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Community Calendar

Jefferson Tailgate Party

The Jefferson Alumni Association kicks off a Homecoming Tailgate Party with outdoor grills, food and music on Wednesday, Oct. 20. The group is looking for one car from each class to circle the Jefferson campus. Volunteers can hook up during alumni meetings every Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Jefferson High School or contact Phoebe Tyeskey at 503-490-0985 or Maggie Mashia at 503-331-7507.

Non-Profit Career Fair

Portland State University host Non-Profit Career Fair, Thursday, Oct. 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the third floor ballroom at the Smith Memorial Student Union at Portland State University. Bring resumes and network with non-profit recruiters. For more information visit idealist.org/fairs.

Fighting Cancer with Food for Life

Free nutrition and cooking classes for cancer prevention and survival at 4 p.m., each Sunday through Nov. 19, at the Community Learning Center 4212 NE Prescott. 503-281-8596

Chinook Tribe Basket Weaver

The Chinook Tribe announces the fund raiser event "A Special Evening with Pat Courtney Gold, Columbia River Basket Weaver", on Saturday, Oct. 21, at 7 p.m. at 8 N.E. Killingsworth St. For more information, contact In Other Words Bookstore at 503-232-6003.

Volunteer for Crisis Line

Want to make a difference in your community? Volunteers and advocates are needed for the Portland Women's Crisis Line. The needs include on-call advocates to respond in person or over the phone, outreach and educational efforts, and fundraising and administrative duties. Call 503-232-4176 for more information.

Women in NAACP

Women in NAACP meets from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month at the American Red Cross Building, 3131 N. Vancouver. For questions, call 503-249-6263.

Home buying Classes

Portland Community Land Trust helps first time and low-income homebuyers purchase homes at below market price. Attend a free, one-hour class to learn more about the program. Call 503-493-0293 or contact kelly@pclt.org.

Catlin Gabel Rummage Sale

Thursday, Nov. 2, kicks off this enormous annual fundraiser that will run thru Sunday Nov. 5, at the Portland Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Dr. No admission charge.

