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Danny Bell and Charles Washington, of the Portland Observer, hold award given posthumously to Joyce Washington former publisher of the newspaper. The 14 annual Blacks in Government Training Conference gave the award for Washington's "outstanding achievements and continued contribution of time, energy and resources toward the socio-economic advancement of African American communities. Washington died of a heart attack March 15.

Latino Students To Be Honored

Prevention, rather than intervention, is a goal in Club Hispano, an organization of some 55 Latino students from Jefferson High and Ockley Green Middle school. Outstanding Club Hispano members will be honored for their improvement in three "A's" -- academics, attendance and athletics -- at a recognition banquet Friday (June 7) at 7 p.m. in Jefferson's cafeteria (5210 N. Kerby)

Club Hispano provides positive activities and support for students who often must overcome serious obstacles to stay in school and succeed academically, according to Club adviser Sylvia Everson. Club members were involved this year in community service projects such as a fall clothing and food drive, and a holiday toy drive.

At Friday's recognition banquet, which is sponsored by the Multnomah County Juvenile Justice Center, special trophies will be presented to 10 graduating Jefferson seniors who have beaten the odds and overcome hardships, including teen parenthood.

The seniors awarded are Elvia Arredondo, Sergio Carrillo, Tanya Feliu, Nora Gomez, Edgar Mauricio, Annel Mejia, Fatima Rolon, Juan Carios Renteria, Juan Salinas and Guadalupe Torres.

Five of those students have plans to continue on to college, according to Everson.

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Other trophies to be presented at the event include:

· Jefferson Club Hispano Academic Award: Angelina Franciso, Eleuterio Rolon and Rosa Thomas · Ockley Green Club Hispano

Academic Award: Juan Resendiz-Cruz and Alejandra Betancourt-Hernandez

 Jefferson Club Hispano Sports Award: Eleuterio Rolon and Guadalupe Torres Jefferson Club Hispano Attendance Award: Jose Arredondo

CRIMESTOPPERS Local Senior Murdered

Portland Police Bureau Homicide Investigators, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in solving a murder.

On Tuesday, May 14, 1996, just after 7:00 in the morning, in the 3300 block of SE Hawthorne Boulevard, Hazel L. Clemens, an 80year-old white female, was found beaten to death in her second story apartment.

Investigators believe Hazel Clemens was murdered sometime between 6:30 PM and 10:00 PM on Monday, May 13th.

Hazel Clemens owned the property and lived alone on the second floor. The ground level she rented out to three separate businesses. Two of the businesses, it was discovered, had been burglarized.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash



Seattle/King County Crime Stoppers, in cooperation with Portland Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending Jarimie Jon Close, who is a fugitive from Seattle, Washington, believed to be in the Portland Metropolitan Area

Jarimie Jon Close, is a 20-yearold white male (DOB 012276) 5



reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you do not have to give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

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The Reading Tree

Dear Friends of the Reading Tree: We need your help. This summer we will continue our Reading Tree programs at Irving and Alberta Parks. The Irving Park program is entering its 25th year and the Alberta Park program its 9th year. The Reading Tree is a free, non-profit program and is a community-based, positive reading program where children, parents, volunteers and staff, together, share in building reading skills, story-telling, phonics and songs. Since program locations are free

of charge, and a large portion of supplies and books are donated, staff is the major cost. Through the years we have learned the absolute necessity of good, strong leadership. A director and one or two assistants are required at each park. The Reading Tree serves any young person, age five and up, and is designed to bridge

Drugfree Zones Expands To Include Northeast

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will monitor drug activity in adjacent areas, and if necessary adjust the zone boundaries.

Orr says that northeast drug dealers are less transient than those in Old Town. "People have been dealing drugs from the same street corners for years," he says.

the gap during the summer months to

help children retain and improve skills in reading. The success of these programs has

in no small way been due to the support we have received from the' community at large. In the past our programs have been partially funded by Model Cities, Portland Public Schools and the Portland Park Bureau. Monies from these sources are no longer available, therefore we rely even more heavily on community and corporate financial support.

We urge you to join us in supporting the Reading Tree. Any contribution, financial or otherwise, will help keep our programs operating and provide a wholesome activity this summer in these two parks.

Sincerely, Marie Taber, Chair Reading Tree Board of Directors, 503-282-6925.



the comings and goings late at night, the loud noise, the gunfire. I'd rather err on the side of helping those people.

Al Jasper, owner of the Marco Polo restaurant, and one of the major backers of the Old Town zone, said it made a dramatic impact in Old Town when it was first ennacted. It has less effect now, he says, because there is less police activity in the area than there used to be. "Just having it on the books and putting up signs won't do you much good," he says. "The police and the community have to work to enforce it."





feet 11 inches tall and weighs 160 pounds, with brown hair, blue eyes and glasses.

In December 1995, a felony no bail arrest warrant, charging Close with the rape of a child, was issued in Seattle, Washington, and authorities will extradite from all 50 states. Crime Stoppers is offiering a cash



Suspect, Jarimie Jon Close

'I'm not 'concerned' that the problem 'may' move; I know it will. When it does, we have to be vigilant and uproot it before it becomes entrenched," says Richard Brown, chair of the Black United Front's Hope and Hard Work Committee. "I have some concerns about individuals rights, and it's too bad we need to do something this drastic, but people in the community are tired of drug deal-

Orr agrees. "This isn't a magic wand," he says. "It's a useful tool that we can use to fight this problem."

