

Crime Watch

Disney-MGM Studios Hosts 'Miss Collegiate African-American Pageant' And Fraternity-Sorority Step Out Championship Productions



Shots Fired During Robbery At ATM/Night Drop

On Friday, June 11, 1993, at approximately 10:21 pm two North Precinct Uniform Officers, who were writing reports at the Holladay Market located in the 1000 block of NE Weidler Street, were contacted by two citizens, a 38 year old man and his 24 year old male relative, who reported that they had just witnessed someone who had been shot. It was later determined that the person who they thought had been shot, was a Lloyd Center security officer, Mark A. Lantz DOB 11-10-59, who actually had been struck by a passing vehicle. Lantz had previously been confronted by a suspect who had just held up two women, at gunpoint, who were making a night deposit drop at the First Interstate Bank, 1407 NE Lloyd Center.

Reportedly, at approximately 10:20 pm two employees of the Lloyd Center Merry-Go-Round identified as Kathy L. Ardner DOB 2-22-69 and Jeannette L. Bangloy DOB 1-21-74, were making a night drop at the bank when they noticed the suspect standing in front, who apparently kept looking back at them. Suddenly, the suspect ran up to Ardner, pointed a gun at her head and demanded that she turn over the deposit money bag.

The suspect grabbed the bag, which contained an undisclosed amount of cash and started to flee the scene on foot. A good samaritan identified as, Howard Minor DOB 3-9-24, who was nearby and witnessed the incident yelled out at the fleeing suspect. The armed suspect turned and fired two shots at Minor. Minor, who was also armed with a .38 caliber revolver, fired four shots in return at the suspect. No one was injured during this exchange of gunfire. Lantz, who was in the area heard the gunfire and saw the armed suspect running towards him. The suspect fired shots at Lantz, who then attempted to seek cover and in doing so was struck by a passing vehicle, described as a full size gray colored sedan. Lantz was not seriously injured and did not require im-

mediate medical treatment. It is not known if the vehicle was associated with the suspect. Two witnesses, a 19 year old man and 20 year old woman, observed the suspect continuing to run northbound on NE 12th Avenue and observed the suspect drop an unknown item. Upon searching the area, a .380 caliber semi-automatic pistol, was recovered in a flower bed at NE 12th Avenue and Broadway Street. After the robbery Ardner and Bangloy, ran to the Texaco gas station, located NE Grand Avenue and Broadway Street, where officers later contacted them.

The suspect is described as a black male, 18-23 years, having short hair, 5'11", wearing a red and black starter type jacket with patches on the shoulder and back and dark colored pants. Minor's gun was taken into safe-keeping but it's not expected that he will be charged with any crime at this time.

Citizens are reminded of the following safety tips when using automatic teller machines (ATM) or when making deposits after business hours: 1) Pay attention to the area around the ATM. Avoid using machines that are in secluded or unlighted areas; 2) Don't use the ATM when loiterers are nearby. If others approach, while you are using the machine and you are suspicious of their motives, terminate the transaction and leave; 3) Stand close to the ATM when loiterers are nearby. If others approach, while you are using the machine and you are suspicious of their motives, terminate the transaction and leave; Stand close to the ATM in order to block the view of anyone standing behind you. During the transaction, the immediate space around the machine is semi-private and others should respect this; 4) If you are robbed at an ATM, do not resist. Instead, get a complete description of the suspect(s) and their getaway car. Note the direction they leave and report the incident to police as soon as possible. The investigation is continuing.

Kidnap Suspect Arrested

On Sunday, June 13, 1993 at approximately 11:00 am North Precinct

Uniform Officers were summoned to the area of N. Tyler Avenue and Liberty Street regarding a man who had attempted to take an 18 month old girl from her mother. Upon the arrival of Officer Michael Fort, he contacted the witness, Donna Erwin DOB 3-6-59, who immediately reported the incident, before the victim, Zaid C. Aurich DO 11-24-62, had an opportunity to do so. Aurich, later came to Erwin's residence where they reported the following.

Reportedly, Aurich was walking her 18 month old daughter, Rebecca T. Aurich DOB 12-27-91, in the area of N. Tyler Avenue and Liberty Street, when a lone suspect approached Aurich from behind and attempted to grab the child from Aurich's grasp. Aurich became involved in a tugging match with the suspect until Erwin, who was witnessing the incident from nearby, yelled out to the suspect, startling him, at which time he fled the area on foot. A description of the suspect was obtained and broadcast to officers in the area.

