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## Street crime shows increase

Increases in purse snatching and street robbery are occurring throughout North and Northeast Portland according to Police Bureau personnel. Victims have most often been senior citizens and women alone.

Shopping centers and bus lines are often the locations where the crime occurs or where the potential victim is spotted.

According to crime analysis staff most suspects are teen-age males. Approximately fifteen youths are working throughout the neighborhoods. The times, locations and methods vary since these are considered to be crimes of opportunity and

depend on random circumstances. Citizens should be aware that Union Avenue, Killingsworth, portions of Albina Avenue and the Lloyd Center area are most hard-hit.

To avoid being a victim people should consider acting on the following crime prevention tips: Try to travel in pairs. Avoid carrying purses, large amounts of money or other valuables with you. Be aware of your surroundings and of anyone who appears to be watching you too closely. Do shopping at hours where there is a greater chance of numbers of people being out on the streets. If you are fearful ask shopping center

staff to escort you to the car. Park in well lit areas. When returning home, call ahead and ask a neighbor to watch out for you. Some of the crimes have occurred as people are unloading groceries at their back door. Alley access to homes should be well lit and shrubbery trimmed back to guard against providing hiding places.

The map below reflects patterns for a part of Humboldt and Piedmont neighborhood. The maps also show residential robbery patterns. Citizens should never open the door to strangers. It is important to let the person know you are at home and aware of their presence.

## State predicts high unemployment

1983 may look better in many parts of the nation but it will bring more unemployment to Oregon, the State Employment Division predicts.

Many economists are predicting economic recovery—although slight—for the nation in 1983. Others predict that the bottom of the depression has been reached but a prediction of even slight recovery would be overly optimistic. Oregon, which has been in a recession for three years, will lag behind the rest of the nation.

The State Employment uses national projections of Data Resources Inc., (a national economic consulting firm), to provide assumptions for Oregon's economic forecast:

- Housing starts will rise significantly nationally. This will be a positive note for Oregon's timber industry but will not create employment until 1984 and 1985. The Oregon timber industry is not expected to reach pre-recession highs due to permanent plant closures and mechanization.

- Consumer spending will improve only slightly in 1983 and will consist mostly of new cars. Oregon's economy will not feel the impact of consumer spending because its economy

is oriented toward capital goods. There could be an upswing in retail sales in the spring when federal tax refunds arrive.

- Military spending will increase significantly but will not affect Oregon, which has few military contractors.

- Machinery and equipment will be one of the weakest aspects of the economy and will bring further cutbacks in Oregon's metals, machinery and electrical industries.

- The worldwide recession, the high U.S. dollar exchange rate and the Third World debt will cause a decline in exports which will hurt Oregon. Oregon relies heavily on export.

- The federal budget will provide too little stimulus to the private economy but the high budget deficit could keep interest rates up.

- State and local governments will lose federal aid and be forced to reduce spending.

Employment lags behind in an economic recovery period. Employers usually respond to what could be temporary improvements by providing longer hours to employees rather than hire. The labor force also grows faster as "discouraged workers" again begin to seek employment. Nationally the unemployment rate is

expected to go to 11.1 percent in the first quarter of 1983 followed by a gradual decline to 10.3 percent.

Oregon's unemployment rate is also expected to rise to about 12 percent.

A major question is whether recovery is really on the way. Record federal budget deficits—\$187 billion—could create pressure on the financial system, causing tight money and high interest rates which will in turn depress the economy. Other problems are the rising Third World debts and the possibility of trade barriers that would slow international trade and cause a deeper world-wide recession.

Oregon's economy is closely tied to the national and international economic conditions.

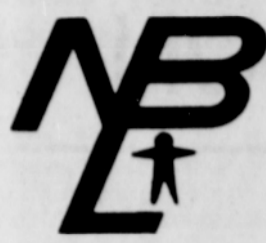
### Juveniles

(Continued from page 1 col. 3) because judges send 'bad boys and girls' to Hillcrest. Oregon does not have the money for all these alternatives that CSD wants. Until the community can be assured that our youngsters will have the kinds of facilities it needs, then Hillcrest should not be closed."

Rance Spull, Director of the Albina Youth Opportunity School, labeled the proposal as "inconsistent. In thinking about closing down an institution in this state you have to know how you are going to replace that institution within the community. We see children on the streets all the time with nothing to do. I could see them becoming institutionalized. I want CSD to be for real with the proposal and the time and commitment it would take in terms of resources. You are asking a lot of this community. You are asking us to put bucks in your program."

"It is generally better to deal by speech than by letter." Francis Bacon

"We are always getting ready to live but never living." Ralph Waldo Emerson



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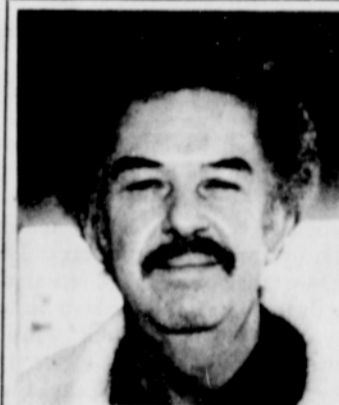
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## Street Beat

by Lanita Duka and Richard Brown

Some law enforcement officers are lobbying for lowering of the remand age (from juvenile to adult court) to 14 and under. The **Street Beat** wondered what the public felt, and asked, "Should they lower the age youth offenders are tried in adult court?"



Merle Janway  
 Bartender

No, I don't think they should. At 14 they do not know as much as an adult does and they should not be treated as such. They may need a belt on their behind.



Sandy Breistow  
 Housewife

Absolutely. If a kid, 10, 11, or 12 can commit a crime they should pay for it. I have children younger who know right from wrong. If people were assured that punishment should meet the crime life would be easier.



Russell Lander

No, the age 18 is an adult. Any age under 18 should be considered a juvenile.



Gary Burgess  
 Machinist

No, I don't think so. People at that age do not have the facility to know what's right or wrong.



Rev. Jackson  
 Preacher

Yes. They have some kids that commit so many crimes and they go unpunished. We ought to do something about it.



Herbert Williams  
 Construction

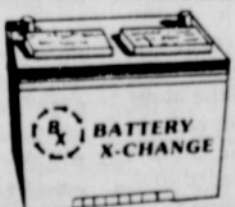
It depends on how serious the crime is. For murder and rape maybe. The parents should be fired. If a child gets that uncontrollable the fault lies at home.

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