

# Observing

## Public Right-Of-Way Laws to Take Effect

The City of Vancouver will begin implementing recently passed changes to local public right-of-way laws this fall, following a public education effort.

"These new ordinances will give us the tools we need to respond more effectively to individual and neighborhood association concerns," says Beth Knuth, code enforcement officer for the city. "The laws relating to camping and motor home parking go a long way toward helping resolve community concerns."

\* The new city ordinance prohibits camping on any publicly-owned or maintained street, sidewalk, park, parking lot, or other areas, whether improved or unimproved. This includes the use of vehicles and recreational vehicles for habitation.

\* Another section prohibits parking trucks, trailers and motor homes on residential streets, except for loading and unloading.

The law takes effect Nov. 5, but a grace period will postpone enforcement until Dec. 5. Neighborhood associations are being contacted and information about the ordinance will be sent with utility bills.

Complaints about illegal parking and camping should be called in to the Code Enforcement complaint line, 696-8105 ext. 8711. Situations requiring immediate assistance from the police should be reported to 911. If the complaint is assessed as not requiring immediate police attention, it will be forwarded to Code Enforcement for action during regular business hours, Monday

through Friday. Recreational vehicles, trucks, trailers

Trucks designed primarily for transportation of property, travel trailers, utility trailers, boat trailers and motor homes will be prohibited from parking on public streets and rights of way in residential areas. The only exception will be for loading and unloading.

In many situations, the vehicle may be parked on the owners' property. Until Dec. 5, a no-fee review of a site plan for proposed storage of affected vehicles is being offered by Community Development staff. Call 696-8105 for information.

If a permit is required for anticipated work, the \$59 land use fee will also be waived through Dec. 5. Off-site storage is another option.

## County Program Helps Keep Residents Warm

A Clark County program can help low-income residents keep warm this winter. The Energy Assistance Program provides financial assistance with home heating costs to low-income Clark County households who meet program qualifications.

Low-income households with

electric, natural gas, oil, propane or wood heating systems are eligible to apply.

Persons seeking assistance may call the Energy Assistance Hotline at (360) 737-6124 from 12:30 pm to 4:30, Monday through Thursday.

Hearing impaired clients may call

(360) 737-6065 (TTY) and leave a message.

If you have Call Waiting press \*70 to temporarily cancel this option before dialing the Hotline to avoid being disconnected. Call waiting will resume automatically when the call has ended.

## Programs honors top senior volunteers

Over 300 people attended the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) annual volunteer recognition luncheon to honor volunteers and present the Gus Bacharach Volunteer of the Year and Volunteer Station of the Year Awards.

Harvey Flansburg, nominated by the Marshalls choir was honored as Volunteer of the Year. Flansburg was credited with directing the Marshalls choir for 14 years. He conducted weekly rehearsals, performances for special audiences in nursing homes, care centers and children's camps.

The RSVP program, sponsored by the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department, is celebrating 25 years of service to the Vancouver/Clark County area. The celebration was a thank you to all RSVP volunteers for their service to the community. During 1996 RSVP volunteers donated 131,000 hours of service to Clark County.

The Volunteer Station of the Year award went to the Washington State Department of Corrections. Volunteer Muriel Johnson nominated the site. She wrote "volunteers were treated like staff members and corrections officers showed their appreciation not only by word, but by deed." The Clark County Volunteer Lawyers Program was also nominated.

The following people were also nominated for Volunteer of the Year: Lloyd Nordstrom, nominated by the City of Vancouver Police Department; Almetta Pruitt, nominated by the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, Vancouver Division; Clyde Christian, nominated by Friends In Service to Humanity (F.I.S.H.) of Orchards; George Burroughs, nominated by the Neighbors In Deed Program; Shirley Evans, nominated by the Alzheimer's Support System; Andrew Lavin, nominated by the Chief Umtuch School in Battle Ground; Betty Mayers, nominated by Knights of Pythias Retirement Center; and Jim and Gladys Braskett, nominated by the Pomeroy Living History Farm.

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## Military shift wanted

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which he said could operate in a healthy manner with just one day's funding now allotted to the Pentagon.

Other sites visited included light rail, the central library, an art museum and a public housing hotel.

"We want to bring this issue into the public awareness," Helmer told The Portland Observer, complaining that politicians and the media "don't talk seriously about cutting military spending, but are content to remain at the cold war levels."

After the march, the group met a dozen protesters from an older generation at Terry Schunk Plaza for a rally that included a "Pentagon Jeopardy" quiz game, singing and several speakers.

Similar events were being held in 25 American cities, said Helmer.

"We have to make the phone calls and write the letters to let the politicians know we want peace, not the pentagon," said speaker Michael Carrigan of Peace Works.

