

# Observing

## City upgrades phone system to improve citizen access

The city of Vancouver recently upgraded its central telephone system hardware to increase capacity for incoming and outgoing calls.

This upgrade should reduce or eliminate the number of busy signals people experience when calling city offices.

"We have installed two 'T-1 cards,' which will increase the number of in-bound and out-bound lines by about 50%," says Patrick Gilbride, information technology service manager for the City. "Depending on the growth rate of the City's phone

system, this upgrade should help meet our needs for the next one to two years."

The upgrade also enable the City to increase capacity by another 25% just by ordering additional phone service from US West, without buying more system hardware.

## Open houses offer opportunity for public review and input

A 12-member citizens task force appointed by the Board of Clark County Commissioners has been meeting regularly since October 1997 to work through its tasks of redesignating 36,000 acres currently classified as agri-forest.

The task force has completed an initial review of all 36,000 acres and has scheduled three open houses for residents to review and offer input on its preliminary recommendations:

Tuesday, March 3 Ridgefield Community Center, 310 Main Street, Ridgefield Wednesday, March 4 Mt. Valley Grange, 40107 NE 221 Av-

enue, Amboy Thursday March 5 Hockinson Middle School, 15916 NE 182 Avenue, Hockinson.

The open houses are scheduled from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., with brief presentations at 6 p.m. That are repeated at 7 p.m. Residents are invited to attend the most convenient open house.

In carrying out its work of redesignating the lands currently classified as agri-forest, the task force has used criteria from the Growth Management Act, guidelines from the Board of County Commissioners, and maps and supportive information

from Clark County staff. Following the open houses, the task force is expected to finalize its recommendations by the end of March, after which it will forward its recommendations to the Clark County Planning Commission and the Board of Clark County Commissioners.

The renewed focus on properties located in the agri-forest zoning district is the result of recent Superior Court findings and changes to the Growth Management Act.

For additional information, please contact Jerri Bohard at 699-2375 ext. 4112.

## City Schedules Two East Vancouver Meetings

East Vancouver residents will meet with Vancouver city staff to discuss city services, annexation transition progress and neighborhood issues at two upcoming community meetings. Meeting location and dates are:

Thursday, Feb. 26, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. - Marion Elementary Media Center 10119 NE 14th

Street

Friday, March 6, from 10:30 a.m. to noon - Fairway Village Clubhouse 15509 SE Fernwood Drive

"These two meetings will let us get better acquainted, talk about service transition and build new partnerships," says City Manager Vernon Stoner. "One year after the east Vancouver

annexation, these conversations are a good opportunity to take stock of where we are, where we're going and what we can do to better serve city residents."

Staff from Vancouver Police, Fire, Transportation, Parks, Community Development and the Office of Neighborhoods will attend.

## Earth Day '98 Project Registration Deadline Is March 1

Earth Day is April 22, but the deadline to register community and school projects in the annual publication, Earth Day, Every Day Hands-on Guide is March 1. Earth Day relies on project leaders to organize hundreds of hands-on projects that will conserve, protect, restore and enhance the environment throughout the greater Portland-Vancouver area.

The popular Earth Day, Every Day Hands-on Guide will be available in the April 7 issue of The Oregonian and will include a complete listing of

all the Earth Day projects happening in the area and around the state. It is a helpful guide to resources in the community and will provide information about projects that need volunteers.

There is still time to "do something" in your own neighborhood, with family and friends, at school, or with your co-workers for Earth Day '98. To register a project or find out more about Earth Day '98, call the Earth Day Hotline at 788-4992 or visit the Earth Day

website at [www.efo.org/earthday](http://www.efo.org/earthday).

Earth Day is a project of the Environmental Federation of Oregon (EFO) and is sponsored by Northwest Natural, PacifiCorp, Portland General Electric, The Oregonian, Metro, Smurfit Newsprint, City of Portland Bureau of Environmental Services, KUFO/The Beat, AK Media NW, Peacetrace Environmentally Sound Paper & Printing, Nature's and Tom's of Maine.

## Tri-Met Schedule Change

Pick up new Tri-Met schedules now for minor adjustments effective March 1

Schedules for Max and some Tri-Met buses will change March 1, and new schedules are now available. The minor adjustments will help keep buses and MAX on schedule.

