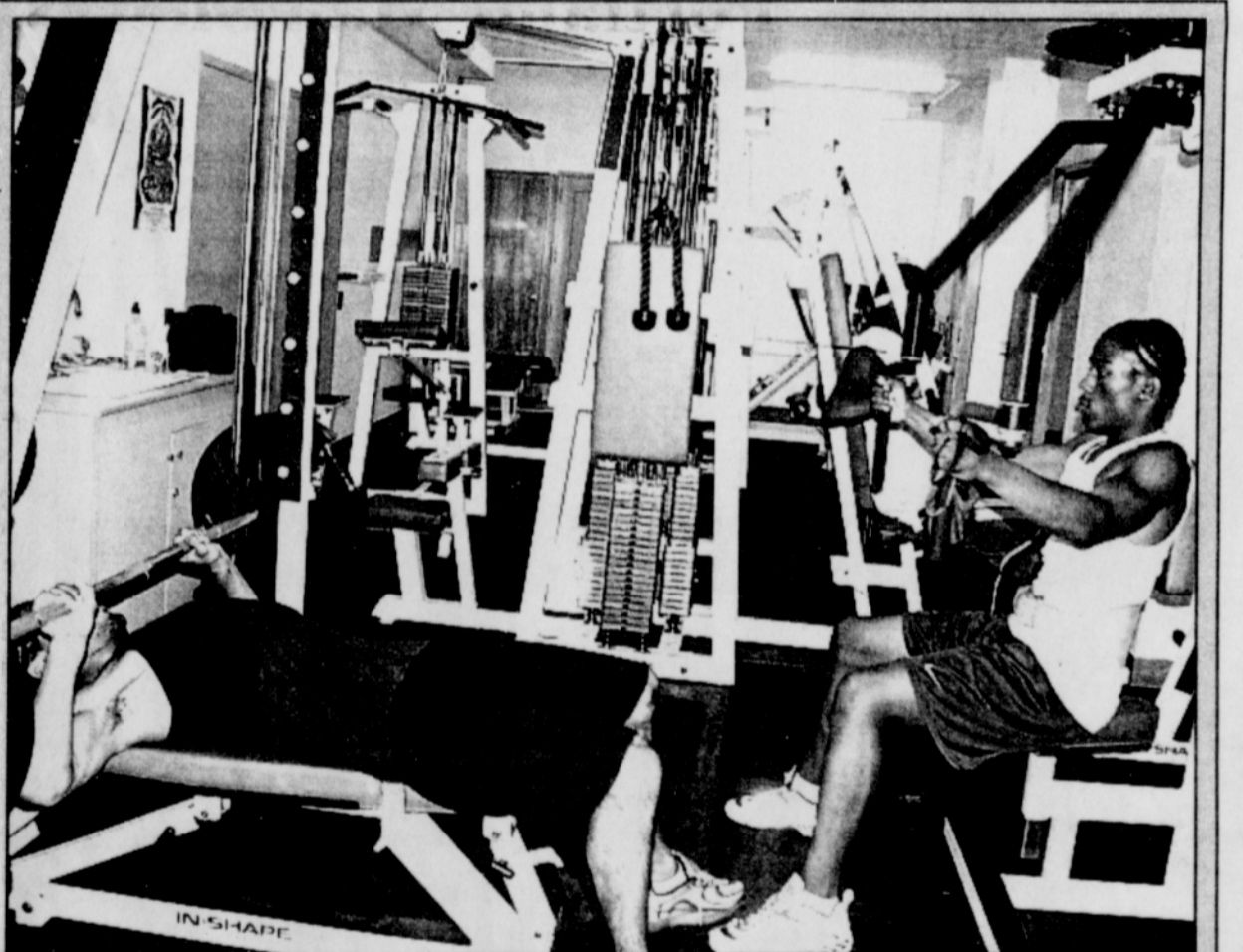
Billy Reed has donated \$40,000 worth of weight room equipment to the north Portland school.

"As I took my class into the new weight room for the first time, I saw my students' eyes get big and smiles grow across their faces," Plummer said. "I heard them say things like, 'Wow, Jefferson is coming up!' and 'Look at us. Now we're like the rich schools'."

The Jefferson athletic department has not received a dime to buy anything new in the last three years, Plummer said.

