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Expanded counter, more staff will help community development customers

The city's customer service counter in the lobby of the Citizens Service Center at 1313 Main St. has reopened with a new look and more support for city residents.

This Community Development Department (CDD) site offers services as building and subdivision permits, short plats, sewer and water locations, driveway and curbside per-

mits, zone changes and conditional use permits.

In recent months the customer service counter has been expanded and redesigned to be more convenient for customers. Additional computer capabilities have been added and more staff will be available to provide assistance. Thirteen new public parking spaces have been added on

the east side of the building.

Customers with utility bills or parking tickets to pay are asked to go next door to the customer service counter at City Hall, 210 E. 13th St.

Telephone numbers remain the same. The number for the front counter is 696-8105. For more details, call David DiCesare, development services manager, at 696-8005.

Senior Doll Club Recognized

The Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Senior Program's Doll Club was honored by the YWCA at the Y's recent annual recognition ceremony.

In 1997, the program donated

97 different homemade items to the "Y's Care" program for children. Items included dolls, toys and doll clothes valued at \$765.

The Doll Club donated 5,826 items to various organizations throughout

Vancouver in 1997, with a total value of \$21,289.

The club is always in need of fabric, stuffing and other supplies. To donate, call Senior Programs at 696-8202.

City program will train county peacemakers

People interested in keeping the peace in their community are encouraged to sign up for Conflict Resolution training offered by Community Mediation Services, a city program serving all Clark County residents.

The training, scheduled next month, teaches volunteers how to listen effectively, understand different points of view and help neighbors resolve conflicts. "Training will focus on negotiating disputes through individual contact," says Christopher Sheesley, the city's Mediation Ser-

vices program manager. "We've found that capable volunteers can help neighbors solve conflicts by using non-adversarial mediation skills."

Volunteers provide non-enforcement assistance with problems such as noise, animal complaints, property maintenance, boundaries, vegetation, parking and interpersonal relations.

The 20-hour training is set for all-day Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21, and Tuesday, March 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. cost is \$15

for materials, plus a \$125 deposit. The deposit will be refunded if participants make an eight-hour-per-month, 10-month volunteer commitment.

Scholarships are available. People who are bilingual and wish to serve the county's increasingly diverse populations are especially encouraged to apply.

Call (360) 696-8060 for an application or visit the Community Mediation Services office in City Hall, 210 East 13th, Lower Level. application deadline is Friday, March 6.

Ambassador Richardson To Visit Feb. 22

United Nations Ambassador Bill Richardson will visit Vancouver to deliver a community address at a dinner on Sunday, Feb. 22. He will also deliver a special Marshall Lecture to a student audience on Monday, Feb. 23, at Hudson's Bay High School. The Ambassador was scheduled to give the lecture last November, but a diplomatic crisis in Iraq required him to postpone his visit.

Richardson was "very disappointed" in not being able to come to Vancouver last fall and promised to fulfill his commitment to deliver the Marshall Lecture sometime in early

1998. A special community address will be delivered at a dinner Sunday, Feb. 22, at 6 p.m., at the Double Tree Inn at the Quay. In the spirit of General Marshall honor, integrity and service will be the theme of the lecture. According to Mayor Pollard, "our community will hear first-hand from the Ambassador about the crisis in Iraq."

He has been on the front lines of negotiation with Saddam Hussein. At the end of the address, guests will have an opportunity to ask questions. We have a unique opportunity to be

in conversation with the United Nations Ambassador at this time in our history."

Tickets for the community dinner are \$40 and may be obtained by leaving a message at (360) 735-8777. Seating is limited.

On Monday Feb. 23, at 10 a.m., Richardson will give a special Marshall Lecture to area students at Hudson's Bay High School. It will be followed by a question-and-answer period.

It is anticipated that the address to students will be broadcast live on CVTV Channel 47.

Roy Jay to serve on NAACP National Lodging Advisory Committee

Roy Jay, President of Oregon Convention and Visitor Services Network is one of eight individuals, across the country, that has been asked to serve on the NAACP's national Lodging Reciprocity sub committee.

The NAACP is now in year two of the lodging industry re-

view. The NAACP's national office feels that an advisory council is an excellent way to facilitate ongoing implementation of the program and monitor the progress and agreements that many of the nations largest hotel chains have entered into with the NAACP last year.

Jay, a business entrepreneur and native of Portland is also national president of A.C.T.= African-American Convention & Tourism and was recently recognized by a national publication as one of the most influential African Americans in the convention and tourism industry.

