

Full Disclosure In Cia-Crack Cocaine Report

Congresswoman Maxine Waters released letters to Michael Bromwich, Inspector General of the Department of Justice (DOJ) and Edward Hitz, Inspector General of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) urging them to present their findings on the allegations of involvement of the CIA to drug trafficking in South Los Angeles in a "complete and open" manner that will be easily accessible to the American people.

After allegations were made in the San Jose Mercury News citing possible links between drug trafficking in South Central Los Angeles, the Nicaraguan Contras movement

and the CIA, a request for a full investigation was made by Rep. Waters and other Members of Congress. Congress mandated that the Inspector Generals of the CIA and the DOJ determine whether the CIA was involved or had knowledge of drug trafficking. Both the CIA and the Department of Justice have indicated that their reports on this matter will be issued by the end of December.

"The American people have a lot of questions about the possible connections between the CIA and drug trafficking and they deserve answers to those questions that are clear and thorough," said Rep. Maxine Waters. "My biggest concern is that the reports, when they are issued, will

provide answers, not raise more questions.

"There has been a national outcry for the truth. Any report that fudges on that truth or seeks to camouflage the truth under the guise of national security, is going to be greeted with distrust and suspicion. I am hopeful that both Mr. Bromwich and Mr. Hitz recognize that and that the report provide full and detailed answers."

The letter to Mr. Hitz reiterated some of the critical questions that have been raised, including whether the allegations of drug trafficking by the CIA made by the San Jose Mercury are true and what organizations were involved.

Prince Hall Masons of Oregon

The Prince Hall Masons of Oregon are working with the youth. Their Youth Committee headed by Joseph H. Henderson was formed to help provide activities in the inner city. This year they are sponsoring a basketball team at Matt Dishman Center. Last year they sponsored a basketball team and two Little League baseball teams. They provided financial assistance to the wrestling team at peninsula Park and put on an Easter Egg hunt at Irving Park.

Their funds, in part, come from fund-raisers that are organized by this committee.

The Oregon Jurisdiction of Prince Hall Masons includes Idaho and Montana. Grand Mas-



Pictured: (L to R) Jesse Godfrey, Robert Ford, Nathaniel Haynes, Joseph Henderson, Tommie Mitchell, Shelton Harrison and William Noble

ter Henry Scott who resides in Idaho has applauded the progress of this vital committee. Other organizations are encouraged to contact the Community Centers to help sponsor and strengthen the efforts toward helping inner city youth.

Tri-Met Outlines Security Project

Tri-Met outlined elements of a developing pilot project designed to improve security on bus route 4-Fessenden.

The plan calls for more police presence, enhanced cleaning and lighting at bus shelters, and other efforts. Frequent bus shelter cleaning began December 15, 1997 and other improvements will follow. The pilot project spans January through June 1998. The project is based on community suggestions, and will be refined as those conversations continue. The effort was outlined during Portland Police Bureau's Chief's Forum.

Route 4-Fessenden provides bus service between the Portland Transit Mall and St. Johns, via North and Northeast Portland. The route is a priority for security and customer

service improvements. Tri-Met will analyze the success of this pilot project in hopes of expanding elements to other routes.

Elements of the pilot project include:

- * More police and security staff: Tri-Met hopes to add an additional 4-6 police officers with particular emphasis on Line 4. Tri-Met fare inspectors and field supervisors will also focus more on Line 4. Tri-Met contracts with the Portland Police Bureau and Gresham Police Department to patrol Tri-Met vehicles and property with 21 sworn police officers.
- * Cleaner, brighter bus shelters: Beginning on December 15, 1997, Tri-Met will begin cleaning bus shelters at least three times a week. Shelters were formerly cleaned about

twice a month. Shelters that are clean and free from graffiti promote positive behavior and enhanced security. Customers are invited to report vandalism to Tri-Met by calling 238-RIDE. Tri-Met is also investigating ways to enhance lighting at some 70 bus shelters, improving security at night.

- * Closer ties with the community: Tri-Met is rekindling communications through meetings with neighborhood associations and other groups. Those conversations will help shape the pilot project as it unfolds. Tri-Met will share results of the pilot project and seek community support in improving security on Line 4.
- * More buses: Tri-Met will assign additional buses, especially after school and late at night, to reduce crowding and provide a more comfortable atmosphere.

Volunteers Dear Friend:

Bradley-Angle House is pleased to announce our next volunteer training. We are looking for volunteers to do direct service work: answer our 24 hour crisis line, staff our emergency shelter and transitional house, facilitate battered women's groups in the community, work with children's groups, or serve on our board of directors.

Since 1975, Bradley-Angle House staff and volunteers have provided

emergency shelter and food, information and referrals, legal advocacy, peer support, and community support groups for women and children escaping domestic violence. All this is done in a safe and supportive atmosphere in which women are encouraged to explore their options and make informed choices about their lives.

