

METRO

SECTION B
The Portland Observer

Community Calendar

Video Production

JR Productions and Filthy Rich Productions present their first annual Labor Day celebration in the honor of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This event will be held Sept. 5 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Alberta Park on NE 19th and Ainsworth Streets. The producers will launch the new musical and video composition created in his honor and inspired by his works entitled "Our Heavenly Brother."

Bones and Brew

The Bones and Brew Festival has moved to the Pearl District this year, taking place on Saturday, Sept. 10 from 12-8 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 11 from 12-6 p.m. Four city blocks will be filled with BBQ, music, and local microbreweries and microdistilleries.

Breast Cancer Awareness

A breast cancer conference for African-American females will be sponsored by the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Pi Alpha Zeta Chapter on Saturday, Sept. 3 from 11-3 p.m. at the SEI Center on 3920 N. Kerby Ave. Speakers from the Komen Foundation, OHSU Cancer Institute and the African-American Health Coalition are scheduled.

Loaves & Fishes Drivers

The Meals-On-Wheels People is seeking volunteer drivers to ensure homebound seniors receive healthy meals and a bit of companionship this Labor Day Weekend. For information on how you can help, contact Caroline Henry at 503-988-6223 or 988-5566.

Oregon State Fair

Come celebrate the 140th annual event down in Salem now through Labor Day, Sept. 5. The fair will open at 11 a.m. Some new highlights this year include a performance by Pepe and The Bottle Blondes and LiveArt!, which includes eclectic music, fine arts and crafts, and a public art project.

Renters Rights Hotline

The community Alliance of Tenant is looking for volunteers to staff the Renters' Rights Hotline. The majority of callers are low-income families. This hotline enables renters to save money, protect their rights and to prevent homelessness. Volunteer training is on Sept. 24-25 during the afternoon. No experience is required. For more information, contact Sarah Buckley at 503-460-9702.

Native American Literature

Native American literature is celebrated at the Collins Gallery located on the third floor at the Central Library, 801 S.W. 10th Ave through Sept. 29.

Become a Puppeteer

Kids on the Block uses the power of puppetry to help children understand and accept differences in each other and to learn skills to be safe and healthy. The non-profit group is recruiting volunteers to educate children in public and private schools. Extensive training is provided. For more information contact Lynette Jelink, Program Director at 503-736-3200 or Lynette@powerful-puppetry.org.

Red Cross Teaches Safety

The American Red Cross offers a range of safety classes for crisis situations, from learning how to baby sit to performing CPR. The courses are intended for children aged 8 through adult. For more information visit www.redcross-pdx.org.

African Drumming, Dance

The North Star Ballroom, 635 N. Killingsworth Ct., hosts beginning drumming and Ghanaian rhythm classes. For more information call 503-632-0411.

Duo featured in music showcase

BY KATHERINE BLACKMORE
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Right now, young hip-hop duo Dynamix are just trying to make a name for themselves and the city they live in. So far they've done well, opening for acts such as E-40 and Bosko, with an album release aimed for early November.

Consisting of Mighty Mouse and Rez, both 17, the Portland-based group wants to make their home recognizable when it comes to hip-hop.

"We're trying to put Portland on the industry map so everybody can recognize it without asking any questions," Mighty Mouse said.

They both started young, around the age of 10, freestyling with homemade lyrics and beats.

Beyond their compelling stage presence, with Mighty Mouse's high energy and Rez'

chill attitude, the group prides themselves on their creative, intellectual lyrics.

They gather inspiration through rappers with all kinds of flavor, putting a positive twist on personal issues that go along with

being teenager—including hanging out, home life and politics.

Although performing can make Mighty Mouse a little nervous at times, "the minute the beat starts you forget everything," he

said. "I always like to see people get up and on their feet. Rez fills my spots. It's a good balance."

continued ▼ on page B3



35
years of
community service

DYNAMIX

Stays Local
With
Hip-Hop

Portland hip-hop group Dynamix will perform on Friday, Sept. 9 at the Roseland Theatre in conjunction with Musicfest Northwest.

Saint Johns Neighborhood Saves Pool

It looks like the Pier Park North Portland's Pier Park Pool in the St. Johns neighborhood will serve future generations after all.

The Portland City Council has pledged to come up with the \$70,000 to 80,000 to pay for needed operating costs in its current budget cycle.

