

Woman driver missing

The woman involved in a wreck with Violet Mathews of Sandy near Shorty's Corner early last summer is missing, according to a Clackamas County deputy district attorney.

"It has been a total mess," said Mathews, who received a broken arm, 50 stitches in one ankle, a gouge in the other and 14 stitches in her head from the wreck on June 30 of this year.

"I'm amazed at the number of people who came by after the wreck and thought the person in that car was killed," said Mathews.

Mathews, who was in a 1979 Chevrolet Caprice, was struck from behind by Terri K. Richey, who listed her address as Tacoma.

Richey's 1972 Mercury Montego left 228 feet of skid marks prior to hitting Mathews, according to a report by the Oregon State Police at the time.

Mathews was west-bound, and was forced



Rescue workers carry Violet Mathews up a steep gully on June 30.

Photo by Scott Newton

into the rail and over the bank, traveling approximately 218 feet from the guardrail to where her car came to rest in the gully. The car rolled four or five times on its way down the steep embankment, and Mathews was

thrown out of the vehicle near the bottom.

She was released from the Providence Medical Center on July 4, four days after the accident.

Mathews told The Post Friday she has lost some of the use of her right

arm. She was to see a doctor this week.

Richey has been charged with DUII, wreckless driving and assault in the fourth degree. She was to enter a plea at an arraignment on Sept. 15 but did not

show up. Apparently she has moved from her residence in Tacoma.

An arrest warrant has been issued. "We can't begin any proceedings without a defendant," said David Paul, deputy district attorney.

Obituaries

Long-time resident dies

Long-time Boring resident Erma Ethel Rich, 76, died Oct. 12 at her home of an apparent heart attack.

Mrs. Rich lived in Oregon all her life, most of it in Boring. She was born Erma Ethel Dugger on March 6, 1907 in Grass Valley and moved to Boring as a child. She attended grade school there and

later attended Gresham Union High School.

She married Ray E. Naas in May 1927 in Vancouver, Wash. He died in March, 1951. She married Otis Melvin Rich on Feb. 14, 1954 in Boring.

For many years, Mrs. Rich owned and operated Ray's Tavern in Boring. She also owned and operated the Boring Cafe and for a while was a cook at Heidi's Restaurant on Highway 26. For several

years she operated a restaurant at Southeast Hogan Road and Powell Boulevard in Gresham, and later she was dispatcher for the Boring Fire Department District 109.

Survivors include her husband, Otis, of Boring; one son, David Naas of Portland; two sisters, Lotie Altwasser of Portland and Ottie Ashley of Gresham, and three grandchildren.

Scott

Dorothy Mable Scott, longtime Sandy resident and homemaker, died in a Portland care center a week ago Tuesday, the last of eight brothers and sisters.

She was born on May 4, 1902 in Corvallis, the daughter of Charles and Nancy Chipman. The Scotts had resided in Sandy since 1945. Mr. Scott died in 1975.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews: Mrs. Marjorie L. Britton, Milwaukie, Richard N. Kiger, Corvallis, Mrs. Donna Chelini, Corte Madera, Calif., Mrs. Shirlee Tassio, Oakland, Calif., Benjamin Vanzandt, Eureka, Calif., and 14 grand nieces and nephews.

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SUHS student honored

Shannon Spradling, a senior at Sandy High School, has been designated a commended student in the 1984 National Merit Scholarship program.

She placed in the top 5 percent of over one million participants in the 29th annual Merit Program.

Spradling is a National Honor Society member with a grade point average over 3.85. She is a member of the symphonic choir and the Pioneers, and will also play Maggie Holmes, a scrub woman, in the SUHS musical "Working," which is to be presented in November.

She is also participating in a statewide youth legislative program, which will culminate with a legislative session in the spring.

Commended students will not receive further consideration for Merit Scholarships, "though each has demonstrated unusual academic promise and will be honored with a letter of commendation," according to information provided by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, which administers the program.

In addition, "The outstanding test performance of each commended student in the highly competitive Merit Program is an attainment deserving of recognition. In a nation that places great value on the education of its young people, it is important to honor academically talented students and to acknowledge the part that schools play in the development of their abilities."

"We sincerely hope that their attainments thus far will encourage these young

men and women to take advantage of their opportunities for higher education and to acquire the skills they will need to become productive adults and contributing citizens in a free society."

