

KGW-Northwest Newschannel 8 Goes Undercover To Catch Donation Thieves

When you drop off donations at an unattended Salvation Army box, you'd be surprised where some of your items end up.

KGW Northwest NewsChannel 8 reporter Kevin Roy stakes out several Salvation Army drop off sites and catches people stealing donations. The first of this three part undercover investigation, "Stealing From the Poor," began Monday, April 27, on NewsChannel 8 at Five and Eleven.

In this hidden camera investigation Roy discovers people stealing donated items left after hours by good Samaritans at area Portland Salvation Army's. For

five nights Roy surveilled Salvation Army drop off sites and caught person after person stealing donated items. When confronted, most of these thieves didn't feel that they had done anything wrong.

Roy reports that the theft of donated items is a huge problem for the Salvation Army, costing them tens of thousands of dollars in lost revenue.

Donated items are repaired and sold at various Salvation Army locations.

The money collected is solely used to fund the Salvation Army's drug and alcohol rehabilitation center.

Court Finds More ADA Violation at Rose Garden

U.S. District Court Magistrate judge Donald Ashmanskas issued two additional decisions in *Independent Living Resources and Robert Pike v Oregon Arena Corporation*, Civil No 95-84-AS. The decisions followed a two day trial on a variety of outstanding issues related to compliance with the ADA at the Rose Garden.

The U.S. District court found the Oregon Arena Corporation's current ticket sale policies and the practice of "infilling," which is the practice of removing wheelchair seats and installing portable tiers of conventional seats, violate the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The court found that a minimum of 133 of the 191 wheelchair spaces are "infilled" at every Trail Blazer game and have been sold to non-disabled patrons on a season ticket or longer basis. At least 84% of wheelchair spaces are infilled for every game. The court ruled "The

ticket sale and infilling policies utilized at the Rose Garden effectively preclude wheelchair users from obtaining the same benefits available to ambulatory patrons..."

The court entered injunctive relief requiring the Oregon Arena Corporation to take action to correct the ticket sale policies, and infilling of seats. The court ordered that "no wheelchair spaces may be infilled for a particular game or other event unless all an ambulatory patron could still purchase a ticket for a conventional comparable wheelchair spaces."

The court also ruled on many outstanding and unresolved violations of the ADA's accessibility requirements. The court has ordered the Oregon's Arena Corporation to modify a lengthy list of physical barriers. The list includes curb ramps, doors, handrails on ramps and signage as well as problems in the luxury suites.

Son of Portland Couples Serves on Navy's Newest Destroyer

By JAMES E. SCOTT

Onboard USS Mahan—Just drawing a paycheck wasn't enough for William Anderson Jr. He wanted more out of his career—adventure, travel and opportunity. So he joined the Navy.

Anderson, son of William and Ida Anderson of Portland, Or., serves onboard the guided missile destroyer USS Mahan, home ported in Norfolk, Va.

Anderson, 38, joined the Navy in 1979. "I was bored and going nowhere fast," said the first class petty officer.

Today he's serving on one of the Navy's newest and most advanced fighting ships.

As a destroyer, Mahan has a critical mission in the Navy's mission. Destroyers have traditionally been the workhorses of the modern Navy, defending battle groups against threats from land, sea, and air. At the heart of Mahan's war fighting capability is the computer based, Aegis weapons system, which involves a powerful radar that allows the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

Mahan can launch as many as 90 Tomahawk missiles rapidly, each capable of hitting targets hundreds of miles away. The ship also features Harpoon missiles, torpedoes



William Anderson Jr.

(Photo by David W. Crenshaw)

and a rapid fire 5-inch gun.

As an operation specialist, Anderson works in the combat information center, the tactical heart of the ship. "I manage a 28 person work center ensuring all maintenance, training and work get accomplished," he said. "I also work on the Aegis combat system, which incorporates the newest and greatest technology in the Navy."

Anderson says his time in the Navy has given him many exciting experiences. "I've had the opportunity to devote a lot of my spare time to volunteer work, such as working with the Special Olympics and Habitat," he said. "I was awarded the Military Outstanding Voluntary Service Medal for my efforts."

Anderson is married to the former Joanna Haddock, and they have one

son, Christopher, 11.

He says he intends to stay on active duty until he's eligible to retire. "I want to settle in Maryland, and work in management," he said.

Whatever his future, Anderson can look back on his time in the Navy with fond memories and the knowledge his service was valuable and appreciated.

On-line Voters' Pamphlet Now Available



The Voters' Pamphlet for the May 19 primary election is now available on-line on the Elections Division page of the Secretary of State's website at the following address: <http://www.sos.or.us> The Pamphlet contains information about voting in the May 19 polling place election, candidate statements and photographs, and information pertaining to statewide **Ballot Measure 53.**

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