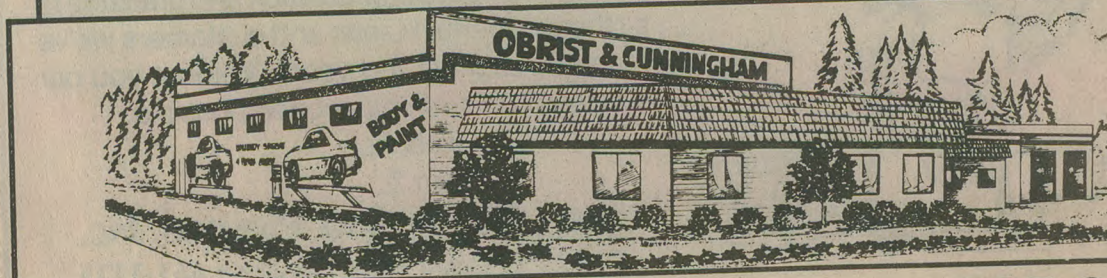


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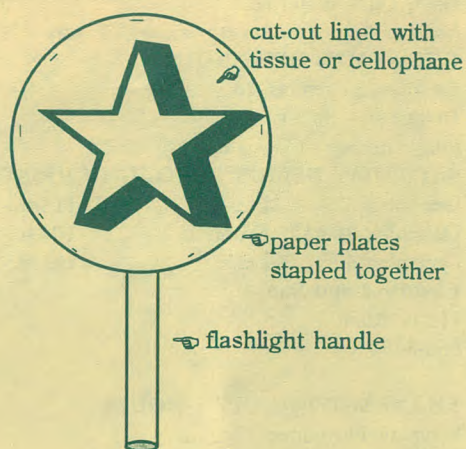
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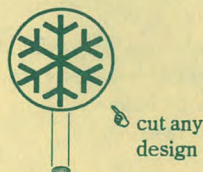
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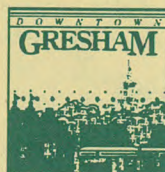
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Saturday, November 26, 1994

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7:30am

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA
Main Street Restaurant
120 N Main Street

10:00am - 8:00pm

DOWNTOWN OPEN HOUSE
Enjoy in-store activities

10:00am - 2:00pm

PHOTOS WITH SANTA
Gresham Pioneer Museum
410 N Main Street

11:30am

**LUNCH WITH
FROSTY THE SNOWMAN**
Jelly Beans Deli
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1:00pm - 5:00pm

STREET CORNER CHOIRS

2:00pm - 5:00pm

**FREE HORSE-DRAWN
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2:00pm - 5:00pm

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3rd & Main Street
Must be accompanied by adult

3:00pm - 6:30pm

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Gresham Pioneer Museum
410 N Main Street

4:00pm

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MAIN STAGE**
5th & Main Street
**CINNAMON BEAR ON
MAIN STREET**

5:00pm - 6:30pm

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Santa & Mayor on trolley
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Christmas Carol Sing-a-Long
5th & Main Street

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Downtown Stores Open Late
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Photos with Santa Continue

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Saturday, November 26

Beginning 11:00 A.M.

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Pasta Pazzo

229 N. Main

667-5617

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Saturday, November 26

11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. - 3:00 P.M.

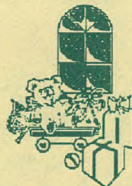
Pre-cut feeder kit will be provided along with adult supervision.

Call for reservations. All you need is \$6 and a hammer.

Wild Bird Lovers Supply

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THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN ORAGAMI

Saturday, November 26

2:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Children's Books

120 N.W. Miller

661-5887

FAMILY GAME WORKSHOP

Thursday, December 1

7:00 - 9:00 P.M.

Join us for an evening of fun, learning our new games.

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FREE PRESENTS

Saturday, November 26

12:00 - 4:00 P.M.

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Saturday, November 26

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THANKSGIVING OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, November 19

10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

Food tasting - Oregon berry jams - Turkey

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, November 26

10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Fudge tasting - Cookie tasting

SATURDAY DEMOS THROUGH CHRISTMAS

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December 10&17	Espresso	10A.M. - 3P.M.
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December 17	Lefse	10A.M. - 3P.M.
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Cloudtree and Sun

112 N. Main

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THANKSGIVING OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, November 19

2:00 - 6:00 P.M.

