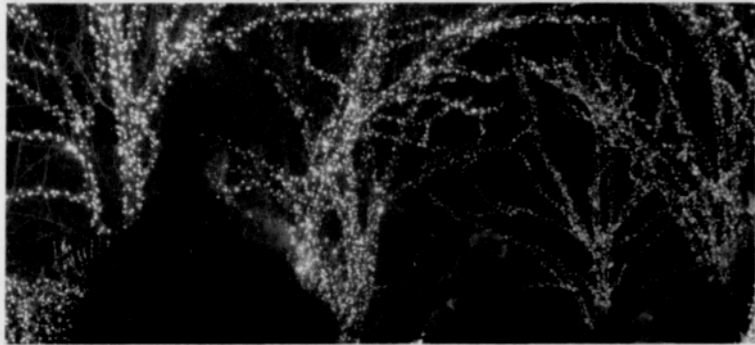


Arts & ENTERTAINMENT

ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

Billy Webb Elks New Year's Eve

-- The community is invited to celebrate New Year's Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 31 at the Billy Webb Elks Club on North Tillamook at Williams. Dance to live music with Randy Star and The Allstars. Also enjoy dinner, champagne and noise makers.



ZooLights Holiday Display -- The Oregon Zoo's popular holiday light show runs through Sunday, Jan. 5. ZooLights has become a favorite tradition with its life-size animal silhouettes, moving sculptures and forests of lighted trees.



Crumpet the Elf Returns -- Darius Pierce returns as Crumpet the Elf in Portland Center Stage's annual holiday hit *The Santaland Diaries*. Now playing through Sunday, Dec. 29. For tickets and more information, visit pcs.org.

JFK at the Oregon History Museum -- "The Fading Light of Camelot," an exhibit at the Oregon Historical Society, downtown, traces the pivotal events leading up to and following President John F. Kennedy's assassination. Opened in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of his death in 1963, the exhibit will run through Thursday, Jan. 2.



Grotto's Christmas Choral Festival -- The largest Christmas choral festival continues through Monday, Dec. 30 at The Grotto, located at Northeast 85th Avenue and Sandy Boulevard. Five indoor concerts are highlighted each evening. Admission is \$9 adults, \$8 for seniors and \$4 for children 3 to 12 years of age.

Chicago Steppin' Classes -- Learn the fastest growing urban dance at the Billy Webb Elks Lodge, 6 N. Tillamook each Friday at 6:30 p.m. Classes also at 7 p.m. on the first, second and third Mondays of the month at the Rockwood Community Center, 124 N.E. 181st. No partner is needed. Your first two lessons are free. For more information, call Denise Johnson, 503-819-4576.

Norman Sylvester -- Boogie Cat Norman Sylvester and his band plays Friday, Dec. 27 at Clyde's Prime Rib; and Saturday, Jan. 4 at the Blue Diamond.



Birth of Freedom -- The National Park Service at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site presents the new exhibit: *A New Birth of Freedom: Vancouver Barracks*

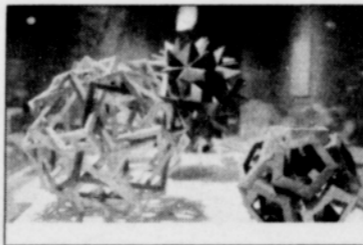
During the Civil War. The free exhibit explores the role of Vancouver's military post in the 1860s, as well as some of the larger themes of the conflict. Runs through March 30.

Labor: A Working History -- Clock in at the Clark County Museum in Vancouver to learn about the area's work and workers in this brand new exhibit tracing their history against a backdrop of regional and national labor movement milestones through words, images and artifacts, plus activities for the young and young at heart. Runs through Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Saturday Morning Kids Theater -- Traveling Lantern Theatre Company presents performances for children each Saturday at 10:30 a.m. at the Artists Repertory Theater's Alder Street Lobby. The family-friendly performances are only \$5 for all who attend over 5 years old and can be purchased at the door or at artistsrep.org.

Irving Berlin's White Christmas -- Lakewood Theatre Company celebrates the season with a reprise production of last year's holiday hit, Irving Berlin's *White Christmas*. Now playing through Sunday, Dec. 29 at the Lakewood Center for the Arts in Lake Oswego. For tickets and more information, visit Lakewood-center.org.

Creating Art by Folding Paper -- The Oregon History Museum hosts the traveling exhibit *Folding Paper: The Infinite Possibilities of Origami*. Organized by the Japanese Museum in Los Angeles and International Arts & Artists of Washington, D.C., the exhibit shows through Jan. 11.



Fourth Sunday Jam Night -- A friends and family variety comedy show in a Saturday Night Live format with local recording and performing artists, bands, dance crews, poets, and drama groups, takes place each Fourth Sunday at 7 p.m. at Celebration Tabernacle, 8131 N. Denver Ave. The free event is open to the community.

The Soulful Showcase -- Blacque Butterfly presents spoken word, live music and featured artists on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at 8 p.m. at E'Njoni Café, African-Mediterranean cuisine at 910 N. Killingsworth St.

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Afrique Bistro Benefit -- Afrique Bistro, 102 N.E. Russell St., opens its doors each last Saturday of the month to raise donations for the African Women's Coalition. Great Caribbean and African music along with good drinks and fun people, 9 p.m. to 2:30 a.m. \$10 at the door.

Open Mic -- Curious Comedy, 5225 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., hosts a free night of stand-up comedy every 2nd and 4th Sunday. Open mic comics get three minutes, and audience members get a free sneak peak at Portland's up and coming talent. Signups start at 8:30 p.m. Show starts at 9 p.m.

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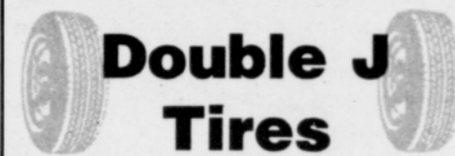
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