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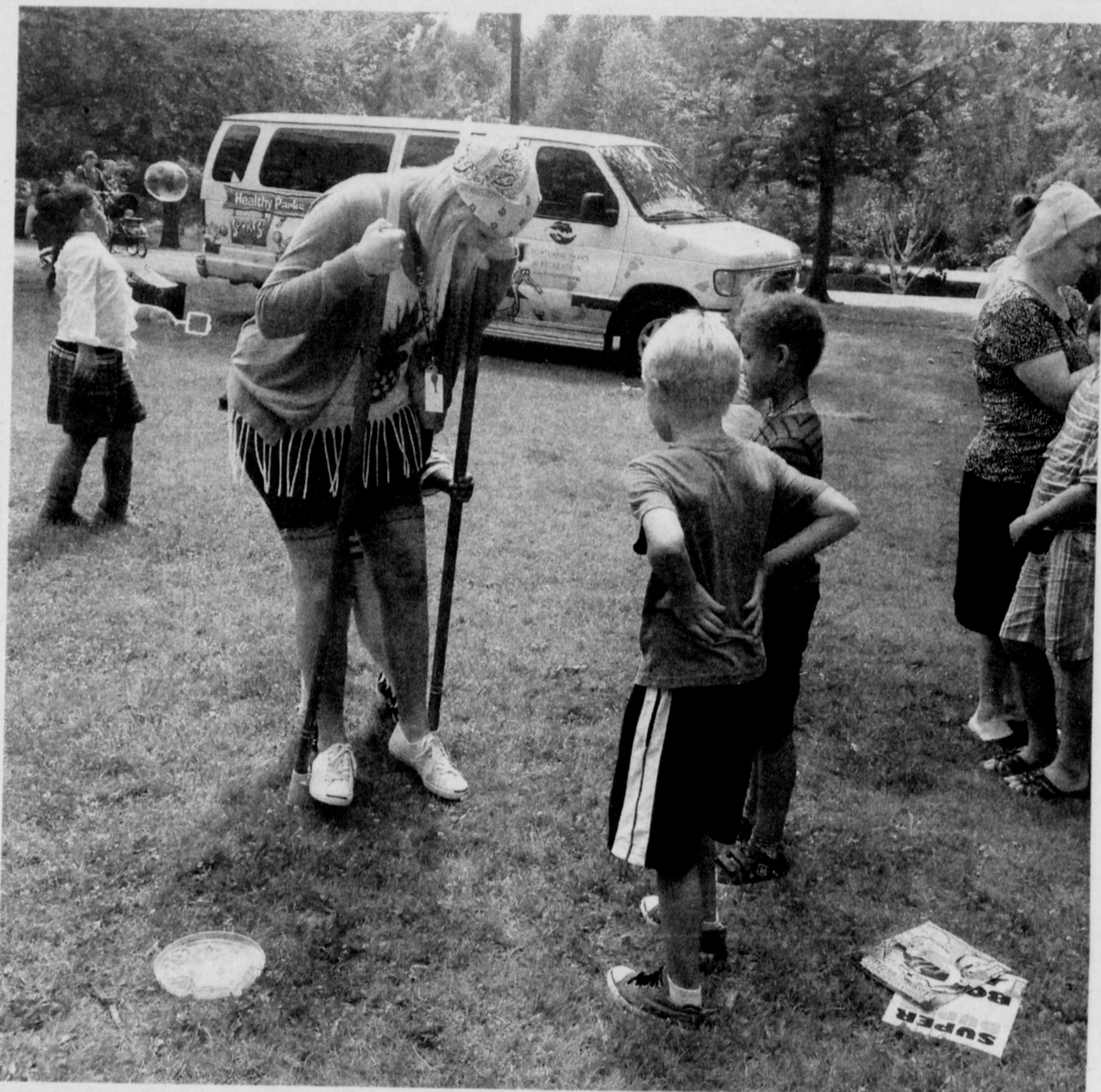


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Kids at Ventura Park at Southeast 115th Avenue and Stark Street have some fun during a Mobile Playgrounds program Thursday. The recreational experience is provided by Portland Parks and Recreation for traditionally underserved areas without formal playgrounds, especially in east Portland.

Mobile Playgrounds for Summer Fun

Portland Parks and Recreation is bringing some summer fun to traditionally underserved areas, in east Portland in particular.

The recreation experience is made possible by a Mobile Playgrounds program that started June 24 and continues through Aug. 15, featuring games, sports, arts and crafts and other family activities at places they are most needed.

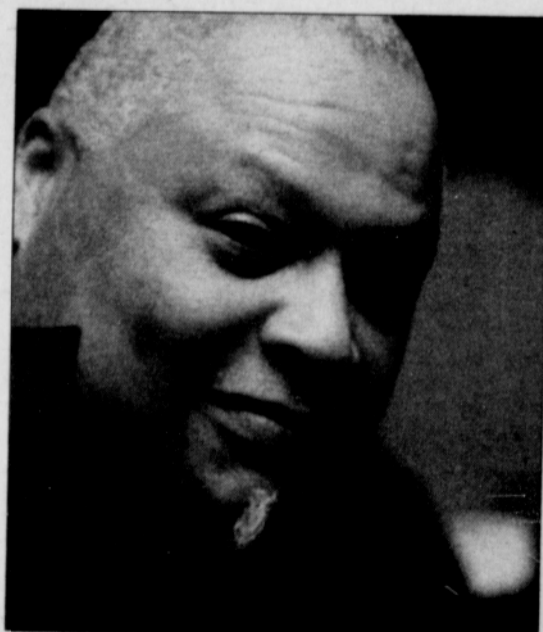
"In effect, we are bringing the

park and recreation experience to places that are not parks but need them like outside churches and in the parking lots of apartment complexes," said Mark Ross, a spokesperson for the parks department.

The Mobile Playgrounds move around to different locations twice a week for either a morning or afternoon session, reaching out to underserved areas where most city parks lack amenities and services.

This summer marks the largest Mobile Playgrounds program in many years, in part because of the support of Multnomah County and the East Portland Action Plan.

Ross gives special thanks to Linda Robinson and Arlene Kimura of the Hazelwood Neighborhood Association, who helped raise \$34,000 towards Mobile Playground programs in East Portland.



Carlton Jackson

PDX Jazz Summer Festival

PDX Jazz, the presenting organization of the Portland Jazz Festival is set to present the Carlton Jackson-Dave Mills Big Band on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. as part of the Washington Park Summer Festival.

"What's better than listening

to live Jazz in the Rose Garden Amphitheater?" says Portland City Commissioner Nick Fish. "We are pleased to partner with PDX Jazz for a very special night of free family entertainment."

Washington Park is located just west of downtown in southwest Portland.



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