"No new birdies, no new basketballs, no new nets, and nothing new for our weight room," he said. "We have been fundraising and bit by bit have been struggling to make our program comparable to other schools around the state.

"When Billy Reed called us and said that he had some weight equipment that he wanted to donate to Jefferson High School we were very grateful. When we met with him and saw that the equipment was new and plentiful, we were ecstatic," Plummer said.



Jefferson High's Andre Miller (left) and Ray Peterson practice their techniques on new fitness equipment donated to the North Portland school.

Good in the Hood Festival to Spark City's Soul

A volunteer committee is working hard to bring local residents to the Good in the Hood Multicultural Music and Food Festival and ensure that more area businesses benefit economically from the event. The 9th annual celebration of culture, music and ethnic foods, will be held Friday, June 22- to Sunday, June 24 at the Holy Redeemer Area School Campus, 127 N. Portland Blvd. In addition, a kickoff party will be held at 6:30 pm on Thursday, June 21 at McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 NE 33rd Ave. The Good in the Hood Community Parade will start at 11 am Saturday, June 23.

Dionne Peoples, public relations chairman of the Good in the Hood Committee, says organizers are doubling their efforts to reach neighbors in northeast Portland.

As part of the outreach, residents who live near Holy Redeemer will be admitted to the festival free on opening night, which is called the "Good Neighbor Night" celebration, when they present a postcard that the committee will mail to surrounding neighbors.

Many businesses are planning sidewalk

sales during the parade on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard under the theme "Shopping is Good for the Soul." The business district now calls itself the "Soul of Portland."

"This is an important event for our community. It is an opportunity to see how beautiful the 'Soul of Portland' is with its multicultural community and diversity," said Peoples, who also is the owner of the Peoples Group, a public relations firm in Northeast Portland. The cost of admission to the festival is \$10 for families, \$5 for adults and \$1 for children. A 3-day family pass is \$25. The festival will feature performing groups such as the Northeast African American Ballet, Milagro Bailadores, the Molly Malone Dancers, Linda Hornbuckle, the Norman Sylvester Band, the Mel Brown Sextet and many others. In addition to entertainment, the festival will feature an ethnic food court, and ethnic marketplace, 3-on-3 basketball tournament and a children's area that will offer a live animal display, jugglers, clowns, arts and crafts, story telling, face painting and other activities. For more information about the festival call 503-285-6130.

Hospital Where a Man was Shot Closes

Pacific Gateway Hospital, the 66-bed Portland psychiatric hospital where a man was shot to death in April, says it is closing its doors effective immediately. A spokeswoman for the clinic, formerly a secure treatment center for county mental health patients, says operating the hospital is no longer viable given health-care economics and new regulatory requirements of local, state and federal agencies. Multnomah County recently pulled its patients from the hospital.

Jose Mejia of Yucatan, Mexico, was shot to

death by Portland police on April first after police responded to a call for assistance from Pacific Gateway staffers. Police said Mejia threatened an officer with a metal rod. Mejia's family said he had epilepsy, but no history of mental illness. An internal police investigation cleared officers of any wrongdoing, but members of the Hispanic community and mental health advocates say his death showed the need for improving mental health services in Portland. Pacific Gateway is owned by Behavior Healthcare Corporation of Nashville, Tenn.

Saturday Concert Series is All Local

A community-based effort to return a little park across from Emanuel Hospital to positive family-oriented uses has led to a summer-long Saturday concert series, according to organizer Joyce Boles. With grant money from a local industrialist who grew up in the neighborhood, Boles is organizing a concert every Saturday, with music from local African-American artists and food from Yam-Yam's Southern Style Barbecue, a major sponsor of the series. "All the artists will be paid," said Boles. "Nobody else is being paid." Saturday's June 16 concert will be held from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., featuring local R&B

vocalist Tahoe Jackson and a seven-piece band, with dancers and a percussion artist. All of the concerts will include tables and booths "as the community desires" without any fees charged, said Boles. Boles lives one-half block from the park, and was among many neighborhood residents terrified by a drive-by shooting homicide last year. "The poor victim died in my building's doorway," she said. The park and adjacent blocks was the site of a very heavy drug scene until a police undercover operation netted 60 indictments of street-level drug dealers last September, she noted.