

## Police News

### Arrests Made In Homicide Investigations

Portland Police detectives have made arrests in two recent homicide investigations. On December 27th, Homicide Detail Detectives Michael Hefley and Thomas Nelson arrested Alexander Fudim, 30, in connection with the Wednesday morning death of Karyen Antonyants, 40. Fudim was charged with First degree Manslaughter and Felony Hit and Run after he allegedly struck Antonyants

with his pickup truck during a confrontation between the two at an apartment complex parking lot in the 7100 block of S.W. Oleson Road at about 3:00 a.m. Fudim was lodged at the Justice Center Jail.

December 28th, Homicide Detail Detectives Kent Perry and Cheryl Kanzler arrested 19 year old Damien Charles Neyland in connection with the December 19th shooting death of

Jody Gordon, 20 years. Gordon was shot during a dispute in the 4500 block of N.E. 14th Place.

The detectives arrest Neyland at the Multnomah County Courthouse at about 9:00 a.m. Neyland was at the courthouse to make an appearance on an unrelated drug possession charge. Neyland has been charged with Murder and is in the Justice Center Jail.

### Man Dies In Bar Stabbing

A 35-year-old northwest Portland man is facing a murder charge in connection with a Christmas Eve stabbing at a southwest Portland bar.

John Patrick Sowersby, reportedly was socializing with the victim in Patty's Retreat, before the stabbing occurred near midnight on Dec. 24.

Police said the two men apparently were strangers, but a confrontation erupted with Sowersby stabbing the other man in the throat. The identity of the deceased had not been determined. He died at the scene.

Police officers later found the suspect on Southwest Washington Street and took him into custody. A knife was recovered under a nearby vehicle.

### Body Found On Sidewalk

Portland Police detectives are investigating a Friday, Dec. 8 murder involving a southeast Portland woman.

The body of Kala Kim Peterson, 30, was discovered about 2 a.m. by a neighbor on a sidewalk near Woodlawn Park at Northeast Oneonta and 11th Avenue.

The Oregon Medical Examiner's Office said she died from multiple stab wounds.

No suspects have been arrested at this time. Detectives David Rubey and George Young are the investigators.

## Tacoma Woman Seeks Link With South Africa

Melannie D.C. Green wants to help black hands join in business across two continents.

The Tacoma native says she is seeking to link the expertise of black Americans with the enthusiasm she found on a just-completed visit to South Africa.

Among her ideas: A conference in Tacoma to be attended by a group of South Africans and local leaders.

Green is an account executive with the state Department of General Administration, but her South African journey was private. She went there to visit her friend, Spanaway resident Janet Hayes-Brown, who is operations manager for McDonald's new restaurants in South Africa. The first two South African McDonald's were

opened while Green was there.

But Green did more than just visit on her trip.

During her stay, Green says, she caught a vision of what South Africa could become after apartheid under a democratically elected government. She was infected with the desire for achievement she found among the country's fledgling entrepreneurs.

But she also wants South Africans to learn from the achievements as well as the mistakes of black Americans.

"Where they are now is where we were in the civil rights movement 30 or 40 years ago," Green adds. "What they need is for us to partner with them to help them realize the opportunity that they are sitting on."

Since she returned to Tacoma about a week ago, she has been trying to create more links between the countries.

Green has many ideas, but paramount is the conference she is organizing for April 18 through 21 at the Sheraton Hotel in Tacoma. At the meeting, 10 South Africans would fly in to share their dreams with local leaders.

Green is hoping to tie in the conference with the National Forum for Black Public Administrators, a conference slated April 14 through 17 in Seattle.

If she could persuade the administrators to stay on, her conference would have a national audience, she believes.

## Direct Lending Cuts Would Hurt Students, Colleges

Jeannette Galanis, a senior at the University of Colorado, Boulder, faced a difficult dilemma upon graduation in the spring of 1994. She was offered the job of her dreams as president of the U.S. Student Association, a national non-profit association representing college students. But, as with many non-profit organizations, the pay was low -- and Jeannette faced a whopping \$345 monthly student loan payment.

"I was in a tough predicament," Galanis said, "of either giving up a

job I had prepared for and wanted for so long, or facing the very real possibility of defaulting on my student loans. Either way I would lose."

Fortunately, Jeannette didn't have to choose between her dream job and her loan obligations.

She was able to do both thanks to a new repayment option offered under the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program, which bases monthly payments on borrowers' income and is adjusted annually as their income level changes.

Designed to give borrowers more control over their finances and career choices, income-contingent repayment plans can be especially helpful right after graduation when salaries tend to be lower.

This is just one benefit of President Clinton's direct lending initiative that would be lost to million of students nationwide if Congress prevails in its attempt to cap direct loans at 10 percent of total student loan volume.

## Winter Brings Canine Flood

Cold, wet and windy weather has resulted in the annual "foul weather flood" of dogs into the Oregon Humane Society.

Officials at the shelter said many of these animals are brought to the society because their owners no longer want to deal with a muddy, wet dog during inclement weather.

Last week, there were 66 adoptable dogs available. Because of the heavy load, people who are unable to keep their pets are asked to wait a few days, if possible, or to try and find a

home for adoption on their own.

"We certainly will not turn anyone away, and as always, we will do our best for every animal brought to the shelter," said Karen Brittain of the society. "The up side is that for families considering adopting a dog, there is a large variety of them in need of homes."

Fifty-one cats were also awaiting good homes, 19 of those are kittens.

"While the society is looking for homes for its residents, we're also urging people not to give pets as gifts,"

Brittain said. "Should someone be sure that the recipient is prepared for a pet, we ask that a gift certificate by given so the lucky person can select their own animal. This is always the safest, best way for this kind of gift."

The Oregon Humane Society, 1067 N.E. Columbia Blvd., is open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The shelter will close at 2 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will close Christmas Day.

## Portland Company Unveils Unsecured Second Chance VISA Card Program

The American Fair Credit Association is a unique company that is dedicated to helping financially troubled Americans regain the social status of credit worthiness. Millions of good people have suffered severe financial setbacks due to circumstances beyond their control such as divorce, layoff, recession, and medical expenses. Unfortunately, the credit industry does not take into consideration individual circumstances, when looking at credit reports. In today's world, credit is the key to the American Dream. Without credit, you cannot own a home, get a college education, or afford safe, reliable transportation.

Clients turn to AFCA after being repeatedly turned down for credit by other companies. AFCA offers a variety of benefits including credit education, money saving discounts, and an Unsecured VISA Credit Card with No Security deposit. This not only gives members the advantages of a major credit card in an almost cashless society, but the benefit of having one of the nation's know creditors give a good credit report monthly to the nation's major credit bureaus. This has led to many of AFCA's clients being able to purchase their own homes. According to office owner Steven Conner, there are many programs out there to help

people purchase their own homes even with a moderate income. The most common thing that holds people back is their credit report. AFCA's program is the quickest and easiest way to get back into the mainstream credit world.

To qualify for the AFCA program you have to be currently employed for at least 3 months with a gross income of \$900 per month before taxes, have a picture ID, and have either a checking or savings account. AFCA is located at 811 E. Burnside, Suite 219. They see people by appointment only by calling 249-0483. AFCA is proud of the role it plays in helping people achieve their American Dream.

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