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Still Room In Free Kids First! Program

The Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department has room for elementary-age children in the free Kids First! program. The after-school program offers arts, sports, storytelling, music and special events. Sites and times are:

- Hough Elementary School, 1900 Daniels St., 2:45 to 4:15 p.m., Monday and Thursday
- Image Elementary School, 4400 NE 122nd Ave., 3:30 to 5 p.m. Monday and Friday.
- King Elementary School, 4801 Idaho St., 3:30 to 4:50 p.m., Tuesday and Friday
- Fruit Valley Elementary School, 3301 Fruit Valley Rd., 2:45 to 4:15 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday.
- Roosevelt Elementary School, 2921 Falk Rd., 2:45 to 4:15 p.m. Wednesday and Friday.
- Washington Elementary School, 2908 "S" St., 2:45 to 4:15 p.m., Wednesday and Friday

The Kids First! Program is a partnership with Vancouver and Evergreen School Districts and Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department

Learn To Fish Or Ride A Motorcycle Through Recreation Program

The City of Vancouver Parks and Recreation program offers these three fun classes for adults.

Motorcycle Riding Skills: Motorcycles are provided. Class can be taken in place of state test. Class meets Thursday, Feb. 22, from 6 to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24 and 25, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon. Fee is \$50.

Beginning Fly Fishing: Professional guide Dave Morgans shows equipment selection, strategies and tactics for trout and fly pattern. Class features demonstrations, casting clinic and an

entomology field trip. Cost is \$51 (\$46 for city residents). Class meets Wednesdays, Feb. 21 through March 13, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Bagley Center.

Open-Gym Basketball, Volleyball and Pickleball: Bagley Center open-gym basketball is Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Marshall Center at 1009 E. McLoughlin holds open-gym volleyball Mondays, 7 to 10 p.m., and Tuesdays, 5:30 Marshall Center is open for pickleball Thursdays from 6:15 to 8:15 p.m. and Saturdays from 3 to 5 p.m. Call 696-8006 for drop-in prices.

Gershwin's Rhapsody

The second concert in Vancouver's new classical and jazz concert series, "Bravo! Vancouver: Music At St. Joseph", is slated for Sunday, February 25 at 3:00. The concert program is called "Baroque and Blue", and includes George Gershwin's classic piano concerto "Rhapsody In Blue", J.S. Bach's Second Brandenburg Concerto, and a new arrangement of an Albinoni Trumpet Concerto.

Featured on this concert will be pianist Maria Manazo in Gershwin's famous solo for piano and orchestra, "Rhapsody In Blue". Gershwin was the first classically trained American composer to successfully bridge the gap between "classical" and "Popular" music, and his Rhapsody In Blue was a landmark piece. It remains one of the most technically difficult pieces, as well as a favorite among audiences.

Internationally recognized baroque trumpet soloist Gerald Webster, who currently teaches at Portland State University, will also be a featured soloist in his arrangement of an Albinoni Trumpet Concerto. Webster performs throughout the United States with orchestras specializing in Baroque music.

Another audience favorite, J.S. Bach's Brandenburg Concerto, is also on the program.

If the winter blues have set in, this program should blow them away. Tickets for the event are \$11 Reserved, \$8 General Admission. Tickets are available at all Fred Meyer FASTIXX outlets, or by calling FASTIXX at 503-224-TIXX. Tickets are also available at St. Joseph Parish, at 696-4407.

Spay/Neuter Assistance Available

Each year, up to 47 million dogs and cats are born in the United States. As a result, Humane Societies are over-crowded with homeless animals. But efforts are under way to help address this serious

With dog and cat breeding cycles generally beginning in February and March, beginning February 12, five billboards will go up in Clark County asking pet owners to "End Overpopulation."

And on February 27, to promote spaying and neutering animals, lo-

cal animal welfare organizations will offer low-cost certificates to help get dogs and cats spayed and neutered. Participating in this cooperative effort are the Clark County Kennel Club, Clark County Purebred Breeders Association, Vancouver Humane Society, Clark County Animal Protection and Control Advisory Board, the West Columbia Gorge Humane Society, and local veterinarians.

On February 8 and 9, the Clark County Animal Protection and Control line, 699-2489, will accept recorded messages from anyone who

would like to request assistance with the cost of spaying or neuter-

Those receiving vouchers may contact participating local veterinarians who have volunteered to accept the vouchers as a subsidy toward the cost of the procedure.

If program funds are available after this one-time-only assistance offer, they will be dispersed among participating animal welfare organizations to help with spaying or neutering pets in their care before they are adopted.

AmeriCorps Members Trained In Conflict Resolution

A training program jointly conducted by Clark County's Dispute Resolution Center and the city of Vancouver's Neighborhood Mediation Center will result in AmeriCorps volunteers and staff being better able to respond to conflict in their service projects.

The two-part interactive training for AmeriCorps members in the Vancouver/Portland area will take place on April 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Vancouver's Water Resources Education Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way, Vancouver.

