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Mississippi Avenue Street Fair

Saturday event spotlights local flavor

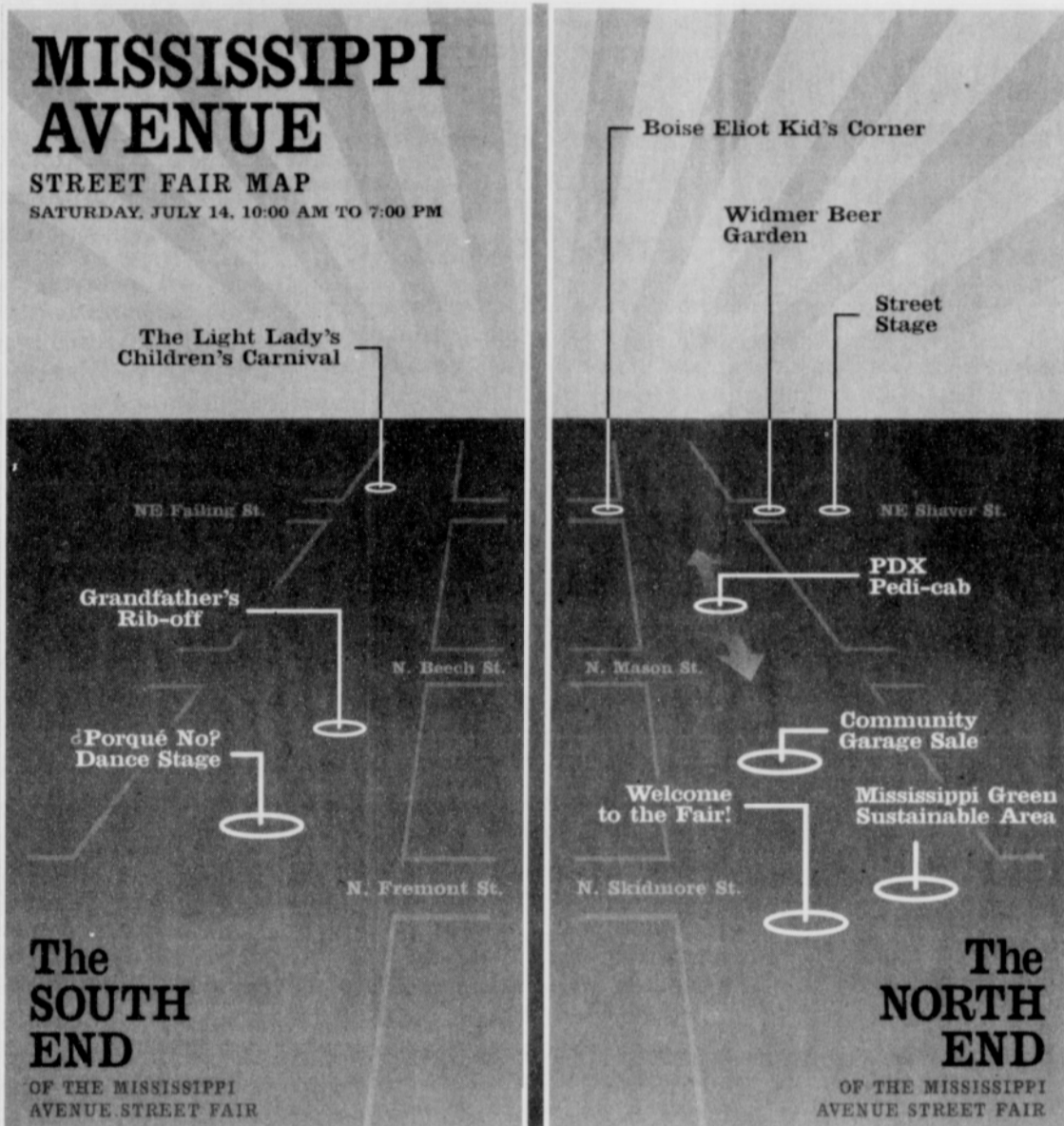
The word is out that businesses and residents of North Mississippi know how to throw a party! The Sixth Annual Mississippi Avenue Street Fair takes place Saturday, July 14 along North Mississippi Avenue, from Fremont Street up to Skidmore.

As one of Portland's largest street fairs, the north Portland event will close down the street from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. for dancing, shopping for unique goods made by local vendors, live music, great food and children's activities. Music will be featured on two stages – the Street Stage and the Station Stage – with artists booked by Jim Brunberg of Mississippi Studios.

Festival-goers can look forward to a giant community yard sale, pedicabs to take you around the neighborhood, a dunk tank and dance stage sponsored by Por Que No, plus the annual Rib-Off contest and a luau.

The Boise-Eliot Kid's Corner will feature a variety of children's activities, including a bouncy castle, face painting, cakewalk and snow cones. There will also be a children's parade and a magic show with Bob Eaton.

The Mississippi Avenue Street Fair started in 2000 as a collaborative festival with Boise Eliot



Elementary's annual multi-cultural festival. The free event has evolved to become a benefit for the elementary, with proceeds from the fair

going toward the school.

More than 11,000 people attended last year's fair and just as many are expected for the 2007 event.

For more information and a schedule of events, visit www.mississippiavenuestreetfair.com or call Elise Bartow at 503-799-5195.



Bill Pinkney was the last survivor of the original Drifters musical group. He died Wednesday, July 4 at the age of 81.

Last Original from 'The Drifters' Remembered

(AP) -- Bill Pinkney, the last survivor of the original members of the musical group The Drifters, is being remembered after his death at the age of 81.

Pinkney died July 4 at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort where he was scheduled to perform for Fourth of July festivities there.

Pinkney's manager, Maxine Porter, said Pinkney had had health problems.

The Drifters, whose hits include "Under the Boardwalk," "Up on the Roof," and "Save the Last Dance For Me," still performed Wednesday night. An announcement about Pinkney's death was made after the show, said the group's publicist, Donnie Lowery.

Pinkney, born in Dalzell, S.C.,

wasn't with The Drifters when they recorded their biggest hits. He left in the band in 1958 because of an argument over cash. His distinctive bass voice can be heard on the group's version of the holiday classic "White Christmas."

Even though he left the group, Pinkney didn't let go of The Drifters' name. He fought for laws allowing performers or bands to claim an affiliation with a classic group like The Drifters or The Coasters only if at least one member recorded with the original group.

The Drifters were inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1988.

Pinkney was a World War II veteran and pitched for the New York Blue Sox of the Negro Baseball League in the late 1940s and early '50s.



Washington Park Theater

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