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### Vancouver Designated WW II "Commemorative Community"

The City of Vancouver has been designated as one of the first "Commemorative Communities" in the U.S.A., to honor World War II veterans and their families, and recognize the contributions and sacrifices made by people on the homefront. Formal presentation of a World War II Commemorative Flag and Certificate of Designation from the Department of Defense (DOD) was made to the city Monday, June 21, at the City Council meeting.

The presentation will be made by Stu Taylor, chairperson of the Commemorative Communities Committee and a member of the Veterans Day Parade Committee, and LTC Ward Jones, Commander of Vancouver Barracks.

They, along with Vancouver Councilmember Royce Pollard, have spearheaded local support for the program, working with organizations such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Disabled American Veterans, as a Commemorative Community,

the city will sponsor three or more commemorative events each calendar year, now through Veterans Day 1995. Taylor says plans call for a large 50th anniversary commemoration of the end of WW II. Currently scheduled events that will be part of the commemorative activities include the annual Veterans Day Parade, Memorial Day services at Vancouver Barracks Cemetery, 4th of July celebration, WW II USO Dance, various military band concerts and the George C. Marshall Lecture Series. The designation also permits the city to use the program's WW II 50th anniversary logo and to display the commemorative flag, both developed for the program by the DOD.

Taylor says "The program is not just for veterans, but to show appreciation for the people on the homefront. It will provide Americans with a clear understanding and appreciation of the lessons and history of World War II, and emphasize WWII as the central event of 20th century."

### Greater Vancouver Metro Area



### City Scholarships To Aid Low-Income Families

The City of Vancouver Parks & Recreation Department is offering partial to full scholarships to low-income families for recreation classes. City Council recently authorized a scholarship fund of \$7,500 in 1993 and \$15,000 in 1994.

The level of assistance is linked to family size and income. Application forms can be picked up at either Bagley Community Center, 4100 Plomondon, or Marshall Community Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. City staff at either location will be able to assist in completing the forms. All information will be kept confidential.

The city program also includes distribution of free swim passes to certain low-income and foster families.

Citizens may call 696-8236 for details, including income guidelines and general policies.

Flyers printed in six languages announcing the program are being distributed through the schools.

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### West One Bancorp Acquires Ben Franklin National Bank

West One Bancorp announced the completion of its acquisition of Ben Franklin National Bank, headquartered in Pasco, Washington.

The acquired three-branch Ben Franklin National Bank has been merged with the operations of West One's recently acquired four-branch Yakima Valley Bank and has been renamed West One Bank, Eastern Washington. Douglas R. Pringle, president and chief executive officer of Yakima Valley Bank, will remain president, chief executive officer and director of West One Bank, Eastern Washington. Mr. Otto Beisert, former chairman and director of Ben Franklin National Bank, and Mr. William N. Lampson, also former director of Ben Franklin National Bank, have been appointed directors of West One Bank, Eastern Washington.

West One Bank, Eastern Washington, has assets of \$155 million, seven

branches and will serve the banking needs of Yakima Valley and the Tri-Cities areas.

West One Bancorp will acquire all the outstanding common stock of Ben Franklin National Bank. The number of shares of West One Bancorp's common stock to be received by the shareholders of Ben Franklin National Bank was determined by dividing the purchase price by the average market price of West One Bancorp's stock for ten consecutive days ending on the 20th trading day preceding the acquisition date. Based on a purchase price of \$5.1 million and on the number of shares of Ben Franklin National Bank currently outstanding, the per share price was \$34.09.

"This transaction is part of our commitment and long-time priority to continue to expand West One's presence in Eastern Washington," said Daniel R. Nelson, chairman and chief executive

office of West One Bancorp.

Doug Pringle said, "The expansion offers an opportunity to provide our customers in Eastern Washington increased services that include enhanced agricultural lending capabilities to augment current lending practices in the Yakima Valley and Tri-Cities areas. After all, West One is the fifth largest agricultural lender in the U.S."

Ben Franklin National Bank was a three-branch, \$35 million asset institution serving Pasco, West Pasco and Connell, Washington.

Yakima Valley Bank was a four-branch, \$120 million asset institution serving the Yakima, Washington valley.

West One Bancorp is a 126-year-old leading Pacific Northwest regional bank holding company which currently has assets of \$7.1 billion and more than 200 offices and 4,500 employees in Idaho, Washington, Oregon and Utah.

### City Invites Application For Position On Project Review Committee



The City of Vancouver is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on the Project Review Committee.

The Project Review Committee is a nine-member citizens group appointed by City Council to review plans for building and remodeling in

Vancouver's downtown and in Central Park. The committee's goal is to maintain and improve the appearance and architectural tone of those areas, and to encourage innovation and flexibility in design. Applicants should have experience or interest in landscape architecture or commercial contracting. Most important, the applicant should be enthusiastic about design and the way the downtown might look in the future.

and will expire in November 1993. Members usually serve four-year terms, with two terms maximum.

The Project Review Committee regularly meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, 4-6pm, in City Hall Council Chambers. Applications are available by contacting Marie Day, Vancouver City Hall, P.O. Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668-1995 or by calling 696-8211 (FAX 696-8049). Applications must be submitted by July 16, 1993.

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### City Proclaims "Hire a Veteran" Week

Mayor Bruce E. Hagensen presented a proclamation on Monday, June 21 in the City Hall (Vancouver, Washington) lobby to proclaim the week of June 20-26 to be "Hire a Veteran Week." On hand to receive the proclamation was Daryl Campbell, administrator for the state Employment Security Department.

The proclamation recognizes the 6,500 veterans registered with the Employment Security Department for work and notes that as the military downsizes the number of unemployed veterans increases.

The city encourages veterans to apply for employment opportunities and provides veteran's preference credit for qualified veterans.

### Irvington Covenant Church

Irvington Covenant Church is having its Fifth Annual Community Neighborhood Celebration called "Celebrate Kids & Kids at Heart" on Saturday, July 24 from 12 noon - 5pm at 1718 NE 11th Avenue between NE Schuyler and NE Broadway.

This exciting event is being sponsored by the church. There will be dynamic gospel music, games, food, skits and other fun activities for young children. We are celebrating the life of Jesus Christ and kids of all ages.

All events and food will be free of charge. All Are Welcome!  
 For more information please call 287-5226.

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