

POLICE NEWS

Community Notification of a Sex Offender

7000 Block of NE Killingsworth St.

The Portland Police Bureau is notifying the community of a Registered Sex Offender living in the Portland area. ORS.181.588 allows law enforcement agencies to release such information to the public regarding convicted offenders, who are required to register, when such information will increase public awareness and promote community safety.

The Sex Offender has been convicted of a sex offense that requires he register with a law enforcement agency in Oregon. His criminal history places him in a category which indicates he may

reoffend. This subject is not wanted by the police at this time.

This Offender has served his sentence and is no longer being supervised by the Oregon Department of Corrections. The purpose of this community notification is to reduce the chances of further victimization by this offender as well as to promote community awareness and child safety. Intimidating, harassing, or threatening of this registered offender will not be tolerated and may be a crime.

If you have any information about this offender committing ad-

ditional crimes, please contact the Detectives of the Sexual Assault detail at 823-4636.

Subject's name is Richard James Bateman, white male, 58 years old, 6'0", 150 lbs, brown hair and blue eyes.

Richard Bateman has been convicted of numerous counts of Sex Abuse I as well as sodomy I and is no longer under supervision. Mr. Bateman is a pedophile who has targeted young children ranging in age from 6-10 years old in the past. It is believed there is a substantial risk Bateman could reoffend.

Fatal Accident on N. Marine Drive

On Wednesday, August 19, at approximately 6:50 pm, a fatal accident occurred in the 6100 block of N. Marine Drive. A 1998 Nissan sedan, driven by Kristine Peisley, 41 years, of Hillsboro, was traveling south on an access road toward

Marine Drive in the 6100 block, when she apparently failed to stop for a stop sign before entering N. Marine Drive. The Nissan was struck on the driver's side by a 1995 Dodge van, driven by Andrzej Kulesza, 43 years, or Forest Grove, who was traveling

west on N. Marine Drive.

Three passengers in the Nissan were taken to area hospitals. The driver and one passenger in the Dodge van did not appear to have any serious injuries and were not taken to the hospital.

Police Investigate Homicide on West Burnside

On Wednesday, August 19, at approximately 11:00 pm, 911 received a call of a man down in front of 421 W. Burnside. When police officers and medical personnel arrived, they found a male victim lying in front of 421 W. Burnside who had apparently been stabbed.

From the investigation it appears

that the victim was on the south side of West Burnside when he was stabbed and then traveled north across West Burnside where he collapsed in front of 421 W. Burnside.

The victim was transported to an area hospital where he died as a result of a stab wound to his upper torso. The victim who has not been

positively identified at this time is a late 30's to early 40's male. There is no suspect in custody at this time.

Anyone with information regarding this homicide is asked to call the Detective Division of the Portland Police Bureau, 823-0400. Detective Sergeant J. Rhodes

Suspicious Death Investigation Turns Into Homicide Investigation

On Wednesday, August 12, 1998 at approximately 10:50 pm officers of Central Precinct responded to a call in the 2000 block of SW Front Ave., regarding a man lying in a field. When officers and medical personnel arrived, they found a deceased male, 35 years. It was unknown at the time the cause of his death.

An autopsy, performed on Thursday, August 13, determined that the man died of head trauma and had been deceased for several hours prior to being discovered. This case is now being investigated as a homicide. The male victim has been identified. However, the name is being withheld pending notification of fam-

ily.

The victim apparently led a transient lifestyle and frequented missions, and the old town area. Anyone with information is asked to call the Portland Police Bureau, Detective Division, 823-0400. Detective Sergeant Kerry Taylor and Detective Kent Perry are investigating this homicide.

A "Street of Dreams And A Village For Sale" III

BY PROF. MCKINLEY BURT

A definite shock wave was created when I 'dared' to comment on the mind-set of "Lewis Mumford," America's most revered urban planner; "A major figure in architecture, planning and social thought" (Norman Cousins, Herbert J. Gans).

As an African American, a member of the group most economically and socially devastated by that pantheon of cruel dreamers who provided us with a "Geography of Nowhere" e.g. "Urban Renewal-I stand fully able and qualified to criticize the inhumanity of America's man-made landscape, and sometime, the philosophies and philosophers who created it.

Last week, I quoted a white professional who spoke of my comments on a contradiction or dichotomy in the psyche of the whites who first fought desperately to flee the city centers-but who now fought equally as hard to return from suburbia, the promised land.

I said that, "Even the renowned urbanologist, Lewis Mumford was so afflicted." For a summary of his contradictions one need to look no further than pp. 6, 7 of the introduction of that classic, "The Lewis Mumford Reader" (Donald L. Miller ed. Pantheon 1986).

"His ideal community is one that combines the dynamism and diversity of the city with the values of the village-order, neighborhood stability and community closeness...but he (Mumford) has lived half his life in a reconvered farmhouse in a "Walt Whitman simplicity in the quiet village of

Armenia...a hundred miles away from the city in which he grew up."

Of course, the black people of the nation had to some extent enjoyed the values of the village, order, neighborhood stability and community closeness—tightly enforced by the National Association of Realtors and by Restrictive Covenants. Sometimes by police and the National Guard.

