

## Reducing Racial Tension And Violence

The Community Relations Service (CRS), and agency of the U.S. Department of Justice, and the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE), in an effort to reduce racial conflict and violence, signed a memorandum of understanding to cooperate in assisting one another and referring appropriate matters to each other.

"To achieve greater cooperation between the police and communities, CRS and NOBLE have worked together for a number of years. This agreement strengthens our relationship and we anticipate will lead to expanded roles for both organizations to address racial tension and violence," said Acting CRS Director Jeffrey L. Weiss.

The memorandum of understanding applies to ongoing cooperative activities between NOBLE and CRS for addressing problems or concerns involving allegations of discriminatory practices based on race, color, or national origin. These activities include: referring groups or individuals to one another, developing technical assistance packages on relevant subject matters, and participating on special task forces addressing matters of discriminatory practices based on race, color, or national origin.

The National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives was established to improve the recruitment and selection of qualified African-American candidates into police careers, to

enhance the positive atmosphere within police agencies to retain qualified African-Americans, and to achieve greater cooperation between the community and criminal justice agencies.

The Community Relations Service is an agency of the U.S. Department of Justice established by the Civil Rights Act of 1974 to provide assistance to communities and persons in resolving disputes, disagreements, or difficulties resulting from discriminatory practices based on race, color, or national origin (42 U.S.C. 2000g). It also assists in the resettlement of Cuban and Haitian entrants to the United States under the Refugee Education Assistance Act and Executive Order 12341.

## Volunteers

The Multnomah County Citizen Involvement Committee is seeking volunteers to serve on Citizen Budget Advisory Committees (CBACs) which advise the Board of County Commissioners on policy and budget matters. Everyone who lives in Multnomah County and does not work for the County, and who has the interest and time to participate is eligible for appointment. CBACs usually meet once a month throughout the year, sometimes with extra meetings during early spring when they are developing their recommendations.

### Vacancies exist in the following CBACs:

- **District Attorney's Office** - The District Attorney prosecutes offenders, collects child support, and provides victims assistance.
  - **Community Corrections** - This department provides programs including drug and alcohol treatment, probation and parole, and other programs for offenders who are not in jail.
  - **Environmental Services** - This department provides a range of services including transportation (roads, bridges, bike paths), elections, computer services, animal control, etc.
  - **Non-Departmental** - This grouping includes the County Chair and Commissioners; Auditor's Office, Citizen Involvement Committee; city/county agencies such as the Metropolitan Arts Commission; the Metropolitan Human Rights Commission and the Portland Multnomah Commission on Aging; and several organizations that receive county funds.
- Management Support Services includes services internal to the county such as personnel, budget office, finance, purchasing, county counsel and labor relations. Persons who are interested can call 248-3450 for information and applications. Persons of color, persons with disabilities, women, and residents of mid and east Multnomah County are specifically requested to apply.

## US West Denies Redlining

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redlining were politically motivated. "Northeast Portland's ascent from the economic abyss is now gaining momentum. Now is the time to acknowledge the value of the information power we have in the near future and to promote the creative uses of the information superhighway as a local economic development resource," Brooks said.

"The company has to begin construction of the advanced network someplace and I for one am pleased that Portland and specifically Northeast Portland is in the initial construction plan.

"The information superhighway is coming to us all. With a first stop in Northeast Portland," said Brooks.

## Crimestoppers Homicide

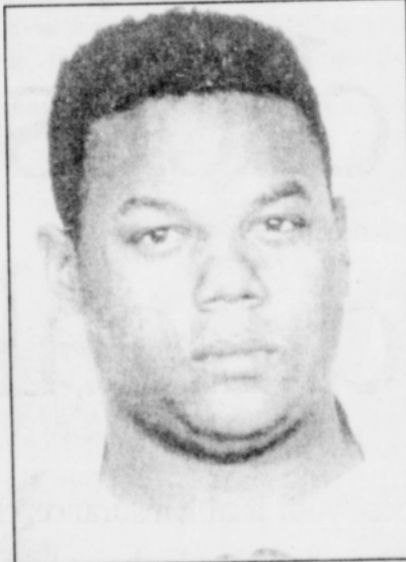
Portland Police Bureau Detectives, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in solving a homicide.

On Thursday, May 19, 1994, shortly after 10:00 in the evening, Brian Duane Hill, a 26-year-old black male, who lived in the 5400 block of N. Gay Avenue, was shot as he walked from his residence.

Hill was transported to a local hospital where he died on June 14, as a result of his wounds. On the night of the shooting, witnesses reported hearing the sound of gunfire and people were seen running from the scene.

A vehicle seen leaving the area, at the time of the shooting, is described as a late 1980's to early 1990's, 4-door, Ford Taurus or Tempo. The vehicle was silver or gray in color and had several occupants.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for informa-



Brian Duane Hill

tion, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

### Nigerian Women's Association

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## Walk Benefit

A 5 mile charity walk to benefit Aids groups is being planned! North Portland's "Kenton District" along with "Friends of People with Aids" and "Aids Ministries" have scheduled a walk to raise funds for these two wonderful organizations.

Saturday August 20, 1994 10:00 a.m. at Kenton Park (N. Kilpatrick & Scholfield). The walk will stroll through the historic Kenton area to end at the district's first annual street festival. Register at 9:00 a.m. to enjoy gospel singing, informational booths and meet new friends over coffee, juice and pastries.

Suggested entry donation is \$10.00. For more information call Paula 286-6474. We hope to see you there!

## Alberta Street Cafe Opens

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oversees the Garlington consumers that work there. The Cafe functions as a sheltered deli workshop, the first of its kind in the State of Oregon, and helps Garlington Center consumers become job-ready. The center is a community mental health care provider.

