



Crazy lady

Kathy Marchant, pictured walking aimlessly in the Sandy Mountain Days parade, plays a crazy woman in the Sandy Community Players "The Drunkard," which is a comic melodrama. The play will be presented July 19 and 20 at Heritage Square Theater at 8 p.m.

'In His Steps' scheduled by Pleasant Home Church

A dramatic adaptation of Charles Sheldon's Christian classic, "In His Steps," will be presented on Sunday, July 21 at the Pleasant Home United Methodist Church at 9:30 a.m.

The church is located at 31632 S.E. Bluff Road.

The drama, a one-man presentation, tells the story of a group of Christians who revolutionize their community when they pledge themselves for one year to walk as closely as possible in Jesus'

footsteps.

Charles Neighbors portrays the Reverend Henry Maxwell, the central character in this famous story. Neighbors, who also wrote and directed this production, has been involved professionally as an actor and director in theater for over 10 years. He has traveled extensively through the United States, Canada and the Orient.

The public is invited to attend.

Evangelists are guests at Sandy Assembly of God

Evangelists Boyd and Eddie Jackson will be at the Sandy Assembly of God Church for a special service Sunday, July 21 at 6 p.m.

They have pastored churches in Oregon and California and have worked as evangelists in both the U.S. and overseas. They have recently returned from a missionary crusade in Jamaica and have received

an appointment to work in the Philippines and the island nations of the Far East.

Eddie is a gospel concert musician who has produced three tapes. She will be giving a mini-concert on the piano as part of their presentation Sunday evening. Pastor Dale Edwards extends an invitation to the community to attend.

'Makers' audition planned

The Sandy Recreation Department and the Sandy Community Players will be holding auditions for summer youth theater on Friday, July 26 at Heritage Square Theater from 1 to 5 p.m.

Thirteen actors and actresses are needed in the 10- to 15-year-old range. The group is preparing "The Treasure Makers" for production in September.

Center's disaster drill goes well

Mount Hood Medical Center's participation in last week's emergency disaster drill went smoothly, according to Connie Eades, emergency department nurse manager.

"We received eight 'patients' who had been involved in an earthquake in St. Louis," Eades said. "Under the drill plan, they were flying to Seattle for treatment. However, the plane crashed enroute and they were subsequently taken to hospitals in the Portland area."

The hospital treated five of the patients for minor injuries. The three remaining patients suffered from various injuries such as a concussion, burns, fractures and frostbite.

"The communications from Providence Hospital gave us ample time to prepare for the emergencies,"

Eades said. "I felt we were well informed and performed well under the drill."

Mount Hood Medical Center was one of several Portland metropolitan hospitals and agencies which participated in the disaster drill. The Portland drill was the first local plan of the National Disaster Medical System to be tested. The system was created by the federal government to improve the nation's medical emergency response in the event of natural or other disasters.

While the Mount Hood Medical Center's participation went well, the overall drill had a few snags.

"The drill itself went smoothly," according to Bruce Binder, Portland area director for the disaster system.

"We transported approximately

140 casualties within 2½ hours," Binder said. "St. Joseph's Hospital in Vancouver was unable to 'treat' their patients because they received four real emergency patients during the drill. Yet the overall drill went well."

"There was a slight problem because an unknown person called several hospitals saying that more patients than expected would be arriving," Binder said. However, suspicious hospital personnel contacted the major coordinating hospital to verify the numbers.

Unconfirmed prank calls could have resulted in hospitals being unprepared to treat the drill victims that they received, Binder said.

However, prank calls could not hamper real emergencies due to the Hospital Emergency Administrative

Radio (HEAR) system that is currently used by emergency and hospital personnel.

"The HEAR system is used by every hospital in the community to provide a communications linkage during an emergency," Binder said. For example, the system allows ambulance personnel to give hospitals information about the patients who they are transporting. As a result, hospitals are better prepared to treat the patients when they arrive.

While the system is important, Binder said questions were raised about relying on it during the drill.

"There was a question as to whether we need something other than HEAR to communicate among people at the disaster scene," Binder said.

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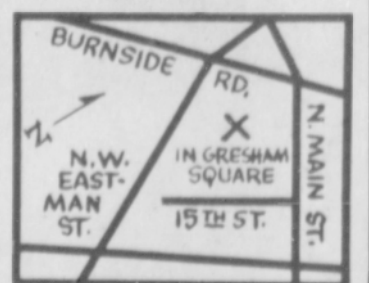
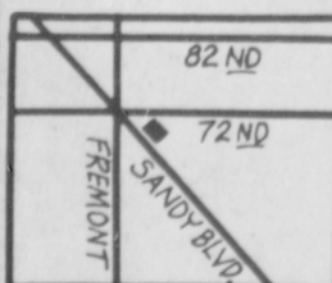
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