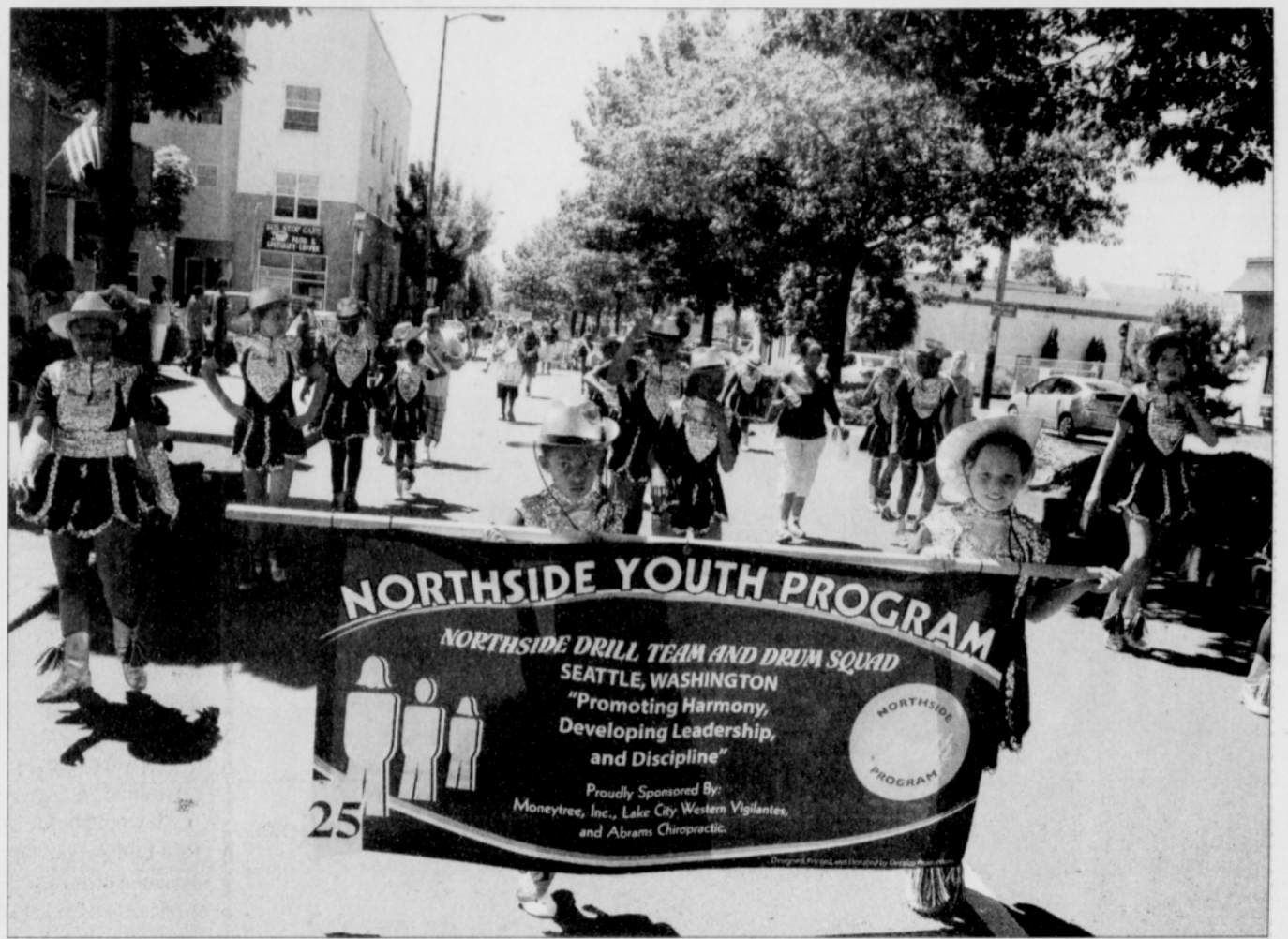




A cool taste sensation is a welcome treat for Inez Jackson at last weekend's Good in the Neighborhood celebration at King School Park.



Seattle's Northside Drill Team and Drum Squad from Seattle highlight last Saturday's Good in the Neighborhood parade along Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, an official Rose Festival event.

## Good in the Neighborhood

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## Birth Record Required at DMV New rules started Tuesday

(AP) — Need to renew or replace your driver's license? Start hunting for that passport or birth certificate.

Drivers who want a license in Oregon must now prove they're in the country legally. The new rule went into effect Tuesday. Besides arriving with their passport, original birth certificate or

immigration papers, drivers will also need documents that list their Social Security number, such as a tax return or employment record.

"Even if they showed a birth certificate years ago when they got their license, we've got to see it again," said David House, a spokesman for the Driver and

Motor Vehicle Services Division.

Gov. Ted Kulongoski ordered the DMV to start verifying Social Security numbers in February. Lawmakers then took it a step further and gave the state explicit authority to check a driver's legal status.

House said the agency has seen a 10 percent drop in the number

of licenses issued since February. Last year, 105,000 licenses were issued from February to May. During the same four-month period this year, 93,000 were issued.

