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Citizen Volunteer Honored

Some 4,500 young people and their families will have a place to play baseball and soccer this year in part to the efforts of Harry Chaffee.

Chaffee, who has over 10 years coaching experience, worked with Clark County and the H.B. Fuller Company to pave the way for establishment of a park in Salmon Creek. This joint effort of the county, H.B. Fuller and local sports groups, is help to create H.B. Fuller Park, which will be a community park for picnicking, walking and recreation. Also involved in the creation of this new sports complex are Salmon Creek Soccer and Salmon Creek Little League.

In recognition of this contributions, Chaffee has been honored by the Portland Trail Blazers as an outstanding citizen activist and volunteer.

"Harry knew additional sports field were needed and he pushed for a coordinated effort to secure the H.B. Fuller site in a long-term lease agreement," said County Parks Director Del Schleichert. "He feels strongly that sports for kids are the best antidote against alienation and gang affiliation."

According to Schleichert, Chaffee heard from a player's parent, who worked for H.B. Fuller, that the company had a policy

of making contributions in communities where their plants were located. Since the company was building a new plant on 136th Street, and they owned an empty parcel between the plant and the main road, Chaffee decided to approach company executives and the county with his plan.

The 20-acre park is at the southwest corner of Northwest Second Avenue and Northwest 139th Street in the Salmon Creek area. H.B. Fuller provided the property and Clark County is building ball fields, picnic areas and providing maintenance and equipment.

Fun For Preschoolers

Vancouver Parks and Recreation Little Tykes afternoon preschool class has openings for children ages 2-1/2 to 5-1/2. The class meets at Bagley Community Center, 4100 Plommon, Monday through Wednesday from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Morning preschool classes at Marshall Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin, and Bagley Centerrun

from 9 a.m. to noon Monday and Wednesday or Tuesday and Thursday.

Both programs feature art, music, stories, finger play, learning activities, field trips and special holiday activities and cost \$108 per month (\$72 city resident). Some scholarships are available for city residents.

Spring session start Monday, April 10.

Vancouver Now Washington's Seventh Most Populous City

Population gains from recent annexations have boosted Vancouver to seventh on a list of the state's largest cities. In February, the state Office of Financial Management certified Vancouver's population at 64,350 residents. This moves Vancouver ahead of Yakima (60,323) and behind Federal Way (estimated at 73,500). Seattle tops the list at 531,400.

In January, Vancouver added 5,099 residents as a result of the 112th Avenue Area annexation. In December 1993, the local population grew by 16 when the Port of Vancouver was annexed. These figures were compiled during a city-coordinated census of the newly annexed areas in December and January.

"For every new resident, Vancouver gains approximately \$47 in annual state-shared revenues," points out City Manager John Fischbach. "This money translates directly into municipal services for local residents."

Vancouver now covers an area of 26.08 square miles or 16,692 acres. By comparison, the city had a population of 46,615 and covered 10,006 acres in 1990. Vancouver's population is expected to grow by 1,000 or more in early June when occupancy estimates for newly constructed housing are calculated.

Nominations Sought For Leadership Award

Nominations are now being accepted for Vancouver's annual General George C. Marshall Public Service Leadership Award. The award was instituted in 1989 to recognize an individual's commitment to public service and demonstrated leadership potential. The competition is open to Clark County residents only.

To qualify for the award, an individual must be an actively involved Clark County resident under age 30 and have completed a four-year college degree. Selection will be based on demonstrated leadership ability, commitment to public service, academic achievement and potential for an ongoing leadership role in public service.

General Marshall, Nobel Peace Prize recipient in 1953 and author of the post-WWII Marshall Plan, was commander of the Vancouver Barracks in the mid-1930s. This award was created in his honor in cooperation with the General George C. Marshall Foundation in Lexington, Virginia.

The 1995 recipient will be announced by Vancouver Mayor Bruce E. Hagensen at a public ceremony at the George C. Marshall House on Vancouver's Officers' Row on Friday, July 7. The recipient will earn the opportunity to tour the Marshall Foundation in Lexington, Virginia and participate in the Leadership Clark County Program. The Marshall Leadership Award program aims to acknowledge, encourage and support potential leaders in our community.

Nominations must be completed and returned to the Mayor's office (PO Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668/210 E. 13th Street, Vancouver, 98660) or postmarked by June 6. Nominations must be submitted by individuals or organizations.

