

The Focus The Rock n' Rolly Army set to invade Chinook Winds

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Rock n' Roll Army will be performing at Chinook Winds Casino & Convention Center September 22 & 23. Combine together Len Berry, Brian Hyland, Gary Lewis & the Playboys, Billy J. Kramer, Dickey Lee, Chris Montes, Tommy Roe, and Mitch Ryder, stir gently, and the result is the creation of the greatest combination of grass

roots Rock n' Roll the world has ever seen!

A sampling of their hits includes: Len Berry's "The Bristol Stomp," "1-2-3," and "Hully Gully Baby;" Brian Hyland's "Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini," "Sealed With a Kiss," and "Gypsy Woman;" Gary Lewis & the Playboys' "This Diamond Ring," "Count Me In," and "She's Just My Style;" Billy J. Kramer's "Do You Want To Know A Secret," "Bad To

Me," and "I'll Keep You Satisfied;" Dickey Lee's "Patches," "I Saw Linda Yesterday," and "Dream Boy;" Chris Montes's "Let's Dance," "The More I See You," and "Call Me;" Tommy Roe's "Dizzy," "Sweet Pea," and "Hooray For Hazel;" and, last but not least, Mitch Ryder's "Jenny Take A Ride!" "Devil With The Blue Dress," and "Good Golly Miss Molly."

Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday,

September 22 and 7 & 10 p.m. Saturday, September 23. Ticket price ranges from \$25 to \$35 depending on seat location. For more information or to obtain tickets, call 888-MAIN-ACT (624-6228) or Fred Meyer Fastixx (800-992-TIXX (8499)).

It's all part of the Surf City Weekend, a whirlwind of fun and prizes including the Grand Prize to be given away on Sunday,

September 24, a red PT Cruiser Woody (the first one in the U.S.). This one-of-a-kind "woody" was modified at the factory just for Chinook Winds.

Finalists for the drawing will be drawn on Saturday, September 23, and Sunday, September 24. The Grand Prize Drawing will take place on Sunday, at 5:30 p.m.

Stop by the Winner's Circle for details.

Danny Glover Profiles Local Hero

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Proving that heroes can be found amongst us all, Danny Glover will tell the inspiring story of local Salem, Oregon residents on national television Monday, September 4 from 9-10 p.m. ET/PT in "Poacher King," a featured segment on "Courage," an original one-hour weekly prime time series on Fox Family Channel.

On Monday, September 4 "Courage" celebrates the bravery of Chuck Hartwig, from Salem, Oregon. Hartwig risked his life to go undercover in the dangerous

world of illegal hunter to help the State Police put Oregon's most notorious bear poacher behind bars. Each week, "Courage" tells the incredible true stories of real people who have displayed astonishing bravery and unbreakable spirit in the face of danger and opposition. Confronting extreme difficulty head-on with fortitude and resilience, these unknown heroes speak out, fight back, come to the rescue and stand up to make a critical difference in both their communities and the world, often at the risk of their own personal safety.

Multiple Emmy nominated actor, humanitarian and Good Will

Ambassador to the United Nations, Danny Glover hosts and executive produces the series.

Fox Family Channel enters the new century as the destination for adult-driven, contemporary, quality family entertainment.

Distributed in over 76 million homes, Fox Family Channel targets adults in prime time and kids and tweens in daytime. With innovative original series, movies and acquisitions, Fox Family Channel has increased its household ratings and shifted audience composition to reflect the entire family, including adults, tweens and kids.

Portland Brewing and Uncle Otto's Oktoberfest

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If you find yourself this September 15 through 17 in the company of thousands of sedate Budweiser connoisseurs waltzing to lethargic tuba music, you're at the wrong party.

But don't fret. Simply take a bearing on Portland Brewing headquarters and head light-speed to Uncle Otto's Oktoberfest—the Oktoberfest with attitude.

There, under the Big Top, you'll

join an estimated 10,000 partygoers from Oregon and Southwest Washington dancing to the nation's most energizing lineup of Oktoberfest acts.

