

# Observing

**THIS SATURDAY, COME TO A PLACE OF FUN, SENSATION AND WONDER. AND IT'S NOT IN PORTLAND.**



**I-5 North, City Center Exit, left on 6th St. OPEN SATURDAY 10-6**



## Clark County Regional 9-1-1 Center

**Now Can Communicate In 140 Different Languages**

Clark County's Regional 9-1-1 Center can now provide emergency assistance in 140 different languages thanks to an over-the-phone interpreter service. The service is provided by AT&T Language Line Services, 9-1-1 Director Thera Bradshaw said. Just like 9-1-1, which operates round-the-clock, the interpreter service is now on line 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"People who do not speak English well experience frustration calling for emergency services. And that's understandable," Bradshaw said. "At the same time, our dispatchers are hindered in their efforts to help when they

cannot communicate effectively with callers."

"I am pleased to say that we are moving toward erasing the language barrier in Clark County and improving the quality of emergency services we provide," Bradshaw said.

**Here's how the system works:**

When 9-1-1 dispatchers receive an emergency call from someone who doesn't speak English, they call Language Line's toll-free 800 number and an interpreter is added to the conversation. In most cases, an interpreter is available within moments. This enables dispatchers

to quickly assess the situation and send appropriate units, whether they be police, fire or paramedics.

"The first step toward helping people is being able to communicate with them," Bradshaw said. "Situations that require an interpreter are on the increase; not just in metropolitan areas, but throughout the country. More than 20 million people living in this country speak a language other than English and 40 million visitors from other countries travel to the U.S. each year."

For more information about the new Language Line, please call Thera Bradshaw at 737-1911.

## RSVP To Hold Annual Golf Tournament

If someone shoots a hole in one at the upcoming Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) Jim Chriss Memorial/Budweiser golf Tournament they could win a

caribbean cruise or a Ford Windstar van. The 13th annual tourney, which will take place Friday, June 24 at the Green Meadows Golf Course, is a fundraiser for RSVP. Cascade Travel and Vancouver Ford will donate the prizes.

Entry fees are \$60 per person or \$240 per team. Play format will be four-person scramble with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Fees

include golf carts, assorted Budweiser and Pepsi golf accessories, prizes, refreshments, a luncheon buffet and awards.

Tournament sponsors are Budweiser, Pepsi, Sebastiani, Fred Meyer, Club Green Meadows, K-VAN and Ft. Vancouver Days.

RSVP matches people 55 and older who want to volunteer with volunteer positions in non-profit and public agencies and civic and community groups throughout Clark County. RSVP volunteers donated 125,000 volunteer hours in the county in 1993.

For more information on golf tournament registration or about the RSVP program call the RSVP office at 696-8221.

## Urban League Leads The Way

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high schools. The Urban League of Portland is an affiliate of the National Urban League. It is a membership organization whose mission is to help African-Americans and others achieve parity and economic self-sufficiency through advocacy, community problem-solving partnerships, and by conducting programs designed to strengthen the growth and development of individuals, families and communities.

For more information about the Rainbow Program, call Shala Moaydei at the Urban League, (503) 280-2644.

## City Council Fattens Own Pay

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The largest cost-of-living wage increase in recent years was 5.5 percent in 1989. However, former Mayor Bud Clark in 1991, lobbied successfully to put a one-year freeze on council salary.

The federal cost-of-living index has served as a guide for council salary adjustments in the past.

Commissioner Charlie Hales told the Oregonian that it would be "sensational, but inaccurate" to say the council was raising its salary. He was the only commissioner who commented on the council salary increase.

## Fireworks and Music Planned For July 4th Event

Fireworks will be launched from a barge on Columbia River just upstream from the Interstate Bridge to culminate Vancouver's July 4th celebration. The big boom show begins at 10 p.m. The previous launch site at Pearson Air Park was abandoned because new town houses were built nearby.

The fireworks display will be synchronized with music broadcast on KISN-Fm (97.1) and last a little less than an hour.

Other activities lined up for the day long 32nd annual July 4th fireworks extravaganza include family fun, food and musical entertainment. The events will be held at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site. Admission is free.

Entertainment opens the events at 11:45 a.m. The list of performers include Armonia Latina, the Dale Van Womer Band, the country group Queen, Rain: A Tribute to the Beatles, the Vancouver Symphonic Or-

chestra and Vancouver Voices USA.