Special food & wine tasting for your holiday entertaining needs.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, November 26

12:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Cookie tasting for holiday ordering.

Main Street Restaurant & Bakery

120 N. Main

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CHRISTMAS ANGELS PHOTO DISPLAY

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Saturday, November 26

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400 N.W. Miller (across from Gresham Library)

666-5757

New board game store goes Euro-style

Couple concentrates on titles like 'The Settlers of Catan' at Gresham shop

By Anne Endicott
staff writer

Off the Charts Games

It's a time of pioneers who venture into uncharted lands to establish settlements and cities. They develop resources to further their pursuit of permanence, sidestepping robbers intent on halting their growth expansion.

But he who possesses the largest army, longest road and most numerous cities and settlements is crowned the Ruler of Catan.

Welcome to the world of Euro-gaming, a rapidly growing faction in the board-game industry. From fantasy to mind-numbing strategy, board games are enjoying a resurgence in popularity as good old-fashioned fun.

"There's a large portion of people who still play board games," said Ron Brown, who together

WHAT: A diverse assortment of German-style board and card games and puzzles, appropriate for all ages.

WHERE: 30 N.W. Second St., Gresham

CALL: 503-912-1220

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with wife, Lynn, recently opened Off the Charts Games in Gresham. "You're connecting with people, interacting, talking and laughing. You can see when you do well. Board games are a great way to sit down after a long week and have a good time."

But you won't find traditional classics like Sorry or Risk sitting on the shelves at Off the Charts Games. In fact, the only place you'll find those favorites is mounted on the walls in what Lynn refers to as their "museum."

Card games like Bohnanza and Fluxx are scattered on tables, patiently waiting for players, while



Lynn and Ron Brown are the owners of Off the Charts Games, a new store in downtown Gresham that sells games and puzzles — but no electronic or computer games.

staff photo by
JIM CLARK

porate accountants before retiring in 2008. They spent three years researching the board-game industry and reviewed more than 1,500 games before deciding on what would occupy their shelves.

Both grew up with classic American board games and spent several years playing Pinochle and Canasta with family and friends. They discovered the

are eliminated, Euro-games are played in rounds, with players collecting points to win the game. They require a little more thought than games like Pictionary or Trivial Pursuit and generally have thicker rule books and longer playing times.

Euro-games gained ground in popularity during the late 1970s and early 1980s beyond Germany, but the 1995 release of The Set-

picked up and marketed."

What also makes Euro-games different is their longevity. Expansion sets build additional elements to a game, while others have an ever-changing game board itself, so that each time the game is played, it's unique.

"The game board for The Settlers of Catan is made up of hex cards," Ron said. "You draw from those cards to create the board."

years and still play them," Lynn said. "Video games are always changing with the technology, but once you beat a video game, it's finished. There are board games based on successful video games, now, but a good board game is a great way for kids to learn team building and communication."

The couple has been surprised and pleased with the foot traffic through the store since they

Civilization: The Board Game, and Ticket to Ride beckon those looking for more of a challenge.

Gone are the days of sitting around a table with a wad of Monopoly money or Colonel Mustard and the wrench.

"We have everything from the ridiculous to high-end strategy," said Lynn. "You won't find Redneck Life or Oh Gnome You Don't big-box stores."

is a second career were cor-

world of Euro-games in the early 1990s by accident.

"We were tired of the cards and wanted to try something different," Ron said. "We went into (former game store) Wizards of the Coast at Clackamas Town Center and found a game called 'Filthy Rich.' We tried it and were hooked right away."

Euro-style board games began appearing in the 1960s, predominantly in Germany. Unlike American board games, where players

ters of Catan paved the way for the genre in the United States and outside Europe.

Germany is the heart of the game-board industry, Ron said. Annually, gamers and designers flock to the city of Essen to introduce and play new games.

"It's huge," he said. "Thousands of people from Australia, the United States, all over, are there. Hardcore gamers go to play all the new games, but the object for designers is to have their games

when we play it, we put the next cards face down on the table so we don't know what the board will look like until it's completed."

Board games may appear to have taken a backseat to video games in recent years, but according to Lynn, their diversity in long-term play enables them to challenge and compete with the digital market.

"The difference is that you can pull these board games out in 20

through the store since they opened the doors in early August. The economy, they said, is driving folks to find affordable entertainment, which could make Off the Charts Games a checkmate against an expensive night out.