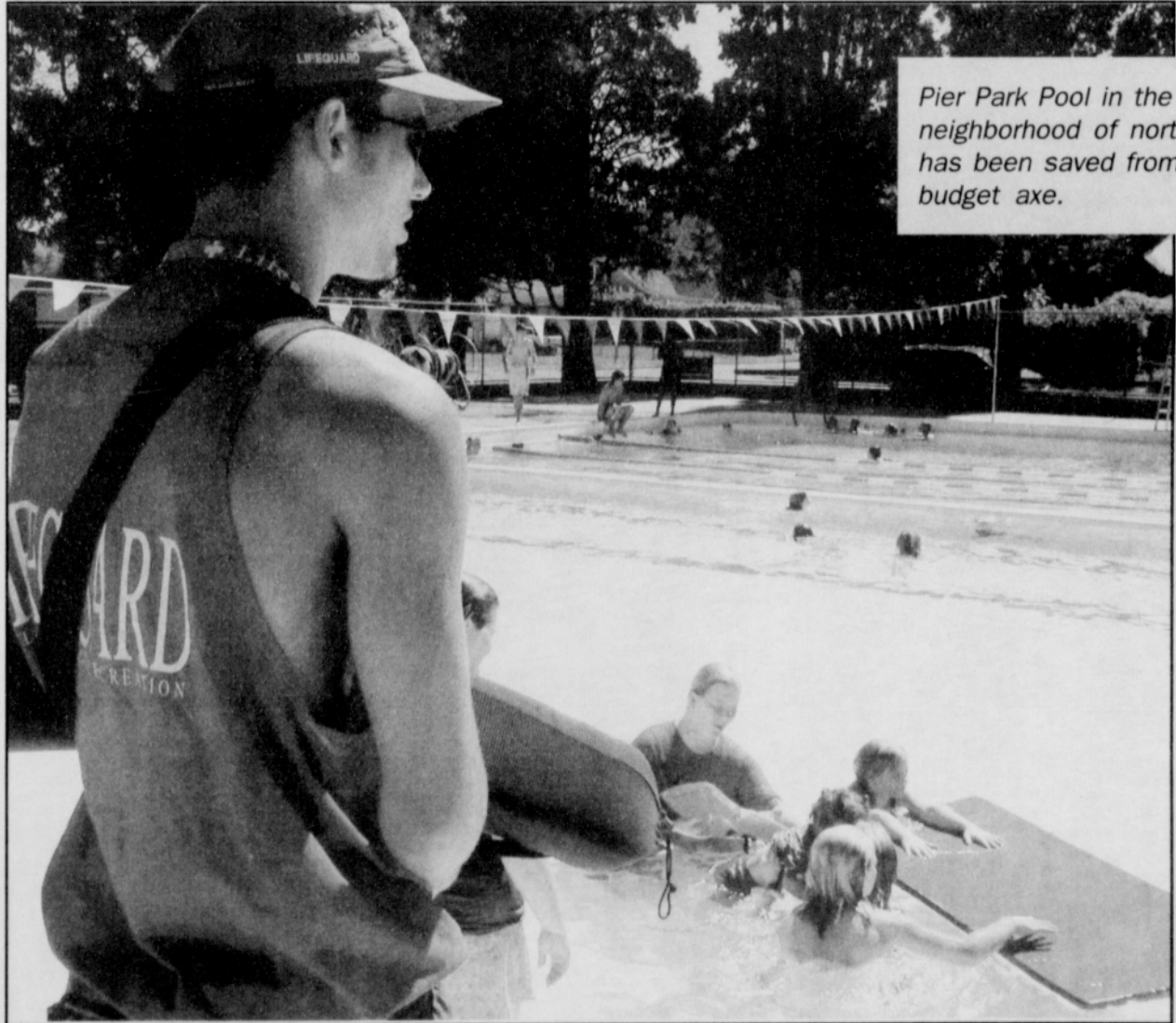
The outdoor pool had been scheduled to close for good on Aug. 5 at the end of its summer season due to city budget cuts. The reversal of fortune came after intense objections from local residents. It means the pool that has served St. Johns for decades will continue to provide summer recreation for kids and families next year.

The council has also pledged to reverse course and keep Buckman Pool in southeast Portland and the Metropolitan Learning Center pool in northwest Portland in operation. Buckman, a year-round indoor pool, was closed this year because of the need to repair a leak.

The support for pools by the council comes after City Commissioner Dan Saltzman, who recently took over the Parks and Recreation Department, pledged to look for ways not to close any of the city's pools.

He drew the support of Mayor Potter and the other commissioners.