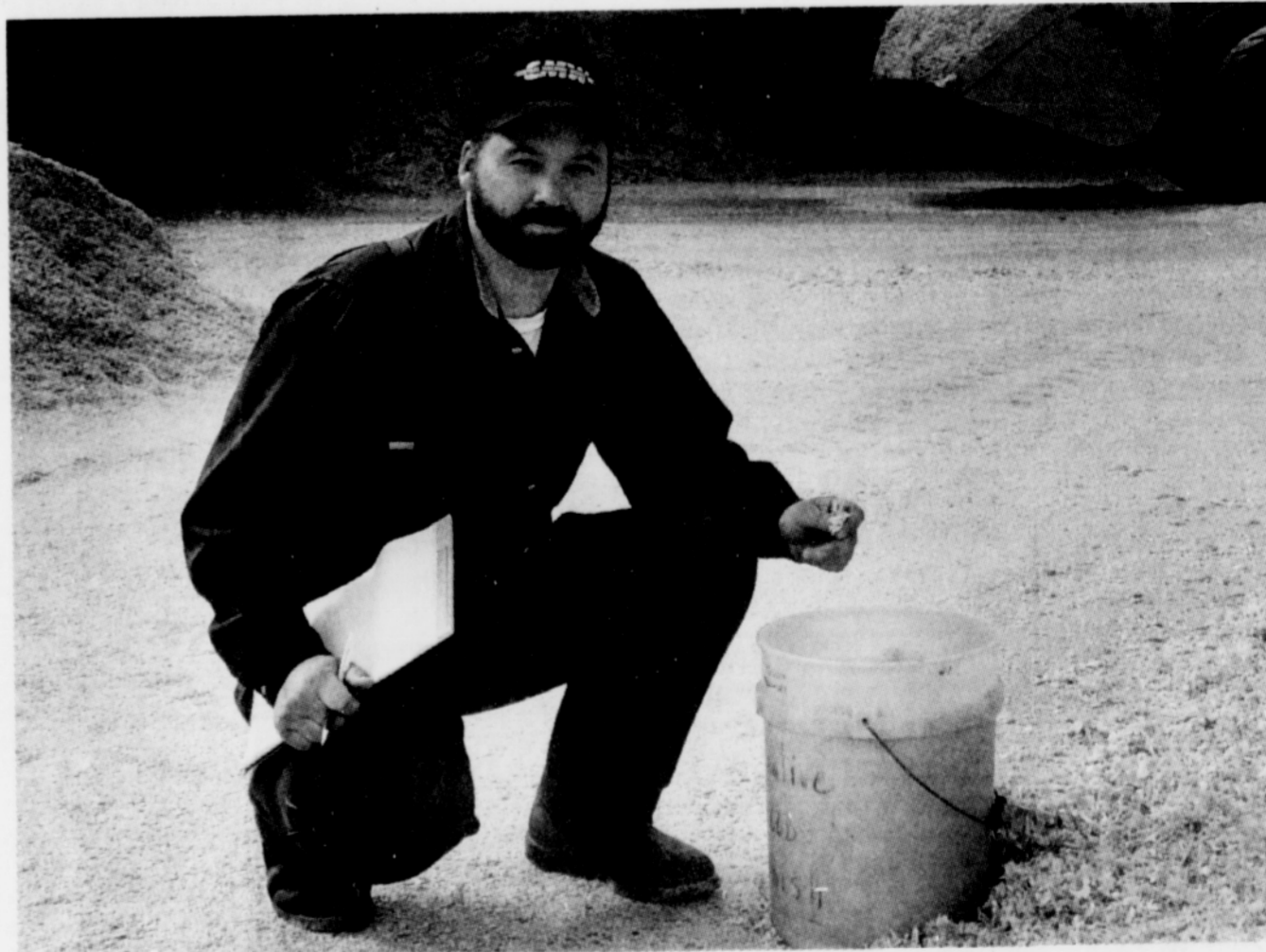
About 50 vendors will offer artwork and handcrafted items for sale at Artworks, along East Evergreen Boulevard.

The Grant House Folk Art Center, 1101 Officers Row, will be open, as will the Pearson Air Museum, 1105 E. Fifth St.

City parking meters will be free. Buses operated by C-Tran and Tri-Met will once again offer free service to the downtown and fort areas.

## Turning Sawdust into Gold

THANKS TO LOTTERY DOLLARS



It wasn't all that long ago when "teepee" burners outside the mills throughout the northwest were used by the mills to get rid of the scraps created by the mill. For Dee Forest Products of Dee, Oregon, that would be like watching money go up in smoke. Using mill leftovers such as sawdust, ply trim, and ground up pallets that mills once burned to

get rid of, Dee Forest Products makes a variety of hardboard products. From casebacks for cabinets to paneling, Dee Forest Products lets nothing go to waste.

There hasn't always been "gold in them thar' hills." Operating at a loss for years, the former Champion plant closed its doors in 1985. In 1987, a group of New Zealand investors saw

the potential in hardboard production and purchased the operation. A \$250,000 Lottery-funded loan - long-since repaid - helped the operation get going. Now more efficient and productive, Dee Forest Products is running non-stop: three shifts a day, seven days a week.



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