"What we've got here are games that are fun and not terribly expensive," said Ron. "People are staying home more. This is a great way to spend an evening or a rainy afternoon, and it's a lot cheaper than going to a movie."

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Old Chicago opens in Gresham

BY ANNE ENDICOTT
of The Gresham Outlook staff

Free was a very good price Friday when invited guests sampled the lunch menu at the newly completed Old Chicago Pizza in Gresham Town Fair.

A ritual employed by the company before a store's grand opening, the practice enables employees to serve and greet customers before the doors are formally opened.

"The guests love it," general manager Jim Mahnke said. "They get to see the place and try a meal. If we make a mistake, they're quite forgiving."

Known for its Chicago-style deep dish pizza, thin crust pizza and calzones served on dough baked fresh daily, the menu is also teeming with burgers, sandwiches and salads. Those with a thirst can choose from 110 different beers from around the world. Local suds, including a Draught of the Day selection, highlight area brewers and their specialties.

Town Fair is the third Old Chicago restaurant to open in the Portland area. The chain strives to become an anchor in



Old Chicago in Gresham Town Fair opens on Monday, July 9.

the community by being involved in local charities, supporting schools and youth athletic teams and hiring area residents.

Mahnke screened more than 600 applicants before hiring a staff of 70. For many, he said, wearing an Old Chicago uniform will be their first job.

"The quality of the people I met during the interviews was amazing," he said. "They know everybody and they go to school here. These are the people I want working for me."

Old Chicago marketing manager Karin Ballard said she is unfazed by competition considering the recent opening of

TURN TO OLD CHICAGO,
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Old Chicago: Chain founded in Boulder, Colo.

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Red Robin at Gresham Station. She said that the two restaurants should complement each other.

"We strive to be a chain that's not a chain," she said. "We want to provide a quality product that brings people back. That's what it's all about."

Founded in 1976 in Boulder, Colo., the company owns and operates 47 Old Chicago restaurants and 27 brewery restaurants. The decision to build in Gresham, Mahnke said, stemmed from the city's demographics.

"It's perfect for us," he said. "This is where the families are — that's who we are. This area is growing, so the time was right."

Old Chicago opens to the public at 11 a.m. Monday, July 9, with lunch served until 4 p.m. and dinner from 4 p.m. to 1:45 a.m. The restaurant is at 850 N.W. Eastman Parkway



Waitress Lorcica Kudma practices serving clients at Old Chicago on Friday, June 6. The new restaurant continues working out the kinks this weekend and opens to the public on Monday, June 9.

ANNE ENDICOTT - THE GRESHAM OUTLOOK



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Hyun Joo Lee

GREAT LOCATION: The One Hour Dry Cleaners on Northwest Division Street near Main Avenue could be the most visible and convenient dry cleaner in Gresham. Owners Hyun Joo Lee and his wife, Martha, greet customers at the drive-up window or the inside counter.

Some customers like their work enough to come back every week; others drop off dry cleaning because the

FACE TO FACE

shop is so accessible.

AMBITION SIDETRACKED: Lee, a former real estate agent, saw "location, location, location" when he showed the One Hour Martinizing business to a buyer in 1982. When the deal fell through, Lee bought it and became a dry cleaner.

So much for the Korean student who came to the United States in 1969 to study for several years and return home to run for political office.

"The concept didn't work out," the 61-year-old father of two said with a trace of a smile. While studying at the University of Portland, Lee had to work, forcing him to take longer to finish his degree. The political situation in South Korea also was uncertain.

After he received his master's degree in library science in 1972, Lee taught English as a second language at Portland Community College. After four years, he went into the real estate business.

All the while, he and his wife, Jong Ai, and son, Byung, were assimilating to the West. In 1975, Jong Ai became a U.S. citizen and changed her name to Martha. Then came Matthew, the second son, who recently graduated from high school.

IMPORTANCE OF ENGLISH: "I knew nothing about the (dry cleaning) business when I bought it," Lee said. But he learned the business, worked long hours and became fluent in English.



MARV BONDAROWICZ/The Oregonian

Speaking English is the most important aspect of the dry cleaning business, he said. "You have to explain to customers what can and cannot be cleaned or restored," he said. "Once you explain things, customers don't complain."

