

POLICE NEWS

Tri-Met Unveils Security Plan

The Tri-Met Board of Directors was briefed on the agency's comprehensive Security Plan and Program, as well as the new Line 4 Pilot Project. The Plan builds on the efforts that Tri-Met has made over the years to maintain a safe transit system.

"Security of our customers and employees is a top priority for Tri-Met," General Manager Tom Walsh said. "Working with the community and local law enforcement agencies, Tri-Met will allocate the necessary resources to ensure that we continue to provide the most effective level of security on our transit system."

The comprehensive Security Plan and Program includes:

- * additional law enforcement officers to patrol the Westside MAX

line when it opens September 12, 1998

- * targeted enforcement activities, such as increased patrols at park & ride lots

- * crime prevention technology, including surveillance cameras

- * enhanced training for employees to help prevent and respond to incidents

- * expanded community involvement, including citizen patrols

- * designing transit facilities with crime prevention elements in place, as well as inspecting existing facilities to improve the safety of those sites

Some of these efforts are now being tested with the Line 4 Pilot Project that just got underway. The

goal of the six-month pilot project is to improve the customer's experience on Line 4. The project includes enhancing security presence, improving lighting, responding to vandalism, additional employee training to help prevent incidents from occurring, community involvement and school programs. Following the six-month pilot project, Tri-Met will evaluate the program and implement the most effective elements throughout the transit system.

Beginning January 1, 1998, the Federal Transit Administration requires transit agencies to have a security plan in place. Tri-Met's plan has been certified by the Oregon Department of Transportation for the FTA.

Man Discovered Dead In Irving Park

At approximately 7:40 a.m. New Years morning, a jogger discovered the body of Reggie J. Scott of NE Portland near the baseball bleachers in Irving Park. What was originally believed to be death by other means has been determined by medical examination to be a homicide.

The 20-year-old black male was a

student at Portland Community College.

The cause of death has been determined to be from a small caliber gunshot to the head.

The time of death has not yet been determined. He was last seen by family and friend's late New Years Eve. It is not known if the shooting was on

purpose or accidental. It is not believed to be gang related.

Anyone with information regarding the events which occurred at Irving Park on New Years Eve and early New Years Day are asked to contact Detectives R. Heinbach or M. Bigeagle at Detective Division 823-0400.

Crime Stoppers Shooting

Portland Police Bureau investigators, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the individual responsible for a Christmas day shooting on the Glen Jackson Bridge.

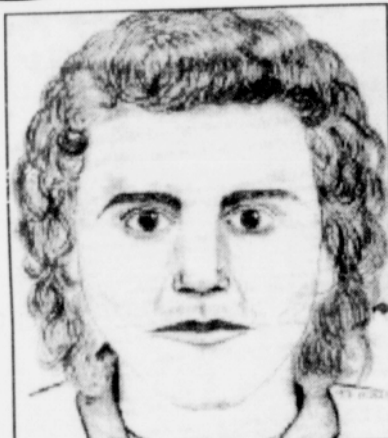
On Thursday, December 25, 1997, a husband and wife were in their truck driving northbound on I-205 on the Glen Jackson Bridge when the wife, who was driving, began to make a lane change. When she realized the lane was occupied by another vehicle, she avoided a collision by quickly pulling back. As they continued northbound across the bridge, the other vehicle, described as a two-tone brown Toyota Celica or Supra with a Washington license plate similar

to 384 YHD, pulled alongside. The driver of the Toyota displayed a handgun and fired a single shot into the victim's truck, striking the husband in the arm. The suspect vehicle was last seen westbound on Washington State Highway 14 toward Vancouver. The victim was driven to a Vancouver Hospital where he was treated and released.

The suspect is described as a 35-year-old white or Hispanic male, 5'9" tall, weighing 180 pounds with black hair.

Investigators are asking anyone, including the blond female passenger in the suspect vehicle, to come forward with information they may have on the case.

As always, 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 do not have to give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Observing

City Details 1998 Legislative Priorities

Transportation funding, economic development and state support in financing a new downtown conference-special events center top the City of Vancouver's list of priorities for the upcoming 60-day session of the Washington State Legislature.

"In recent years, state and federal support for transportation has lagged well behind growth and inflation," says Vancouver City Manager Vernon Stoner. "With a large state surplus, we hope the Legislature will redirect some of those dollars to help fund state and local transportation needs. No other city, county or region has the tremendous transportation needs that we have here in Vancouver and Clark County."

Securing state financial support

for the new conference-special events center planned for downtown Vancouver is another legislative priority. "When Seattle and King County needed help to build major public facilities, the state granted them a sales tax credit," observes Vancouver's Governmental Relations Director Mark Brown. "When Yakima needed help with a convention and sports facilities a state sales tax credit was given. We're asking for equity. Vancouver is a gateway city with plans to build a regional public facility that is just as important as similar facilities in other communities in our state."

A state sales tax credit would not add to existing taxes or create new taxes but, rather, would allow a small percentage of state sales taxes collected locally to stay in Vancouver to

help finance this project, says Brown.

Help in revitalizing downtown Vancouver could come in the form of passage of the Urban Stabilization Act, another City priority for the 1998 session. "Passage of this legislation would create a means to help our downtown by redirecting existing state and local sales taxes into financing redevelopment projects," states Steve Burdick, Vancouver's Economic Development Director. "Tax revenue that is redirected comes from the expanded tax base created by the new development. This type of financing is a huge incentive common in many states but not currently available here."

Vancouver will also take a defensive position on any legislation that creates unfunded mandates

Rhythm To Resonate In African Class

The rhythms of Ghana and West Africa traditional dance will resound in a new class for adults starting Monday, Jan. 26. The class is sponsored by Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department.