Women Urged to Apply for PSU's Ryles Scholarship

Applications for the 1998 Nancy Ryles Scholarship, and other scholarships open to women, are available from Portland State University beginning in January. The Ryles Scholarship -- established in memory of the late Oregon public utility commissioner, former state senator, and Beaverton school board member -- assists undergraduate women whose education has been interrupted by financial need, physical disability or family responsibilities.

Milwaukie resident Christy Hurt entered PSU as a junior this fall with the help of this renewable \$5,000 scholarship. A diabetic, survivor of child abuse, and the mother of five challenging children (including two step-children), she came to PSU from

Clackamas Community College with a 3.94 grade point average. The Ryles Scholarship pays for her tuition, books and fees.

"The scholarship is a real boost," she says, "particularly because it shows that someone saw something in me they believe in and would like to support. I work because I'm responsible to someone else, and because I know for a fact that someone has faith in me."

The endowment for the Nancy Ryles Scholarship currently stands at more than \$336,000. Joan Johnson, who helped to establish the scholarship in 1990 in memory of her friend, says, "Christy is an amazing person: strong and seriously motivated despite all the difficulties she's encour-

tered in her life. Nancy knew the importance of education, especially to women. She would be very proud of Christy, and of all the Ryles Scholarship winners."

Applications for the Ryles and other scholarships are available from PSU's women's studies office beginning in January. For information call Carol Schallberger at 725-3510. Applications may be picked up in Room 401 of Cramer Hall, 1721 SW Broadway, or Room 118 in Smith Center, 1825 SW Broadway. Deadline for returning completed applications is early February. To contribute to the Nancy Ryles Scholarship Fund, call the PSU Foundation at 725-4911.

POLICE NEWS

Suspect Shot After Shooting at Officers

On Tuesday, January 27, 1998, Portland Police Officers shot and killed a suspect who had fired upon them. The suspect, Aaron Rahmaan, black male, DOB 01-21-79, was on foot in the area of N. Albina and N. Killingsworth when officers attempted to contact him. Rahmaan continued to walk southbound on N. Albina as officers attempted to gain his attention. One officer exited the patrol car and was on foot while

his partner drove slightly ahead of Rahmaan. Rahmaan started running at the marked police vehicle, pulled a handgun and fired one or more shots at the officer inside. Both officers returned fire striking Rahmaan in the head. Rahmaan was discovered to be wearing a ballistic vest at the time of the shooting.

A handgun was recovered from Rahmaan at the scene. Rahmaan has prior arrests for Distribution

and Possession of Narcotics, Theft, Assault and Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle.

Northeast Precinct Officers Doug Matthews (3-year veteran) and Rich Braskett (3-year veteran) are on paid administrative leave pending the investigation. The officers were not injured during the incident.

A photo of Rahmaan is available at the Identification Division, 12th floor, Justice Center.

ATM Robbery Suspect Arrested

Portland Police Bureau Officers and Detectives arrested Leo Terrance Mitchell III in connection with 10 different pedestrian robberies from local bank ATM machines.

Detectives began surveillance at several ATM locations earlier this week after seeing a pattern of robberies. Ten victims have been robbed at gunpoint from ATM machines since November of 1997. The ATM's are located at:

4920 NE 42nd Ave./US Bank

4210 NE Going St./Wells Fargo Bank

3967 NE Sandy Blvd. Bank of America

NE 9th/Broadway/Portland Teachers Credit Union

At approximately 7:00 a.m. this morning Mitchell was observed near the ATM machine at the Bank of America, 3967 NE Sandy Blvd. Mitchell, who matched the suspect description given in several other robberies, displayed a gun to the victim and demanded a withdrawal of money

from the ATM machine. Officers arrested Mitchell at the scene and recovered the money and a gun. Mitchell, a black male, DOB 11-23-77, of NE Portland, is lodged at the Justice Center Jail.

The victim was not harmed. Mitchell is charged with 10 Counts of Robbery I and I-Count of Kidnap II. He is being held on \$520,000 bail.

A photo of Mitchell is available at Identification Division, 12th floor, Justice Center.

Homicide Investigation

4700 Block NE 14th Avenue

On Saturday, February 7, 1998, at 10:51 in the evening, Northeast precinct uniform officers were dispatched to the 4700 block of NE 14th Avenue on a report of a shooting. Upon arrival officers and medical personnel found 19-year-old Rahshann Domintz Stone, lay-

ing on the parking strip, dead from an apparent gunshot wound to the head.

Rahshann Stone did not live in the area, but was reportedly there to visit a friend.

At this time investigators have no suspect or suspects in the case and the motive is still unknown.

According to investigators, while Stone is not listed as a gang member, he reportedly associated with many people who are.

The investigation is continuing, and the investigators are Investigative-Sergeants T. Nelson and R. Heimbach.

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