That's what he advises other Korean immigrants who want to go into the dry cleaning business. In 1988, he helped organize the Korean Dry Cleaners Association of Portland and was its first president. The group has 150 members, mainly in the metro area, and conducts training programs and workshops on compliance with regulations on emission standards.

He said 75 percent of the 350 dry cleaners in the metro area are owned by Koreans because they gravitate toward small businesses. The other popular business venture for Korean

immigrants is mom-and-pop grocery stores.

Lee said Koreans have the education to handle the technical aspects of running a dry cleaners, don't mind the long hours and can find the \$50,000 to \$70,000 to buy a business. It is common among Korean entrepreneurs to borrow seed capital from family members and friends because recent immigrants don't have the credit history to get a bank loan.

New business owners can get credit from a more traditional Korean practice called *keh*, where a dozen friends pool their money to lend to one another without interest. Other Asian groups have similar loan arrangements.

QUALITY OVER QUANTITY: Lee also serves on the board of the Oregon Dry Cleaners Association and was

appointed to the compliance advisor panel for the Department of Environmental Quality's Small Business Assistance Program.

The Lees and their three employees do all the dry cleaning work in-house. The owners have a new closed-system machine that keeps solvent fumes from escaping, an industrial-size washer and dryer, a dry-cleaning press area and a shirt press area.

Lee said he's trying to improve quality by reducing his business hours from 12 to 10 a weekday and from six to three Saturday. More work means more rushing, he said.

After 16 years, Lee thinks about retiring, but not for a couple of years. Matthew is college-bound, and his brother, Byung, is a lawyer at a downtown Portland firm. His proud dad leaves his son's business cards on the counter along with his own.

—Stanford Chen

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Sale Announced For Lily Farms

Oregon Bulb Farms of Gresham has been sold to a Vancouver, Wash., firm, Melridge, Inc. Confirmation of the sale, effective July 1, was made by Hubert Leonard, vice-president of Melridge.

No sale price was disclosed.

No changes in personnel, management or policies are planned according to Leonard. Jan de Graaff, former owner, will remain in complete control as general manager.

Oregon Bulb Farms is located just off Dodge Park Blvd., overlooking the Sandy river. It is internationally famous for its lilies, which are distributed to most countries of the world.

Melridge Inc., is described as a small, private investment firm.

A companion operation, Melridge Aviation is located near Pearson Airpark in Vancouver and is distributor for the Pacific Northwest and Alaska for Piper Airplanes, as well as for a variety of aircraft parts and accessories.

It also has a branch office in Anchorage.

Jack Murdock, chairman of the board of Tektronix, is a principal of Melridge.

Jan de Graaf says farewell

Jan de Graaf gave a "farewell to Gresham" talk Monday to members of the Gresham Chamber of Commerce.

He first came to Gresham in 1922 to raise daffodils then later started raising lilies with great success and became sole owner of the Oregon Bulb Farms, Dodge Park.

Now that his interests have been sold de Graaf will make his home in New York. This is to be closer to his children, he said. A daughter is studying medicine in London and a son is making movies in Paris.

He called Gresham an ideal climate, both for raising crops and developing a small business.

Present owner of Oregon Bulb Farms is Jack Murdock and general manager is Ray Whitcomb.

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Antique Auction

**MOVING TO NEW YORK FURNISHINGS of
MR. & MRS. Jan de Graaf of Oregon Bulb Farms**

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Asst'd Furniture, Oil Paintings, etc. from the Cleveland Estate, Gresham's first Mayor Superior by Water Color WA Carter.

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Choice Collection French & German Dolls beautifully dressed Juneaus etc. Magnificent pair Augustus Rex Vases etc.

Choice Chinese & Oriental Art Objects Celadon Kwan Yin 22" high, Pair Sevres style porc. vases, set of 4 inlaid plaques silverplate epergne fitted 5 cent glass bowls Rose quartz elephant, coral Kwan Yin, Asst'd Ivory Netsukes, Snuff bottles, Hotei, Foo Lion, Amber Foo Lions, Asst'd animals, soapstones, garden ducks, asst'd Porcelains etc.

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**Auction Mon & Tues 7 PM at Lynn Walters Auction
S.E. 82nd Freeway Clackamas**

Candy Farm closes after decades

Local landmark will end its run on July 9

BY MARCUS HATHCOCK
staff writer

The "Forrest Gump" saying goes: "Life's like a box of chocolates; you never know what you're going to get." And that

couldn't be truer for Oregon Candy Farm owner Pat Ruter.