Musician Kpani Addy, a native of Ghana, will teach the class as a fun and cultural experience using a variety of African drums for dance rhythm.

The class meets Mondays, 7 to

8:30 p.m., Jan. 26 through March 9 (no class Feb. 16) at Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon. The cost is \$60 or \$53 for city residents. For details call Connie Irwin, 696-8218.

Citizens Invited To Suggest Road Improvements

Each year, Clark County sets aside funding for improvements to the transportation system. These improvements include bikeways, walkways, access management, fish passages underneath public roads, completion of arterial corridors where some improvements are already in place, spot safety improvements, traffic signal coordination, completing the local street circulation system, and neighborhood traffic calming.

These smaller improvements are part of an ongoing program within the larger six-year transportation

program, and are not to be confused with the more extensive Transportation Improvement Program Implementation Team (TIPT) process.

The county would like to begin constructing some of these improvements in 1998. The list of proposed projects will be forwarded to the Board of Clark County Commissioners in March for their approval. "We would like to hear from residents in the unincorporated areas about their thoughts on these recommended projects," said County Engineer Peter Capell. "We have received re-

quests from a variety of people, including the bicycle Advisory Committee, the Traffic Management Advisory Committee, and the neighborhoods, and we would like to invite the public to comment on our recommended lists of projects prior to the Board taking action."

Members of the community are invited to attend the open houses scheduled for the following dates:

Tuesday, March 3, 1998 at the Felida Fire Station, 11600 NW Lakeshore, Vancouver.

Thursday, March 5, 1998.

Athletes can register now for Nike World Masters Games

Over 25,000 athletes from 100 countries will participate in the fourth annual Nike World Masters Games coming to the Portland/Vancouver area Sunday, Aug. 9 through Saturday, Aug. 22. Twenty-six different sports will be

represented, in which past champions, those who have never competed at an elite level, and retired athletes may compete. Local athletes may call 1-800-984-2637 to register for the games.

About 9,000 athletes will compete in the Vancouver area. Rowing,

canoeing and kayaking events will take place at Vancouver Lake Regional Park, with basketball events at The Hoop near Vancouver Mall.

There will be numerous volunteer opportunities to participate in this historic event.

Oregon Center for the Book announces writing contest

The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress has expanded its popular Letters About Literature program this year to include upper elementary students. Sponsored nationally by the Weekly Reader Corporation in association with the Center for the Book, the national essay contest invites students to write a letter to an author -- living or dead -- explaining how that author's work somehow changed the student's way of thinking about the world.

This year's contest will officially launch in January, 1998, with all contest entries post-marked by March 1.

Letters About Literature '98 is sponsored in Oregon by the Oregon Center for the Book at the State Library, along with co-sponsors; Oregon Educational Media Association; Children's

Services Division and Oregon Young Adult Network of the Oregon Library Association; and the Oregon Council of Teachers of English.

Based on the success of the program in recent years, Letters About Literature '98 will offer two competition levels for the first time: Level I for students in grades 4 through 7; Level II for students in grades 8 through 12. The Center for the Book will select a national winner for Level I and Level II.


Each national winner will receive a \$1,000 US Savings Bond. In addition, the Oregon Center for the Book will select the top essayist in the state on both Level I and Level II. The state winners will each receive a cash award of \$100. The Oregon judges are: Level I: Peggy Mangis, Salem; Jackie Rose, Lake Oswego;

Rosalind Wang, Portland, Level II: Susan Dunn, Hillsboro; Virginia Euwer Wolff, Oregon City; Phyllis Lichenstein, Salem.

The national judging sites this year are two co-sponsoring colleges in Northeastern Pennsylvania.

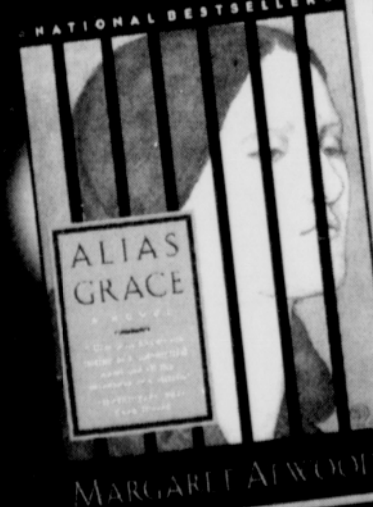
Level I entries will be judged by faculty and student interns at King's College. Level II entries will be judged by faculty and student interns at Wilkes University. Both schools are actively involved on the national and regional levels in teaching process writing and frequently host regional writing conferences and seminars.

Each essay must be accompanied by an official entry coupon. For a copy of the guidelines and an official entry coupon, call the Oregon Center for the Book at (503) 378-2112 ext. 239.



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Do You Have Winter Depression?

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You must be in good health and not taking any antidepressant medications.

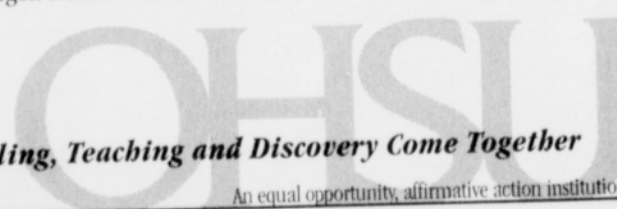
If you are interested, please call the Sleep and Mood Disorders Lab at OHSU:


(503) 494-1402

This project is under the direction of Dr. Alfred J. Lewy.

Research Study Volunteers Needed

Do you feel down or sad in the winter, but not during the summer? If so, you may qualify for a three-week research study treating winter depression with melatonin, which naturally occurs in the body. This is followed up with two weeks of standard treatment with bright lights. (You may choose to keep the light fixture at the end of the study.) The study will involve five visits to Oregon Health Sciences University, with blood draws on three occasions.





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