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Sharon Ritter of the American Red Cross
(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Red Cross gets involved in community

by Jerry Garner

The Oregon Trail Chapter of the Red Cross is making a strong effort to become part of the Elliott Neighborhood. The Red Cross has been at their new location at 3131 North Vancouver Avenue near the Northeast corner of Emanuel Hospital since August 19 of this year.

According to Sharon Ritter, Manager of the Red Cross, the Elliott Neighborhood was chosen for the new Red Cross Headquarters due to its location and proximity to donors and for a more central location to the regional services district. Another reason for the move, said Ritter, was to be more accessible to the minority communities for employment opportunities, volunteer recruitment and training, and delivery of social services. The Red Cross has also made available parking space to a local church and classrooms and meeting space for community organizations.

The new Red Cross building is the headquarters for the entire Northwest Region, according to Adella Mar-

tell, Communications and Marketing Director. The Red Cross employs over 300 individuals and serves 32 counties throughout Oregon and Southwest Washington. The organization also serves over 70 hospitals in those counties, covering a 55,000 square mile area. The building sites on 4.5 acres and now combines all services, such as social and health services and the Blood Center, under one roof.

The Red Cross will hold an Open House September 22, 1985 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at their new Headquarters. The public is invited to attend. Two days later on September 24, the Red Cross will honor Dr. Charles Drew, an Afro-American who died in an automobile accident in 1950. Drew is recognized as one of this nation's foremost physicians and a pioneer in blood and plasma processing. The Blood Donor Center will be named in honor of Dr. Drew.

The Red Cross is in critical need of blood donors, especially Type O. The *Portland Observer* urges its readers to donate blood to the Red Cross.

Metropolitan Arts Commission exposes newcomers to theater

The Metropolitan Arts Commission will buy theater tickets this fall for a limited number of residents of Portland and Multnomah County who have never attended live local theater. The intent of this project is to expand theater audiences and to expose the would-be theater goer to the variety of local productions.

Metro area residents will be able to peruse the fall offerings of six Portland theater companies in a pamphlet prepared by the Arts Commission which will be available at the downtown and branch libraries of Multnomah County in mid-September. The productions include *Quilters* at the Artists Repertory Theatre, *Comedy of Errors* at The New Rose Theatre, *Come Blow Your Horn* at The Firehouse Theater, *Division Street* at the Interstate Firehouse Cultural Center Theatre, *HMS*

Pinafore at the Musical Company, and *The Rainmaker* at Samus Theatre Ensemble.

After choosing a production to attend, the theater goer will be able to order tickets through the mail directly from the theater company. The only cost is a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

The project will commence with the opening of the fall theater season and will continue until funds are exhausted. It is estimated that approximately 1,000 residents will get their first look at local theater through these tickets.

Interested persons are asked not to phone, but to visit their Multnomah County Downtown or branch library after September 16, to obtain the project pamphlet. It contains all necessary information, participating theater listings, and tickets request form.



(Photo: Richard J. Brown)

Portland crime up; most burglaries in country

by Robert Lothian

The number of reported burglaries in Portland jumped 23 percent during the first six months of 1985, and Portland now has the highest burglary rate in the nation, according to a Police Bureau report.

Other serious crimes were also up dramatically, the report said. Murder was up 44 percent, rape 24 percent, robbery 15 percent, assault 19 percent, arson 19 percent. Total reported crime in the city increased by 21 percent.

A police spokesman said at least part of the burglary increase could be a statistical problem — the Portland bureau keeps records on cases that aren't considered burglaries in other cities, he said. Another bureau representative said the increase may be related to the elimination of 72 police positions since January due to budget cuts.

What is being done about Portland's crime wave? According to captain Robert Brooks of the new Juvenile Services Unit, adult crime fighting is on hold while more police manpower is being concentrated on juveniles.

Brooks spoke at a neighborhood meeting at the Peninsula Park Community Center. Representatives of the juvenile unit, which formed in April at the behest of Mayor Clark and Chief Harrington, are meeting in neighborhoods throughout the city to explain their new crime-fighting strategy.

An indication of current emphasis on juvenile crime, said Brooks, was the elimination of 72 positions while 34 officers were reassigned to the juvenile unit.

"The jails are full (of adults) by 5 p.m. right now," and only four day shift officers have been assigned to handle the city's adult drug trade, he said. "We have to decide day-to-day what we can do and what we have to let fall out the bottom."

The juvenile unit's strategy, he said, is to try and steer young lawbreakers away from minor crimes before they become involved in serious adult

crime. "You might as well get in early and hope for the best," he said.

Truancy enforcement is a big part of the new strategy — keeping kids in school can actually reduce burglary, according to Brooks. A new alcohol and drug detox center for juveniles will also help, he said, but curfew violators and runaways still pose problems. Under existing law, he said, unless they are charged with a specific crime, juveniles must be released within three hours. That means that children taken in for curfew violations are released in the middle of the night and must then walk home, Brooks said.

"How do we get the law changed?," asked one officer. "Do we let an 11-year-old boy out on the street at 4 a.m. and wait for something to happen?"

Brooks said it would help if curfew violators could be kept overnight, and if teenage prostitutes and runaways could be held for several days.

Juvenile crime in Northeast Portland is not as bad as problems along 82nd Ave., downtown, Washington Park and Willamette Park, but some young people from Northeast are getting into trouble in those areas, said Brooks.

Several officers spoke of the anguish that results from picking up teenage prostitutes. Officer Patricia Renfro recounted her feelings after finding a 12-year-old girl who had just finished a \$100 trick in a motel. She and her partner took the girl to the county's juvenile home.

"We spent maybe two-and-one-half or three hours with this girl," she said. "We just talked to her and tried to show her we cared. When we left, we were crying and she was crying. It was terrible. I still don't know how it's going to turn out."

She had more success with a nine-year-old boy who had broken into his friend's house to steal a football. After several hours of counseling, he seemed to understand his mistake, she said. "I check the computer and go by his house every now and then to see how he's doing, and he's doing fine."



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Center for Cuban studies lectures

Sandra Levinson, Executive Director of the Center for Cuban Studies in New York will be in Portland lecturing, giving interviews, previewing films and participating in group discussions Sept. 14 through 17.

Scheduled events include a pancake breakfast and lecture by Ms. Levinson, and an exposition of Cuban poster art, music and literature, Sunday, Sept. 15, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., PSU Campus Ministries, 633 S.W. Montgomery. A showing of new Cuban films with sub-titles will take place with a critique offered by Ms. Levinson, Monday, Sept. 16, 7 p.m., Berg Swann Auditorium, 1219 S.W. Park.

Sandra Levinson has been Executive Director of the Center for Cuban Studies since its inception in 1972. She first traveled to Cuba in 1969, and has since returned more than 60 times, spending up to six months at a time. Her special areas of interest include Cuban culture, daily life, social atti-

tudes and U.S.-Cuban relations. Ms. Levinson taught political science as a graduate student at Stanford University and then went on to teach at City College in New York and at the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute. She co-hosted a talk show on Channel 13 (PBS) in New York City, has written widely on Cuba and is currently working on a book about Cuban families divided by the revolution.

The Center for Cuban Studies is an organization devoted to educational and cultural exchange with Cuba, providing an important resource center for scholars all over the U.S. It's Lourdes Casal library includes thousands of Cuban books, periodicals and newspapers. The center publishes translations and reproductions of Cuban art, sponsors exhibits, tours of Cuban artists and professionals; seminars, conferences; as well as sponsoring yearly tours of U.S. citizens to Cuba.

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