Besides the fact that Ruter has been making boxes of chocolates since she took over the business almost 30 years ago, she never could have guessed how fulfilling that career would be, and how tough it would be to walk away.

When Ruter closes the doors Wednesday, July 9, at the business

on Highway 26 east of Sandy, it will be for the last time.

For about a year now, Ruter, 66, has wanted to retire from her lifelong career as a purveyor of sweets to pursue other interests, but the daily rigors of running the Candy Farm prevented her from getting the business and surrounding property ready for sale.

And when she learned that her candy maker was going to retire, Ruter said closure was the only option.

"I thought, let's pull the plug now and clean things up, and then put it on the market," Ruter said. "After the 9th I'll be working in here trying to get things ready, hopefully for someone to take it over and reopen."

The Candy Farm would have closed earlier, but candy orders and the promise of a candy-rich holiday — Christmas, Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day — kept business going.

Really, it's just hard for Ruter to say goodbye.

"I'm married to this business," Ruter said. "This is like a divorce, or having something die. It's emotional. I love my customers and I'm going to miss them terribly."

The Oregon Candy Farm started in Portland in 1933, and a new owner brought it to the Sandy area in 1972. Ruter and her husband, Don, bought it in September 1978.

"It was the family joke," Ruter recalled, "because I'm an on-the-wagon chocoholic now. People said my husband bought the business to feed my habit."

Don died in 1995.

At its peak, the Candy Farm made 110 to 120 different types of candy; today that number has dwindled to about 75 or 80 different kinds, but crowds still are awestruck by the variety. Visitors also enjoy watching candy makers in action.

"We're a destination for someone who's having a good day, not having a good day and wanting to make it better," Ruter said. "It's a destination they can always know the consistency of our confections will be there. We're here to please our customers."

It was never a huge money maker — Ruter says her bottom line was "brown, not black" — but she hopes someone will see the tremendous value of the 71-year-old institution.

Ruter has heard from several potentially interested buyers, but those discussions haven't gone very far because she doesn't know how much she wants for the business and its property.

"It's hard to sell a business when you've worked so hard on it," Ruter said. "I don't think the (owner) should put the price on it; we've got too many emotions in the business for us to do that. How could you know what it's worth?"

She hopes the business doesn't stay closed for long, but in the end, the market will decide.

The business and surrounding property are for sale, but buyers may purchase them separately, as desired. A buyer could buy the whole thing, like Ruter did, and reopen the business; someone could just buy the business and relocate it; or — the scariest option, Ruter believes — a buyer could purchase the property and never reopen the Candy Farm.

"I'm praying that is not the way it ends," she said.

But she also doesn't want someone to do a half-hearted job

roviding goodies



STAFF PHOTO BY JIM CLARK

Oregon Candy Farm owner Pat Ruter holds some of the last of her merchandise as she prepares for the July 9 closure of her landmark business.

of running the place.

"I don't just want someone to come in here and pretend they're going to make it work and shut her down again," Ruter said, noting that in a tough economy, the next owners will have to be committed and innovative. "I'd really like to find someone to wrap their arms around it like we did."

Moving on

Once she steps away from the Candy Farm, Ruter plans to get a part-time job — "It has to be somewhere where there are people," she said — and spend more time with her various organizations: the Optimists, the Kiwanis, the Gresham Elks, Mt. Hood Hospice and the Prime Timers Dining Club.

"I don't know what the future holds," Ruter said. "I just hope it holds good things."

Like the dark chocolate bars they packaged, Ruter's seven part-time employees are left with a bittersweet feeling about the closure.

"I'm happy to see Pat go on and be able to do things with her life," said Debbi Bosteder, a six-year employee, "but in the same breath it's going to be sad the Candy Farm might not be here."

"For me, it's sad," said candy packer Teressa Rose, who has worked at the Candy Farm almost six years. "It's been like my second home, and working with the other employees has been like a small family. Everyone is so close to each other, and having a boss like Pat has been awesome."

Ruter says she feels bad the Candy Farm will have to close.

"You know, in life, you figure out what you're going to do, but sometimes things don't necessarily fall the way you'd want them to."

