

Healing Healthcare

continued **▲** from front

everyone, rather than for-profit private insurers, is controversial; but the man whose honors range from playing for B.B. King to a 2011 Induction to the Oregon Music Hall of Fame says it is necessary for many Oregonians.

A universal single-payer health system would go beyond the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, the so-called Obamacare healthcare law that is expected to help millions, but still leave millions of people without health coverage.

"Having somewhere to turn, relieving the stress of the middle-class individual, taking healthcare off the plate could be huge," Sylvester said.

Most musicians cannot afford to survive on their music alone.

As a member of Musicians Union Local 99, some decent medical assistance is available here, Sylvester said, but for many musicians faced with catastrophic illnesses, the support comes from fellow musicians playing benefit concerts to help one another.

"If you don't have a day-job and you're trying to play music fulltime, you're doing something you love, trying to take a God-given talent and turn it into gold; so on your quest for that golden ring, healthcare is one of the nemeses of that journey," Sylvester said.

He is no stranger to personal health struggles himself; with countless guitar licks behind him, Sylvester has had both hips replaced, and racked up four major surgeries in the past 13 years alone.

With the Healthcare for All movement gaining significant momentum, Sylvester's continued passion for the upcoming concert is evident. Not only did he book all of the acts, and set up the show, he will be playing in it as well. This year he is hoping to bring more diversity to the stage, specifically among college-aged people, a group often ignored in the healthcare discussion.

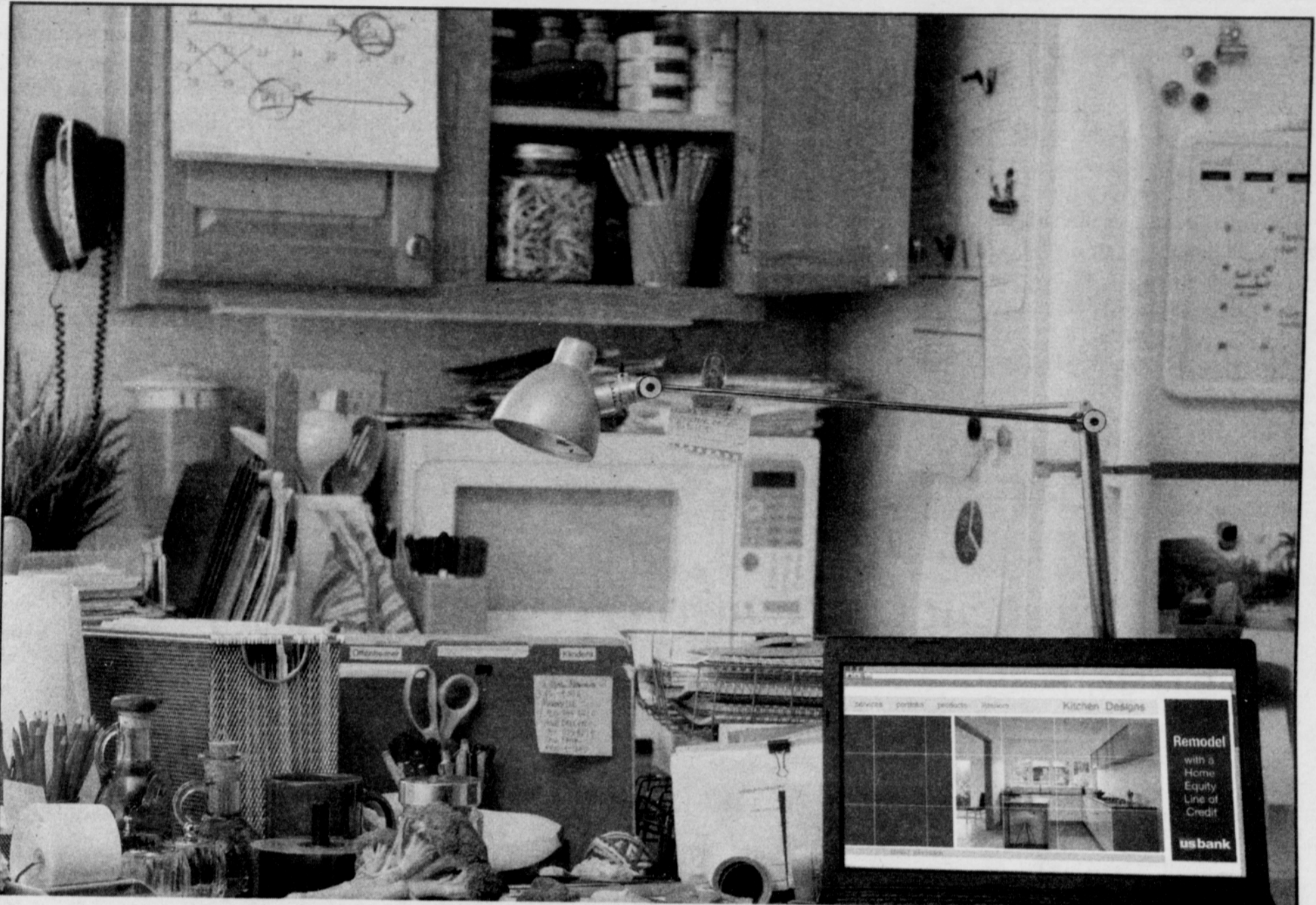
All 800+ tickets were sold last year, and are poised to do the same this year. The perform-

