

# Observing

## Leaf Program aims to keep drain clear

Citizens are asked not to put leaves in the street. Leaves clog storm drains and catch basins, causing flooding.

Keeping leaves out of the street and using the city's free leaf drop off program, in addition to regular

city streets maintenance, will keep streets free from floods this fall.

City of Vancouver residents will have the opportunity to drop off leaves free of charge at H&H Wood Recycles, 8401 N.E. 117th Ave., on Saturdays, Nov. 15 and Decem-

ber 13, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The program is for leaves only — yard debris or mixed loads will be charged the regular price.

If you see a flooding problem, call the City of Vancouver Public Works Department, 696-8177.

## "Share the Holidays" helps local Meals on Wheels program

"Share the Holidays," a partnership of the National Meals on Wheels Foundation and Kraft Foods, has pledged to help the country's at-risk elderly this holiday season. Kraft is donating \$500,000 nationally to help Meals on Wheels deliver holiday meals to the homebound.

Meals on Wheels for Clark County has been awarded a \$100 grant. The money will be used to support the ongoing work of pro-

viding congregate (meals at group sites) and home delivered meals. This includes providing 176 meals to homebound elderly in Clark County each day.

The goal of "Share the Holidays" is to focus national and local attention on the vital work done by Meals on Wheels programs throughout the United States. A special "Share the Holidays" fund has been created and can be supported through con-

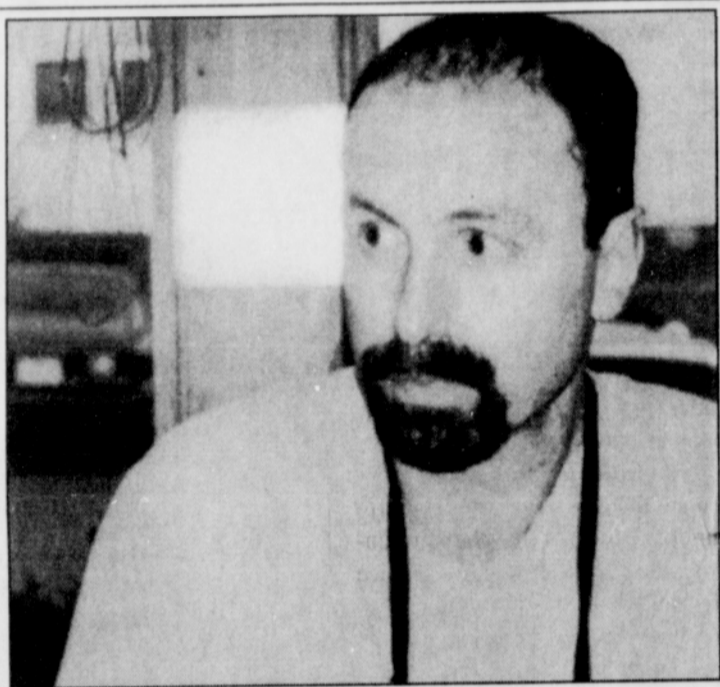
sumer redemption of "Share the Holidays" coupons available in newspapers, Sunday Nov. 16.

Donations to the local "Share the Holiday" fund can be made directly to Meals on Wheels / SNAP (Senior Nutrition and Activities Program) at P.O. Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668.

Meals on Wheels and SNAP are sponsored by the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department.

## Dentist Chiodo leads HIV study

Dr. Gary Chiodo is professor of Public Health Dentistry at Oregon Health Sciences University's Russell Street Dental Clinic, 214 N. Russell Street. His photograph was misidentified in a story about new dental research for HIV positive patients in last week's edition. Participants in the study are receiving free dental treatment and helping improve the quality of life for people with HIV. For more information call (503) 494-6300.



# POLICE NEWS

## Arson/Pipe Bombing

Investigators from the Portland Police Bureau and Portland Fire Bureau, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the suspects responsible for setting off an explosive device in a local park.

Just before midnight on Sunday, October 26, 1997, an explosive device believed to be a pipe bomb detonated in a building containing restrooms in Willamette Park, located in the 7000 block of SW Macadam Avenue. The blast caused an estimated \$80,000 damage to the structure. Three suspects were seen leaving the building just prior to the explosion. They were last seen walk-

ing southbound from the park.

Suspect #1 is described as a male



white in his mid 20's, 5'8" tall, weighing 200 pounds with a stocky build and short brown hair. He was wearing a black nylon jacket and black or

blue colored jeans.

Suspect #2 is described as a male white in his mid 20's 5'8" tall, 170 pounds, with curly sandy blond hair worn in a ponytail. He was wearing a jacket which was off-white in color.

Suspect #3 is described as a male white in his mid 20's, 5'8" tall, weighing 160 pounds, wearing a dark colored jacket.

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.

## Bureau Of Reclamation Joins Crime Witness Program

Two federal agencies have joined forces in a crime-fighting alliance designed to increase the reliability of the Northwest's electricity system. The Bonneville Power Administration's neighborhood watch-style crime prevention program expanded this month to include facilities owned by the Bureau of Reclamation.

"The alliance is a very natural fit. Both agencies see the alliance as the beginning of a region-wide federal initiative in community policing. The ultimate beneficiaries are the citizens of the region," said Mike Berg, manager of BPA's Crime Witness program.

"We are joining BPA in this effort to combat crime and help to deter possible instances of vandalism at

our facilities in the Pacific Northwest," said Mark Albl, the Bureau's regional security coordinator. "Both agencies are optimistic that this partnership will be successful and provide the right incentive to fight crime."

The Bureau manages 10 major dams and associated power plants located in the Pacific Northwest. Along with the responsibility of managing these facilities comes the task of keeping them secure from vandalism.

The facilities owned and operated by BPA and the Bureau are major components of the integrated Federal Columbia River Power System (FCRPS). Vandalism, theft or other criminal activity on BPA substations, transmission lines and microwave

communication systems can directly affect Bureau projects. Similar crimes on Bureau projects can affect BPA's operations as well.

"Any initiative that enhances the operational reliability, or reduces the operating costs of one partner in the FCRPS, benefits everyone else," Berg added. "It just makes good business sense for us to combine scarce security resources in a constructive and mutually beneficial manner."

The Crime Witness Program offers cash rewards of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons committing crimes against BPA's transmission system, property or personnel. Since 1994, the program has generated hundreds of telephone tips resulting in dozens of arrests.

## Homicide Victims Identified

Last Saturday morning's shooting has led to a second death. 29-year-old North Portland resident Anthony L. Merritt, male Hispanic, DOB Sept. 25,

1968, died Saturday evening in a local hospital as a result of gunshot wounds. 23-year-old Oscar Keymolen, male Hispanic, DOB Sept. 25, 1974, died as the result

of gunshot wounds at the shooting scene. Keymolen lived at the North Emerson address. The third victim's name is not being released at this time.

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