

Observing Vancouver

Holiday events from senior center

The city's Senior Enrichment Program has several fun holiday events planned to entertain and brighten the holidays for seniors.

Vancouver Pops Orchestra Holiday Concert: Get in the holiday spirit and enjoy an evening of music, Wednesday, December 11 at 7:30

p.m. at Luepke Center. Admission is a canned food item to be donated to a local food bank. For details on above programs, call 696-8202.

Toy Box for the holidays

Tears of Joy Theatre unwraps a very special package for your holiday entertainment. Toy Box will be performed at 11am and 2pm on December 21st at the Columbia Art Center, located at 400 West Evergreen in Vancouver. The lid on the Toy Box continues to rise from December 22nd-December 29th at the Winningstad Theatre in the Portland Center for the performing Arts located at 1111 SW Broadway in Portland. Season tickets are available for \$7.00. Individual tickets are \$9.50 for adults and \$8.50 for children. For tickets and information call (503)248-0557 or (360)695-0447.

After the ripping of the wrapping paper and the squeals of excitement at your family celebrations, the never-ending process of stuffing things into the toy boxes begins. But things keep coming out of Tears of Joy's Toy Box, and what you put in is not necessarily what comes out. Peak inside our box and you'll discover a world of dancing ballerina dolls, six foot teddy bears, a whale swimming through a sea of celebration for new life, and "The Little Match Girl". All will delight and challenge the heart.

Toy Box is the collaborative creation of the resident staff at Tears of Joy Theatre. Erin Bouvy, Emily Bradley, Walter Gaines, and Angela

Wand work as an ensemble to create a world of imagination in a drab city landscape. "The mystery of the clown who pulls the toy box into an alley on a long rope is what attracts my character," says Angela Wand who portrays the old woman who first encounters the Toy Box. Three of the actors received training at the Del Arte School of Physical Theatre which specializes in the highly energized movement necessary in this production.

Tears of Joy's Family Series will continue with Fire on the Mountain and closes with Pinocchio this spring. All performances are accompanied by a lobby exhibit or activity.

Planning Commission vacancy

The City of Vancouver is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission serves as a citizen advisory body to the city council. Commissioners work in a voluntary capacity to conduct studies and public hearings on subdivi-

sions, comprehensive plan amendments, rezone requests and zoning text amendments. The commission makes recommendations to the city manager to give to the city council for review and final decisions.

Applicants must live within the city limits, or East County annex-

ation area. For applications or further information contact Peggy Furno, in the City Manager's Office at City Hall, 210 E. 13th St., P.O. Box 1995, Vancouver, WA. 98668 or by calling 696-8121 (fax 696-8049). Applications must be submitted by Tuesday, December 24.

City seeks ad hoc council applicants

The Vancouver City Council is seeking applicants for two new, non-voting, temporary positions on the council. The ad hoc members will be selected by the council to provide immediate representation for citizens in the newly annexed Cascade Park, Mill Plain and Evergreen areas. They will serve in the appointive positions until after the November 1997 general election.

The city council unanimously voted to add the two members at its

November 18 meeting. That decision followed one of the recommendations of the Citizens Committee on Representation which had explored the issue of council participation for the annexation area.

"These appointments will help give citizens of the annexation areas a voice in city affairs before the next election," says City Manager Vernon Stoner. Although the new members will be unable to vote on council issues, they will fully participate in all council deliberations. They will

be allowed to recommend an action, policy or plan to the City Council on any city matter.

Applicants must be registered voters and residents of the newly annexed areas for a continuous period of at least two years prior to their appointment. In addition, they cannot currently hold another city public office or city employment.

Application deadline is December 20. Interested candidates should contact the Mayor's Office at 696-8211.

After the holidays, act

You know about the pervasiveness of alcohol and drug abuse but perhaps you didn't know you can do a lot about it. Here are some ideas from the state Office of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Programs that Oregonians can act on in 1997.

By Toni Phipps

Space drinks. Serve snack. Offer non-alcoholic beverages. Designate a driver. Don't let friends drive drunk.

We hear a lot of these party messages during the holidays, as we should. But after we've gotten safely through the holidays, let's work on the critical long-term goals: preventing alcohol and other drug abuse among our children and adolescents, encouraging treatment for citizens who need it and ensuring the public safety of all Oregonians.

