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SECTION B

Community Calendar

Fun at the Car Wash

Have your car washed for a good cause from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at 605 N.E. Ivy St. All proceeds benefit the University Park and Richard Brown Headstart Centers.

Art Therapy

Reflections coffee shop, 448 N.E. Killingsworth St., is helping to destigmatize mental illness by hosting an art therapy exhibit from the women of Project Network. Work will be displayed from Monday through Saturday, June 28. Free.

Homowo Summer Camp

Immerse your child in African Arts for a fun-filled week of Homowo African Arts and Cultures 10th Annual Summer Camp at the Friendly House Community Center, 1737 N.W. 26th Ave. The camp is from July 14 through 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for children aged three to five and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. for children aged six to 11. Camp is \$125 for three to five-year-olds and \$200 for six to 11-year olds. For more information, call 503-288-3025.

Naturopathic Medicine

Learn how healthy living can begin in the garden—not the medicine cabinet—at a naturopathic medicine series from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays through July 22 at PCC's Portland Metropolitan Workforce Training Center, 5600 N.E. 42 Ave. Cost for the series is \$56 or \$16 each. For more information, call 503-978-5143.

Juneteenth Celebration

The annual Juneteenth Parade, themed "Living the Dream," begins at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bethel AME Church, 5828 N.E. 8th Ave. The parade features bands, drill teams, vintage cars and other festive marchers. Juneteenth events kick off with an ice cream social on Thursday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Legacy Emmanuel Lorenzen Center. A carnival will take place from noon to 11 p.m. Thursday through Sunday at the Lorenzen Center grounds at 2801 N. Gantebain St. For more information, call 503-335-0855.

Blood Drive

The Red Cross Mobile Museum brings new meaning to a blood drive. The interactive museum, along with food, vendors and a jubilee atmosphere, begins at 6 p.m. Friday at the intersection of North Vancouver Avenue and North Russell Street. The carnival continues from noon to dusk Saturday and Sunday.

Reunited

Feel good at the Thomas Jefferson High School Class of 1987 reunion on Aug. 22 and 23. For more information, e-mail Thegrijava6@cs.com or call 503-283-4901.

Everything Old is New

The Concordia Neighborhood Association's 5th Annual Yard Sale is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, July 25, Saturday, July 26 and Sunday, July 27 between Northeast 22nd and 42nd Avenues and Prescott Street to Columbia Boulevard. Multiple homes participating.

Mt. Hood Registers for Summer Term

MHCC is currently registering students for summer classes beginning on Monday. Continuing and returning students who have attended MHCC during the last year may register by calling 503-491-6000.

'Good in the Neighborhood' Keeps Tradition

Northeast to shine with music, parades and special events

BY LEE PERLMAN

THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The community festival now known as "Good in the Neighborhood" may, in some ways, be getting closer to its roots.

The former "Good in the Hood" is moving from Holy Redeemer School on North Vancouver to King School Park just off Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard at 4815 N.E. Seventh Ave.

Events kick off at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 26 with a party at Kennedy School in northeast Portland with entertainment by Grooveyard, the Molly Malone Irish dancers and spoken word artists.

