

Observing

Auditions are now being accepted for the 90 voice Bravo!

Vancouver Chorale—a community based choral organization with professional quality. Bravo! Vancouver is Southwest Washington's only professional concert series presenting concerts of classical, jazz, popular, and sacred music. Chorale highlights for the 1998-99 season include Handel's "Messiah," the Poulenc "Gloria" and Bach's "St. Matthew Passion."

All voice parts open. For audition information and dates, please contact Dr. Maria Manzo, Music Director, at 360-696-4407 or email mariamstjoevan.org by Monday, August 24.

August 23 is second annual Honor the Elders concert

David Cooley and the Hardswing Band will kick off the second Honor the Elders Concert Sunday, August 23, from 6-8 pm at Waterworks Park in Vancouver (north end of Clark College parking lot). The public is invited to listen to an evening full of 40's, 50's and swing

jazz. Bring the family, grandparents, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, picnic blankets and lawn chairs. Food concessions will be available.

This free concert is presented by the City of Vancouver's Parks and Recreation Department Senior En-

richment Program, Northwest Natural Gas Company, Ron's Automotive Specialties, The Holland Restaurant, Hi School Pharmacy, Hampton Special Care Center, Vancouver Mall Retirement Community, Multiservices Inc. and Natures Marketplace.

Oregon Coast focus of student photo exhibit

The Oregon Coast is the focus of a student photography exhibit at the Water Resources Education Center, 4500 SE Columbia Way. Vancouver/Portland area junior high school students participating in a Saturday

Academy photography class at the Center will exhibit black and white images they captured at the Three Capes Scenic Area.

The show runs from now until August 31. The Center hours are 9

am to 5 pm, Monday through Saturday.

The Water Resources Education Center is at the east end of Columbia Way, past Marine Park. Admission is free.

Cooper Named Manager of Sales Operations for Xerox

James Cooper has been promoted to manager of sales operations for Xerox of the Pacific Northwest. Cooper, who previously served as marketing operation manager for Xerox's Western Region, will oversee all business activities in Oregon, Southwest Washington and Northern California.

Cooper is a 14-year Xerox veteran and has had a wide range of company experience, including sales and management work in the commercial printing market, government accounts and major accounts. During his career, Cooper has received seven

performance awards, including six of Xerox's prestigious President's Club honors.

In his new post, Cooper will oversee and aggressive marketing and sales directive for Xerox's new digital document management and production systems.

A Cleveland native, Cooper graduated from Cleveland State University. He is a longtime supporter of the Urban League, and has been active in several Xerox employee mentoring programs. Cooper, his wife Terry and their two children will reside in the Southwest Portland area.



James Cooper

Give Oregon the Green Light to Stop Red Light Running

BY REPRESENTATIVE KEN STROBECK

Two Oregonians—one of them a ten year old boy—have been tragically killed this year because drivers have ignored the most fundamental rule of the road—do not run red lights.

Across the state, more and more drivers are seeing this violation occur on a daily basis. What used to be an unthinkable breach of a responsible person's driving privilege is increasingly becoming a commonly used way to gain an additional five or ten seconds of driving time.

There are many possible reasons for this deterioration in driving standards—gridlock that prompts frustrated drivers to take greater chance, a three-fold increase in vehicle traffic while the road system has failed to keep pace, and a diminution of enforcement presence to the point that many drivers do not believe they will ever be caught, or simply a gross disrespect for the law and the safety of our fellow citizens.

Whatever the reason, red light violations are a major, serious problem that demands a strong, effective response. The basic safety of our streets and highways requires that society have zero tolerance for intentional red light running.

The Oregon Legislature had an opportunity to begin to fix the problem last session in House Bill 3128, a bill which authorized a test of "photo red light" technology in Beaverton. The bill passed in the House, but failed to receive a majority vote in the Senate. It will return in the 1999 Session under my sponsorship. I hope the bill will be passed into law—too late to save those who have already been needlessly killed, but perhaps a way to prevent other deaths and restore civility to our roadways.

Photo red light uses a strategically placed camera at dangerous intersections. Once a traffic light turns red, the camera is energized and takes a photograph of any car that may illegally enter the intersection.

Using information from the vehicle's license plate, the driver is cited for the violation in a manner similar to photo radar for speeders which is already in use in Beaverton and Portland.