At approximately 11:57 am Officer Doug Gunderson observed a person matching the suspect description at N. Gilbert Avenue and Lombard Street, which is about 12 blocks from the location of occurrence. Officer Gunderson attempted to stop and speak with the suspect, who then broke into a run and attempted to elude the officer. Officer Gunderson pursued the suspect on foot and eventually down a 150 yard embankment, into a patch of blackberry bushes where the suspect attempted to hide from Officer Gunderson. Officer Gunderson located the suspect and took him into custody without further incident.

The suspect has been identified as Michael Eugene Mast DOB 11-6-69 aka Mike Penn. Mast has been charged with Kidnap in the Second Degree and is also being held on an outstanding Parole Violation warrant. Mast, who is being held without bail, is scheduled for arraignment at the Justice Center 2:pm Monday, June 14, 1993. Photographs of Mast are currently not available, pending further investigation by Detectives.

Mickey Mouse and Minnie Mouse will add regal touch of kinte cloth to their numerous costumes this summer, courtesy of the "Miss Collegiate African-American Pageant." The nationally syndicated television special will be taped at Disney-MGM Studios June 26.

And on June 29, the Studios will host the taping of the second nationally syndicated edition of "S.T.O.M.P.," a high-energy showcase of choreographed "stepping" competition involving African-American cultural tradition is stepping into the mainstream. "Imagine hip-hop dancing but add three times the energy," said The Los Angeles Times in a recent article about the craze. The first nationally televised program of its kind, "S.T.O.M.P." aired in 70 markets during prime time in 1992.

Now in its seventh year, Miss Collegiate African-American highlights college queens of historically

black colleges and universities (IHBCUs). Previous pageants have featured celebrities such as Denzel Washington, Ben Vereen, Mario Van Peebles and Stevie Wonder.

Executive Producer Eugene Jackson, president of world African Network, says the Disney-MGM Studios location offers the right atmosphere for these productions and can "grow" with them.

"Central Florida will become a focal point for tourism and positive messages to young people about college," says Jackson, who noted that a majority of the historically black colleges are within driving distance of the Walt Disney World Resort. College presidents, celebrity hosts and judges, news media from across the country and Disney-MGM Studios guests will join the contestants and hundreds of supporters for the events, to be televised in the fall.

Jackson, who also owns two radio stations in Philadelphia through his

Unity Broadcasting Network and is vice chairman of the Queens (N.Y.) Inner Unity Cable joint venture with Warner Communications, says a movie production is also in the plans: "We are going to do a 'S.T.O.M.P.' is one of those African-American cultural traditions that has the potential to be much larger in the mainstream, i.e. jazz and rap. No one has ever done this for television," says Frank Mercado-Valdes, who founded the "Miss Collegiate African-American Pageant" while a student at the University of Miami and created "S.T.O.M.P."

Bob Allen, director of Film and Tape Production for Disney-MGM Studios, says he's excited about being in on leading edge TV programming: "It is the epitomes of the type of production our studio has made a niche in. It's fast-paced large scale live-to-tape production. We're delighted that we've been able to get the shows to come down and to consider us, we're hoping, as a long-term home."

TAG Mandate Repeal Bill Under Fire

OSBA again testified in support of an amendment to HB 2095 to repeal the talented and gifted (TAG) mandate.

The House Education Committee has sent HB 2095, including the TAG repeat amendment to the House, but the bill was brought back to the committee for further review. The committee heard additional testimony regarding the need for the TAG mandate from the Department of Education, parent advocates and TAG students.

A repeal of the mandate does not look viable after two days of heated testimony. However, a compromise is in the works that would allow school

districts to request a waiver from the State Board of Education from the TAG mandate in cases of financial hardship.

The committee heard testimony from the Department of Education that many school districts have requested technical assistance on the Tag program and the administrative rules relating to the TAG mandate. The Department of Education indicated there may be some confusion over the TAG administrative rules.

When a local school district is reviewed for standardization the department looks at a specific group of administrative rules to see if the district is complying with the TAG man-

date. However, if parents choose to challenge their child's placement, or the TAG services begin provided to their child, the parents, the local school district and potentially a hearings officer look to a different, more elaborate series of administrative rules. Under this system a school district could be found in compliance by the Department of Education, and under a second set of administrative rules could be required to alter the program or the services.

The House Education Committee will revisit this issue after a compromise is reached.

Studies Find Many Are Unaware Of Social Security Benefits For Those Under 62

There is more to Social Security than benefits for persons over 62 years-of-age. Consumer Education Research Center, a national non-profit consumer group has been researching the Social Security system and the benefits it provides since 1972. One finding is that, of the 50 million persons now collecting benefits, more than 15 million are under 62 and, surprisingly, the average age is only about 30.