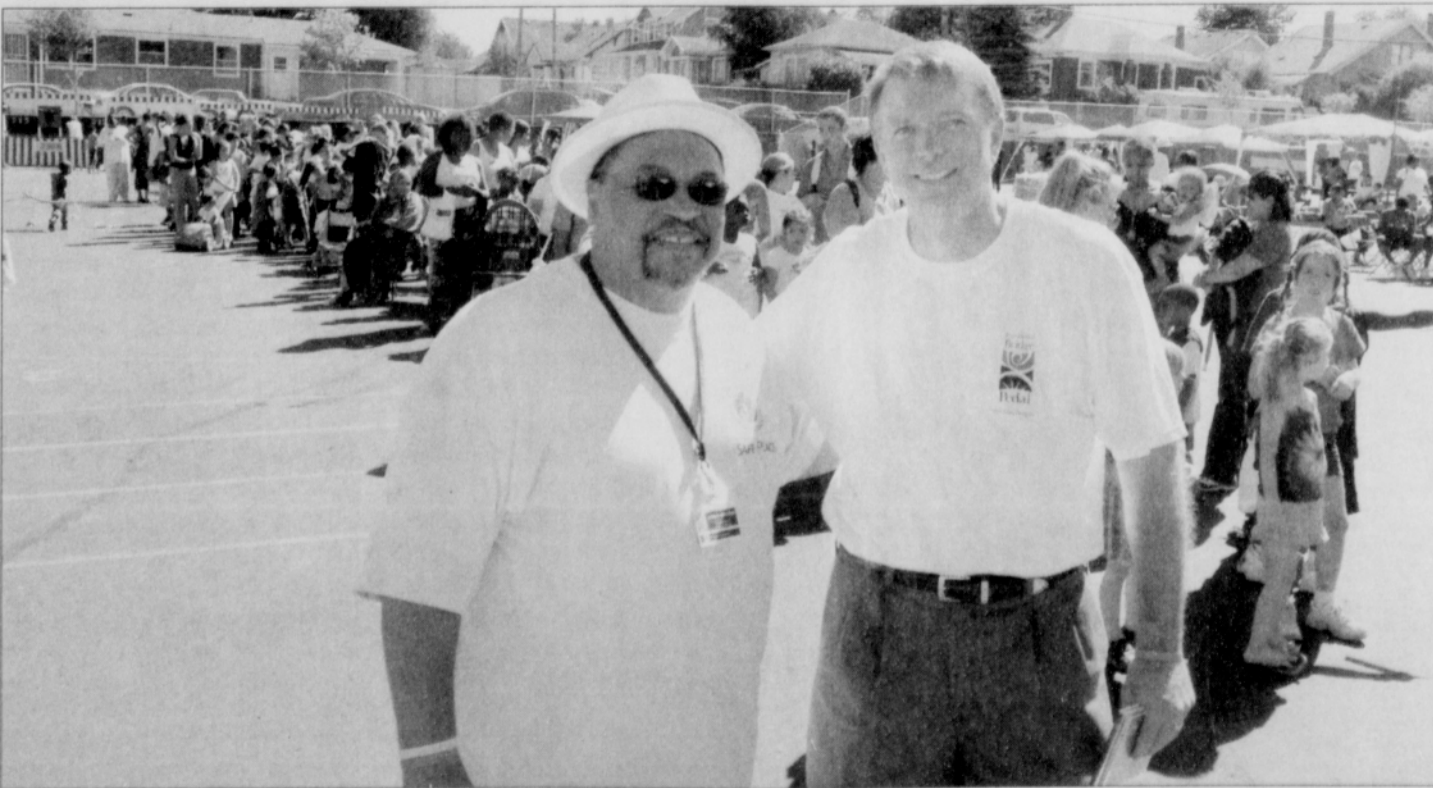
City Commissioner Randy Leonard said that keeping pools and other parks facilities open should be on par with the city's commitment to maintaining fire stations and police precincts.



Pier Park Pool in the St. Johns neighborhood of north Portland has been saved from the city budget axe.

PHOTO
BY MICHAEL
LEIGHTON/
THE PORTLAND
OBSERVER

Providence School Supplies Benefit 1,000 Kids



Providence Health System's Baruti Artharee (left) and Dave Underriner welcome a long line of eager students waiting for free school supplies at the Back to School Summer Jam at Vernon Elementary in northeast Portland.

One thousand local children are equipped for the first day of school thanks to Providence Health System. The youngsters picked up their bags of free school supplies at the recent 5th Annual Back to School Summer Jam, organized by Safe Place.

This year the line of eager students wound through the Vernon Elementary School playground as young people waited for new backpacks and basic school supplies such as pencils and notebooks.

Providence Portland Medical Center Administrator Dave Underriner helped hand out the supplies, saying "Providence participates in this annual event because it makes a difference for kids in our community and it gives them the tools they need to have a chance to succeed in school. Providence is pleased to be part of this."

Safe Place, which organizes the annual Jam, is a faith-based, non-profit organization that offers school tutoring, summer camps and weekly children and teen programs.

More than 1,200 people attended the year's afternoon of free food and fun in early August. Corporate Express also was a major sponsor of the school supply give-away.

TriMet Fares Increase

Starting Thursday, Sept. 1 it will cost a little more to ride buses, MAX and the Portland Streetcar.

Most fares will increase 10 cents: 5 cents for inflation and an addi-

tional 5 cents to help cover rising diesel costs.

Like everyone who drives, TriMet is coping with record-high fuel prices. Transit officials say this is

the main reason for the fares going up.

Adjustments to service schedules also begin Thursday for about one-third of TriMet bus lines.