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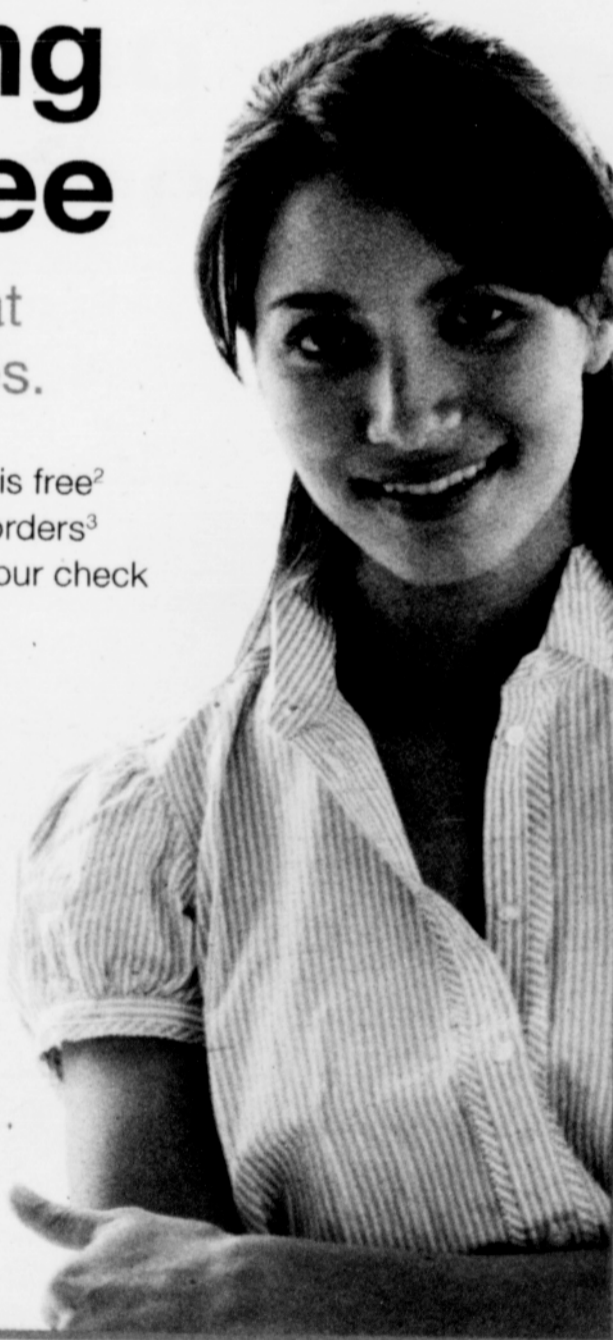
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The Portland band 'All the Apparatus' plays to the crowd during a Last Thursday celebration last year.

Consensus Still in Limbo

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been taking over the conversation and been talking with Friends of Last Thursday to come up with a game plan for this summer.

Commissioner Fritz's Chief of Staff Tom Bizeau says the city has also been working with the group to address issues.

Bizeau noted that so far, there is a core group of people committed to making Last Thursday a success, and they have been working with the Office of Neighborhood Involvement in order to address the issue of alcohol, which usually arises as a problem during the after-hours of the event.

"They are trying to put together a meeting that will get all of the bar owners together and help them create a good neighbor agreement," Bizeau said, describing a community generated plan that can address concerns between entities that has been pretty successful in other areas of the city where such disputes have taken place.

The King Neighborhood Asso-

ciation, one of the northeast neighborhood associations that align the Alberta district, has grown impatient.

The neighborhood wrote a letter to the city last month asking for help with illegal alcohol use, parking problems, vandalism, public urination, defecation, trash and other nuisance issues on Alberta.

Leaders of the association are asking the City Council to make Last Thursday events accountable to a responsible entity that is accountable to the neighborhoods.

In the end, Bizeau said that he would like to see Friends of Last Thursday becoming invested and taking ownership of the celebrations.

"Ultimately, it is their event, not our event," he said. "We're just here to make sure people stay safe, have a good time, and at the same time, respect the neighborhood."

As of now, the controversy of Last Thursday remains to be solved. The city of Portland plans to hold another public meeting on the subject sometime in April.

Celebration of Life

Clarence W. Morphis Jr.

A celebration of life service for Clarence Willard Morphis Jr., who died Feb. 16, 2011, was held Monday at Philadelphia C.M.B. Church in northeast Portland.

He was born Oct. 25, 1955 in Seattle, to Clarence W. Morphis Sr. and Mary Lincoln. His one sibling, Ms. Ijemonah Iheanacho, and an aunt, Mrs. Margie Simpson preceded him in death. Another aunt, Mrs. Pat Lincoln Coxeff (Obell) of Arizona recently departed this life on Feb. 16, 2011.

He gave his life to the Lord in 1991, and accepted his calling to the ministry in 1993. After his calling, he began the Have Faith in God Ministries. The Lord blessed him with other special events in 1993. He was united in Holy Matrimony to Essie M. Lewis on Jan. 15, 1993, and joined the Greater Faith COGIC under the

leadership of Pastor H. Bernard Ings Jr.

Clarence attended Portland Public Schools and graduated from Grant High School. He managed several telemarketing agencies in the Portland area and also worked as a security officer. He joined the U. S. Army and received an Honorable Discharge.

He was an active member of the NAACP, Portland Chapter 1120. He was a loving husband and father, and enjoyed fishing, caring for plants, gardening, and loved cooking.

He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife Mrs. Essie M. Morphis; children, Malcolm Hakim Solomon Morphis of Portland, and Clarissa Ann Morphis of Atlanta, Ga.; three nieces, Afrah, Eze and Malik Iheanacho; an aunt, Mrs. Alice Lincoln (McKinney) of Arizona; and a host of other relatives and friends.

