

# POLICE NEWS

## King bestows Award, elects new President

### Robberies Captured on Video

Portland Police Bureau Robbery Detectives, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending a subject who robbed two convenience stores. Both robberies were captured on store surveillance cameras.

On Tuesday, November 24, 1998, at approximately three minutes after midnight, a subject who simulated a weapon robbed the 7-11 Store, at 4643 NE Sandy Boulevard. A little more than two hours later, at approximately 2:10 A.M., the same subject, again simulating a weapon, robbed the Plaid Pantry Store at 1715 NE 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

The suspect is described as a light complected, black male in his twenties. He is approximately 5'09" tall, with a medium build, short Afro-style hair, and either a slight beard, or



Video shots taken in store robbery

several days of unshaven facial hair.

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 need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP

The King Neighborhood Association will present its annual King Awards at 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 17 at the Northeast Precinct Community Room, 445 N.E. Emerson St.

The neighborhood group will also vote to elect a president to replace Fred Stewart, who is retiring from the position after serving for six years. The following groups and individuals will receive awards for aiding community livability, with Stewart's comments:

\*Demick Foxworth, Northeast Precinct commander. "He has been a longstanding good cop in northeast Portland. Considering the events of last summer," when charges of police misconduct were leveled against precinct personnel, "it's important for people to understand how we feel about him."

\*Officer Charlie Fender, King's district liaison officer for the last six years. "He reminds people of Harry Jackson in the amount of time he spends with neighbors. He doesn't just drive by in a car."

\*Friends of Trees, whom Stewart says has helped plant 700 trees in King in the last few years, and whose members

have helped on other neighborhood betterment projects.

\*The Portland Bureau of Parks, for its help in the neighborhood's Green Spaces mini-park program.

\*Roslyn Hill, proprietor of Roslyn's Garden Coffee House at 1438 N.E. Alberta St. "She had faith enough in our neighborhood to come over here before the major reinvestment arrived. We appreciate the private sector investments in our neighborhood as well as the public improvements."

\*Franciscan Enterprise, a non-profit corporation specializing in affordable rental housing. "They followed our neighborhood plan in every one of their 30 projects in King; we never had to worry. They were the only non-profit operating here to pay attention to rental housing needs."

\*Jane Olberding, developer of a 40-unit affordable housing development on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

\*adidas America for including the open Harry Jackson Plaza in its store at 5020 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

Stewart helped broker the property purchase from Jack Chung as a real estate agent.

\*The Portland Bureau of Buildings nuisance department for taking enforcement action against derelict absentee-owned properties. "They made owners fix up their properties or sell them, and in the process we acquired good new neighbors."

\*Jennifer Siebold, director of King's sub-district one, covering the area bounded by Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Rodney Avenue, and Ainsworth and Wygant streets. The small area has an average meeting attendance of 30 people, with every block represented.

\*Gen Washington and Alan Hipolito of the Urban League of Portland, for their work on behalf of King's position with regard to the proposed South-North Light Rail project.

\*Longtime activist Richard Girvin for 40 years of volunteer activity.

\*Bethel A.M.E. Church, and the Walnut Park Advisory Committee, for their help in making the Walnut Park public-private development project a success.

### Three Indicted in Teen Prostitution Ring

Portland Police Bureau Drug and Vice investigators have culminated a month long investigation by indicting one man and two women for their roles in compelling and promoting prostitution involving at least five teenage girls from the Portland area, Washington and California.

Investigators from the Gresham Police Department and the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office assisted Portland Vice investigators in conducting and investigating which lead to the indictment by Multnomah County Grand jury of Gregory Leon Hightower, age 31, Wendy Joyce Barnes, age 30, and Heather Nicole Baker, age 22, for their roles in acting as "pimps" to give teenage girls, ages 13 through 16. Several of

the teenagers were runaways at the time of their involvement with the Hightower group.