We work to provide quality services for women and children of all races, religions, sexual orientations,

ages, and backgrounds. Ongoing education regarding homophobia, racism, and oppression is offered to both staff and volunteers.

Our next training will take place on Monday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings for a month starting Monday, February 2nd. Anyone wanting to know more about our programs can call our volunteer line at 282-9940 to request a detailed packet of information.

Summer Job applications

People seeking summer jobs with the Mt. Hood National Forest will be asked to submit applications directly to the Forest Service beginning December 1.

The new application process will bypass Oregon State Employment offices. Instead, applicants for tempo-

rary jobs during the 1998 field season should submit job packets to: Mt. Hood National Forest Headquarters, 16400 Champion Way, Sandy, Oregon 97055. Applications will be accepted from December 1 through January 16 only. (Applications must be post-marked by January 16.)

Each job position requires submission of a separate application packet. Incomplete applications will not be considered, and may be returned to the sender.

Job-specific information will be available after December 1 by calling Mt. Hood National Forest Personnel Office at (503) 668-1612.

An Art Class Like None Other

Start 1998 by discovering and exploring your own visual language in an ArtFire Class. In a small group environment, you will learn to access, generate, expand and trust your own ideas through painting and drawing in an active studio experience. ArtFire classes of 7-12 people, encourage students to explore and experiment with their own ideas by creating individuals, authentic art. During an ArtFire class there are no "mistakes," only opportunities to make discoveries and learn, thereby building and strengthening your sense of self. ArtFire is based on the belief that every individual is whole and complete within him/herself. Because of this, ArtFire does not "plant ideas" in a student's mind -- it focuses on unleashing them. All classes are open and appropriate to all experience levels, from none to much.

"ArtFire helped me identify by block and use it to enhance my art

work...More than having a finished piece that 'How-To' courses propose to offer, ArtFire gave me a personal direction to pursue." - adult student

Painter, Jacklyn Hamberg, founder and director of ArtFire, has been unleashing ideas in students aged 3-97, for 16 years. An adult class is scheduled to start January 28, 1998 and plans are underway for children's classes in the near future.


Register now for the ArtFire Adult Class:

Wednesdays, January 28 - March 18, 1998 from 6:45 p.m. (eight-week class)

at
The Matt Dishman Community Center
77 NE Knott, Portland, OR
Class open to all adults 18 yr. and older

Please call to register or for more information: (503) 235-1961 or e-mail: jahaf@teleport.com


PGE really deserves the Spirit of Portland award. Our Neighborhoods First has been a real blessing to residents of North Portland. The company and its volunteers have been wonderful helpers and partners in our efforts to build a strong neighborhood.



Antoinette Edwards
Columbia Villa-Tamarack Family Resource Center Coordinator

We'd like to salute a spirited community.


Orion Collins and his sister Zakari Newton team up for the North Portland Caring Community Rose Festival Parade outing, sponsored by PGE's Our Neighborhoods First.



Brenda Addy takes part in the Homowo African Harvest Festival, sponsored in part by PGE's Our Neighborhoods First.



PGE helps Seed the Future at a tree planting in Portsmouth.



We're proud to receive the Mayor's Spirit of Portland award as a Business of the Year. But we're even prouder to be part of a community where people work together to make this a nice place to live. That's what community spirit is all about. And that's why we consider it a privilege to help sponsor events like the Cathedral Park Jazz Festival, Seed the Future tree plantings and the St. Johns Parade.

PGE congratulates all the dedicated Spirit award recipients including the Kenton Neighborhood, volunteers Don and Mary Gilbertson, and Lila Estes. We're honored to be counted among them. And to be in a city where community spirit is alive and well.

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OUR NEIGHBORHOODS FIRST

ALTERNATIVE HEATER SAFETY

- 1 Allow your heater to cool before refueling and only refuel outdoors.
- 2 Fill your heater with only crystal clear, K-1 kerosene, not gasoline or camp stove fuel — both explode easily.
- 3 Keep the fire in the fireplace by making sure you have a screen large enough to catch flying sparks and rolling logs.
- 4 Clean your chimney regularly — creosote build-up can ignite your chimney, roof, and the whole house.
- 5 Space heaters need space. Keep combustibles at least three feet away from each heater.
- 6 When buying a space heater, look for a control feature that automatically shuts off the power if the heater falls over.
- 7 Carefully follow manufacturers' installation and maintenance instructions.
- 8 For woodstove fuel use only seasoned wood, not green wood, artificial logs or trash.
- 9 In case of a fire stay low to the ground, beneath the smoke, and have an escape plan already worked out.
- 10 Install a smoke detector on every level of your home. Check the batteries every month and change them at least once a year.



It takes 20 gallons of water to wash the dishes by hand. A dishwasher uses nine to 12 gallons