The all-ages celebration kicks-off Friday, September 15 with a stellar lineup of musical acts from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Headliners include The Texas Playboys (the legendary masters of western swing) and Roger Clyne and The Peacemakers (a rock/country/blues combo featuring ex members from the Refreshments and the Gin Blossoms).

The celebration continues on Saturday from noon to 10 p.m.

Featured bands include Those Darn Accordions (a bizarre ensemble of big-haired rock accordion players who perform in silver suits and fishnet stockings) and The Derailers (a piston-driving, steam-whistle-blowing quartet of unadulterated, hard-working country).

Sunday—which is Family Fun Day—runs from noon to 6 p.m., with a full slate of kid-friendly activities and free hot dogs for youngsters 12 and under.

Unprecedented reality series "HouseCalls" counsels troubled families

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Debuting the newest TV series in the recent reality genre boom, "HouseCalls" invites viewers into the homes of real people as veteran psychiatrist and relationship expert Dr. Irvin Wolkoff counsels families and couples in crisis. Premiering September 11, "HouseCalls" is a half-hour television strip airing in syndication.

"Nothing...absolutely nothing is

more entertaining to human beings than human beings," says Wolkoff. "I think the unique thing about "HouseCalls" is that it's authentic. I'm a real psychiatrist; the people I interview are real people with real problems. And we interview them in their actual home. That is something the viewer hasn't seen on television before and isn't going to see except on 'HouseCalls.'"

The program sends Wolkoff on the road and into the living rooms of people dealing with a variety of

issues ranging from intrusive mothers-in-law to unruly teenagers. The intimate, unrehearsed meetings offer a mix of drama, humor and compelling insight into people's lives.

With two decades of psychiatric training and therapeutic experience, Wolkoff offers informed deductions and profound advice, at times presenting remarkably candid—and potentially unpopular—viewpoints. "When I'm interviewing people on 'HouseCalls,' I lean on them pretty

easily," says Wolkoff. "I might articulate their darkest fear or call somebody what they are. But understanding human nature gives me a framework in which to ask the tough questions and make the tough statements."

Wolkoff conducts his own psychiatric practice in Toronto, Canada. He pens a popular biweekly column called "Your Mind" for the Toronto Star and serves as a monthly columnist for The Medical Post.

"HouseCalls" is a truly breakout

program," says Laurey Barnett, executive vice president of the Chris-Craft Television Division, the producer and launch group of the show. "We're presenting an engaging and insightful format that explores everyday problems and issues to which ordinary people can relate."

"Buena Vista is thrilled to be the distribution arm for this unique reality show," says Janice Marinelli, president, Buena Vista Television.

Andrew Brownell to perform Mozart's Concerto # 20

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Award-winning pianist Andrew Brownell will be joined by Associate Conductor Norman Leyden in the first Symphony Sunday Concert of the season, which will include Ravel's "Mother Goose" Suite and Tchaikovsky's "Romeo and Juliet," on Sept. 10 at 3 p.m. at the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall in the Portland Center for the Performing Arts. The popular family-oriented Symphony Sunday programs, founded by Leyden, feature Oregon Symphony players and Northwest artists as soloists.

Brownell will perform Mozart's Piano Concerto No. 20 in contrast with Oregon Symphony's performances of "Romeo and Juliet" and "Mother Goose" Suite.

Brownell, winner of awards at national and international levels, was runner-up at the 1999 MTNA collegiate piano competition and took a bronze medal at the 1995 Stravinsky Awards International Piano Competition. Brownell was a member of a prize-winning ensemble at the 1996 Fischhoff National Chamber Music Competition. He recently completed a bachelor's degree at the University of Houston, and is pursuing graduate work at the University of Southern California, Los Angeles. Leyden will open the program with Nicolai's overture to "The Merry Wives of Windsor."

General admission tickets are \$18 for adults, \$12 for students, seniors and children (12 and under) and may be purchased at the Oregon Symphony Ticket Office (923 SW. Washington), Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (and on Saturdays beginning Sept. 11). Tickets also may be purchased at all Ticketmaster outlets (790-ARTS) or through Ticketmaster On-line, via the Symphony's web site at www.orsymphony.org. Service fees may apply.