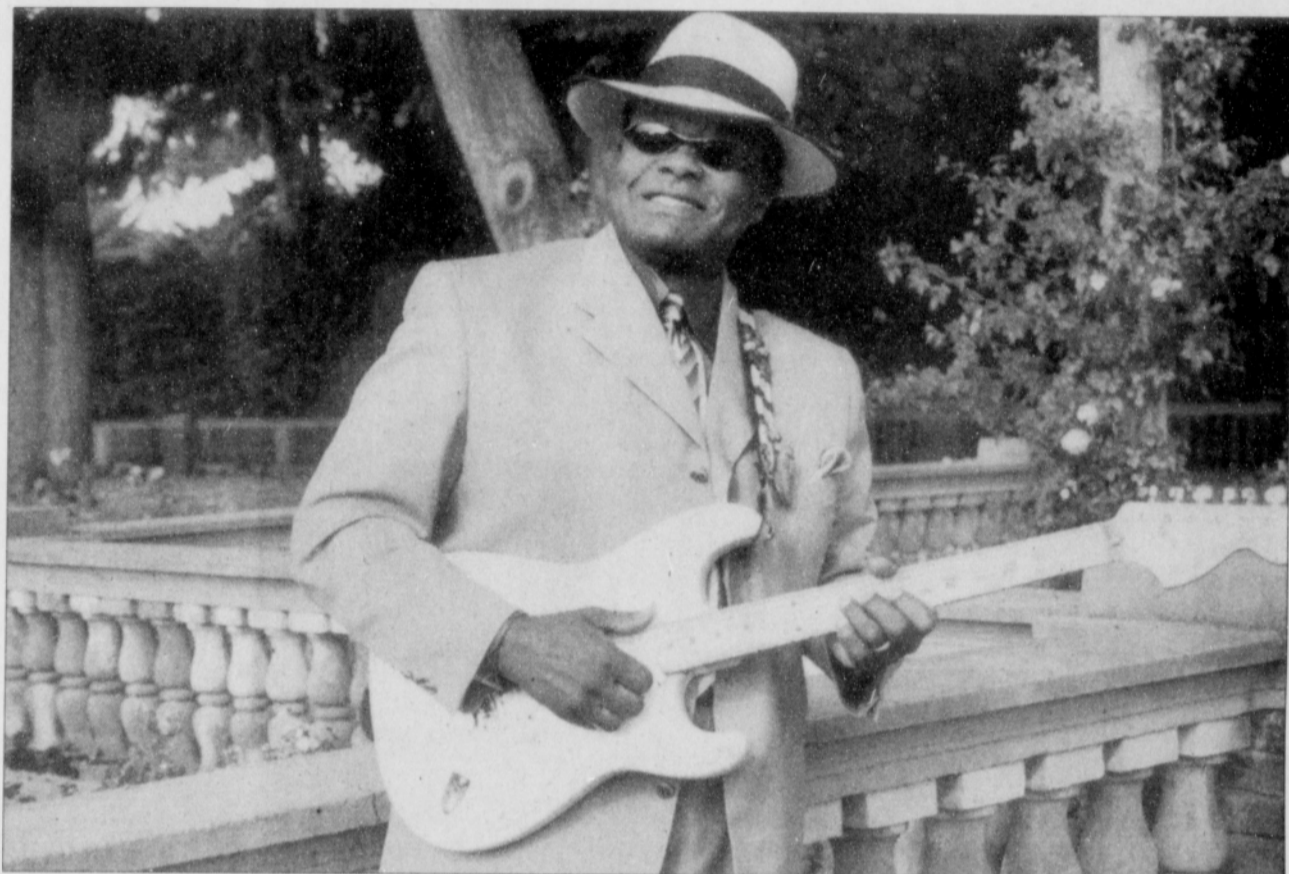
The main draw is a weekend of concerts by multi-ethnic performers on Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and 29 at King School Park and a parade beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, June 28th from Emanuel Hospital up Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

Entertainment by the likes of Norman Sylvester, the Thara Memory All Stars, the Patrick Lamb Band and Linda Hornbuckle will perform on the Main Stage at King Park. A second Multi-Cultural Stage will feature the likes of the Gypsy Caravan belly dancers, the Ballet Folklorico de Woodburn and Mazel Tov Orchestra.

A Kid Space will offer a craft making, clowns, and face painting by master artist Roger Witter. There will also be an Information Village with booths by public and non-profit agencies and organizations, an Ethnic Marketplace with unique goods by 30 vendors, 20 food booths, and a beer and wine garden.

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods has taken over management of the festival after 11 years at Holy Redeemer. The separation was "on good terms," in one spokesperson's words, as the school found the burden of liability too much to handle.

Another significant change is that since



Portland jazz great Norman Sylvester will join other top performers during the new "Good in the Neighborhood" celebration at King School Park on Saturday and Sunday, June 28 and June 29.

King School is less enclosed than Holy Redeemer, organizers will not charge admission. However, there will be a request for donations at a suggested scale of \$5 per individual, \$1 per child and \$10 per family. Participants are also encouraged to bring canned goods to donate to the Oregon Food Bank.

This year, the festival will lose the small army of Holy Redeemer parent volunteers. Community activists have come forward to replace them, but more are needed. Those wishing to help are urged to call 503-282-1288.

