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Cable T. V. - Myth or Reality?

At this writing (Dec. 28th) all three towers are wired for cable and TCI-Liberty can begin installing signal converters, the "black boxes" that allow your set to receive the cable signal, as soon as contractual agreements are signed between APCA and TCI-Liberty and between APCA and Madison Tower Ltd. The documents were drawn and approved by APCA on December 11th and TCI-Liberty has indicated that they are satisfied and will sign as soon as Madison Tower Ltd., Walter Bowen, General Partner, signs.

Walt Bowen, speaking for Madison Tower, Ltd. says "we will have the agreement approved and signed by January 5, 1987."

Once the bulk rate agreements have been signed by APCA, Madison Tower Ltd. and TCI-Liberty, the management office will send out an agreement between APCA and each unit owner who has signed up for the bulk rate. TCI-Liberty will then contact those owners who have signed up to schedule the installation of their signal converters. Any questions regarding the installation of the signal converters should be directed to John Grissmore at TCI-Liberty at 243-7447.

Super Bowl Party

Hot dogs, popcorn and football meld again into that genuinely American experience, Super Bowl Sunday!

Football and food fans will gather at Sivers Center on January 25th to cheer on their favorite teams.

Steve McShatko chairs this great event which starts 30 minutes before game time. Televisions will be hooked up in the Board room and popcorn will be hot and ready to go. Bring cards for a friendly game in the lounge if you need to rest your eyes. There is no charge for this event

although a small donation to defray the expense of popcorn and T. V. rental would be appreciated. Bring your own beverage and enjoy.

Hot dogs can be purchased at half time for \$1.00. They will not be sold during the game because this year Steve would like to watch it.

Changes at Tower Talk

Tower Talk editor Martha Dalrymple has resigned her post "with regret" after thirteen months of service to the association. She deserves our thanks. Her writing skill and editorial judgment made putting out a newsletter seem easy, and she will be sorely missed.

Ruth Josslin, Tower Talk's efficient advertising director whose efforts brought the newsletter into the black and kept it there, is on extended leave. We miss her greatly and wish her well.

Linda Castaneda of the MSI office replaces Diana Beck as Tower Talk's production staff.

Employee Christmas Fund

Gifts to the employee Christmas Fund this year totalled \$1,322.50, reports Anna Stowell, association secretary. Pleased with Plaza generosity, she said "Our Plaza staff does a fine job of maintaining our property and this will show them that we do appreciate them."

With the staff room comfortably furnished from last year's gifts, the staff elected this year to divide the money, providing each of them with a nice Christmas bonus.

SUPER PARTY
SUPER BOWL
SUNDAY
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Christmas Party

By Barbara Ray

The Christmas party in Sivers Center was a great success. Our hard-working social chairman, Grace Brown, broke her ankle the week before the party, but she showed up on crutches with her children, Carolyn and Stewart, to run interference for her. They were a great help in setting up the party.

The beautiful big Christmas tree dominated the festive scene, with a growing pile of gifts for the Firemen's Toy and Joymakers.

Leon Ray and Harry Dereiko acted as hosts, writing name tags and greeting the guests. The food, as usual, was wonderful, and Jeff Smith, our popular letter carrier made a hit with his hors d'oeuvres.

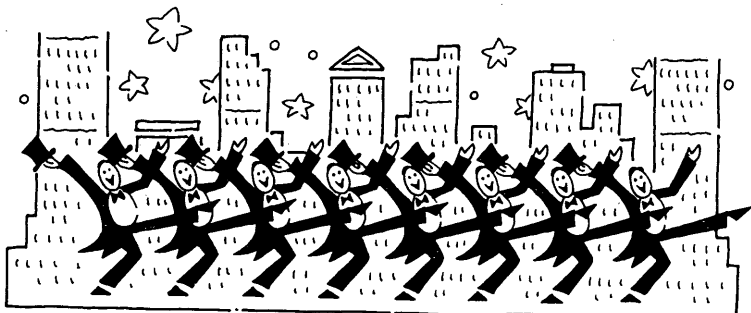
David Chambers, our faithful bartender deserves a standing ovation for standing and filling drink orders all evening. We hope he will be "behind bars" again for our July party.

Max Birnbach brought another of his beautifully decorated Christmas cakes from his restaurant "Roses" and also showed himself to be a very polished ballroom dancer, dancing to the great dance music of the "After Six" band.

Residents of all three towers enjoyed the opportunity to mix, meet, and renew friendships and look forward to the APCA summer party in July.

Jeff Smith made arrangements with the Toy and Joymakers to pick up the Plaza gifts and donations on Monday.

They were most appreciative, and we appreciated Jeff's efforts in our behalf. Now if he would just give us his hors d'oeuvre recipe?



Thanks for Helping

Food barrels placed in all three tower mailrooms brought many gifts of food to help Portland's hungry.

Plaza staff moved the food to the Lincoln housekeeper room as each barrel was filled to make room for more donations, and on Tuesday Dr. Joan Jene and Nancy Rangila delivered all the accumulated food to the Salvation Army, where it will be distributed.

For the Birds

Complaints about balcony bird feeders at American Plaza have recently been made to the office, according to Larry Milner, APCA on-site superintendent. "Encouraging birds to feed or nest in large buildings creates problems that can add significantly to building maintenance costs" he said, commenting that the regulation prohibiting bird feeding from balconies or common areas of American Plaza is a very practical one.