Through July 10, the Candy Farm — 48620 Highway 26 in Sandy — will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays and noon to 5 p.m. Sundays. It will be open on Independence Day from noon to 5.

As the last day approaches, Ruter says she'll have more information about some sort of farewell festivities.

Even thinking about that last day gets Ruter choked up. She thinks about the scores of children who acted as if she was peddling magic. She thinks about all the engagement rings hidden in chocolate boxes, the Christmas trees adorned with candy and the camaraderie of her employees. The memories are overwhelming.

"I just want to thank everyone so very much for coming and making the Oregon Candy Farm the success that it is," Ruter said. "Without them, of course, we wouldn't be anything. All of them are like extended family to me, and I'm going to miss them."

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GRESHAM HISTORY FILE

Business

Portland firm eyes move to Gresham

□ New center would
include space for
variety of businesses

by LYNN NAKVASIL
of The Outlook staff

Gresham may become home to an interpretive center of agricultural and other local products, Jerry Gillham, the city's business assistance specialist, said Friday.

Tentatively called the Oregon Products Interpretive Center, the project hinges on several factors, including a land purchase and the city's ability to procure economic development funds.

The project would house a large food products company, several smaller food and retail goods companies, a visitors' tourism center and a small theater. Based on figures at other attractions, Gillham believes the center will draw 500,000 visitors annually.

"We want to create a critical mass for other businesses to locate here," he said.

Gillham has forged a partnership

with Trailblazer Foods, a company currently located on Columbia Boulevard in Portland.

The company wants to expand and is seriously considering sites in several cities, including one in West Gresham, Gillham said. Announcing a specific location might endanger land negotiations, he said.

Ross Hawkins, company vice president, said he hoped to have a land purchase completed soon after Jan. 1.

"It's in its very early and very beginning stages. It is a very wonderful and a very broad concept at this point in time," Hawkins said.

The center has gained the support of the mayor and councilors and other area leaders, Gillham said.

Gillham said that Trailblazer Foods had agreed to build the shell of the stores and other buildings, and lease it to the city for a nominal fee, such as \$1 a year. The city would need to come up about \$62,000 to finish the buildings, he said.

The city then would use a leasing company to oversee the center's tenants, which would pay enough rent to

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Center

cover the building's expenses. The city is neither interested in becoming a landlord nor making a profit, he said.

"Whatever we do out of this will be used for the creation of jobs," Gillham said.

Stores would sell food and other retail products made in Oregon but with a twist: They would all have a display or even a tour of how the products are made.

Gillham would like to incorporate that into a larger scheme of manufacturing tours at area companies.

"We want to create a wine tour, but

it will actually be a manufacturing tour," he said.

Trailblazer Foods produces a variety of products, including jams and preserves, Hawkins said.

"We represent a variety of product brands from the Pacific Northwest," he added.

Among the company's newer accounts is the management and marketing of Jake's Famous Products, including the restaurant's clam chowder, Hawkins said.

Jake's has also shown interest in placing a delicatessen of its products

at the center, Gillham said.

The initial plans feature a manufacturing space of 64,000 square feet for Trailblazer, Gillham said. The company is also interested in using plants native to Oregon and even local crops to landscape the center.

If the city is unable to come up with the \$62,000 by October 1994, the company would just build its own facility. If the company settles elsewhere, Gillham believes a center is still feasible but will require even more fund-raising.

Gillham believes that the center

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will create both manufacturing and retail jobs, promote agriculture, work with other regional attractions to draw tourism, improve the local economy and make a good field trip for school groups.

Gillham made the first appeal for money this week with an application to GTE Northwest, which will award as much as \$15,000 to qualifying economic development proposals.

The city will also seek economic development funds from the Oregon Lottery and federal redevelopment funds because the potential site is in economic decline.

"We think a good product will sell itself," Gillham said. "We think this is going to be a worthwhile investment."

