

ShoeString Players Present “Radio Mystery Hour”

The ShoeString Community Players will present the “Radio Mystery Hour Theater” on November 10 through 12 at 7:00 PM and November 12 at a 2:00 PM matinee. The show will be presented in Olde Towne at the Old St. Vincent DePaul Building (231 South 1st Street, St. Helens, OR 97051).

The ShoeStringCommunity Players have a very talented cast who will be in character with radio broadcast voices, voice impressions, singing commercials, a singing quartet, lots of sound effects. This should be a marvelous and entertaining evening! The radio play is performed live so audiences can enjoy the

behind the scenes entertainment of a radio production. This show is fun for all.

This show is a fundraiser for the ShoeString Community Players annual CHERI ADAMS’ THEATER ARTS SCHOLARSHIP that is intended to assist graduates of St. Helens, Scappoose, Vernonia, Clatskanie, and Rainier High Schools who intend to major or minor in theater or in a related field (such as technical theater, dance performance, or makeup) at an accredited two or four year college, university, or conservatory. All proceeds from ticket sales go to the scholarship fund.

Tickets will be available at Ber-

tucci’s, St. Helens Bookshop, and online at <http://www.sscp-musicals.com> Ticket prices are general admission \$8, or \$5 with three cans of food to be donated to the Columbia Pacific food Bank. Tickets went on sale October 31, 2012.

For more information email specialprojects@sscp-musicals.com or call 503-366-4406.

The Shoestring Community Players has been producing plays and other performances in Columbia County for 30 years. Formed from a dedicated group of “Reader’s Theater” performers, SSCP was officially founded in 1982. The first production was Brigadoon, per-

formed at the St. Helens High School Olmscheid Auditorium. SSCP has consistently produced productions and performances since that time, tapping into the rich and “undiscovered” talent Columbia County and its surrounding areas have to offer. They perform Revues, Musicals, Dramas, Comedies, Children’s Theater, and any other type of production that captures the attention of the community. SSCP is, in fact, recognized in the Cultural Inventory of St. Helens in the Columbia County Cultural Coalition Summary.

Intruder Alert: More About the Computer and the Brain

By Burt Tschache

Hi Folks . . . Good to be back. We were last looking at the similarities and differences of the brain and the computer. We found while a computer can be programmed to do certain tasks and calculations very quickly, it cannot approach the breadth of responsibilities our minds carry out every moment.

The function of producing quality start-up programming for a young life, that is retained by the brain and can be used as a foundation for enriching life, is not reserved solely for the educational system, but involves the fam-

ily, the church, the community and the civic structure as a whole. It does take a village to support the development of critical thinking and discernment, the building blocks of a strong mind that is curious about life.

There is also a darker side to this, as computers can be programmed to come out with differing information from the same data, so can the brain. Baby’s brains are absorbing information like a sponge from Day 1 or even before, it’s been found. A young child’s brain absorbs more than an adult, as everything is new to a child.

The idea of the absorptive mind

is nothing new; it has been used for years, helping young minds grow. It can be used helping people discover the most effective manner of learning or it can be used to create a yearning for popcorn at the drive-in. You can program a brain just like a computer. The darkest side is brainwashing.

Brainwashing can create all manner of havoc within the human brain running the gamut from subtle control to actual external control of the brain to creating alternative personalities that can be programmed to take control of the individual. Think of it as a computer virus or malware for the brain.

The story of the elephant and the string is a perfect example of brainwashing. From the beginning of his life, a young elephant had been kept with a chain on one of his legs to keep him from wandering about. As he got used to not wandering, his owner would tie a string around the same leg

and the huge pachyderm would stand as if chained.

What does this illustrate? This was some helpful programming by the Mahout (elephant handler), much better than having to drive in a stake everywhere he went. However, how much is helpful and how much is oppressive?

How much unquestioned information is sacrosanct in our lives today? How much are we taught to accept and not to question? How much information makes it through our mental filters? All of the great discoveries have been made by people that questioned the status quo, thinking of a better way, a different way, or even making a new discovery, like the Earth is round and the Universe does not revolve around us.

There is one distinction we can only create for ourselves, based upon our own discernment. How deeply can we absorb new, helpful information and correlate it into our preexisting structure? Proper use of the cognitive, relative and discernmental processes of our brain are mission critical for successful living and survival in a world changing daily.

The brain needs to continue functioning in whatever circumstances come one’s way or one is, essentially, toast. The brain needs to exercise in order to keep in shape. I’m not saying pump iron with your ears, but use your brain every day to learn something new or revise something old, incorporate new information with old information or develop a new concept or a new way of looking at an old problem. It is a case of use it or lose it.

Be Safe Out There

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