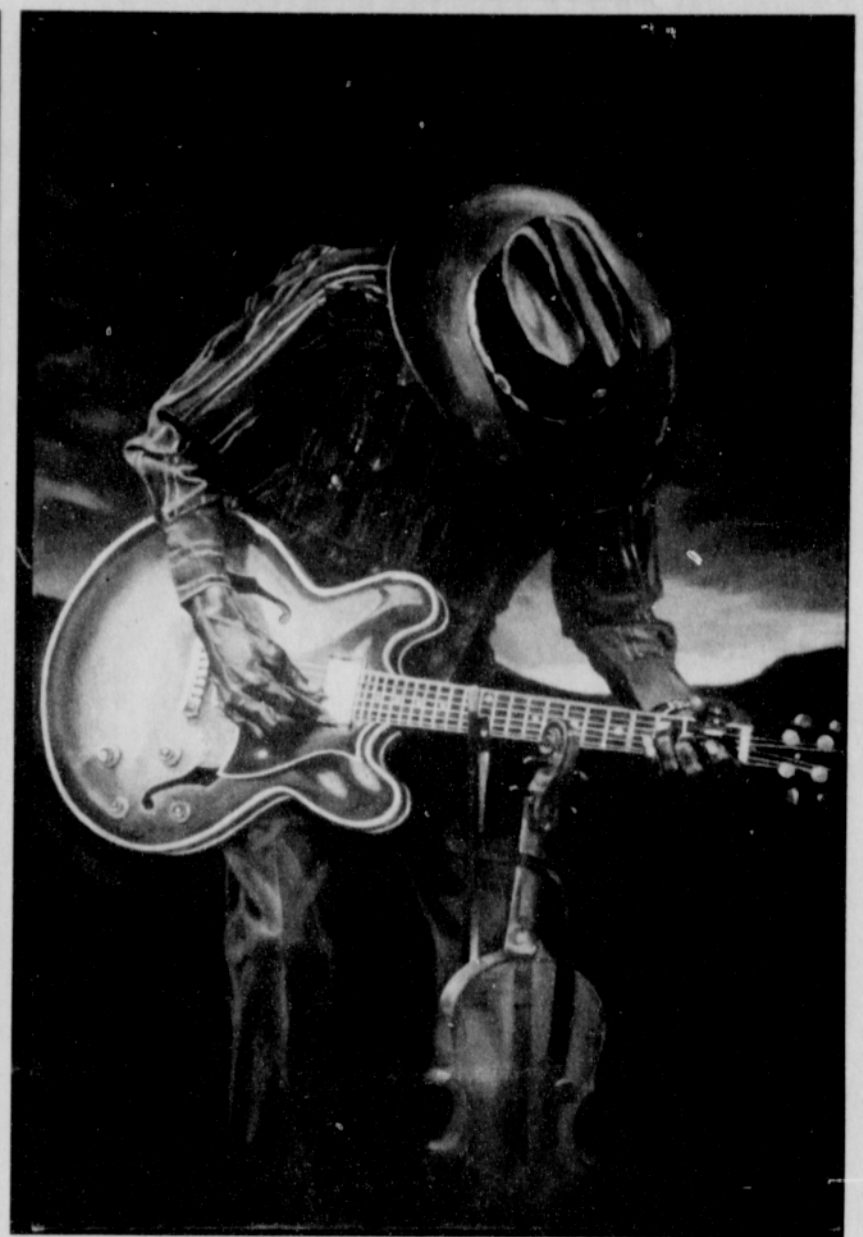
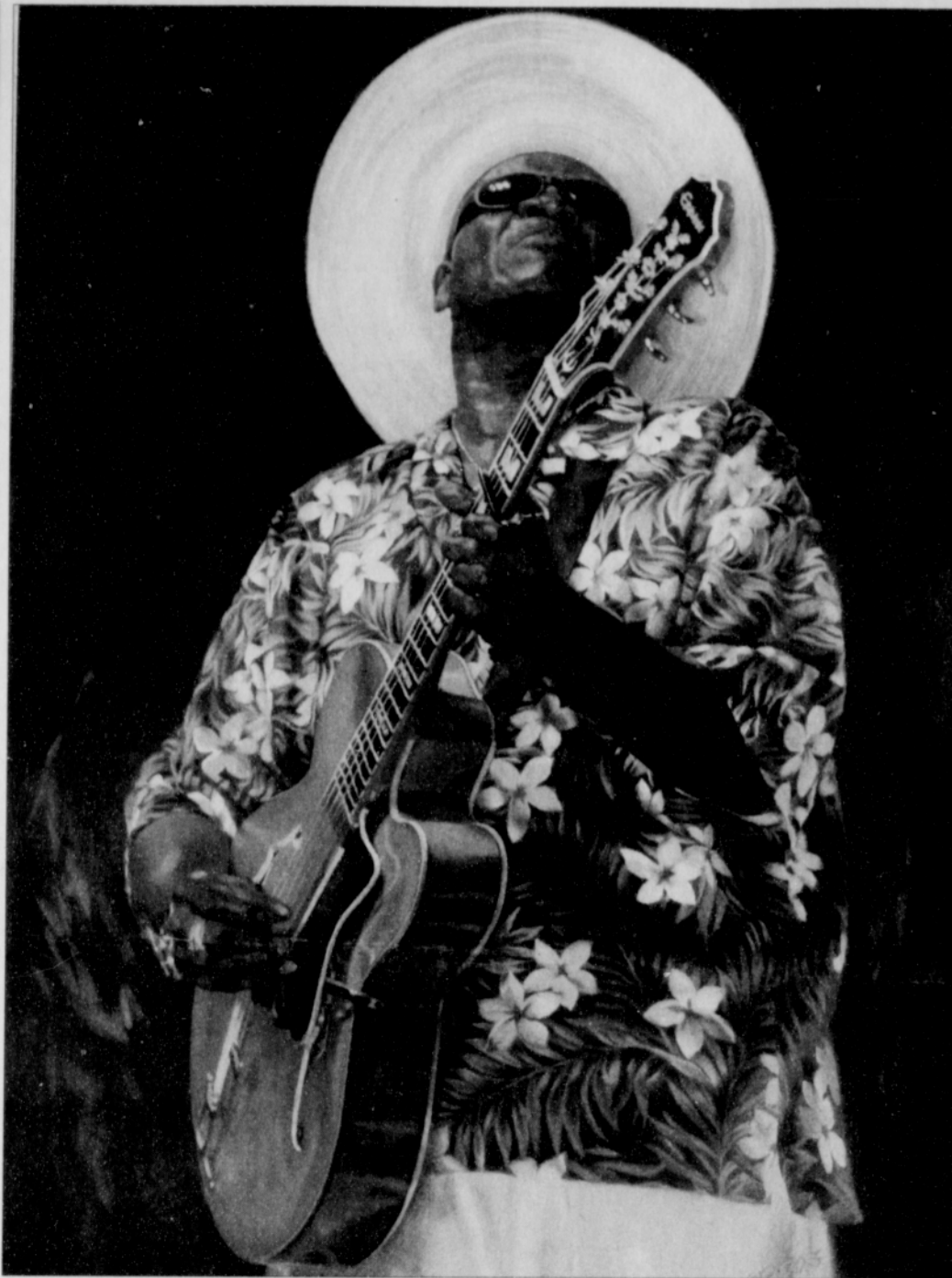
Women in Community Service

Volunteer mentors are being sought by Women in Community Service to work with incarcerated women at the Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. Mentors provide support and encouragement for women transitioning from prison back into the community. Volunteers must be females, age 24 and up. For more information, call 503-570-6614.

