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Colombia's coffee region has been added to the United Nations list of World Heritage sites.

Regional foods will be cooked using an oven built on the mall. Dishes for sale include plantains, beef empanadas, chorizo with corn cakes and rice pudding.

The Peace Corps is featuring 16 of its countries to mark the 50th anniversary since the program was founded by President John F. Kennedy. Performers have traveled from Belize, Guatemala, Botswana, Mali, Peru and elsewhere to offer demonstrations and share stories about their interactions with U.S. Peace Corps volunteers.

Johnny McRae, 26, of Tallahassee, Fla., who is completing two years of service in the Republic of Georgia, was demonstrating his work developing tourism and wine making in the former Soviet state.

"This is where wine began. They have traditions that date back to 6,000 B.C.," McRae said, as visitors prepared to stomp on some grapes.

Other former Peace Corps volunteers will demonstrate how they built a two-room school house in Guatemala using discarded plastic bottles as a framework for the concrete structure to cut the cost by half because cinder blocks were so expensive. Another section will include a reunion hall for the program's more than 200,000 volunteers who have served in 139 countries.

Peace Corps Director Aaron Williams said current budget cuts could limit the number of new countries the program had planned to enter, but he expects to maintain a corps of about 8,000 volunteers next year. Having such a large presence on the National Mall could be a good recruiting tool, he said.

"We're not recruiting in elementary school, but this is where people make their first connection about the global village and why it's important to know more about it," he said.

In the festival's third section, the Smithsonian's planned National Museum of African American History and Culture has

coordinated a large rhythm and blues program on the mall, featuring numerous performers, songwriters and radio personalities. They represent doo-wop, soul, funk and urban blues

toes."

"Dating back to the 1940s, rhythm and blues was intended as a kind of catch phrase that was referring to any music made by or for black Americans," he said. "But candidly, the music proved too infectious, it proved too powerful, it was too good to remain pigeonholed."

Blues vocalist Mable John said the traditions of soul music are universal and recalled the best experience of her career as working with Ray Charles.

"One of the things that he taught me first was you cannot confine soul to race, creed, religion or culture," she said. "It's the beat of the heart. It's what's going on in your heart."

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music that had roots in Detroit, Philadelphia, Memphis, Tenn., and elsewhere.

Museum Director Lonnie Bunch predicted the festival will have everyone "tapping their

Beat Walk



PHOTO BY SUSAN FRIED

Salon Adidez owner Zed Aschenaki works on a customer's hair while the Brazilian inspired band Zumbido performs, July 1, during the Columbia City Beatwalk. On the first Friday of the month through September people can hear live music at numerous venues in the Columbia City neighborhood.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

SEATTLE JULY 2011



If you have an event you want to share with the community, email it two weeks in advance to *The Skanner* at info@theskanner.com

Thursday & Friday July 7 & 8

WELLS FARGO TO HELP WASHINGTON CUSTOMERS FACING MORTGAGE PAYMENT CHALLENGES: Wells Fargo hosts a free workshop for Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Wells Fargo Financial, Wachovia Mortgage and Wells Fargo Equity customers facing financial hardships. 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Bellevue – Bellevue Ballroom, 900 Bellevue Way NE. Walk-ins are welcome or call 1-800-405-8067. You may also go to the website www.wfhmevents.com/leadingthewayhome

Friday thru Sunday July 8 – 10

WEST SEATTLE SUMMER FEST. West Seattle Summer Fest is a 3-day street fair. Friday 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Saturday 10 a.m. – Midnight and Sunday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. California Ave. and SW Alaska St.

Saturday July 9

2011 PIONEER SQUARE FIRE FESTIVAL: Enjoy antique fire engines, police cars, bagpipes and kids' activities. 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Occidental Square Park, 200 Occidental Ave. S.

REDMOND DERBY DAYS. Derby Days is a summer festival including kids' parade, grand parade, family entertainment stage and lots more. 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Redmond City Hall, 15670 NE 85th St. Redmond, WA.

Sunday July 10

2011 DRAGON FESTIVAL. Bring your family and friends to visit our many booths featuring arts & crafts, food and community organizations. Noon-6 p.m. Hing Hay Park, 423 Maynard Ave. S.

Wednesday July 13

ARE YOU READY FOR THE NEXT EARTHQUAKE? Rainier Community Center and others are hosting a free emergency preparedness forum: At the forum participants can get started on putting together an emergency kit, win door prizes and more. 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Rainier Community Center, 4600 35th Ave. S.

Thursday July 14

OUTDOOR MOVIES AT MAGNUSON PARK. The Princess Bride is the opening night film. Open seating for all events at 7 p.m. followed by trivia and pre-movie activities. Pre-movie seating for all movies is \$5. Movie show at dusk Bring your own chairs and blankets. Magnuson Park. For more info go to www.movieatmagnuson.com