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FOOD FROM THE GARDEN



Neil and Marian Austin and their sons, Henry and Russell, gather vegetables from their garden near Silverton. The Austins, who were named as early recyclers of the year in Marion County, said growing their own food allows them to avoid buying packaged foods.

Silverton family recycles trash from the ground up

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The Austins do buy bread. They also use store-bought flour and sugar to make pasta, cakes and biscuits. "It's not perfect," Neil Austin said. "What sets us apart is we look at recycling from the angle of not having it trash here in the first place." They recycle as much as possible, including cans, glass and plastics. And they clean containers, newspapers and bags for reuse. Neil Austin said the boys also get involved, sorting the plastics by tossing them like baseballs into containers at the garage. "Recycling can happen if you look as an adult," he said. "But you're going to have a lot better luck if you teach a kid."

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Other activities Here are Marion County products and activities to promote recycling. The county has declared Oct. 2-9 as Recycling Awareness Week, said Terry Fritsch, the county recycling coordinator. Free telephone book covers made with 40 percent recycled paper are available from the county Solid Waste Management Department by calling 586-7963. The phone cover contains recycling slogans and 168 garbage haulers and recycling depots. It also gives a map of where they are and what materials are recyclable. Students can enter an art contest to get new color changes in the 1994 Recycling Art calendar. Oct. 21 is the deadline. Students also can submit stories for the calendar on this year's theme: "The State of Oregon Recycles." For rules and entry forms, students should see their teachers or call the county at 586-7963. Clipping on recycling can be seen Friday and Saturday at the Salem Center, 401 Center St. NE.

Chairman of transit board dies

The Salem man's death occurred during a transit association conference in New Orleans.

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James E. "Jim" Clark, the president of the Salem Area Mass Transit District board, died early Tuesday in New Orleans, where he was attending a conference.

An autopsy indicated that Clark, 46, suffered a heart attack, his wife, Jean Clark, said. Clark's body was returned to Salem on Wednesday.

A funeral is scheduled for Monday. Virgil T. Golden mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

Clark was attending the annual conference of the American Public Transit Association. Also attending from Salem were Greg Cook, the district's general manager; John Whittington, its planning and marketing manager; and Casey Campbell and Luis Canabarro, fellow board members.

The Salem district received two awards from the association. Whittington said it first place for its summer youth ridership program and an award for its outreach efforts in the community.

Jean Clark, who traveled to New Orleans with her husband, said that Monday had been a quiet day. After dinner they returned to their hotel room at the Omni Royal Orleans, and she went to bed about 10:30 p.m.

She said she discovered her husband, then and gazing on the floor about 12:15 a.m. Tuesday. She alerted hotel officials and then called Campbell, who was staying at the New Orleans Marriott.

Campbell, a former Marion County firefighter, rushed to the room and got James C. PPR, a paramedic, also responded. Clark was pronounced dead at 2 a.m.

Clark, a state architect, was elected to the transit board in 1983 and was its executive member. He became its president in 1987.

"Jim brought a lot of continuity to the board," said Jim Owen, the board's vice president. "He for the future of the transit district, it will be just fine. The district is run by a very competent staff."

Clark is survived by his wife, 36, and two children, Alicia, 11, and Jimmy, 6.

Marion's crime rate drops

For the first time in years, fewer crimes are being reported to the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Officials say community policing is the reason. The overall crime rate for the first eight months of 1993 decreased 0.3 percent compared with the same period last year. The statistics cover the areas of the county controlled by the sheriff's office only. This is the first time in many years, if ever, since it has been affiliated with the Marion County Sheriff's Office, that it can recall any crimes reported in a decline. Sheriff Bob Prinslow wrote in a memo to his district commanders. During the previous two years crime had increased 12 percent, the memo said. Deputy Dave Hoesay, a spokesman for the sheriff's office, said deputies are getting the community involved in solving persistent problems. "Maybe it's paid off," he said. But not all is rosy, Hoesay said. Although more community involvement seems to be paying off, gang activity threatens to push crime statistics up. According to the statistics, Part I crimes, which include the 13 most serious offenses, increased by 4.4 percent overall. Annual robbery, nonresidential burglary and auto theft increased. But homicide, rape, aggravated assault, unarmed robbery, residential burglary, larceny and arson decreased. Part II crimes, which are generally misdemeanors, decreased 3.9 percent. Driving and drug offenses declined by 36 percent and 26 percent, respectively, while assault and weapons offenses increased by 13 percent and 31 percent, respectively.