Alberta Street Cafe is located on Alberta and Grand Avenue next door to the recently-built Garlington Plaza apartments. The cafe staff invites you to "come on down" and sample some good eats Monday through Friday, from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## UO Journalism School Hosts Workshop For Minority Teens

Fifteen minority teens from high schools and community colleges in seven Oregon cities are learning about and polishing their journalistic skills at the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication.

Funded by a grant from the Freedom Forum, the UO Journalism school and four participating Oregon daily newspapers, the week-long session is providing instruction and hands-on practice in topics ranging from database searches to digital imaging, according to Time Gleason, associate professor and workshop coordinator.

"This is an opportunity for minority students from around the state to get a taste of journalism as a career option while learning about journalism as a social institution," he said. "It's important for the health of the profession as well as for the well-being of society that journalism attract more people whose voices and perspectives are seen and heard too infrequently in newsrooms throughout Oregon and around the county." Students, ranging in age from 14

to 19 years old, were recruited from communities in their circulation areas by editors of The Oregonian in Portland, The Statesman Journal in Salem, The Eugene Register-Guard and the Mail-Tribune in Medford. Reporters, editors and photographers from these papers will join Gleason and assistant professors John Russial and Cynthia Coleman as the teaching faculty for the workshop.

While they're on campus, workshop participants will study newswriting and reporting, interviewing and feature writing, news photography, copyediting, newspaper design and layout, opinion writing, advocacy journalism, legal issues and media careers.

"They'll also interview campus sources, participate in mock news conferences and accompany working journalists on actual story assignments," Gleason said. "Throughout the week, the students will create and produce a lab newspaper that will be printed and returned to them the following week."

## Senior Citizens Targeted For Thefts

Portland Police are investigating several reports of theft or attempted theft from senior citizens in Northeast and southeast Portland. In these incidents, a group of men contact a resident in their home. In some of the cases the suspects entice the victim to exit the home, using the story that they are doing tree trimming to a neighbors house, and need to be in the victims backyard. The suspects then enter the house while the resident is outside.

In other cases they contact the resident and ask if they are selling a car or other item, then without invitation they enter the home and while one suspect keeps the resident busy,

others go through the house. The suspects sometimes ask for change for a \$100 bill, then short-change the victim, or observe where they obtained the money, and then steal it. None of the victims have been injured.

The suspects are described as adult males and are associated with a four door domestic care, possibly a Mercury, white in color.

People confronted by these suspects should not let them in their homes, and should call the police (911) immediately. Anyone with information on these incidents can call Southeast precinct Detectives at 823-2155.

# HEALTH

## Guide Puts Focus On Health Of Heart

Millions of Americans now suffering from heart failure, a debilitating, potentially fatal condition - could lead longer, more active lives under new guidelines released by the U.S. Public Health Service's Agency for Health Care Policy and Research.

The Guidelines, based on the results of the latest clinical trials and research, call for wider use of medications proven capable of preventing heart failure in some high-risk patients and improving comfort and longevity in patients with established heart failure.

"These guidelines are a timely and necessary step to improving quality of life for Americans," said HHS Assistant Secretary for Health Philip

R. Lee, M.D. who directs the Public Health Service. "Heart failure is a treatable illness that can be managed. Most persons with heart failure can adjust to the limitations imposed by the condition and continue to lead active and rewarding lives."

Heart failure occurs when the heart fails to pump enough blood to meet the body's demands. Symptoms can include shortness of breath, fatigue, frequent coughing or swelling of the feet, ankles and legs. More than 2 million Americans have heart failure, and about 400,000 new cases are diagnosed each year. Heart failure contributes to over 200,000 deaths annually. The death rate attributed to heart failure rose by 64 percent from

1970 to 1990.

The guidelines urge better patient education and compliance and call for the use of bypass surgery or angioplasty in selected instances.

Free copies of "Heart Failure: Management of Patients with Left-Ventricular Systolic Dysfunction," the guidelines' quick reference guide for clinicians and the patient guide "Living with Heart Disease: Is It Heart Failure?" may be obtained by calling 1-800-358-9295 or writing: AHCPR Publications Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 8547, Silver Spring, MD 20907.

## ConCorde Paves Way For Medical Careers

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON

Students from North/Northeast Portland and other parts of the city go directly from the classroom to the job, with specialized training at the ConCorde Career Institute.

The institute, at 1827 N.E. 44 Ave., is a state licensed and accredited educational school giving students technical skills in high-demand jobs of the health care industry.

Current offerings at the Portland campus include instruction for becoming a Limited X-Ray Technician, Medical Assistant and Medical Office Assistant.

Most of ConCorde's graduates go right into the work force after completing the intensive training period. The schools works with a number of medical providers in the Portland area.

ConCorde officials said many students find the institute an attractive alternative to community colleges because at ConCorde they can concentrate solely on the skills required for employment in their chosen field.

The faculty at ConCorde are also very attractive teachers because of



Daneola Moss is learning the technical skills needed to earn a living as a medical assistant at Portland's Concorde Career Institute.

their own extensive experience both on-the-job and in the classroom.

Modern equipment and instruments are used to give students the most practical knowledge and proficiencies. Students learn by demonstration, study and practice.

The aim to provide students with the knowledge and technical proficiency that will make them employable for entry-level medical positions upon graduation. There's also job placement assistance.

Officials said the school is open

to anyone who possess the sincere desire to be trained for career opportunities in the allied health care field. A personal interview with an admissions representative is required before enrollment.

Financial aid is also available. The school is an eligible participant of the U.S. Department of Education's Federal Financial Aid Programs.

The institute is a subsidiary of Concorde Career Colleges, Inc. of Kansas City, Mo. For more information call (503) 281-4181.

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