We cannot afford to let these long-term goals be forgotten like broken New Year's resolutions. Every one of us can resolve to do something in 1997, even if the time you can spare is only an hour a week. Examples: Join your local Oregon Together! group, which is trying to make your commu-

nity a safer place to raise children and adolescents. Nearly 70 of these coalitions are working across Oregon. If you want to know how to contact yours, call the Oregon Prevention Resource Center at 1 (800) 822-6772.

Encourage your child to join OSSOM (Oregon Student Safety on the Move) or similar student group locally. About 75 communities have OSSOM chapters; to find out if yours does, call OSSOM's Debbie Jarvis at 1 (800) 678-7956.

If you know an alcoholic or addict, help him or her get into treatment. For certain low-income people, outpatient

treatment is now available through the Oregon Health Plan. Call your county's mental health or alcohol and drug office (listed in the phone book's blue pages).

When we're reading news about alcohol and other drugs, the story often is not a happy one. More Oregon teens using tobacco and marijuana. Hundreds of thousands of Oregon adults abusing alcohol or other drugs. Nearly half of people whom police arrest having alcohol or other drug problems, and relatively few receiving treatment.

The good news is each of us can affect how this story turns out.

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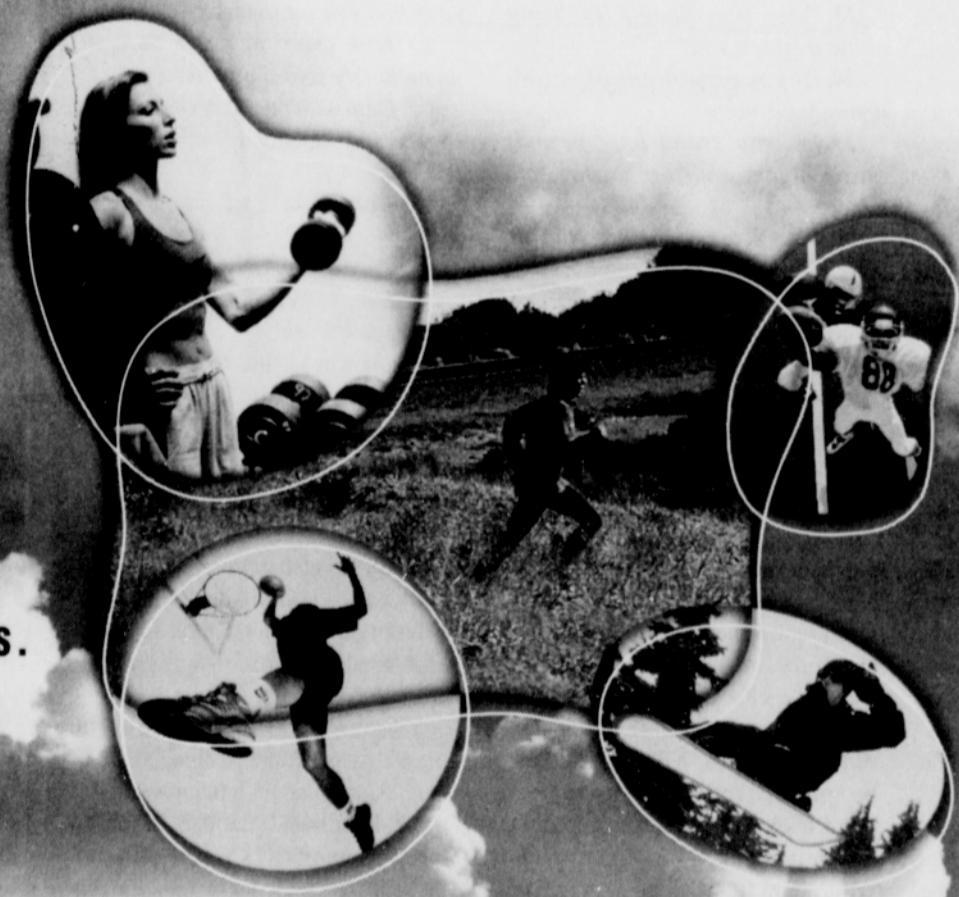
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