

Community Activism and the Blues

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Our old mortgage would have been paid off three years ago. As it is, at age 62, I have 12 years of house payments still ahead of me," Shoemaker said.

LaRhonda Steele, another favorite Portland blues and soul artist, said universal health care to her means freedom.

"Without the concerns of enormous medical debt, we are allowed to be fully who we are. Also the weight of concern for our brothers and sisters who can't afford proper health care would be lifted and thus lifting all our hearts."

The Inner City Blues Festival grew out of the Rainbow Coalition in 1988, a year Americans entertained the thought of our first black president with the campaign of Jesse Jackson. Bob Gross, Ken

Cropper and Norman Sylvester, along with a group of other dedicated local activists, helped plan the first festival to promote Jackson's candidacy. The festival grew to support a variety of community causes over the next 10 years.

When the campaign for universal health care took off in Oregon in 2011, the festival was revived as a benefit for the cause and is now in its sixth year, drawing hundreds of fans.

The 6th Annual Inner City Blues Festival, "Healing the Healthcare Blues," returns April 22 to the North Portland Eagles Lodge, 7611 N. Exeter., at Lombard Street. Doors will open at 5 p.m. and the music runs until midnight.

The lineup of stars performing to support the cause will include the Norman Sylvester Band, Obo

Addy Legacy Project "Okropong," Mary Flower, Tevis Hodge Jr., Mic Crenshaw, the Shoehorn, Stangetones & Volcano Vixens, Bloco Alegria, Steve Cheseborough, Lloyd "Have Mercy" Jones, Tony Ozier "Doo Doo Funk," the Mad as Hell Doctors, Nurses & Interns, and celebrity MCs Paul Knauls, Renee Mitchell and Ken Boddie.

Tickets are now on sale. Admission is \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets are available at Music Millennium, 3158 E Burnside; Geneva's Shear Perfection, 5601 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.; Peninsula Station, 8316 N. Lombard; and the Musician's Union Hall, 325 N.E. 20th Ave. Tickets are \$25 at the door.

Terry Ann Rogers is an Inner City Blues Festival volunteer.

No Satisfaction

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deadly and excessive force.

"How can you put a bullet through the head of a young teenager on his knees, as well as two additional bullets in his body," a statement from the AMA group said. "We know the PPB is trained to shoot for the center mass, so the shot to the head is inconsistent with training.

"This is why we need stronger, independent oversight of the Portland Police Officers in the use of deadly and excess force," the AMA statement said.

According to grand jury transcripts made public, Officer Hearst testified that he shot Hayes with his AR-15 rifle when the teenager reached for his waistband. Hearst told the jury he thought Hayes was reaching for a gun. Hearst said he never saw the gun but was sure he had one based on previous reports. Just before the deadly confrontation, Hayes allegedly used a replica gun to rob a man of his state food benefits card outside a Northeast 82nd Avenue motel and was a suspect in a reported car prowling. Police said an examination of a replica firearm found just a few feet from Hayes' body, showed Hayes' DNA on the gun.

The officer-involved shooting has increased tensions between police and members of the African American community. It continues a pattern in Multnomah County where the district attorney and grand juries have never indicted a white police officer for killing or using excessive force against a black person or Latino in the history of the city, the AMA said.

Police will conduct an internal review of the shooting death.

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