Paul Knauls, chief parade organizer, recalls the inspiration for the festival in the late '80s when there was so much negative press

about northeast Portland.

"Every day the papers carried news about this shooting or that shooting. Some of us said, 'Why can't we show what's good in the hood for a change?'" Knauls said.

Entertainer Norman Sylvester, another festival charter member, said event planners have always brought together a mix of different cultural backgrounds and that tradition continues.

The parade this year will take a slightly different route. Starting at a lot owned by Legacy Emanuel Hospital at North Williams Avenue, it will proceed along North Russell Street to Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, north to Killingsworth Street,

east to 15th Avenue, south to Alberta Street, east to Seventh Avenue, and south to the school grounds.

Once consisting of "three kids on bicycles," according to one organizer, to the largest neighborhood parade in the U.S. with 2,000 participants. Knauls says the attendance may be down a bit this year, but not by much. All participants will receive snacks courtesy of Fred Meyer.

Sylvester, who does much of the work of organizing the musical entertainment in addition to performing himself, has had a similar experience.

"I used to have to persuade people to come," he says. "Now they come to me."



PHOTO BY JAYMEE R. CUTI/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Pearl Smith practices her curtsies for the Les Femmes Debutante Ball. Smith, a Les Femmes member for four years, will graduate from Mountain View High School this month and plans to attend college in Texas.

Belles of the Northwest

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI

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Being ladylike and being strong, confident women go hand in hand, say members of Les Femmes, an organization aiming to educate young people in the finer social graces.

Thirteen local young women, all recent high school graduates, will be presented to the community at the annual Les Femmes Debutante Ball, beginning at 5 p.m., Sunday, June 29 at the Marriott Hotel, 1400 S.W. Naito Pkwy.

As members of Les Femmes, girls are taught "how to act, how to talk,

how to walk, how to eat and how to sit," said Ebony Price, a recent Benson High School graduate who plans to study criminal justice at Portland Community College.

Myleen Roberts, a recent Jefferson High School graduate, has been with Les Femmes since the 8th grade. Roberts, a Rose Festival princess, plans to study marketing and communication at the University of Illinois.

"Les Femmes has taught me restraint, patience, love, courage and pride in myself as an African American woman in today's society," Roberts said.

Talking Out the Heat

Sitting down over a burger is resolving problems in Portland

BY JAYMEE R. CUTI

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Resolutions Northwest staff is encouraging Portlanders to talk to their neighbors, work out their differences and break bread together at its Community Mediation Barbeque from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, June 19 at the newly renovated King Facility and Park, 4815 N.E. 7th Ave.

The staff finds that disputes can pick up in summer months as neighbors are outside, sometimes getting on each other's nerves. Resolution Northwest settles common neighborly arguments such as property lines, noisy pets and other nuisances that could have landed neighbors in court. And they settle these problems for free.

In February, the city of Portland contracted Resolution Northwest, a nonprofit mediation organization, to help resolve disputes before finding themselves with attorney's fees and hard feelings. The city previously had its own mediation branch, which was cut to save costs.

Using mediation saves money by conserving the city's resources, said Shari Bandes, a mediation specialist.

"Some of the savings are not tangible. When people solve problems at this lower level, they are not involving other city resources like the city police or parking patrol," she said.

Officials site statistics that show 80 percent of mediations end in a resolution agreed to by both sides and 97 percent of participants say they would recommend it to others.

"People have told us that the process helped them and their neighbor actually talk, after problems have sometimes accumulated for years," said Claire Slawson, the program coordinator.

Resolutions Northwest has been in business for 20 years, working with the Multnomah



Resolutions Northwest Program Coordinator Claire Slawson.

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County Court Juvenile Justice Center to mediate sessions between juvenile offenders and their victims.

The firm recently hired 25 new volunteers—its first hiring in more than a year—enabling them to resolve conflicts on weekdays and evenings.

Slawson is particularly proud of the diverse group of volunteers, both women and men, young and old, and of many different cultures with different language skills.

"We're supporting the whole city of Portland and it's helpful to reflect the populations that we serve."

The barbeque gives the community a chance to meet the staff and celebrate mediation. The staff also welcomes the community to tour its renovated office at the King Facility. Besides food, the free barbeque offers music and games for the whole family. For more information, call 503-823-3152.