Copies of new schedules are available on MAX and each affected bus route. The Tri-Met

Guide & Map, a complete listing of schedules, fares and a map of the entire Tri-Met system, is available for \$1.50.

The guide also outlines bus detours that will begin March 31 when the Hawthorne Bridge closes.

The guide is available at the

Tri-Met Office in Pioneer Courthouse Square and most Albertson, Fred Meyer and Safeway stores. For more information about riding Tri-Met, including trip-planning information, contact 238-RIDE, TTY 238-5811, fax 239-3092, or [www.tri-met.org](http://www.tri-met.org).

# POLICE NEWS

## Police Ask For Help In Homicide Investigation

Portland Police Detectives are requesting the public help in identifying two victims of homicide. On January 24, 1998, hikers discovered the remains of two people in the drainage culvert near the Terminal 6 area of industrial North Portland. The victims are believed to have been deceased for between four to seven months. Originally missing was the skull of the second man. It was recovered on Febru-

ary 15, 1998 in the same general area.

The victims are described as:  
#1 - Male Hispanic, in his 20's, 5-10 to 6', 180 to 200 pounds, very short black hair. He was wearing a grey custom made T-shirt, jewelry, and accessories which are shown in photos available to view at the PIO's office.

#2 - Male Hispanic, in his 20's 5-10 to 6', 150 pounds, very short black hair.

He was wearing a navy blue and white Nike brand light nylon jacket, a navy blue Adidas brand extra large T-shirt, and loose fitting denim jeans.

Anyone with information regarding the identity or actions involved in this crime are asked to call the Portland Police Bureau-Detective Division at 823-0400. Investigative-Sergeants D. Rubey and K. Ferrell are the investigators.

# POLICE NEWS

## Jeffery Harlan Moore Arrested and Charged

2612 SE 111th Avenue

Jeffery Harlan Moore, 44 years, the roommate of Steven Douglas Dons, has been arrested and charged in connection with the events which occurred at 2612 SE 111th Avenue, the location Portland Police Officer Colleen Waibel was killed and two other Officers were wounded, January 27, 1998. Steven Douglas Dons also has been charged with additional crimes from the investigation.

Moore was placed into custody by Detectives at approximately 4:45

p.m. on the campus of Mt. Hood Community college where he is employed. The arrest was made without incident. He will be lodged at the Justice Center Jail.

Moore was charged with the following:

Count 1-Manufacture of a Controlled Substance Schedule I  
Count 2-Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule I  
Count 3-Child Neglect in the First Degree

Count 4-Child Neglect in the First Degree

Count 5-Recklessly Endangering Another Person

Count 6-Recklessly Endangering Another Person

Count 7-Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule II

Count 8-Possession of a Controlled Substance Schedule II

Steven Douglas Dons will be charged with Counts 1-6 of the listed indictment.

## ARMED ROBBERY

The Clatsop county Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the suspect in an armed robbery.

On Saturday, January 24, 1998, at about 11:30 in the evening, the Twin Spruce Tavern in Warrenton, Oregon, was robbed by a lone gunman who entered the tavern by himself, and remained until closing when the

robbery occurred.

The suspect is described as a white male, 27 to 34 years of age, 5'9" to 5'11" tall, weighing 180 to 190 pounds with brown eyes and short brown hair. At the time of the robbery he was wearing a dark color crew neck T-shirt, blue jeans, work-style boots, a light blue jean jacket, and dark color knit gloves. He was armed with a black, semiautomatic

pistol.

The man made statements that he was from the Portland area and had recently been released from prison.

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.

## Crime Stoppers

Portland Police Bureau investigators, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the suspect in a homicide.

On Friday, November 28, 1997, at approximately 8:30 in the evening, 24 year-old Thomas Henry Graham, was standing at the southeast corner

of N Albina Avenue and N Killingsworth Street when he was approached by an individual riding a bicycle. The suspect fired numerous gunshots at Graham, who was struck multiple times. Graham was transported to an area hospital where he died of his injuries.

The suspect, who is described as a

black male, was last seen leaving the area on the bicycle.

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