Even those who are uncomfortable with technology that is able to "watch you drive" seem to agree on one thing: No one has the right to run a red light. And like bank cameras that watch you conduct transactions day-in and day-out, they also protect you and your money from criminals. The same will be true with photo red light.

Driving in Oregon is a privilege granted to those who use it responsibly. Each of us wants to be sure that when we take to the road, the "other guy" will obey the rules, just as we do. We owe each other nothing less. We have already missed an opportunity to take action to prevent the loss of two lives. We must take action to prevent future red-light tragedies.

POLICE NEWS

When Children Kill

BY STARITA SMITH

Hysteria and paranoia seem to be driving the current national debate on what to do about kids who kill.

The seven-month series of intensely covered shooting sprees at American schools proves that there is no safe place from violence. Most of the schools in Oregon, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Mississippi, and Tennessee where children as young as 11 years old shot their classmates are located in the kinds of communities most often characterized as safe.

But the danger to these safe communities didn't come from the outside. It came from their own children.

Guns have been on inner-city campuses for so long that many black and Latino students think nothing of going through metal detectors every morning. The campus police officers are just as well-known to the students as the football coach.

Our nation has a strange way of viewing these problems. We believe that as long as problems occur in one kind of neighborhood, they will not spill over into other kinds of neighborhoods.

Less kindly put, we believe that only "those people" have "those problems."

Homicide Suspect Arrested

On Friday, July 31, Detectives from the Portland Police Bureau, in conjunction with the Kern County Sheriff's office and the FBI, executed a search warrant and arrested one male in Bakersfield, California. Francisco Cuba Hernandez, 21 years was taken into custody at his place of employment, the Niagara car wash in Bakersfield, on an arrest warrant for 2 counts of Aggravated Murder and 2 counts of Attempted Aggravated Murder in connection with a double homicide in Portland. A search warrant was executed at Hernandez' residence for evidence

Drowning Victim Identified

Multnomah County Sheriff's Deputies responded to the Sandy River at about 7:25 pm this evening when they were called about a possible drowning. Deputies learned that at about 7:20, 34 year old Luciano Arenales Hurtado dove into the

It is telling that after more than a decade of big-city school shootings with hardly a mention in the press, the school shootings in tiny towns and suburbs now dominate the national news.

We're all in the same boat. With more concern and a wider variety of skills, knowledge, and ideas focused on youth violence, perhaps this country will finally do something that will make serious inroads into solving the problem.

Recent research shows that the child who kills someone typically has a family member for a victim. Eric Lotke, a researcher at the National Center on Institutions and Alternatives, a Washington, D.C., non-profit group, analyzed hundreds of cases where children had been convicted of being principally responsible for a homicide.

He found that 80% of the you people age 14 and under (roughly the same age as most of the boys who have been accused of the latest spate of school shootings) killed members of their own families. The most common victims were abusive parent, stepparents or boyfriends of their mothers.

If we really want to do something about the youngest perpetrators of homicide, then we have to do more to protect all children from abuse. For

every homicide committed, there are dozens of lesser violent crimes such as beatings and sexual assaults that leave an impact on their victims.

We cannot go on pretending to be serious about fighting child abuse when our child protection agencies are too overburdened to do their job. We need to concentrate on cultivating more foster families and safe places for these children while they and their families receive help.

We also need a stronger network of support systems for young people with all kinds of problems. It's crucial to spot the problem and lend a helping hand before the rage becomes uncontrollable.

As gang violence became more prevalent in the 1980's and early 1990's, most states decide that the way to deal with youthful criminals was to crack down on them and try teenagers as adults. One Texas legislator said right after the Jonesboro, Ark., shootings that 11 year olds should be eligible for the death penalty.

That's no answer. Other 11 year olds will not be deterred. We need to prevent our kids from becoming killers, not execute them afterwards.

The bullets ringing out in the schoolyards around this country should compel all of us to pay more attention to the needs of our children.

ing the vehicle around when they were fired upon leaving Mr. Hester and Mr. Johnson fatally wounded and two passengers wounded. The motive appears to be gang related. Francisco Cuba Hernandez is the arrested suspect in these homicides, and assaults and is lodged in the Kern County Jail.

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injury from hitting a rock upon entry into the water. This area is a popular swimming area and has been the sight of a number of drowning in the past few years. Mr. Hurtado is from Mexico but had a residence in NE Portland.

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