

# Police News

## Theft subject wanted

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending Michael Chermack. An arrest warrant, charging Chermack with Failure to Appear on Two Counts of First Degree Theft, is on file in Multnomah County.



Michael Chermack

Additional arrest warrants are on file in both Washington County, where Michael Chermack is wanted for First Degree Theft and First Degree Theft by Deception, and in Clark County, Washington, where he is wanted for Bail Jumping.

The warrants reportedly stem from a roof repair scheme, in which

elderly home owners were targeted.

Michael Chermack is a 39-year-old white male, DOB August 05, 1957. He is 5'8" tall and weighs approximately 135 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. Aliases include Mike Mitchell, Mike Smith, Mike Reed, Frank Ristick, Dino Ristick, Dino Chermack and Mark Morello.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash 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.

## Conference to attract students

Nearly 900 high school students from the Portland metropolitan area will gather at Smith Memorial Center at Portland State University on Thursday, May 1, 1997 for the annual Law Day observance. The event, coordinated by the Classroom Law Project, is part of an American Bar Association national observance of Law Week.

The day long series of events includes 18 workshops exploring a variety of contemporary, social and legal issues such as workplace harassment, censorship on the internet, date rape and prayer in schools among others.

Since 1981, over 16,000 Oregon and SW Washington high school students have attended the Portland Law Day Conference, featuring diverse workshops on "hot" legal issues.

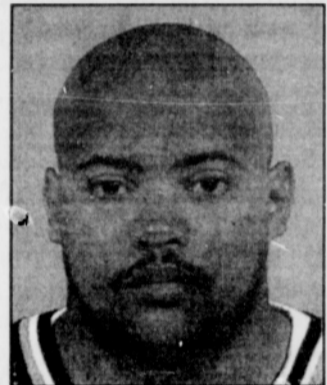
Law Day 1997 begins at 8:30 on Thursday, May 1 in Smith Memorial Center on the Portland State University campus located at 1825 SW Broadway. Supporting organizations in addition to the Classroom Law Project include Portland State University, Northwestern School of Law of Lewis and Clark College and the Daily Journal of Commerce.

The Classroom Law Project is a

nonprofit organization of attorneys, educators and community leaders working to build strong communities by teaching students to be active citizens. Other activities coordinated by the Classroom Law Project include the statewide high school Mock Trial Competition, We the People Competition, Court-house Experience program for 3,000 students, statewide training for elementary, middle and high school students on conflict resolution and peer mediation, and training for over 500 teachers on new law related education materials and teaching strategies.

## Wanted Suspect - Racketeering

The Portland Police Bureau's Gang Enforcement Team, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending Quantrell Thomas Bright. An arrest warrant, charging him with Racketeering, is on file.



Quantrell Thomas Bright is a 25-year-old black male (DOB 090871), 5'7", 200 pounds, with brown eyes and black hair. He has

"KBC47" tattooed on his upper left arm, "RIP LIL MIKE" tattooed on his upper right arm, and "SEB" tattooed on his chest.

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## "Precinct Reporter" Founder Enshrined

Arthur Patrick Townsend, founder of the "Precinct Reporter" and the "Tri-County Bulletin," and J. Lowell Ware, founder of the "Atlanta Voice," were recently enshrined in the Black Press Hall of Fame in ceremonies held at Howard University in Washington D.C.

Mr. Townsend and Mr. Ware join a sterling group of African American publishers who have shaped and nurtured the Black Press over the last 170 years since John Russwurm and Samuel Cornish established the first Black newspaper, "Freedom's Journal," in 1827.

The publisher of the "Precinct Reporter" in San Bernardino and the "Tri-County Bulletin" in Orange County, Mr. Townsend was a longtime member of the National Newspaper Publishers Association. The "Tri-County Bulletin" is the only Black-oriented weekly newspaper in Orange County.

Art Townsend is the first publisher from the West Coast to be enshrined in the exclusive Black Newspaper Press Hall of Fame.



Arthur Patrick Townsen

A founding member of the West Coast Black Publishers Association, Mr. Townsend was a former branch president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and was largely responsible for council districts being redrawn in San Bernardino during the 1960s, paving the way for the election of the first Black official in the history of the area.

## Teens talk in Washington

Teen-agers are speaking out this week in Washington.

They'll discuss youth-related ideas with members of congress as part of the RespecTeen National Youth Forum.

The 51 students were selected from a field of thousands who entered a letter-writing contest on national public policy issues.

Among the winners is 14-year-

old Ry Culver of Seaford, Delaware. He says age inconsistencies in federal and state law need to be addressed.

Culver says it doesn't make sense that you can drive at 16, but can't vote until you're 18. He wants the government to pass a law making 18 the age of adulthood - thereby raising the driving age but lowering the drinking age.

## Grant's tomb refurbished

The newly restored tomb of Ulysses S. Grant was rededicated one hundred years to the day after he was interred with a ceremony befitting a Civil War hero and ex-president.

Three-thousand people gathered at the towering granite structure overlooking the Hudson River for the Sunday celebration.

Grant's Tomb - a 150-foot-tall mausoleum - was a tourist landmark for decades, drawing some 500,000 visitors annually before official ne-

glect in the 1980s allowed it to deteriorate.

Ulysses Grant Dietz, Grant's great-great grandson and leader of a delegation of descendants, said the family was "very happy with what's happened so far," and doesn't want the tomb to run go to seed again.

"I'd like for Americans today to see this tomb the way everybody saw it 100 years ago when it was new," said Dietz, 41, a museum curator in Newark, N.J.

## Boy Scout executive arrested

The nation's top Boy Scout executive was arrested after a security scan showed a loaded revolver in a bag he was trying to carry onto a flight, police said.

Jere B. Ratcliffe, chief executive of the Boy Scouts of America, was picked up Sunday morning at Miami International Airport after an X-ray revealed the .32-caliber gun in his bag. Guards who opened the bag discovered it was loaded.

The Boy Scouts, based in the Dallas suburb of Irving, Texas, called the gun-carrying an "honest mistake," spokesman Gregg Shields said today.

According to Shields, Ratcliffe had been traveling on vacation to his

rural cabin and simply forgot he had the handgun in his carry-on bag.

"I simply forgot that I had the gun with me," Ratcliffe said in a statement.

Ratcliffe, 59, was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, a felony. The Miami Herald initially reported the arrest.

Police said Ratcliffe, of South Lake, Texas, has no Florida con-

cealed weapons permit - and even if he did, it wouldn't have allowed him to bring the revolver into the airport terminal.

The Texas Department of Public Safety, which issues concealed handgun licenses to Texans who pass a classroom course and demonstrate shooting proficiency, said there was no record that Ratcliffe holds a Texas permit.

## Pilot remains identified

Human remains found at the site of an A-10 Thunderbolt crash have been positively identified as those of Capt. Craig Button, the pilot who flew 800 miles off course before going down, the Air Force said.

Positive identification was made through DNA testing by scientists at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C., officials at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona said Sunday.

Button was on a routine training mission April 2 when his A-10 veered from other planes in his formation.

Wreckage of the plane and fragments of body parts were found Friday in the rugged mountains south of Interstate 70, ending a three-week search.

National Guard helicopters will continue training missions over the crash site looking for the four 500-pound bombs that were on Button's plane. Officials believe the bombs are covered by snow.

An Air Force board has been appointed to try to determine why Button's plane flew to Colorado.

### MEGABUCKS DOUGH WINNERS

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