All participants in the current Merit Scholarship competition entered by taking the PSAT/NMSQT in the fall of 1982. Although the scores of the 35,000 commended students throughout the 50 states were very high, they were slightly below the level required for semifinalist standing.

Only the 15,000 semifinalists who were announced by NMSC in September will have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 5,300 Merit Scholarships to be awarded next spring.



Shannon Spradling

SUHS senior Ron Kyker is among those 15,000 semifinalists.

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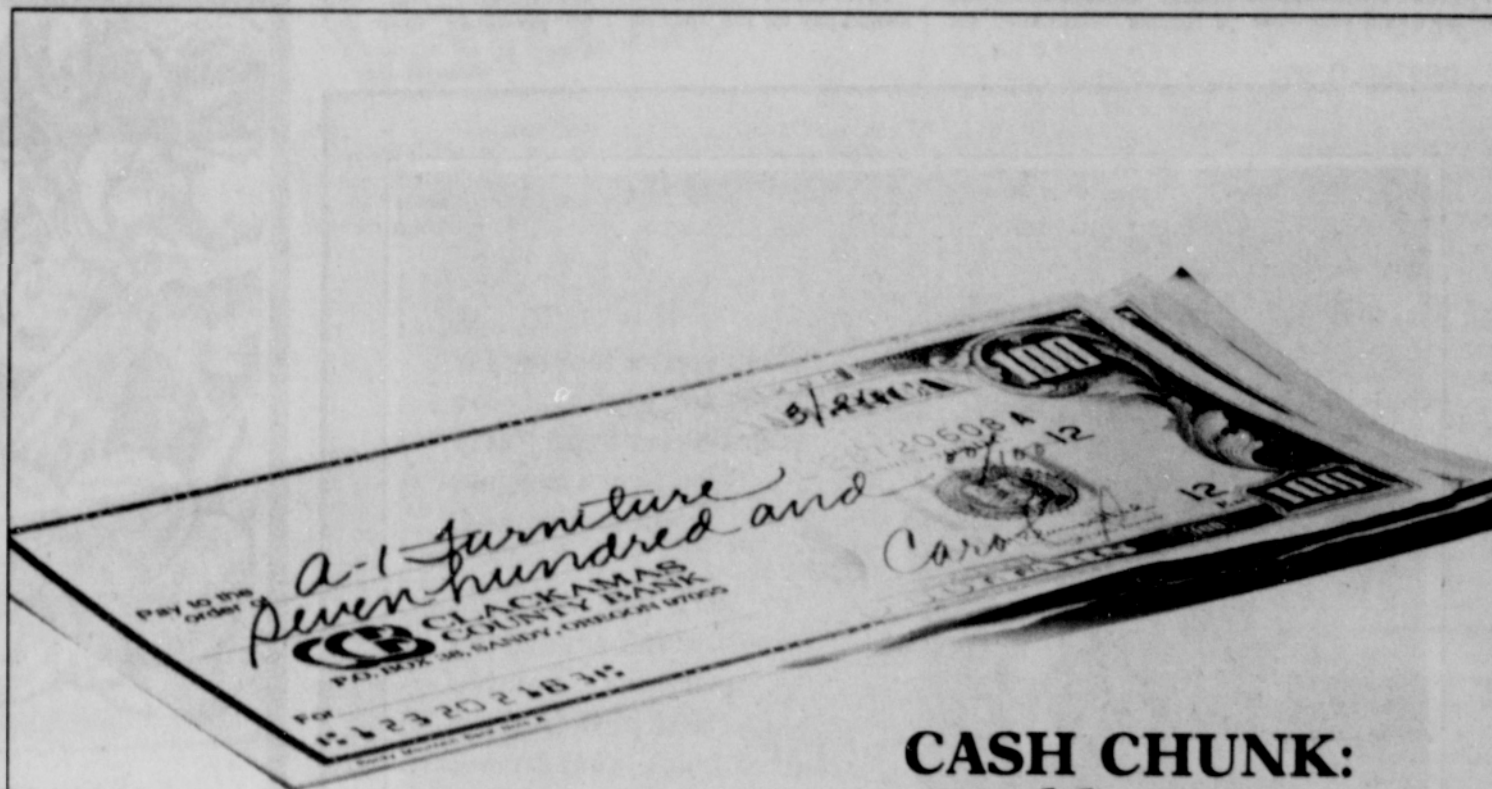
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