The Training to provide conflict resolution skills will include the following topics:

- · Conflict: a new definition
- Communication skills · Active listening
- · Power: source and balance
- · Effective negotiation
- · Conflict styles and approaches
- Anger management · Conflict management & resolution
- · Issues and interest Creating options

Clark County's and Vancouver's Programs will be paid \$1356 for conducting the training, which they will divide equally. The contract for the work and the materials that will be presented have been arranged through the National Association for Community Mediation.

New **Trees To Grace** Humboldt

Friends of Trees and the Humboldt Neighborhood are joining forces to plant trees in the Humboldt neighborhood of north Portland.

The plans call for planting 68 trees on Saturday.

Anna Coates, a resident of Humboldt, is coordinating the plant-

"Planting trees is an investment in the future. But at the same time, this project gives residents the opportunity to feel invested in their community now," Coates said.

Additional help is needed to plant, stake, water and mulch the trees. Volunteers will meet Saturday at 9 a.m. at the Portland Community College Cascade campus, on the corner

of North Killingsworth and Kirby. Volunteers should be bring shovels, gloves and wear boots and rain

gain if necessary. For more information, call Friends of Trees at 282-8846.

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Police News

Suspect Held For Attempted Murder

On January 29, 1996, at 1220 P.M. members of the Skamania County Sheriff's Office, assisted by Multnomah County Sheriff's Detectives, arrested David Charles Austin, for the shooting of Charmin Collier near Bonneville Dam on January 9, 1996. Austin was arrested at his residence at 1471 Oklahoma, Cook, Washington without incident.

The shooting investigation by Multnomah County Sheriff's Office detectives became focused on



David Austin following the receipt of an anonymous telephone tip. The caller listed several identifiers which led to the identification of Austin. Additional information was developed enabling detectives to obtain a

Austin was transported to the Skamania County Jail where he was lodged on a Multnomah County Circuit Court warrant charging Austin with the following:

David Charles Austin, DOB: 08/ 17/59, M/W. One count of attempted murder with a firearm, Three counts of assault one with a firearm, and Four counts of assault

Bail was set at \$500,000.00

Robbery Suspect Targets Senior Citizens Downtown Area

Portland Police robbery detectives are asking for help from the public in the investigation of three robbery cases in the downtown area. In the three cases, the suspect has robbed men aged 81, 77, and 73.

Two of the incidents occurred in close proximity. The most recent case occurred on January 2, 1996 at about noon. A 73-year-old man was assaulted and robbed in the underground parking structure in his apartment complex in the 200 block of S.W. Harrison St. The victim was taken to an area hospital for treatment of his injuries. His wallet was

A similar incident occurred on December 12, 1995 about noon, at

an apartment building in the 100 block of S.W. Harrison St. In that case a 77-year-old man was assaulted and robbed in the underground parking area of the building. The man had found a cardboard box blocking access to his parking space, and was assaulted after he got out of his car to move it.

In this case the victims wallet was taken, as well as the rental car he was driving. The vehicle was recovered several days later in the Old Town

Detectives believe these two incidents are probably related. No suspect description is available.

In a third incident, which may or may not be related, on January 24,

1996 at about 2:30 p.m., an 81year-old man was assaulted while at a parking structure in the 1000 block of S.W. Broadway Ave. The victim told officers that he had parked his car on the third floor, and was walking toward the elevator when he was assaulted and robbed of his wallet.

The victim observed a male white, 35-40 years old, with brown hair and a "rough" beard in the vicinity prior to the robbery.

Anyone with information on these incidents is asked to call the Robbery Detail at 823-0479 or Crimestoppers at 823-Help. Reward money of up to \$1000 is available through the Crimestoppers program.

Celebrate Black History Month With A March

Rally Against Injustice in The Justice System! Speak out to change the racist "anti-crime" laws an corruption that entrap women, people of color; and the poor. Repeal Mandatory Minimums! Abolish the Death Penalty! Funding for Jobs and Education, Not Jails and Incarceration! Empowerment, Not Imprisonment! Funding for Victim Restitution! Dismantle Racist Sting-operations and Prosecution! Saturday, February 10, 1996, at 12 noon, Irving Park, NE 7th & Fremont

Join us as we start from Irving Park, NE 7th and Fremont and march to the Lutheran Inner City Ministries' community room, 4219 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The march will be followed by a rally from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come hear speakers from the community. Speak out at an open mike session. Develop strategies. Bring solutions! For more information call 284-0200/281-6783 or write: 5525 NE 19th, Portland, OR 97211. Childcare provided at the rally.

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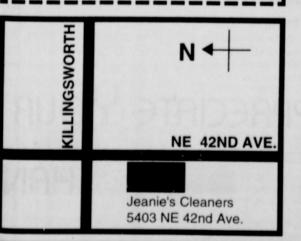
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