Organizers read prepared statements sent by Representatives Peter DeFazio, Elizabeth Furse and Darlene Hooley, as well as Multnomah County Commissioner Beverly Stein.

One sign quoted Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., that a nation which continues year after year increasing military expenditures rather than on socially uplifting programs is "approaching spiritual death."

## Portland's many cultures

scroll has been read within a year.

The children and adults talked about the death of Moses before the Israelites could go into the land of milk and honey, and they talked about the days of creation.

It was a time of endings and beginnings. Prayers recited before and after reading each portion were said by groups of people who were experiencing either endings or beginnings in their own lives and were seeking blessings in their ventures.

They said these prayers as a group, covered by tallot or prayer shawls.

This was the first year the group had its own Torah, a gift from a congregation in Iowa — another reason for rejoicing.

The Torah was handed from one person to the next, as every one had an opportunity to dance around the room with the holy scrolls cradled in their arms. Some children were holding the Torah for the first time, experiencing an exhilaration that comes from such an act.

Each encirclement of the room by the group corresponded to a sphere of God's qualities and emanation in creation.

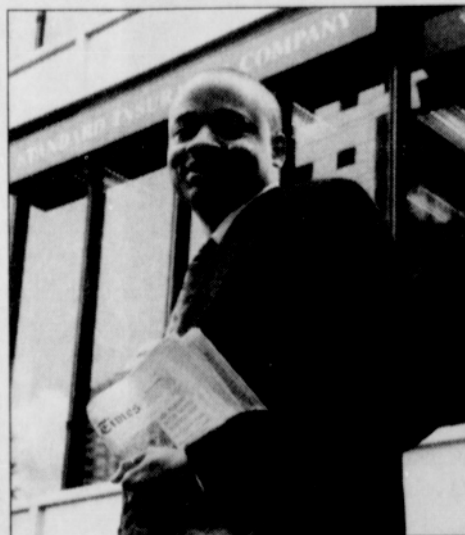
The first was "Chesed," or loving kindness, with the call for the "sweetness of apples and honey to sweeten our lives."

Then came "G'vura," the quality of discernment and ability to choose, have strength and make discoveries.

Others included "Tiferet" (harmony and balance that synthesizes people's energies), "Netzach" (strength and endurance), "Hod" (restraint from acting, while beholding splendor), "Yesod" (intimate closeness which alleviates our sense of aloneness) and "Malkhut" (the completion or grounded fulfillment).

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## POLICE NEWS



Crime prevention education in Portland is hitting the streets in a new public service campaign. See story, additional photo in Metro section, inside. (Photo by M. Washington)

## Wanted Subject

The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending Deminica Marche Vance.

On June 10, 1997, Vance and six others were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury charging them with 40 counts of Bank Fraud, possession of Counterfeit Securities, conspiracy and Aiding and Abetting. The defendants are responsible for creating over \$570,000 worth of counterfeit checks in Portland.

The other six defendants have all been apprehended, however Vance knew of the pending indictment and fled. She has not been seen since early June 1997.

Deminica Marche Vance is described as a 27-year-old black female with a date of birth of February 1, 1970. Vance is 5'4 tall, weighing 125 pounds, with brown eyes and shoulder-length black hair.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, which leads to an arrest in this case or any unsolved felony crime, and you can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.



Deminica Marche Vance

## Message From Mrs. Thomas Jeffries

Despite the July 21, shooting death of her husband, Portland Police Officer Thomas Jeffries, Oct. 9, marked the happy arrival of their child, Nathaniel Thomas Layton Jeffries.

Mrs. Vicki Jeffries wants the community and media to know how she appreciates the outpouring of emotions toward her and her family.

Please accept my most sincere thanks for the tremendous amount of love and support you have offered the baby and me.

Please know how deeply touched I am to have received your hundreds of cards, letters, and gifts which express your respect for Tom and very heartfelt sorrow in regard to his death -- as well as your best wishes for renewed hope and happiness with Nathaniel's birth. These lovely sentiments will always have a place in our lives.

I know my dear Tom would not only be impressed by your genuine kindness and concern.

## Oregon Graduate School Fair

Here's your chance to meet with representatives of Graduate and Professional Schools from around the country

When?

Thursday  
November 6  
2:00-6:00 p.m.

Where?

Salem, Oregon  
Oregon State  
Fair and  
Expo Center  
Easy access  
to fairgrounds  
from I-5

### Program Highlights

- Donald Asher, nationally known author of *Graduate Admissions Essays-What Works, What Doesn't and Why*
- A financial aid expert

Presentations times available in your Career Services Office  
No admission fee!