Robert L. Berko, consumer writer and executive director of the Center, says the organization has been publishing and updating a complete list of available benefits (and how to qualify for them) for the past 18 years. The Guide offers consumer of all ages an awareness of the benefits they are entitled to under the latest laws The 12th update (a complete revision) is now available.

The book contains a form to get a copy of your Social Security account showing all credits to your account and an estimate of the amount you will get upon retirement or disability. Workers must check their Social Security accounts frequently since any errors more than three years old will not be corrected. Often, the study found, workers have had too much deducted from their wages and were due a refund. In other cases, employers had not sent the correct amount to be credited to accounts. If you have records of the amount earnings and deductions you will be credited with

that money and the employer's share whether or not he ever sent the money to the government.

"Billions of dollars go unclaimed," says Mr. Berko, "because many workers do not realize they are eligible for benefits." Among the findings of the study group and included the Guide are:

- In come cases parents of a deceased worker are eligible for benefits even if they never paid into the system.
- Many children are eligible for benefits even though their parents never paid into the system.
- Minor children and surviving spouse of a person who has worked under the SS system for as little as one day in each of six annual quarters can collect benefits.
- Income from investments, interest, annuities, rentals and royalties are not considered in determining eligibility--nor is income from a business in which the person was owner or partner if payments are made as a retirement benefits, purchase of equity or any of the above. Only income listed as payment for actual work will affect retirement benefits. And after age 70, even that restriction is lifted.
- A divorcee (either sex), 62 or older, who was married 10 years or more is eligible for benefits when the ex-spouse starts collecting retirement or disability payments. If the divorcee was later married and that marriage ended in death or divorce, this will not

affect eligibility.

• The Supplementary Security Income (SSI) program provides benefits to aged, blind, physically disabled and even those with language handicaps. Even if these recipients own cars, homes or other assets. No lien is taken against these assets and a person cannot be disqualified because relatives are financially able to support the recipient.

• Some benefits, such as SSI, do not require any work record by the recipient or his or her family. Recognizing the problem of millions who were missing out on agency-administered programs, Social Security Commissioner Gwendolyn S. King, said in a recent interview, "I believe very strongly that we need to do more by way of outreach." Commissioner King's statement was applauded by Ron Pollack, executive director of Families USA Foundation because, he says, "a good number of people do not know about the program." May people, he found, "try to make inquiries, but do not get through or receive erroneous information. And there are many who go to an office to apply but don't get the assistance necessary to fill out their applications."

Mr. Berko tells us that, "Even if you are eligible, you will not receive checks unless you apply." For that reason Consumers Guide to Social Security Benefits tells you how to apply and what to say.

Portland Art Museum Open Until 9pm Every Thursday, July 1 Through September 2

Join us Thursday evenings as we celebrate summer by opening our doors until 9pm. Enjoy a light beverage while listening to local musicians including the Oregon Symphony Players. Be transported to other places and time as you explore centuries of world art in the galleries.

Thursday evenings, July 1 - September 2. Between 5-9pm, a different group of musicians will play each week. Call the Museum at 226-2811 for a list of performers and times.

New Museum Admission prices, effective July 1, 1993: Admission prices: \$4.50 for adults; \$3.50 for senior citizens; \$2.50 for students; \$10.00 for families; children 5 and under are free; members are free. Seniors will be admitted free of charge all day on Thursday. First Thursdays from 4-9pm, free admission to everyone.

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Lottery Commission Approves 1994 Financial Plan

The Oregon Lottery Commission approved the agency's financial plan for fiscal year 1994, which begins July 1, 1993. The action took place during a meeting held at Lottery Headquarters in Salem.

According to Lottery Deputy Director Steve Caputo. The 1994 financial plan is similar to this year's plan, which is expected to result in record earnings of \$135.1 million for economic development and the creation of jobs for Oregonians. He said the Lottery is not planning any major changes during the upcoming fiscal year. A moderate gain in video sales is projected, and the Lottery's traditional games are expected to remain at their current levels.

The financial plan includes the forecast of \$155.2 million in earnings for economic development during the

upcoming fiscal year. This forecast was prepared in conjunction with the Oregon State Executive Department, Legislative Revenue Office, Legislative Fiscal Office, Oregon Economic Development Department, and the Legislative committee on Trade and Economic Development.

Under the plan the Lottery's total administrative costs will be held to 6.51 percent of total revenue during fiscal year 1994. Caputo said that represents a decrease from this year's administrative expenses, which are expected to be approximately 7.09 percent of revenues.

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