Previous recipients of the award are: Cindy Gibbon, John Mellvain, Steven Dearborn, Douglas Sessions, Paula Martin and Darin Atteberry.

All information submitted with nominations will become property of the City of Vancouver.

April Is Earthquake Preparedness Month

Would You Know What To Do If A Major Quake Hit?

The Clark County Emergency Services Department wants Clark County residents to be earthquake prepared. Emergency Services is spreading the word that April is Earthquake Preparedness Month in Washington State. This month of earthquake awareness is also being observed in Oregon and California.

"We're sending the message that people need to be ready before a quake occurs," said Tom Griffith, Director of the County's Emergency Services Department. "We know that a quake will certainly occur at some point and it's important for people to have a plan."

Griffith said families should figure out ahead of time what each family member would do, where they would go and plan to meet if a quake struck.

County and City of Vancouver employees will be getting earthquake prepared by participating in a voluntary "Drop, Cover, and Hold Drill" on Wednesday, April 26. At about 9 a.m., participating departments will be notified by supervisors that a simulated major earthquake has occurred. At that point, they'll be instructed to drop under a desk or sturdy table and stay under cover and hold on to the desk or table.

Griffith will also be meeting with county departments to answer questions and discuss safety options. (Emergency Services can also provide citizens information about earthquake preparedness by calling Griffith at 737-1911.)

And to get up-to-date information about the potential for earthquakes in Clark County, the state Department of Natural Resources will offer an informational session at 7 p.m. on April 12 in the Clark Public Utilities Community Room, 1200 Fort Vancouver Way in Vancouver. Stephen P. Palmer of the Washington State Division of Geology will present a report on the relative earthquake hazards in the Vancouver urban area.

Boise-Eliot Kids Honored For Food Video

They were passed up for an Oscar, but Boise-Eliot Elementary students' video-production and screen-writing abilities didn't go unnoticed.

Students won first prize from the Oregon Department of Education in a 1995 Nutrition Awareness Contest for a video they produced on the school's Share A Meal Day program.

Fifth-graders produced a video of themselves preparing and sharing a meal. With the help of a professional chef, students served lasagna, bread, fruit and low-fat milk.

During the weeks before the cooking event, students learned about nutritional issues including, the benefits of eating meals together, choosing a healthy diet, sanitation and safety.

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Skill Center Students Graduate

The Portland Community College Skill Center will graduate 672 students on Friday with a ceremony at 2 p.m. in Terrell Hall on the PCC Cascade Campus.

The center at North Killingsworth and Albina offers programs in GED, office technology, construction technology, skill technology, ship technology and an evening personal computer program.

Individuals representing the Trail Blazer Oregon Arena Project, community agencies and staff, will also be honored during the ceremony for their support for the center.

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Tiernan: Enemy Or Emissary?

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"They are in it (politics) to make deals. They don't care, just as long as they make a deal," the lawmaker fumed.

He also has no regards for career-politicians.

"They're willing to say or do anything to get a way back and I don't have a lot of respect for that," he said.

His attitude toward issues that affect the common man or the poor have pitched him against many who feel he is unconcerned about the ultimate fate of the less privileged.

Among minorities he is seen as evil, mean-spirited and even a crude racist.

His recent attacks on Kay Toran, the African-American administrator of the Children's Services Division, his alleged mistreatment of testimony by black Rep. Avel Gordly, D-Portland, and his attack on affirmative action has helped build a case against him.

But Tiernan said he is far from being a racist, but did not say much about his relationship with black folks.

He challenged anyone to look into his background and find racism.

He said that those who call people racist should be held accountable because the damage

done is almost irreversible.

Surprisingly, the lawmaker said he has nothing against Rep. Margaret Carter, D-Portland, the member of the House who called his actions racist.

Tiernan said he is in love with Carter's oratory.

"I like listening to her. I think she is entertaining. Actually I like her," he confided.

"I really appreciate listening to people I don't agree with," he said.

Tiernan is not ruffled by the spate of criticism and condemnation.

He has lined-up about 45 bills to present before the House.

What might be the mother of all battles for Tiernan would be his attempt to privatize most state agencies.

If he has his way, the government printing shop and the corrections department would face privatization.

Tiernan is also bracing to undo state employee union gains, slash the number of state workers and reform collective bargaining.

Among his bills is one that would make it impossible for local governments to raise taxes, no matter what.

"If I have my facts and I believe the cause is correct, I am aggressive and I don't back off," he said.

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