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Women aviators remember role

(AP) - They flew NORTHWEST some of the top U.S. fighters produced during World War II but they never saw action, never got credit for their work and were only recently considered veterans.

Some 1,000 Women's Air Force Service Pilots, or WASPs. ferried planes from factories to military bases all over the country during 1943-44.

Nearly 20 of them live in Or-

But only in the past 15 years has the Pentagon recognized them as veterans.

Like everybody else, the WASPs made sacrifices during the war. They left homes, families and jobs. Nobody had to talk them into it.

Jennie Reimann of Tigard left two small daughters with her husband in Portland to join.

'My husband was too old for the draft," she said. "We had relatives in Greece, and when the Germans invaded the country we didn't hear any news out

Blacks urge

movie chain

PORTLAND (AP) - Black activists urged movie-goers

Tuesday not to patronize

Act III theaters because of a

controversy over the film

film at its Lloyd Mall Cine-

mas until Dec. 2, two weeks

after the movie debuts at its

suburban theaters and else-

Community activists have

criticized the chain for keep-

ing politically charged or

violent black-oriented films

off the screens at Lloyd Cin-

emas and Lloyd Mall Cine-

mas in northeast Portland,

locations convenient to the

The Coalition of Black

Men held a news conference

Tuesday to ask Portland res-

idents not to economically

support the theater chain,

but the group stopped short

Lolenzo Poe, spokesman

for the coalition, said the de-

cision to delay opening

showed a "disrespect to the

of calling it a boycott.

community."

city's black neighborhoods.

where nationwide

The chain won't show the

Malcolm X.

boycott of

'We thought that one of us should contribute to the war effort. It was a tough decision, but I knew my children would be taken care of. I had to help. Back then, you did it for your people, you did it for your country

It was easier for Enid Fisher of Salem. She was married less than two months before the Pearl Harbor raid and didn't have any children when the war broke out. Her husband joined the Navy immediately, so she had time on her hands. For the first year, she filled it with her modeling job.

Then she read a small item in the newspaper calling for women pilots.

She had some experience during high school and college in the mid-1930s, mostly from Dutch Tilse, who ran a flying school in Portland.

She had about the same level of training as most of the women who reported to Sweetwater,

After basic training, Fisher and Reimann wound up in Long Beach, Calif., where they lived in officers' barracks.

They ferried the planes as ast as the factories could crank them out, often before any testing had been done.

"When the plane came out, the people at the factory would fly them just long enough to see if they would take off and land," Fisher said. "Then we would take them away. Some of those planes had about five minutes on them - we had to check them out in the air for problems."

For a brief time, WASPs drew the job of towing targets while Army anti-aircraft gunners fired practice rounds.

Despite the long hours, the hard work and the danger, Fisher remembers her 18 months as a WASP as romantic. "I got to fly," she said. "Those were wonderful times."

Hunter finds woman's body near North Bend

SEATTLE (AP) - A 19-year-old woman whose body was dumped near North Bend probably was strangled by "a psychopathic killer" and her death may be linked to a similar slaying one year ago, King County police say

The body of Michelle French, originally of Sacramento, Calif. was found by a hunter at about noon Saturday, 12 hours after she called a friend from the intersection of South 216th Street and Pacific Highway South, said King County Capt. Michael Nault, major crimes investigation commander

"My professional estimation is that it may well be the work of a psychopathic killer," Nault said Tuesday

'The way the body was disposed of is consistent with the way a psychopathic killer would leave a body — as a piece of garbage," he said. "She was disposed where she would likely be found. She was not displayed (posed) ... there is no conclusive evidence yet that she had been raped.

French's death shares similarities with the slaying a year ago almost to the day - of Sarah Manghaline Habakangas, 17, whose body was found Nov. 4, 1991, several months after she moved to the area from Virginia.

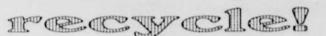
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> Capt. Michael Nault, Seattle police department

Both women were strangled. Both bodies were left, partially clothed, off Interstate 90 east of North Bend. Both were heavy-set teens who had been arrested for prostitution, Nault said.

French was arrested for prostitution Oct. 16 along the Airport Strip, as Pacific Highway South near Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is known. Police questioned her there again Oct. 28.

Her pimp has been questioned but is not considered a suspect in her death, Nault said



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