Canyon man guilty in '78 death of jogger

MADRAS — A jury has found a Southern Canyon man guilty of murdering a Eugene woman 15 years ago in the Camp Sherman area. The Jefferson County jury deliberated for four hours Tuesday before finding John Arthur Ackroyd, 43, guilty of two counts of aggravated murder and three counts of murder. Each of the charges against Ackroyd, a former mechanic at the state Highway Division, was based on a separate theory about the slaying. Ackroyd has admitted to seeing Kaye Turner of Eugene the morning of Christmas Eve 1978, when she disappeared while jogging. Eight months later he led police to where some of her remains were found. Ackroyd also was the last person to see his stepdaughter, 15-year-old Richelle Lee Finkle, who was reported missing on July 10, 1990. Lt. Dar Hols of Linn County said Wednesday that the girl had never been found but that no charges had been filed in that case. The girl lived in a trailer with her family at the Highway Division's maintenance complex at the Sanction Junction. Prosecutors told the jury Tuesday that Turner's remains were decomposed to determine exactly how she died but that Ackroyd provided graphic descriptions of stab wounds and a gunshot wound to her chest. The cause of her death was not officially determined until last year, when state police reexamined her running shorts and shirt using new X-ray and microscope techniques. "We know now for a fact that the defendant accurately described the injuries, but no one could have known that other than the killer of Kaye Ann Turner," District Attorney Bill Hanson of Jefferson County told jurors. Defense lawyer Duane McCabe of Bend told jurors that differing testimony from two prosecution witnesses about where Turner was jogging raised the possibility that another runner was in the area. McCabe also blamed inconsistencies in Ackroyd's statements on fear that revealing that he saw Turner would make him a suspect.

Salem

Megabucks jackpot reboots to \$2.25 million Nobody won the \$2 million jackpot Wednesday in the Oregon Lottery Megabucks game, increasing Saturday's jackpot to \$2.25 million. The winning numbers were 7-19-14-34-37-39. Spokesman Jan Raymer said 20 tickets had five correct numbers, worth \$24 each. Wednesday's \$2 million Powerball numbers were 8-25-34-42-44 with Powerball 16. Oregon had no jackpot winner.

Teachers get training

Students in Salem-Jeffer public schools will get a day off Friday when teachers attend a statewide in-service training session. High school football games, normally scheduled for Friday, will be played today. Classes will resume Monday as usual. FYI If you have suggestions or questions about text news, contact Don Poirer or Dan Davies at 599-6777.

Region

Fisherman's body found in capsize boat FLORENCE — The body of a fisherman was found inside his capsized boat late Tuesday, the Coast Guard reported. Larry Zee, 46, of Newport was found inside the 24-foot fishing boat Teri K when Coast Guard crews righted it about 8:30 p.m. The boat was discovered Monday, three days after the Coast Guard launched an intensive search. Zee, who had been fishing alone out of Newport, was reported missing Saturday after he was two days overdue.

Shellfish ban spreads to Lincoln County

A shellfish harvesting ban has been extended along Lincoln County. The ban had been in place from the California border to the southern edge of Lincoln County because of contamination, commonly called red tide. The toxin can be fatal and cannot be destroyed by cooking or any other method, state Agriculture Department officials said. Symptoms include numbness or tingling around the lips, which may spread to the head and neck. The ban covers commercial and recreational harvest of mussels and clams.

Morning Salute

Prise and appreciation for the wonderful foot doctors that everyone should walk through on the well-manicured Willamette University campus. A real hit to even reluctant end-of-term grads. C.M. Carrell Salem A big thanks and hug to Corley Jankle, my Mary Kay representative. After I finished a manicure, she called her, she made a special trip to my house to bring me a special gift. I had run out of that morning. Because of her going to extra mile, I was able to leave the next morning with a smiling foot! Thank! Julie Adams Salsbury To thank someone, write Nancy Sells, Statesman Journal, P.O. Box 10000, Salem, OR 97309. Please include your name, address and phone number.

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