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Danielle Bryant, Portland Community College's Sylvania student president, speaks at the grand opening of the school's new technology building. Expansions to all PCC campuses are part of a voter-approved \$144 million bond measure.

Foxworth Reviews Policies

Police Chief Derrick Foxworth will pitch a new Community Policing Strategic Plan on Friday to the City Club. Among his top objectives are reducing crime and fear of crime, improving the quality of life in neighborhoods, improving community and police partnerships and making police officers more accountable to the public. "Our new goal of accountability was added in response to community and internal feedback," said Foxworth.

Opera Singer Shares Love of Classics

Soprano Gail Strong-Price will perform in the Vancouver Children's Opera Company's holiday production of Engelbert Humperdinck's opera, "Hansel and Gretel."

Strong-Price and Loti Christensen, another opera singer, founded the company in April 2000 to share their love for opera, education and classical music.

"We have performed for about 4,000 students in Washington and it's been very well received by everyone who has seen it," said Strong-Price. "It's an excellent production and we look forward to doing lots more productions for students and for parents."

The goal of the opera company is to introduce young people to the classical repertoire by educating, encouraging and nurturing in them an appreciation for opera and classical music through performances and to enhance music programs within Vancouver and Portland school districts.

Performances of "Hansel and Gretel" will be at 1 p.m. Dec. 2 and 3 in the Washburn Auditorium in Washougal, Wash. for approximately 1,000 students in the Washington area.



Gail Strong-Price co-founded the Vancouver Children's Opera Company to expose young people to the classical repertoire.

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Ask Deanna!



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Dear Deanna!

My 8-year old son is fat and eats too much. I try serving him small portions of food but he cries for more because he's hungry. He eats like a grown man and gobbles plates of collard greens, pinto beans, ribs and pies. How do I stop him from eating so much and make him lose some weight? --Eats Too Much; Tulsa, Okla.

Dear Eats Too Much:

Obviously you already know that fat kids like cake. Since you're the mother feeding him, this is more than likely a problem you created without knowing it. Before trying to put him on a diet, visit your

pediatrician to get assistance with his weight and eating habits. In the meantime, you can't starve him or push him away from the table to lose weight. You can either give him yogurt and healthy snacks or dangle a chicken leg and let him chase you a few laps around the house.

Dear Deanna!

My husband of 7 years left me for a younger woman. He dogged me and broke my heart but I'm over it. The problem is now with this woman. He's putting her through the same drama he put me through and she calls me for advice. The first time I tolerated her because

she caught me off guard. I'm at the point where I'm ready to tell her she reaped what she sowed but I can't do it. Why? --Leslie; Boston

Dear Leslie:

You can definitely say she got what she deserved. I guess your husband saw the grass wasn't greener on the other side (hee, hee). When she calls again, let her know in your sweetest voice you appreciate her seeking your advice but you had enough drama from both of them to last a lifetime. Share some words of wisdom that if a married man cheats on his wife, he'll cheat on anybody and keep it moving.

Dear Deanna!

Please help me settle this dispute. My sister had a baby a few months ago and she still wears halter tops that reveal her stomach. She has a lot of stretch marks but she still prances around thinking she's cute because she lost her baby fat. We argue when I point out the fact her stomach looks nasty and flabby and should be covered up but she doesn't listen to me. Do you agree? --Michelle C.; Richmond, Va.

Dear Michelle:

The only road map I want to see is in a book, not on two legs. If

your sister is comfortable with her body and it doesn't bother her to put those stretch marks out there for the world to see, then more power to her. It's not for you to worry about. Just be prepared and waiting in the wings with a tube of make-up when someone hurts her feelings or embarrasses her in public.

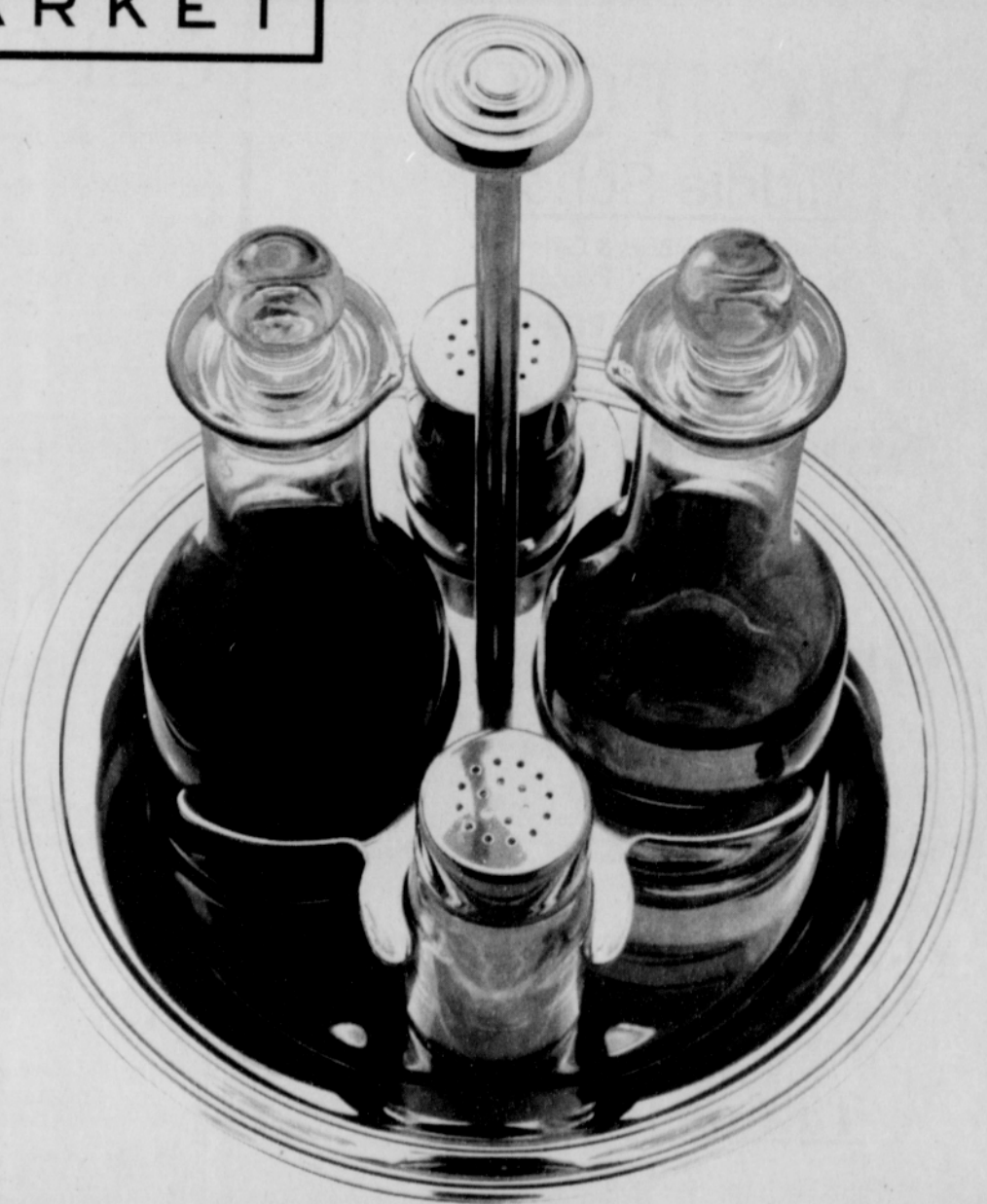
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