

Observing Vancouver

Making a better downtown

Tom Chase at the Vancouver Food Center and Jeff Larsen at the Day and Nite Market have voluntarily agreed to remove fortified wine from the shelves of their stores.

The two merchants took the step to show their support for a friendly and welcoming downtown area. Stopping sales of fortified wine is

expected to reduce alcohol problems associated with the transient population and increase citizen safety.

The City of Vancouver, Downtown Vancouver Association and city residents are working to upgrade the image of the area which includes the historic Esther Short Park.

The park is bounded by Esther

and Columbia streets, between 8th and 6th streets. Throughout the fall, Mayor Royce E. Pollard invited citizens to join him at lunch on Thursdays in the park.

A plan for redevelopment of the Esther Short Park area is in place. It includes development of pedestrian walkways, street improvements and building opportunities.

McMiles helps kids read

Seniors 50 and older can share the enjoyment of reading with young students by volunteering their time in the McMiles of Reading program at Orchard's Elementary School.

The program is sponsored by McDonalds and the city's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP).

Volunteers will go to classrooms

and read to the full class for 20 minutes on Friday, November 1 and again on November 8.

Volunteers are invited to return on November 15 for the Ronald McDonald assembly which winds up the two-week read-a-thon.

The program goal is to show students that reading can be fun and encourage them to read more and improve their skills. "There is a great

need for volunteers to tutor students and it's a great way to help without making a long-term commitment," says Bobbi Casanova, RSVP director.

RSVP provides volunteers and McDonalds provides learning incentives and an educational library to assist teachers.

For more details, or to volunteer, call 696-8221.

Teens urged to sign up for grants

Local youth from ages 11 to 19 are invited to stop by the city's Office of Neighborhoods and pick up an application for grant money to use in community projects. Tapping the Talents of Teens (T3) is a county-wide program for youth-inspired projects which benefit the community. Grant amounts are up

to \$1,000.

T3 grants are reviewed by a committee for youth and adults. The program has funded such projects as environmentally safe "green cleaning kits," picnic table construction, landscaping, trailblazing and theatrical performances.

"Teens are encouraged to fill out

the straightforward applications themselves," says Beth Houston, project coordinator. Call Houston at 696-8222 or drop by the Office of Neighborhoods at 1405 Broadway.

Sponsors are the City of Vancouver and Clark County Department of Community Services.

Kids tackle manners, baton and dance

The Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department will start several new classes in the coming weeks.

• **Threads of silver and gold**--Children will learn basic manners and attend a "Kool Aid Tea Party." Wednesday, November 6-December 4, 4-5:30 p.m. Ages 6-10 years.

Fee: \$32.50 (\$21.25 city resident).

• **Baton classes**--Learn styles and tempo with baton instructor, Sherri Dolman. Tuesdays and Thursdays, October 29-November 21 and December 3-19, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Ages 6-11 years. Fee: \$52 (\$34 city resident).

• **Basic line dancing**--Gail Smith, instructor. Wednesdays, October 23-November 13, 3-5 p.m. Ages 6 and older. Fee: \$25.50 (\$17 city resident).

Call Youth Services, 696-8006, for more information and to register for classes.

Seniors discover the great outdoors

People 50 and older will see the natural beauty of this region on Forever Young Hiking Club day hikes sponsored by the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department.

A trip to Dry Creek Falls is Tuesday, October 22, from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., over medium terrain. Tacoma Wa-

terfront will be explored Monday, October 28, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m., over easy terrain.

Hikes average five miles and are rated for difficulty. Easy terrain is fairly level ground, medium terrain includes some hills. Hikers are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing and

hiking boots or shoes with good ankle support. A van takes participants to the trailheads. Hikers meet at Luepke Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd. Take a sack lunch.

Register at Marshall Center, 1009 McLoughlin, or call 696-8236 for fee and other information.

Indoor sports keep kids dry and spry

Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department offers a Saturday Sports Clinic to introduce boys and girls ages 4 through 10 to soccer, basketball and T-ball. Children will be placed in age-appropriate groups for games, skill stations and scrimmages. Classes are on Saturday, November 9 and 16 from 9 to 10 a.m. at Bagley Center Gym. Class fee is \$13 (\$10 city

resident).

Pee Wee Basketball for boys and girls ages 4 to 8 teach the basics of basketball through skills practice and games. Miniature hoops and junior-size balls are used. Class meets Tuesdays, November 12, 19 and 26 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Bagley Center Gym. Fee \$18 (\$15 city resident).

