

## WASHINGTON PROMOTES MEASURE



For years, illegal dumping has marred natural areas in north and northeast Portland. A May bond election would pay for clean-up and protect them as parks.

and jog amid some of the most beautiful views on the Willamette River. An accompanying trail would link the cove to Smith and Bybee Lakes.

• **Peninsula Crossing Trail** - Creation a 3 mile trail/bikeway connecting Smith and Bybee Lakes and Willamette River.

• **Connections to other natural areas** - The bonds would pay for the creation of neighborhood connections to area treasures such as Forest Park and the OMSI to Springwater Corridor Trails.

Supporters say creating recreational and educational opportunities like these say that we care about the legacy we will be leaving our young people.

How much will the bond cost? The surprising answer, according to its supporters, much less than you would think.

For homeowners, the bond measure costs 22 cents per \$1,000 dollars of assessed value. If you own a \$100,000 home, for example, it would cost \$1.91 per month.

Washington said the measure would result in a big improvement to our neighborhoods, the African American community and the entire region for the cost of just two pizzas a year.

"I think we'd all donate two pizzas a year to make northeast Portland a greener, safer place to live," he said.

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ous shortage of green.

Some of the measure's other provisions would provide the following new recreational opportunities:

• **Whitaker Ponds** - Restoration of this site to provide fishing ponds, natural areas and an environmental center.

• **Willamette Cove** - Would obtain 27 acres of grass and natural vegetation for families to walk, cycle

## Rate Hike For PGE Customers

Portland General Electric Co. has received approval from the Oregon Public Utility Commission to increase rates by an average of 5 percent.

The utility's increased cost of purchasing power and fuel was the largest factor for the rate increase, company officials said. Other reasons included higher federal taxes and investments to increase the reliability of PGE's generating plants.

In addition, continued growth in the PGE service territory has required improvements and expansion of the utility's distribution system.

Average monthly bills for residential customers will increase by \$4.20 going from \$54.45 to \$58.65. This includes an increase of \$1 per month in the residential monthly service fee which covers the fixed costs of providing electrical service.

Larger commercial and industrial customers will see an average increase of 2.6 percent while small commercial customer prices will go up an average of 5.6 percent.

The PUC also authorizes PGE to continue collecting \$14 million per year toward the cost of decommissioning the Trojan nuclear plant. In addition, PGE will be allowed to recover 87 percent of its remaining investment in Trojan, company officials said.

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## "Project Graduation"

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"No matter how expensive the graduation parties are, they are still cheaper than the loss of a life," comments Paula Reents, coordinator of Oregon Project Graduation & More.

"Project Graduation" is a nationally recognized television campaign initiated in 1988 by KATU. KATU and participating State Farm Insurance agents are offering \$150.00 to each school in Oregon and S.W. Washington planning an alcohol and drug free graduation party. Public or private high schools in the target area with a graduating class of 25 or more are eligible for the contribution. KATU and State Farm encourage other businesses to get involved and emphasize that, in order for parents to host safe graduation celebrations, strong community support is vital.

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## Five Signs to Tell Thieves, 'Leave This Car Alone'

(NU) - If a professional car thief spots your beloved personal vehicle, what signs will clearly signal "Leave this car alone!"?

Here are a few tips from Ron Harris, managing director of Omega Research and Development, a Douglasville, Ga., company that has spent a quarter century protecting worthy automobiles and trucks from wily thieves.

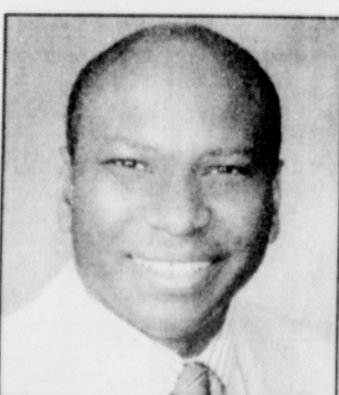
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