## Police News **Homicide Investigation - Update**

Portland Police homicide detectives have arrested two men in connection with a homicide that occurred on September 21, 1995.

Demarcus Mitchell, DOB 12-03-76, died after being shot during a confrontation at N. Lombard St. and N. Albina Ave. The shooting followed a dispute that began earlier at the Astro gas station at N. Lombard and Interstate, between Mitchell and his friends and three people in another car. Mitchell's group allegedly insulted the people in the other car, which included



John Mirras and Jesse Guerra. During the dispute, Mirras was assaulted by a member of Mitchell's group. Both parties left the scene in vehicles, but encountered each other again a short time later. Allegedly, as Mitchell walked toward the other

car, he was shot by Guerra who had been supplied with a gun by Mirras. Following a four week investi-

gation, Detectives Ken Perry and Ed Herbert have arrested the two men in connection with the case.

John J. Mirras, DOB 05-20 74, was arrested in Vancouver. Canada on 10-19-95 and Jesse A Guerra, DOB 11-06-70, was arrested in Portland on 10-25-95. Both have been charged with Murder. Mirras is in custody in Canada awaiting extradition to the United States.

No further arrests are antici-

#### Public Help Sought In Death

Portland police homicide detectives are seeking help from the community in the death investigation of a north Portland man. About midnight on Monday,

Oct. 30, officers from the Northeast Precinct and the traffic division responded to the area of north Gantenbien Avenue and Going Street on the report of a possible hit and hun accident with a pedestrian down the street.

Officers found Victor P. Drayer,

39, injured and unconscious in the street. It appeared that he had been struck by a vehicle.

Based on the investigation, it appears that this was not a traffic accident. Witnesses told detectives that they observed Drayer hanging onto the cab of a pickup truck as it drove north on Gantenbien.

Drayer somehow became dislodged from the truck and fell to the pavement. Shortly thereafter, he ap-

parently was struck by the vehicle. The suspect vehicle is described as a full-size pickup truck, possibly white, grey or silver in color. The two occupants in the truck were described as a black male driver and a white male passenger.

Drayer died of head injured on Oct. 31. anyone with information is asked to contact detectives Ed Herbert and Kent Perry at 823-0479. Information can also be directed to Crime Stoppers at 823-HELP.

## **US WEST Completes Mobile Network**

US WEST Cellular has completed the integration of the Portland-area cellular network and systems, formerly operated by GTE Mobilnet, into U S WEST Cellular's Pacific Northwest network

Effective immediately, U S WEST Cellular is reducing roaming fees on some calling plans and many Portland-area customers can enjoy using their cellular phones throughout Oregon and Washington at lower rates.

"Although U S WEST Cellular assumed ownership of the Portland cellular license in July, there was still a great deal of work to incorporate the market's network and systems into U S WEST Cellular's operations," said Joe Dodson, area general manager for U S WEST Cellular in Portland.

"Not only did we accomplish this monumental task in record time, but the cutover was virtually transparent to our customers.' In addition, US WEST Cellular

has invested more than \$14 million in the Portland area network to expand and improve cellular coverage throughout the Portland and Salem-

"Cellular customers throughout this region have been asking for expanded and improved cellular service," Dodson said. "At U S WEST Cellular, we listen to customers and intend to operate the same high-quality cellular network in the Portland area that customers in our other service areas have come to expect."

Also beginning in November, Portland-area customers will receive their first monthly statements from U S WEST Cellular's new state-of-theart billing system.

"This marks the final step in the transition of the Portland, Salem and Astoria markets from GTE Mobilnet to U S WEST Cellular," Dodson said. "Now U S WEST Cellular can focus on putting our cellular network, operating systems and customer service to work for our customers in Portland and Salem.'

## Elizabeth Furse Statement In Response To Jim Bunn's Anti-Abortion Proposal

I am upset with the House Appropriations Committee vote to impose restrictions on abortion in the District of Columbia. My colleague from Oregon's fifth district introduced that proposal, which passed by a single vote. I think Jim Bunn, and many other members of Congress, are way out of line on this issue.

Banning abortions at D.C. General Hospital and city-operated medical facilities is part of an extreme right-wing agenda to take choice away for American women

class citizens of women in the military overseas by banning abortions for them at military hospitals--even though they paid for the procedure themselves.

Then, women federal employees lost the right to choose health insurance that covered abortion--it's an option that many other working women in the U.S. have. But not

federal employees--now they're second-class citizens too.

Next--it will be all women in Oregon. All women in America. Jim Bunn, are you so naive--are these other people who vote to ban abortion so naive to think that making abortion illegal will mean no more abortions? It will only mean more unsafe abortions. More back alley

#### **City Earns Good Grades**

**Continued from Metro** 

concerned about some key issue ar-

The Mayor called for more study and better understanding on why specific neighborhood issues were rating differently.

She said she was concerned that 84 percent of the city's residents agree with the statement that "crime, gangs and drugs in Portland are too widespread."

Katz urged residents to offer their input and help her and the council form a "grounded and thoughtful"

"This is a \$1 billion dollars public corporation with nearly 5,000 employees, providing a range of services in every neighborhood from filing pot holes to providing police

**Farrakhan** 

**Goes Political** 

Million Man March, said his Nation

of Islam movement will now plunge into politics and become a "third

through on the assembly of what he

said were more than one million black

would enter politics for the first time,

register and mobilize millions of

blacks and other disaffected voters

to become a force in the 1996 presi-

we will establish a third political

power that will draw from the Dem-

ocrats, the Republicans and indepen-

dents and we will work together," he

da that is in the interests of our people

and the poor and the vulnerable of

ambitions himself, Farrakhan said he would work with other black organi-

zations to get a political agenda to

vast vein of dissatisfaction and we

intend to be a force in the next

election....we intend never again that our vote or our presence will be taken

blacks have overwhelmingly voted

would have a liaison with Farrakhan

to mend racial divisions, McCurry said flatly: "No." Administration of-

ficials have criticized Farrakhan's

past rhetoric against whites, Catho-

meeting with Jewish leaders who have rejected a conference arguing he is

an anti-Semite. But Farrakhan said

he was acting in a "responsible"

manner and Jewish leaders were "irresponsible" in turning him down

and he would go around the leaders

to meet with other Jews.

Farrakhan repeated his call for a

for Democratic candidates.

In recent presidential elections,

But asked if the White House

Farrakhan vowed to "tap that

this nation," said Farrakhan.

help blacks and the poor.

for granted again.'

lics and Jews.

"Our loyalty will be to an agen-

Disavowing any political office

political power."

dential elections.

men

said.

Black muslim leader Louis Farrakhan, basking in the success of his

The 62-year-old black leader said his organization would follow

Farrakhan said his organization

"And so, we feel that rather than establishing a third political party,

protection," Katz said. "To serve citizens well, we need their advice and involvement.

The budget forums will take place from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 20 at Montgomery Park, 2701 N.W. Vaughn; Monday, Nov. 27 at Floyd Light Middle School, 10800 S.E. Washington; Tuesday, Nov. 28 at the Multnomah Center Auditorium, 7688 S.W. Capitol Hwy.; and Wednesday, Nov. 29 at Lane Community School, 7200 S.E.

The forums are also held during the same hours on Monday, Dec. 4 at Rose City Nazarene Church, 7016 N.E. Sandy; Wednesday, Dec. 6 at the King Facility, 4815 N.E. 7th Ave.; and Thursday, Dec. 7 at St. Johns Community Center, 8427 N. Cen-

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