



Jacqui Warner of Beaverton works on puzzle during contest at Welches.

Photo by Christine Bierman

Puzzle solvers make Olympic effort

WELCHES — Jigsaw puzzles proved to be more than child's play for contestants in a Winter Organization Oregon-1998 (WOO) fund-raising contest held Nov. 21 at Rippling River Resort.

Not even grand prize winner, Jacqui Warner of Beaverton, finished her 500-piece final round puzzle.

She wasn't alone. None of the other 15 entrants, including the grand prize-winning team of Beth Court and Greg Priebe, completed their puzzles.

Billed as a fund-raiser for WOO, the event broke even but raised public awareness of the organization, said Sandi Lasko, executive assistant for WOO, which hopes to land the 1998 Winter Olympics in Oregon. WOO President Jack Elder lives in Sandy.

"If they didn't know about WOO before," Lasko said about the contestants, "they know now."

Warner was alone in finishing her first puzzle, a 500-piece round fantasy picture, in two hours, 18 minutes. Her strategy is to work from the center out.

As for the last puzzle, a rectangular shape, Warner said, "This is hard. This one is very hard, not just because of the way it looks but because of the way the pieces fit together." Many of the pieces slid, rather than hooked, together.

Her last puzzle, entitled "Tennis Anyone?," captured in stop action a tennis racket hitting a ball against a black background. Midway into the four-hour final round, Warner had pieced together all but the background.

Prizes were based on the number of puzzle pieces correctly placed or connected to the puzzle frame within the time limit.

Although no puzzles were completed, the grand prize of \$1,000 in groceries at Thriftway stores still will taste sweet, though, Warner said. Court and Priebe, also of Beaverton, won the same prize, donated by United Grocers.

A puzzle fan, Warner said the key to doing rectangular or square types is to tackle the border first, then the brightest-colored areas.

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Sandi Lasko

"I've always liked putting puzzles together," she says.

Mabel Armstrong of Portland and Virginia Burton of Oregon City caught on to Warner's secret too late in the final round.

"If we just connected our borders, we'd be in business," Armstrong said about their 1,000-piece puzzle, which was called "Which Way Is Up?" They did earn the prize of Sunday brunch at Rippling River.

"It's been too long since I've done this," Armstrong conceded. "It is fun."

"It's fun," agreed Eric Woren, an announcer from co-sponsor KSGO Radio, "and it's addictive."

Woren and teammate Russ Climber, another KSGO announcer, devised strategies as they worked on their first puzzle through lunch and well into the final round. The picture depicted a colorful collection of umbrellas.

Puzzles have male and female pieces, much like electric plugs and outlets, they said. "We kind of look at it that way."

"We're not fast but we're thorough," Climber said. "Does that count?"

Insisting they had another appointment, the two had trouble giving up on their puzzle. They left late.

WOO is planning another puzzle contest next fall that will not conflict with the University of Oregon/Oregon State University football game, which might have kept participants away, organization officials said.

Other prizes and their winners were: Trips for two to Reno, donated by Addie's You and I Travel — Carol and Bobby Marion, Portland, doubles, and Sue Swope, Portland, singles; Weekends for two at Rippling River, donated by the resort — Tracy and Judy Armstrong, Portland, doubles, and Nancy Flickinger, Portland, singles; Sunday brunch for two, donated by Rippling River — Ray Johnston and Sherry Williams, Portland, doubles.

All entrants took home their puzzles and two tickets to Portland Winterhawks hockey games.

Other co-sponsors were Endgames, 7-Up and This Week Magazine.

Welches district takes applications

Applications for the vacant Welches School board seat are being taken through Friday, Dec. 4. Interviews will take place Dec. 7.

The position was vacated by the resignation of Marilyn Leslie, who moved out of the district. The term will expire June 30, 1988.

Applicants must file a written statement of their reasons for wanting to serve as a board member. The statement should be addressed to Dave Enna, chairman. In addition, applicants must be qualified voters of the district and have resided within the district for a period of one year.

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Shaub fills seat on board in Boring

Sam Shaub, a former budget committee chairman, has been appointed to the Boring School Board.

The board voted 3-1 to appoint Shaub to the post vacated in October by Linda Shaw, who had served on the board for six years.

Shaub was selected from among

two other candidates — Dave Steiner and Elana Toyooka. The board interviewed the candidates and made its decision at a meeting last week.

Shaub will have to run for the position in the March 1988 election to retain the seat. Shaw's term would have expired in June 1988.

Shaub has served on the district's budget committee for three years. He was chairman of the budget committee last year.

Shaub, a tax auditor for the state employment division, will have a child in kindergarten in Boring schools next year.

Bazaar scheduled

Christmas gifts, decorations and baked goods will be available during the Sandy Veterans of Foreign Wars Ladies Auxiliary's second annual Christmas bazaar.

The bazaar will be open from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday at the VFW Hall.

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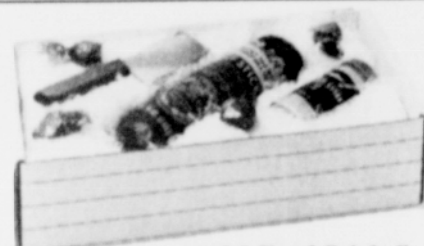
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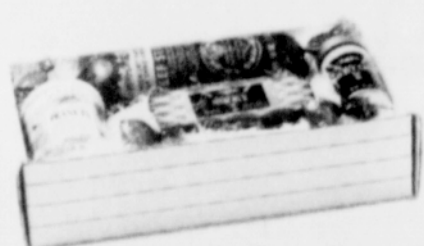
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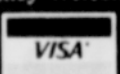


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