ers include LaRhonda Steele, Andy Stokes, Ben Rice, Richard Arnold, Shoehorn, Lloyd Allen, DK Stewart Band, and the Norman Sylvester Band, with appearances from com-

munity luminaries such as Renee Mitchell, Paul Knauls and many more.

With music filling every room, concertgoers can also look forward to opportunities for fellowship, consuming good food, as well as attending a downstairs information village containing additional materials on the subject of healthcare.

Tickets are available at Music Millennium, Geneva's Shear Perfection, Musicians Union Local 99, and online at ticketomato.com. Additional information on universal healthcare as well as the "Healing the Healthcare Blues" festival can be found on normansylvester.com and the Health Care For All Oregon website, HCAO.org.



Kitchen looking more like an office? At this rate, you might want both.

Get a great rate on a Home Equity Line of Credit.

Home Equity Line of Credit

1.99%
APR*

Introductory Rate for 6 Months

Rates As Low As

3.99%
APR*

Variable Rate after Introductory Period

There's never been a better time to make those home improvements you've been thinking about. U.S. Bank is offering a Home Equity Line of Credit at a great rate with no closing costs. Not to mention potential tax advantages, great service and convenient branch locations. Start adding value to your home today.

All of **us** serving you®

EST. 1863

usbank

branch usbank.com/lowrate 800.209.BANK (2265)

*1.99% Introductory Annual Percentage Rate (APR) is available on Equiline Home Equity Lines of Credit with a U.S. Bank Package and a 70% or 80% loan-to-value (LTV) or less, depending upon the market. The introductory interest rate will be fixed at 1.99% during the six month introductory period. A higher introductory rate will apply for a credit limit of \$15,000 to \$24,999 and an LTV above 80%. After the six month introductory period, the APR is variable and is based upon an index plus a margin. The APR will vary with Prime Rate (the index) as published in the Wall Street Journal. As of February 1, 2013, the variable rate for home equity lines of credit ranged from 3.99% APR to 8.99% APR. Higher rates will apply for a credit limit below \$99,999, an LTV above 80%, a low credit score and/or not having a U.S. Bank Package relationship. The rate will not vary above 25% APR, or applicable state law, or below 1.99% APR. An annual fee of up to \$90 may apply after the first year. Offer is subject to normal credit qualifications. Rates are subject to change. Property insurance is required. Consult your tax advisor regarding the deductibility of interest. Other restrictions may apply. Home Equity Loans and Lines of Credit are offered through U.S. Bank National Association ND. © 2013 U.S. Bank. All rights reserved. Member FDIC.

Healthcare for All Meeting

State Rep. Michael Dembrow, the sponsor of a proposed law to bring universal, single-payer healthcare for all to Oregon, will explain the details of the legislation during a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew Church, 806 N.E. Alberta St.

The northeast Portland lawmaker will take questions about House Bill 2922, which would establish a health care plan for all Oregonians, which would be operated by the Oregon Health Authority.

The evening's program will include a short film detailing Vermont's successful efforts to establish single payer. Participants will also hear from city residents who have first-hand experience with a failing medical insurance industry, to understand the current crisis and how it affects individuals and small businesses.

The meeting is co-sponsored by Health Care for All Oregon, and Portland Jobs with Justice.