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Community Calendar

Winter Sports Show At Expo

The latest in winter clothing and sports equipment will be on display during the 1995 Coors Winter Ski and Sports Show, Nov. 3-5 at the Multnomah County Exposition Center. In addition, those attending are encouraged to donate warm winter clothing to be collected at the main entrance of the show for distribution to needy families through the LIFE Center in north-east Portland.

Lincoln Presents Fall Drama

Lincoln High School's Drama Department presents Agatha Christie's mystery drama "Ten Little Indians," Oct. 19, 20, 21, 26, 27 and 28 each night at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln High School Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

Zoo Boo Train Runs Nightly

Frankenstein, Dracula and a number of their ghoulish friends are making the Washington Park Zoo their nightly place of terror through Halloween. A mile-long ride on the zoo's train will be filled with 26 theatrical sets and spooky scenes. Gates open each night at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for seniors and children and available at the zoo and all Ticket Master outlets.

Trick-Or-Treat At Beaverton Mall

Beaverton Mall merchants will be hosting a "trick-or-treat" on the mall, Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Class Teaches Budgeting Skills

Nutrition and budgeting skills, such as best food buys, supermarket smarts, gardening, healthy food for kids and parenting tips is offered free to low income men and women from Salvation Army Family Services in cooperation with the Oregon State University extension office and the Oregon Food Bank. Call 239-1226 for more information.

Oregon Homecoming On Tap

Alumni and friends of the University of Oregon are returning to campus this weekend to celebrate Homecoming. A pep rally, volleyball matches and dance are some of the special activities planned. The Oregon Ducks face Washington State in a football game on Saturday.

Radical Women Fight Fascism

Socialist democracy: The permanent solution to fascism," is the final topic of a series of discussions on fighting fascism, sponsored by the group Radical Women. The session is Saturday, Oct. 28 from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Kiononia House, 633 S.W. Montgomery. Call 228-3090 for more information or child care.

Peace Institute Hosts Speaker

Jack Yost, a writer, publisher and film producer who predicts a massive plundering of natural resources will fuel a growing world conflict and who has worked with the United Nations as director of an international citizens group will speak on environmental and human rights issues Thursday, Oct. 19 and 26 from 7-9 p.m. at the Catalyst Bookstore, 427 N.W. Third Ave.

Katz Seeks Rate Board Member

Mayor Vera Katz is seeking a representative from a local public interest group to fill a vacancy on the city's Utilities Review Board. The panel reviews water, sewer and solid waste plans and rates. Applications are available at the Portland Building or from the office of neighborhoods at City Hall.

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Middle Schools Get Math, Science Boost



Melissa Tolbert, a 7th grade student at Ockley Green Middle School, looks on as Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore. and Portland State University President Judith Ramaley announce the awarding of a grant to improve math and science study at three north Portland middle schools.

Three north Portland middle schools are targeted for math and science improvements.

A \$1.8 million federal urban community service grant will be used over 5 years to make curriculum changes at Ockley Green, George and Portsmouth middle schools.

"This grant could dramatically change

the way middle school students study and learn about math and science," said U.S. Sen. Mark Hatfield, R-Ore.

Hatfield joined Portland State University President Judith Ramaley and others in announcing the grant last week.

The PSU Center for Science Education, Portland Education Network, Portland Pub-

lic Schools, the Urban League of Portland and other community groups are partners in the educational effort.

Hatfield said increased resources were needed for math and science education, noting that "our young people consistently score at or near the bottom on every standardized math and science test give to youth in indus-

trialized countries. We know that students need to be exposed to these subjects early and often."

He said the U.S. Department of Education would make the funds available for the project, entitled "Urban Ecosystems: Enhancing Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning in North Portland Middle Schools."

Schools Boost Enrollment

Fall enrollment figures show Portland public schools with more students than last year and most of the increase came in middle and high school programs.

While no definite trend is noted in any particular area of the city, alternative programs and special high school offerings clearly have attracted new students, school district officials said.

Early attendance figures show the school system has 57,266 students attending fall classes, an increase of 367 over last year.

The Urban League Street Academy, YWCA Homeless Program and other drop-out retrieval programs account for a significant portion of the population growth.

The special programs began two years ago in an effort to bring back to the classroom students who had not attended school for one year. A benefit to the district is the state and federal monies appropriated to the school system for public and private programs that bring students back to school.

Specialized local high school programs also attracting students were Roosevelt's Renaissance 2000, Lincoln's International Baccalaureate program and Marshall's Technology Learning Center.

Two new middle school alternatives, Environmental Middle School at Abernethy and Northeast Community School, enrolled more than 200 students from throughout the district.

In most cases, enrollment increases at one school were offset by decreases at another. The largest fluctuations occurred in two north Portland elementary schools. Humboldt gained 59 students, while Sitton saw 56 fewer students.

"As Cal Ripken showed us, a big part of success is just being there," said district spokesman Lew Frederick. "Now we have to keep working to help these students succeed."



The new Rose Garden from inside the arena bowl. The structure is designed for NBA and college basketball, professional hockey, indoor soccer, indoor track and field, gymnastics, major concerts, monster truck rallies, rodeo and bull riding, circuses, ice shows, boxing, professional wrestling and convention and trade shows. Total capacity for NBA basketball is over 21,300. (Photo by Eric Noon)

Measure 5 Keeps Tax Rate Stable

Although housing costs are going up, more than half of Portland residents will see an decrease in their annual property tax bill which are now being mailed.

According to Multnomah County officials, the stability of the tax bill is attributed to Measure 5, approved by voters in 1990, creating a permanent limitation on tax rates.

Approximately 65 percent of property owners will have a smaller bill than last year, another 23 percent will have increases of less than \$100 or no increase at all, officials said.

But overall, the value of taxable property inside and outside the Portland area of

Multnomah County went up by nearly 13 percent from a year ago.

A typical home valued at \$100,000 in Portland will be taxed \$1,553. Without the reduction caused by Measure 5, the bill would have been \$2,486.

If the taxes are paid in full by Nov. 15, property owners will receive a 3 percent discount. Taxes may also be paid in three installments, which are due on Nov. 15, Feb. 15 and May 15. Homeowners are advised to pay early to receive the discount and to avoid interest on possible delinquent payments.

Taxpayers can appeal the value of their property assessments with the Multnomah

County Board of Equalization between Oct. 25 and Jan. 2. The board will hear the appeals between Jan. 8 and April 15.

County officials said a good way to determine if a property value is too high, is for taxpayers to ask themselves if they could sell their property for the value shown on the tax bill.

"If they think not, they may want to research recent sales in their neighborhood," county officials said. The county has easy to find sales data at their public research counters in room 309 at 421 S.W. Sixth Ave.

Information is also available by calling 248-5241.