Basic karate for self-defense is

open to boys and girls ages 5 through 12. Children gain self-confidence through a positive leadership style. Monday, November 18 through December 16. Beginners meet from 6 to 6:45 and advanced class from 7 to 7:45 p.m. at Bagley Center. Fee \$31 (\$27 city resident).

Bagley Center is at 4100 Plomondon. Call 696-8006 to register.

Myers Joins Norris, Beggs & Simpson

Thaylia Myers has joined Norris, Beggs & Simpson's Vancouver office and will specialize in investment sales, announced H. Roger Qualman, Executive Vice President for the Company.

Myers has over seven years of commercial real estate experience.

Prior to joining the company, she was a Real Estate Economics Manager handling valuation management for First Interstate Bank. Myers studied Business at Clark College in Vancouver, Washington.



Thaylia Myers

She is a member of Women in Commercial Real Estate and is a Certified Commercial Investment Manager (CCIM) Candidate.

Norris, Beggs & Simpson, in business for over 64 years, is a regional real estate brokerage, asset and property management, and mortgage financing firm with offices in major cities in Oregon and Washington. It is affiliated with the New America Network, the Nation's largest organization of independent industrial and commercial real estate professionals.

African American women get it done

With thousands of women converging on the Nation's Capital from across the country, The National Council of Negro Women, Inc. sounded a new voice of leadership, ownership and institution building for Black women on October 10, 1996, by launching the National Centers for African American Women and the Dorothy I. Height Leadership Institute.

Opening remarks were made by First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, greetings by D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, the reading of the National Centers Charter by Dr. Maya Angelou and vigilant rallying cries from Dr. Camille Cosby, Essence Editor, Susan Taylor, Cicely Tyson, First Lady Cora Masters Barry and newswoman Renee Poussaint proclaimed to America that for African American Women their time has come.

The central issue focus of the three day event was "Women and Work".



(From left to right) Dr. Maya Angelou, Chairwoman of the NCNW Fund For The Future Campaign addresses the Leadership Luncheon; National television personality, MSNBC-TV Anchor Maureen Bunyan, NCNW; and President/CEO, Dr. Dorothy I. Height.

Via Satellite African American women were connected in over 38 cities across the nation to share their views, concerns and recommenda-

tions on where this significant voting and economic population is and how should they be preparing for the 21st Century.

Education

Head start brings national speaker for education series

Albina Head Start and Black United Front are hosting guest speaker Ida Love, award winning principal from Kansas City, Missouri. Thursday, November 14, 1996, 7:00 pm at King Neighborhood Facility, 4815 NE 7th Avenue. Child care provided.

As Principal, Ida Love transformed an elementary school in Kansas City by encouraging parent in-

volvement, improving school atmosphere and strong leadership for staff. They focused on reading, writing, math and how to make the most of the school day. Under her leadership, kindergarten students reached second and third grade reading levels. She continues to ensure quality education as deputy superintendent of Kansas City schools.

Parents will discover techniques

to use at home to help child learn, discuss with other parents how to be more involved in their child's school and meet others from the community who also want to see our schools change and our children succeed.

This is the third workshop presentation in a series designed to help parents improve public education and their children's academic performance.

Merger of communication giants boon to consumers

Consumers can expect lower prices and better access to a variety of telecommunication services if the proposed merger of MCI and British Telecom is approved, according to University of Oregon business instructor Yimin Zhou (pronounced Djo). "The magnitude of this merger is unprecedented in the telecommunications industry and will have far reaching consequences," says Zhou, an adjunct professor of international management at the OU Charles H. Lundquist College of Business. The

merger, if approved, will result in one of the world's largest telecommunications companies, will reshape the telecommunications landscape and eventually will affect the way telecommunications services are delivered and consumed.

Because a larger MCI/BT can exploit the economies of scale and scope not otherwise possible, says Zhou, whose research specialty is the economics of international communications industries, the new giant company will be able to offer con-

sumers product bundles that combine access to local, long distance and cellular phone service with cable television access and connections to the Internet.

Zhou predicts that consumers will benefit from the fierce turf war among the dominant U.S. telecommunications firms expected to follow this merger. Source: Yimin Zhou, adjunct professor of international management, UO Charles H. Lundquist College of Business, (541) 346-3248; e-mail yzhou@darkwing.uoregon.edu

Portland State fall 1996 enrollment up to 3 percent

Portland State University's fall 1996 enrollment is up nearly 3 percent over last fall's total, according to figures released by PSU's Office of Institutional Research and Planning.