African Americans therefore, were 'imprisoned' in their ghettos as were the Jews in Venice, Italy in their confinement to an island section officially named "Ghetto." But Jews did have economic liaisons with kin in other countries, and were able to 'break out.'

Though the blacks, whenever, able developed the humanities and social infrastructures I have described here in such series as "Family Matters: The Way It Was. Their land and infrastructure was greedily devoured by the 'urban renewal' specialist (removal).

As I said here earlier I created a shock wave, daring to critique a god in the urban pantheon, but I always have my documentation. I am reminded of the time I assailed the alleged findings of Margaret Mead in her classic 1928 book, "Coming of Age In Samoa," Morrow Quill, 1961.

The Darwinists leaped right on this 'proof' of all the sexual myths about dark skins="corroborates through practical demonstration, the psychosexual theories promulgated by Freud and his pupil" (DR. A.A. Brill). My Samoan students at PSU (urban economics class) had brought this matter

to my attention during a break and introduced me to a work based upon years of research by an Australian professor, Dr. Freeman.

His book, "Margaret Mead and Samoa: The Making and Unmaking of an Anthropological Myth," (Harvard, 1983), completely refuted Mead's findings of the same type of "cultural determinism" that American Welfare Systems use to describe the black poor. When I pointed out the schizophrenia in the make-up of the planners there were equal screams of outrage. So be it.

This 'Mead-reference' is not really a departure from the main theme here, for it is absolutely necessary to understand that it is highly resented by the majority population when blacks 'dare' to make critical assessments of the gurus who control their economic and social welfare.

The suburban developers are reaching for picket fences, large porches, small yards, public squares and narrow streets. Will this marketing ploy sustain a continued "white flight?" And the cities play new games with the infrastructure, cramming, jamming, and manipulating codes (needed sewers, water supplies?).

Are there really going to be any "Streets of Dreams" that anyone can afford or safely tread? In any of the new environs, near or afar? Can a real "village" come to exist simply by saying so in a huge display ad? Can the warmth and amenities of neighborhoods be established by fiat? (because I say so). It will be interesting people and politics.

Observing

Wildland fire danger grows

Recent warm, dry weather has created a potential for fires in local fields and woodlands that could threaten homes and businesses.

According to John Gentry of the Vancouver Fire Department (VFD), residents in neighborhoods abutting wooded areas should take steps to protect their property by establishing a "defensible space" around building. The space should provide a buffer between buildings and combustible materials, including dry vegetation.

The VFD Fire Prevention Bureau has also increased its emphasis on abatement of hazardous vegetation in neighborhoods. So far

this summer, over 150 property owners have been contacted by the fire department regarding eliminating these fire hazards.

Some specific ways to create a fire-safe buffer zone in wooded or grassy areas include:

*Mowing and raking field grass.

*Removing dead, woody materials from the ground near buildings.

*Removing low limbs and shrubs that a fire could climb into treetops

*Reducing potential fuel through regular pruning, thinning and proper disposal of cuttings.

Fire resistant plants can also contribute to a safety greenbelt around

homes. Examples of low-growing, fire resistant plants include turf, groundcovers and annuals. Hosta, daylily, ajuga, pachyandra, periwinkle and rhododendron are examples of plants that do not accumulate dry, flammable material.

"This area can burn," Gentry warns. He notes that a major wildland fire could strike inside the city—in areas near hillsides, along streams and where urban and rural areas meet.

For more tips on planning and managing fire defensible landscaping in areas vulnerable to wildland fires, contact the VFD Fire Prevention Bureau, 696-8166.

New traffic light signals new life downtown

New traffic patterns are anticipated in downtown Vancouver with the opening of the City Center 12-Act III Theatre on 8th and "C" streets this fall.

"This is wonderful," said developer Eli Kassab. "The new signal will give future theatregoers the opportunity to get used to parking in the M.J. Murdock parking garage and safely cross

"C" Street at the traffic light."

The new traffic signal will be operational by noon on Thursday.

The new signal should slow down vehicles as they exit I-5.

Clark County Posts New Web Page For The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Process

Clark County has posted a new page about the National Pollutant Elimination System (NPDES) permit on the Clark County Web Site. Citizens who would like to get involved or learn more about the NPDES application process can find what they are looking for at: <http://www.co.clark.wa.us/site/npdes1.htm>

Under the federal Clean Water Act, Clark County is required by the state to obtain a waste discharge permit for all county owned storm sewers that empty to surface water or

groundwater. The intent of the NPDES permit is to protect waters for use by fish, wildlife, and the public by controlling pollutants in stormwater runoff.

A Work Group of citizens has been established to meet with Clark County staff to provide input as the application is developed. Citizens are encouraged to attend and comment at a series of meetings with Clark County staff and Work Group members. This web page includes a list of meeting times, dates, and locations, minutes from previous

meetings, background and technical materials, and a glossary of terms.

The application for the NPDES permit must be submitted by October 1, 1998.

For more information, please call or e-mail the following staff members of the Clark County Public Works Environmental Services Division:

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