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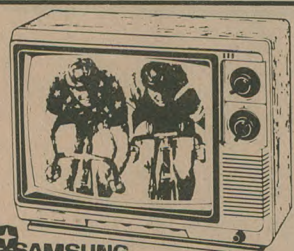


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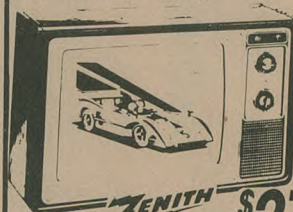
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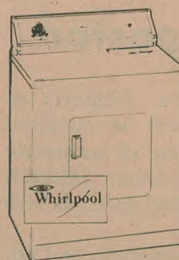
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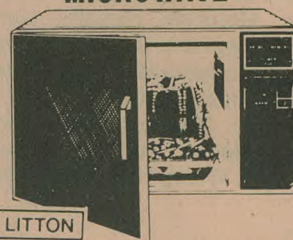
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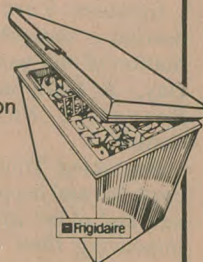
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Owens Corning to build in Rockwood

*Insulation manufacturer
plans to hire 32 employees
with room for expansion*

BY KELLY MOYER-WADE
staff writer

Owens Corning, the Ohio-based building materials manufacturer, has announced plans to build a 50,000-square-foot manufacturing plant in Gresham's Rockwood area.

The plant is the first manufacturing project to be built in Rockwood since the neighborhood was named to the Oregon Economic and Community Development Department's list of distressed regions. The Owens Corning plant garnered attention for its planned job creation, said Marcy Jacobs, business development officer for the department.

"One of the things that made this project so important was the number of jobs to be created ... and we're very pleased that the company's (proposed) wage levels are higher than median wages," said Jacobs.

The new plant will create 32 jobs, including nine managerial/technical worker positions with salaries ranging between \$40,000 and \$120,000 per year. Twenty-three non-technical employees will make between \$15 and \$22 an hour.

"Any job we get here is good, so 32 jobs are excellent," said Laurel Schweitzer, economic development coordinator for the city of Gresham. "More importantly, this is a national company locating in Gresham and there is room for expansion."

The new plant will be built on a 7.35-acre plot south of Interstate 84 and east of 181st Avenue in the San Rafael industrial area.

Governor Ted Kulongoski recently approved a \$49,000 grant to assist Owens Corning with transportation improvements on the site.

The grant money comes from the Governor's Strategic Development Fund and is distributed through the Oregon Economic and Community Development

Owens: Site has old railroad line

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Department, said Jacobs.

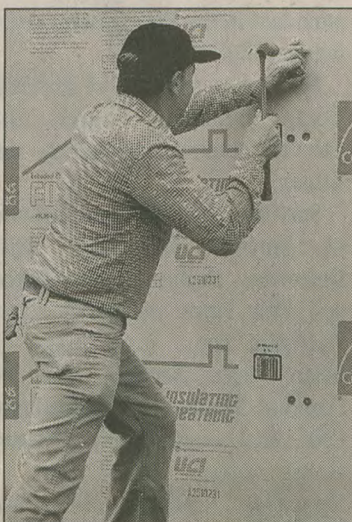
"We've been talking with Owens Corning for about a year, and we knew there may be transportation issues but it took a long time to work out the details," she said. "The grant needs to be specific ... the money will help with the development of sidewalks, curbs and gutters."

Owens Corning approached the city of Gresham last year with plans to build on one of two empty San Rafael sites.

"The company wanted a railroad spur," Schweitzer said. "And they were looking to expand their West Coast presence."

Union Pacific Railroad is currently working with Owens Corning and the city of Gresham to reactivate a railroad line located adjacent to the building site, Schweitzer said.

The building plans are currently in a design review and comment period and groundbreaking



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Owens Corning manufactures rigid polystyrene foam insulation. The company is building a factory in Rockwood.

are expected to occur before the end of this summer.

"We're all very excited to have them here," said Schweitzer about Owens Corning. "This is excellent news for the brand new urban renewal area that voters passed

last fall."

Voters approved the Rockwood-West Gresham urban renewal district last year.

The new plant, which is slated to begin operation in early 2005, will support the company's Portland-based warehouse and roofing manufacturing facilities.

George Kiemle, president of Owens Corning Insulating Systems Business, said the new plant will help meet a growing demand for his company's rigid polystyrene foam insulation products.

"Customer demand for the extruded foam insulation has surged in recent years ... the plant in Gresham allows us to not only meet our customers' current demand, but provides us with the flexibility to grow with them as their needs change," Kiemle said.

Owens Corning (OWENQ) had sales of \$5 billion in 2003 and recently announced plans to upgrade and expand existing facilities in the U.S. and Canada.