WellBeing Sunday Brunch

Individuals living with HIV/AIDS are invited to WellBeing's Sunday Brunch, open every Sunday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. with free home cooked meals served at 4 p.m. in the historic Mt. Olivet building, 1734 N.E. First Ave.

36
years of
community service



Artist Deborah Marble's watercolors come to life with seemingly few lines and shapes, including her paintings featuring a guitarist (left) and cowboy musicians (right).

Art: Up Close and Personal

Self-directed tours with 'Open Studios 2006'

Witness firsthand the artistic process, from concept to creation, during the annual Portland Open Studios, featuring nearly 100 artists at work in their

own spaces making sculpture, paintings, prints, drawings, pottery, jewelry, fabrics, glass and photographs.

Artists with studios west of the

Willamette will open their spaces to the public for self-guided tours on Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 14 and 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artists east of the Willamette will participate Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

On the east side, west side and all around town, the studios are everywhere, including your own neighbor-

hood. The artists will share the secret of their art, from materials, tools and techniques and the ideas that contribute to these creations.

There isn't a better way to discover all the neighborhoods that make Portland so vibrant, and since so many artists are in their homes, you will get the added

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Home Buying Fair Focuses on Closing Gap

Two \$2,500 grants will be raffled

With the homeownership rate for African Americans in Portland lagging below the state and national average for non-minority populations, a local group will build on its progress to make this year's African American Homebuyer Fair even more relevant for attendees.

Volunteer organizers with the African American Alliance for Homeownership hope those who attend the free fair will continue to take steps toward homeownership long after the fair, scheduled Saturday,

Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the Legacy Emanuel Hospital Atrium, 501 N. Graham. Parking is free.

"Homeownership is the single largest generator of personal wealth, so we want to make sure African Americans in Oregon who are in a good position to become homeowners have every opportunity to do so," AAAH chairman Bernie Foster said.

This is the 7th annual AAAH fair. Since its start, more than 2,500 people have attended past fairs to meet housing professionals and ask questions; collect



Bernie Foster

valuable information; and attend free workshops.

Fair attendees can take classes about programs available to help homebuyers and how to access them, the importance of managing personal finances and the benefits of owning vs. renting a home. There also will be children's activities including arts and crafts, free food provided by NW Natural and great

raffle prizes. Dozens of vendors will showcase the most recent loan products and programs available in the housing market.

Volunteer homeowners will be paired with potential buyers to provide peer mentoring and support through the home buying process. Several hundred people attended last year's fair, including those who have now graduated from the organization's Coaching Project and realized a dream of homeownership.

Fair organizers are asking all vendors, volunteers and classroom instructors to sign a Code of Conduct to ensure fair participants get reliable information from trustworthy professionals.

For more questions or information, visit www.aaah.org or call 503-595-3517.

Gospel Music Extravaganza Coming Workshops and concert set for Maranatha Church

The Portland Vancouver Chapter of Gospel Music Workshop of America is celebrating its 11th year anniversary with a series of workshops and concert at Maranatha Church of God in northeast Portland. The greater local community is invited to participate in all of the activities.

Featured Gospel music clinicians will include internationally known composer and director Steven Roberts with special guests Dorothy Love-Thornton and the Sacramento Metropolitan Chapter Choir.

Roberts is the recipient of numerous awards and honors and he has been instrumental on countless recordings. He

has composed over 300 songs and worked with such artists as Vanessa Bell Armstrong, D.J. Rogers, Daryl Coley, the James Cleveland Chorus and more.

Dorothy Love-Thornton is the chapter representative of the Sacramento Metropolitan Choir of the Gospel Music Workshop, founded by the late Rev. James Cleveland.

The workshops at Maranatha church will take over three consecutive days, beginning Thursday, Oct. 19, concluding with a free community concert on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. All events will be held 6 p.m. nightly.

Workshop registration is \$20 for adults; \$15 for a group of 10 or more. To register or for more information, call Pat Howard at 503-288-8342, Pearl Thomas at 503-880-3749 or Dorothy Davis at 503-407-7222.

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