

**Hapless homemaker:**

# Dad's birthday a 24-hour marathon

Dad's favorite remonstrance to us always started "One of these days..." The rest of the rebuke was multiple choice. Phrases like "after I'm gone" and "you'll look back and see" filled in the blanks depending on the situation.

Of course, Dad was always right. After all, he'd been living a lot longer than we had. As the years went by, though, we learned not to stress the age factor.

The big problem came on birthdays. The day he turned 50 he looked up to his four grown children and announced, "I may be 50 years old today but I can still handle all of you." He meant it.

Now when birthdays come Dad takes a different tactic. The day of his birthday he deliberately plans a

schedule that the Bionic Man would have to think about. At the end of the day he invariably says, "I don't seem to be able to do as much as I used to."

But he brightens when I tell him I'm worn out just listening to all he did in one day. With his ego rejuvenated, he jogs out the door to mow the lawn and paint the shutters before the sun goes down.

"This summer your mother and I are going to play tennis every morning. You can't have your old bicycle back either, because both of us are going to start riding bikes to work," he adds for emphasis.

When Mom's birthday rolls around, we kids take a breather. All she asks for is a ride to work and dinner out.

## Immunization clinic set at Firwood

Clackamas County Health Department will have an immunization clinic from 2:30 to 5:30 p.m., Thursday, April 20 at Firwood Elementary School.

Children must be accompanied by a parent. The

fee for the injection will be waived if cost is a factor, according to Joyce Kramer, school nurse.

"It has been demonstrated that the vaccine for hard measles (red measles or rubella) given prior to 1969 does not give a lasting im-

munity," Kramer noted.

The nurse explained that a new vaccine called MMR (measles, mumps and rubella) is recommended for children who have not received this vaccine or the measles vaccine since 1969. If it has been five years or

longer since the child has had a tetanus booster, the injection may be administered at the clinic, she said.

For an appointment at the regular health department immunization clinics, phone 1-800-452-6382, extension 567.

Since our phone number was not included in the phone book, it is listed here for your convenience.

**Dr. Tom Wright**  
Chiropractic Physician  
**666-4531**

We're still located in the Gresham Clinic at 575 E. 2nd, Gresham

## Retired educators meet at Oral Hull

The Barlow Trail Chapter of Retired Educators will meet at Oral Hull Park for the Blind in Sandy on Wednesday, April 19.

Alice Bankston will speak and show slides of the park's activities at the 2 p.m. session.

Club member Maude Johnson was recently honored at a Oregon Retired Educator's Association assembly in Beaverton. She

was honored for her many hours of volunteer work.

Mrs. Johnson and Clyde Sutherland were delegates to the session, with Ruth Baumbach and Alice Will

serving as alternates.

Member Evelyn Krebs has been named chairman of the Telephone Assurance program through the Sandy Senior Center.

## Energy Expo set at CCC

The second annual Clackamas Community College Experimental Energy Exposition will feature ideas that are not only good for the environment, but will also save the user money.

The exposition will be Friday and Saturday, April 21 and 22, and will have

displays on solar panels and collectors, woodstoves and insulation tips.

There will also be appropriate technologies on display of special interest to the owners of small farms. These include uses of wind energy and composting toilets.

## League bands to compete

Mt. Hood Community College will host high school league band competition Wednesday and Thursday. The Metro League Band Festival will be Wednesday,

with Wilco League Band Festival competition Thursday in the college theatre.

For more information, phone 667-7155.



Spring blossoms

PEAR blossoms show that spring is in full swing in Sandy. (Post photo)

# Trees need protection in home building areas

Old, established trees are being gradually killed away by ignorance.

"In new home building areas, the trees that make the site so attractive are usually damaged so badly during the construction of the house that their days are numbered from the time the first equipment moves into the yard," said Ray McNeilan, urban horticulture

extension agent.

Bulldozers running over the root area, backhoes digging through the root system, trucks knocking the bark off the trunks all take their toll.

"Normal soil drainage and aeration is often changed by paving, filling or compacting," McNeilan said. "Unfortunately for the tree it is a slow death and the tree

may not finally give up until some years following the construction of the house."

Oftentimes the first inkling the home buyer has that the valued trees are in trouble is when they start dying limb by limb or when the tree simply doesn't leaf out in the spring. By then the damage is done and it is too late to save the tree for anything but firewood.

"If you are reading this before building a home in a grove of old trees, McNeilan suggests you send for bulletin No. 104, "Protecting Shade Trees During Home Construction."

Write to "Trees", P.O. Box 1261, Portland, OR 97207.

"The time spent reading this bulletin might help save your valuable trees," he adds.

## Spring is time for fishin'

Spring means one thing to a dedicated fisherman - time to remove his favorite rod from the closet, stock up on artificial flies, and hang up that sign proclaiming "Gone Fishin'."

To encourage this time-honored tradition, members of the Flyfishers Club of Oregon will present an

Anglers Show at the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry on Saturday and Sunday, April 15-16.

Demonstrations, beginning at 10 a.m. and going on until 4 p.m. each day of the show, will cover the art of dressing steelhead flies, trout flies, and dry flies, as well as splicing flyline and tying

leader knots. Rod-making and cane work will also be demonstrated.

Show chairman Cal Cole says a table with vices and materials for fly tying will be set up in OMSI's Hall of the Northwest for any visitors who would like to try their hands at tying flies.

This second annual

Anglers Show at OMSI, sponsored by the Flyfishers Club of Oregon, will take place in OMSI's Hall of the Northwest Saturday and Sunday, April 15 and 16, with live demonstrations from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

There is no additional charge, after the regular OMSI admission.

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## College sets art display

The College Center at Mt. Hood Community College will display the paintings of Tom Askman May 1 through 19. Hours are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Askman combines familiar

environments (kitchens, backyards, stages) with symbolic elements such as larger-than-life diamonds and rabbits. The resulting multi-faceted and eccentric situations are painted in a

realistic style, with an air-brush and stencil.

"My work is about levels, facets of personality, personal dilemmas, barriers, decoys, inner and outer space, dangling carrots, consequences," said Askman.

Askman, who is from Colorado currently teaches at the University of Northern

Iowa, Cedar Falls.

The exhibit is circulated by Visual Arts Resources of the University of Oregon Art Museum in Eugene. Public and private agencies, including the Oregon Arts Commission, Friends of the Museum, and the National Endowment for the Arts, support the traveling exhibit program.

## Boring man has lead in Neil Simon play

Boring resident Ken Fox is currently playing a leading role in Clackamas Community Theater's presentation of Neil Simon's "God's Favorite," playing through April 16.

Fox has taken on the role of Joe Benjamin, his first leading role in the several dramatic productions he has appeared in.

Fox, 55, taught at Sandy Elementary School for 13 years ending in 1974. He currently works in a bookstore.

In addition to the current production, he has appeared in such plays as "The Fantasticks," "Our Town," "The Count of Monte Cristo," and "Merton of the Movies."

He has also directed theatrical productions for the Lane County Community Theatre in Crow, Oregon.

Showtimes for "God's Favorite" are 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

For ticket information call the theater box office at 656-2638, extension 356.



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Lou and Ruby Langlois

## Langlois wins Hawaii trip

Lou and Ruby Langlois were the winners of a Hawaiian holiday sponsored by Carlson Chevrolet in conjunction with the recent Chevrolet National Sales Contest.

Lou sold 59 new and used cars and trucks at Carlson Chevrolet during the Jan. 21-April 10 contest period and will receive a week in the sun at the Whaler on the island of Maui.