PSU reported 14,768 students for fall 1996, up 2.9 percent (420 students) from fall 1995's 14,348 total. The 14,768 figure represents the highest enrollment total at PSU since fall 1992, when 15,012 students were enrolled at the university.

Students are also taking more

classes at PSU this fall. The total number of student credit hours for fall 1996 is up 6.7 percent over last year's totals.

Ricks attributed much of PSU's enrollment gain to a major increase in the number of graduate students. Graduate enrollment is up 6.2 percent over fall 1995, while undergraduate enrollment is up 1.9 percent. Portland State has the largest number of graduate students enrolled at any of the seven Oregon State System of

Higher education (OSSHE) institutions, and remains the second largest OSSHE institution in terms of overall enrollment.

The number of non-admitted students (those not formally enrolled in a degree program) is up 7 percent for undergraduate students and 8 percent for graduate students. Also, the number of out-of-state freshmen enrolling at Portland State, while small, jumped 48 percent, from 95 students in 1995 to 141 in 1996.

Beep comes to Barber-Scotia College

The Black Executive Exchange program visited Barber-Scotia College recently bringing four executives to campus giving workshops and lectures to students.

Beep brings hundreds of African American male and female executives to Historically Black Colleges and Universities each year. Executive share, inform and help prepare students for the work place.

The Division of Business of Barber-Scotia College coordinated the program which included class visitations, career awareness workshops, and individual conferences with students. Lectures touched on such topics as "the impact of technology in education as well as in future careers" and "internationalization of the world economies as it relates to higher education".

Beep participants were George

Taylor, program director at Lockheed Martin Energy Systems, Inc.; George Sabb, Hub Division manager for United Parcel Service; Haley Peoples, corporate contributions coordinator at JC Penney; and Reginald Foy, national account manager for AT&T Government market.

The Black Executive Exchange Program is an initiation of the National Urban League, Inc.

Hilton: Higher Education

By Dr. Keith Orlando Hilton

When discussions of the African Diaspora usually occur, the main regions of the world highlighted are the United States, Africa and the Caribbean.

Rarely, if ever, is the country and continent of Australia mentioned. Rarer still is it for Aboriginal people to be included in discussions.

However these people are as much a part of the Black family as any of us living in California, Kentucky, the Caribbean or Egypt.

This oversight, unfortunately, does not allow a true or complete study of people of African descent.

For a closer look at some key Black personalities in Australia, the book, *Inside Black Australia: An Anthology of Aboriginal Poetry* by Kevin Gilbert is highly recommended. The following are brief bios of some major African (Aboriginal) male writers: Kevin Gilbert, born in the small country town of Condobolin in New South Wales. Directly descended from Aboriginal, Irish, English stock, he lived in Aboriginal reserves and fringe settlements until 1957 when he sentenced to penal servitude for life on a charge of murder.

He served 14 1/2 years under the New South Wales prison system. In spite of those tough years, he became the country's first Aboriginal playwright.

W. Les Russell, Born in Melbourne in 1949, he spent his early years in rural Victoria. He joined the Royal Australian Navy in 1966 and trained as a photographer in the Fleet Air Arm. His later dedication and hard work in the African/Aboriginal community gained wide respect that,

in turn, meant an extraordinary workload and responsibility, especially in his home state of Victoria. In 1979 he was asked to help the North Queensland Land Council set up and chair the Aboriginal Mining Information center. In 1986, his poems were printed in *Green For Green* published by Impact Productions.

Ernie Dingo is considered by many Aborigines to be one of the best stage and film actors ever. His poetry is reported to show the depth of his involvement with his grass roots home country. He appeared in *Middar Aboriginal Playwrights Con-*

ference held in Canberra in 1987.

Colin Johnson was born in Narragin in 1938. In 1959 he wrote a play called *The Delinks* and won a competition run by the University quarterly *Westerly*. He also wrote a novel in 1983 called *Doctor Wooreddy's Prescription for Enduring the Ending of the World*.

Archie Weller was born on July 13, 1957. His mother, of Scot ancestry, came from a family that had a great appreciation of books and universal culture and passed it on to the young Archie. One of his most popular books is *Going Home* published in 1986.

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