Gregory Leon Hightower was indicted for Conspiracy to Compel Prostitution, Conspiracy to Promote Prostitution, 12 counts of Compelling Prostitution, 12 counts of Promoting Prostitution, and 2 counts of Rape in the third Degree. 2 counts of sodomy in the Third Degree, Ex convict in Possession of a Firearm and 2 counts of Delivery of a Controlled Substance to a Minor.

Wendy Joyce Barnes and Heather Nicole Baker were both indicted for Conspiracy to Compel Prostitution, Conspiracy to Promote Prostitution, 12 counts of Compelling Prostitution and 12 counts of Promoting Prostitution.

On February 4, 1999, Thursday, Portland Drug and Vice Division officers conducted a search warrant of Hightower's residence, 8045 SE Mill St. in Portland, for evidence of the crimes of Compelling and Promoting Prostitution at which time Hightower and Barnes were arrested. Heather Nicole Barnes was incarcerated in the Orange County, California, Jail on unrelated charges at the time of her indictment in Multnomah County and will be extradited to Oregon to face charges at a future date.

Photographs of Hightower, Barnes and Baker are available at the Portland Police Bureau Identification Division, 1111 SW Second Ave., Rm. 1250, and Portland, Oregon.

## Observing Vancouver

### City Invites Applications For Charter Review Committee

Applications will be accepted by the Mayor's Office through March 1 for fifteen positions on the Charter Review Committee, per Section 11.17 of the Vancouver City Charter.

"No later than five years after the most recent charter review, the mayor shall appoint, subject to city council confirmation, a panel of fifteen residents to review the city charter and to recommend to the city council in time to be consid-

ered for that year's election, any charter changes or amendments which the panel believes should be put to a vote of the people, and the council shall thereafter place any such amendment on the ballot at the next municipal election if a majority of the city council so determine; provided nothing herein shall interfere with the right of citizens to, by petition, require an election to be held for any charter amend-

ment or to cause a freeholder election to be held for a proposed new city charter, nor shall it interfere with the right of the city council to, at any time, propose and submit proposed charter amendments to the voters."

For applications, or questions, contact Jan Bader, Mayor's Office, 735-8870, Fax 696-8049.

Or, stop by Vancouver City Hall at 210 E. 13<sup>th</sup> St.

### Metal sculptures on display at Water Center

The winter may prevent people from getting outside to enjoy nature, but they can still see synoptic sculptures of salmon, sturgeon, ducks and other wildlife inside The Water Resources Education Center. The sculptures are included in the "Carving with Fire" exhibit of local artists Orlando Cox. The show is

set in the second floor art gallery at the Water Center, 4600 SE Columbia Way through February 27, Monday through Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Cox works with an iron-cutting torch to carve, cut and fold iron without welding surfaces. Locally, people can view his large

sculptures of animal, fish and plants at Appleby's on Mill Plain Boulevard. The artist capitalizes on his original technique to create thrashing, leaping, and flying residents of the Columbia River Basin. Catch them inside the Water Resources Education Center. Admission is free.

### County Tests Broadcast Fax System

Clark County is testing its broadcast faxing service for use during emergencies, and to quickly update the media on road conditions when we are experiencing bad weather or flooding.

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<b>February 22, 1999</b> 7:00pm - 9:00pm Tigard High School Lecture Hall 9000 SW Durham Road Tigard, OR 97224	<b>February 23, 1999</b> 7:00pm - 9:00pm St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall 2036 SE Jefferson Milwaukie, OR 97222	<b>February 25, 1999</b> 7:00pm - 9:00pm NE Workforce Training Ctr. Building 2, Room 112 5600 NE 42nd Portland, OR 97218
<b>March 1, 1999</b> 5:00pm - 7:00pm Portland Building Room C 1120 SW Fifth Avenue Portland, OR 97204	<b>March 2, 1999</b> 7:00pm - 9:00pm Garden Home Recreation Ctr. Room B 7475 SW Olsen Road Portland, OR 97223	<b>March 3, 1999</b> 7:00pm - 9:00pm Gresham City Hall Council Chambers 1333 NW Eastman Pkwy. Gresham, OR 97030

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