Before the rules were changed, Oregon was one of only a handful of states that did not require proof of legal residence for a license.

Critics of illegal immigration called the state a haven for the undocumented, and said anything less than a proof-of-legal-presence standard opens the way to drug trafficking and terrorism.

Opponents of the documentation requirements say people who are poor, elderly or live in rural areas may have a tough time

getting ID cards or driver's licenses. Nationally, about 11 million U.S. citizens lack birth certificates or passports.

"The reality is that not everybody has these documents, and may have difficulty obtaining them," said Rick Bennett, a lobbyist for the senior citizens group, AARP Oregon.

### Dear Deanna!

I've spent tons of money on dates and dining but get nothing in return. I try to hold on to chivalry in this day and age but women need to get with the program and spend as well. I'm tired of watching other men do the same? How do I let a woman know I want to date her but I'm not willing to part with my money too soon? --Roger Davis; Atlanta, Ga.

### Dear Roger:

You're trying to be impressive by spending money like a fake Donald Trump. If "getting something" drives your motivation for dinner and dating then you got what you deserved. Nothing. It's none of your business how other men spend their money. You should lead by example. Before your next date have a money discussion and determine who's paying or if you'll go Dutch and keep it moving.

### Dear Deanna!

I've been dating a guy for three years and he claims that he loves me. However, I often wonder how we can love one another when we really don't know each other. We never go out together although we spend time at each other's home. He blames it on his job. It's true he works a lot, but I feel that if you really want to be with someone you'll make time. I turned 40 on my birthday and feel it's time to move on. --Jeanette; On-Line Reader

### Dear Jeanette:

There's a huge communication gap



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in this relationship. It's odd to be with someone for 4 years and still fall short on quality time. He's simply not into you but you've made it easy for him to be in this relationship. You should get a new attitude and lay your cards on the table and express your desires. If he still wants to be dead weight using his job as an excuse, then hit the road and don't look back.

### Dear Deanna!

My husband's daughter from a previous marriage will spend the summer with us. Her mother never liked me and has passed this judgment onto her daughter. Her mother has threatened to fight me if I verbally or physically discipline her. My husband has given me authority to discipline as needed especially since I'm the one that will be

spending most of the time with her. What are my options? --Anonymous; Buffalo, N.Y.

### Dear Anonymous:

Your husband and his ex-wife need to let the child know that she must behave and act as if she has some sense. If you and your husband are in agreement with the house rules, then nothing else should be said. As for the mother, shut her down and let her know that she can't regulate anything in your house. If she insists, then she can keep the child at home and no one has to deal with any issues.

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## Local Intern Goes to Washington

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rewarding — there's something different every day."

Despite the hard work, she has managed to find time to see the many museums and monuments that dot the Washington D.C. landscape.

One landmark that she found particularly inspiring was the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. Roosevelt guided the nation through one of its most trying times, the Second World War, despite being wheelchair-bound because of polio. Roosevelt's presidency did a great deal to dispel widely held myths about the capability of disabled people

— something that resonates with Lewis because she was diagnosed with a learning disability — dyslexia — when she was a young girl.

"It's important to understand that people with disabilities are part of the human condition," she said. "We are here; living our lives every day."

Ironically, the question of disability has recently hit home in Sen. Kennedy's office. The Massachusetts senator is on leave after being diagnosed with a brain tumor. While this has had obvious ramifications for his office — he can't be present in the Senate to deliberate or to cast votes, for example — Lewis said that there is lots to do in the senator's absence.

"The office is optimistic," she said. "Everyone expects him to recover. But in the meantime, there is plenty of work to be done. The office has to keep going."

Lewis said her time in Washington definitely will figure into her future educational and career plans. While she still wants to work in disability advocacy — eventually as the head of a nonprofit organization — she said that she wants to spend at least some of her professional life working in the federal government.

"I want to make a change," she said. "It's been amazing to watch policy being hammered out in person. You can see change happen right in front of you."

## Teen Hero Falls from Grace

A teenager who was a hero in 2006 for tackling a man who had snatched a baby girl from a stroller on a MAX platform has been sentenced to 10 years in prison for shooting two teenagers in the legs.

Lamar Curry, 16, also had faced rape charges, but those were dismissed in a plea bargain. He was charged with shooting the teen-

agers outside Jefferson High School last October after a homecoming dance in what police said appeared to be a gang-related incident.

Two years ago, Curry, a local African American male, rescued the baby girl from a deranged man who said he intended to throw her under the train.

## Transit Riders Hit Hard

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muter Rail service between Wilsonville and Beaverton.

Over the past several years, TriMet says it has made several adjustments to its vehicles, making its bus fleet one of the most fuel-efficient in the nation. These actions save more than \$600,000 annually.

TriMet has also transferred \$4.1 million from contingency to offset current fuel costs, as well as eliminated 18 staff positions and reduced other programs.

Monthly passes for adult cash fares will increase \$10. TriMet also is creating a new 14-day pass to give riders the savings of a monthly pass, but purchase it in smaller increments.

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