Board of Directors Vacancies

Three Board of Director positions will be filled at the annual meeting of APCA on April 16, 1987. Owners interested in participating in the management of American Plaza either by serving on a committee or by serving on the Board of Directors should indicate their interest by filling out a "Candidate Interest Form" as soon as possible.

Information on Directors Responsibilities and Association procedures for the selection of candidates can be obtained by calling 222-7243.

Directors Anna Stowell, Dr. Thomas L. Thornton, and Margaret Allen will each complete the third year of their respective terms on April 16, 1987.

Directors Ralph Funes, William Buren and Lawrence Winthrop will have completed two years of their three year term and Directors Wayne Martin, Harry Beik and Walt Bowen will have completed one year of their three year term. Director Bowen is the only member of the present board in his second consecutive term. By Board rule only two consecutive terms are allowed.

Jim Morrow
Manager, Portland Center

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Sivers Center |
| **Jan. 6 | BRIDGE
7-10 pm
Sivers Center |
| Jan. 6,7,8 | SWIM CLASS
8:30 am - 9:30 am
Indoor Pool |
| Jan. 13 | BRIDGE
7-10pm
Sivers Center |
| Jan. 13,14,15 | SWIM CLASS
8:30 am-9:30 am
Indoor Pool |
| Jan. 15 | BOARD MEETING/
CITY PLAN SPEAKER
7:30 pm
Sivers Center |
| Jan. 20 | BRIDGE
7-10pm
Sivers Center |
| Jan. 20,21,22 | SWIM CLASS
8:30 am - 9:30 am
Indoor Pool |
| Jan. 25 | SUPER BOWL PARTY
1/2 hr before game time
Sivers Center |
| Jan. 27 | BRIDGE
7-10 pm
Sivers Center |
| Jan. 27,28,29 | SWIM CLASS
8:30 am - 9:30 am
Indoor Pool |

** WATCH ELEVATOR NOTICE BOARDS FOR POSSIBLE LOCATION CHANGE.

City Plan Special Forum

The Central City Plan is a 30-month planning project of the City of Portland, which began in early 1985 and is scheduled for completion in July 1987. The Plan is to be a guide for public and private actions within the downtown and surrounding areas on both sides of the Willamette River for the next 20 years.

Representatives from the Citizens Committee for Central City Planning will be holding a special forum to present an overview of the planning process and a proposed draft plan. If you are concerned about what direction planning for the downtown area is going to take over the next 20 years, attend the forum and provide your input.

The forum will be held in the Sivers Center facilities room at 8:15 p.m., Thursday, January 15, 1987 following the January Board of Directors meeting.

Coupon Payment Books

Unit owner's coupon payment books for 1987 fees, plus copies of the 1987 Budget have been mailed. If you have not received your booklet, please contact Ming Taylor, MSI Accounting Manager, at 222-7243.

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Stephen's Elected

American Plaza's Manager, David Stephens is a newly elected director of the Oregon Chapter of Community Associations Institute, a national organization dedicated to foster successful condominiums and planned communities.

Stephens said many of the CAI programs will be of interest to unit owners and board members at American Plaza. The January 28th program is titled "Will Your Condominium Qualify for a Mortgage Loan?" and will be presented at 7:30 p.m. at the Portland Motor Hotel, 1414 S. W. 6th Avenue and costs \$5.00. APCA residents interested in attending should contact Stephens at 222-7243. He will also add your name to the CAI Newsletter mailing list if you so request.

Apartment Watch?

Residents and Businesses in Downtown are borrowing from the highly successful Neighborhood Watch program to create their own watch programs adapted to the realities of living and doing business in a concentrated urban environment. Both the Apartment Watch Program and the Business Watch Program emphasize the importance of neighbors watching out for each other. The key point of each program is the development and use of a telephone tree that allows residents in an apartment building or a group of businesses to alert each other to suspicious activity and share information that promotes their collective safety. Information on the effective use of the 911 emergency number and tips on identifying and reporting suspicious activity or criminal activity is also included. Apartment watches are tailored to meet the specific needs of the residents in a particular building. In addition, residents receive training in personal safety, street safety, and property identification.

Individuals interested in organizing an Apartment Watch or requiring more information should call 222-7243.

Free PSU Classes

Classes, with no basic tuition charge, are available to Senior Citizens (65 and older) on a space available basis at Portland State University. Jim Smith, in charge of the Senior Adult Learning Center, explained that basic materials and textbooks must be paid by the student. Course catalogues for winter term are available at Neuberger Hall at Broadway and Hall Streets. Mr. Smith suggested that questions be directed to him at 229-4739 or 229-3952. Winter term starts January 6th.

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Downtown Residents Get "Tailored" Plan

A citizen steering committee has been formed to provide direction for the crime prevention program serving Downtown and Old Town. The committee is made up of individuals from the Downtown Community Association, the Association for Portland Progress, Burnside Community Council and the Central Eastside Industrial District. The group meets twice a month and is currently examining such issues as the progress of the Mayor's 12 Point Plan, the need for increased numbers and frequencies of police walking beats in the Downtown and Old Town areas and the development of a realistic and workable panhandling ordinance. APCA is being represented at the DCA by Ann Zoll but more representatives would be welcomed. Call 222-7243 for more information.



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