

POLICE NEWS

CRIME STOPPERS Wanted Subject

The FBI, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending Sergey George Spirko. A Felony Arrest Warrant is on File.

Sergey Spirko was indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, in the District of Oregon, for Bank Fraud. The indictment stemmed from a large quantity of fraudulent checks that were negotiated at Portland-area banks.

Sergey George Spirko is a thirty-five year old white male, of Russian descent, with a date of birth of December 18, 1963. He is 5'11" tall and weighs approximately 190 pounds, with brown hair and brown eyes.

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.



Observing

Splash offers good food and good fun at the water center

VANCOUVER, Wash.—Food, drink and jazz "on tap" for SPLASH! 99, an evening celebration of the Water Resources Education Center's third birthday. Dive into this event Wednesday March 10, from 5 to 8 p.m. on Vancouver's waterfront. The SPLASH tradition combines mouth-watering food from local waterfront restaurants, jazz and the Center's slant on water and fun. The Center will showcase two new exhibits about salmon: "Map of successes" and "Create a Stream."

Explore the Exhibit Hall, Water Sciences Laboratory, and Art Gallery and win prizes. Look or stroll outside for a night view of the Columbia River.

Admission to the Water Center is FREE. Everyone is welcome. No-host food beverages are priced at \$2. The Water Resources Education Center is at 400 SW Columbia Way. Take Exit 1 "Columbia House Blvd" off SR 14, go south under the railroad overpass and drive to the East End of Columbia Way. C-TRAN

bus route #11 runs every half-hour from downtown Vancouver to the Center. Riding the bus is encouraged.

SPLASH is sponsored by the City of Vancouver, The Columbia, C-TRAN, Beaches McMamams, Who Song & Larry's The Chart House, Pacific Grill & Chowder House, Boyd's Barista, and Corwin Beverage Company.

Call the Water Resources Education Center at (360) 696-8478 for more information.

Paintings enliven walls at Water Resources Education Center

Endangered Ritual II, a collection of oversized canvases by artist Jennifer Williams, will be on display at Vancouver's Water Resources Education Center from March 1 to 31. The pieces are

worked in a layered technique of acrylic paints over paper collage. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

Come to the Water Center's SPLASH! Event on Wednesday,

March 10, from 5 to 8 p.m., for food, fun and to view the latest in William's series about the plight of the Pacific Northwest salmon.

The water Resources Education Center is at 4600 SE Columbia Way.

Aggressive Driving... Road Rage A New Name... An Old Problem

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimates 66% of all traffic fatalities each year are caused by aggressive driving behavior such as red light running, speeding, following too close and illegal passing.

Aggressive driving, also known to many as "road rage" has been around since it was noted in Engleman's Autocraft that "some automobilists abuse their rights and heedlessly run over the rights of others." The year, 1915.

From an unknown magazine in 1954, chastising the driver "who cannot tolerate being held up by long line of traffic... He pulls out of line and tries passing on the right or on the wrong side of the road. He runs through red lights or jumps the gun before the light has turned green... cuts in and out, races, and gets ahead of everybody else."

Not much has changed in the 1990's. Aggressive driving, according to NHTSA and the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, continues to be a growing and dangerous problem, more common than that of "road rage." While many use the terms interchangeably, "road rage" has historically, been applied when a motorist commits or perpetrates an act of violence. Experts say road rage is much more extreme than aggressive driving and use the term to refer to the physical altercations that arise from traffic disputes. The individual, for example, becomes angry over the driving incident, over-reacts and responds with some act of violence. The violence may range anywhere from a physical confrontation to the use of a firearm. Road rage is said to be aggressive driving gone "haywire."

Aggressive driving usually involves a traffic offense or combination of offenses, i.e. running red lights, speeding, following too close, failure to signal and other means of inconsiderate or rude driving behavior. It is estimated by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety that aggressive drivers, in

the form of red light runners, cause some 260,000 crashes and 850 fatalities each year.

On August 21, 1998, the State of Arizona passed a new law on aggressive driving. The law, A.R.S. 28-695, defines an "aggressive driver" violation having occurred if: 1) the motorist's driving constitutes an immediate hazard to another person or vehicle; 2) the driver is speeding, and 3) the driver commits two or more of the following violations arising out of the same series of acts:

- a) failure to obey traffic control devices
 - b) overtaking and passing a vehicle on the right by driving off the pavement or main traveled portion of the road
 - c) unsafe lane changes
 - d) following a vehicle too close
 - e) failure to yield right-of-way
- If found guilty, it is a class one misdemeanor. A conviction for aggressive driving requires the individual to attend and complete successfully, an approved course designed to improve safety driving habits. The court may also suspend a first time offender's driving rights for 30 days. Additionally, a convicted driver will be assessed driving points by the motor vehicle division and may be fined up to \$2,500 and/or sentenced to six months in jail.

Currently, 19 states are said to be considering laws to make "aggressive" driving a crime. The U.S. Department of Transportation, since May of 1997, has provided funds in excess of \$10 million dollars to a number of communities seeking to stem the tide of aggressive driving. Whether aggressive driving is an old problem with a new name, many communities are looking to reduce the number of crashes resulting from aggressive driving through increased traffic patrols, public safety campaigns, and enhanced enforcement techniques such as red light cameras.

Western Insurance Information Service is a nonprofit, non-lobbying,

consumer information and communications organization. Consumers who have questions or would like free information on automobile insurance basis, homeowners insurance basics, how to shop for a safer car and other insurance-related topics should contact Western Insurance Information Service, 11855 S.W. Ridgecrest Drive, Suite 107, Beaverton, Or 97008; telephone 503-643-6355 or 800-457-8712; e-mail-wiisor@teleport.com.

SE Portland Shooting Leaves One Dead

On Monday, February 22, 1999, at 11:40 P.M., Police Bureau officers were called to the area of SE 136th Ave. and SE Division St. by area neighbors who reportedly heard gunshots and the sounds of an automobile leaving the scene. Responding officers from East Precinct found that a shooting had, in fact occurred and the victim had been transported to Portland Adventist Hospital by several friends who were present at the time of the shooting. The victim, Jerard Ramon Nolan, age 18, died as the result of a gunshot wound to the chest when efforts to save his life failed.

Portland Police Bureau homicide detectives learned that Nolan and several of his friends were standing near a telephone booth on SE Division St. near SE 136th Ave. on Monday evening at 11:40 P.M. when a car with several occupants drove by and shouted verbal taunts at them. When the car stopped in the vicinity, Nolan approached it on foot and was shot in the chest by one of the occupants.

Anyone with information regarding this case should contact Det. Sgt. Bob Heimbach or Det Sgt. John Minnis at 823-0479.

Friendly competition set for national neighborhood conference

Vancouver's Office of Neighborhood is sponsoring a friendly competition for community members who want to attend the Neighborhood USA (NUSA) Conference. The national conference, in Madison, Wis. May 26 to 29, serves as a source of information and inspira-

tion for citizens from across the country.

The two Vancouver neighborhood representatives will receive a trip to NUSA, and, in return, will assist in planning the 10th Annual Vancouver Resource Fair, Saturday, Sept. 25, at Bagley Community Center.

The NUSA competition is currently underway. Applications are available through the Office of Neighborhoods in City Hall, 210 E. 13th St. Deadline is Friday, March 19. The applications will be reviewed and winners chosen and notified by the last week in April.

THE WEATHERMAN SAID NOT TO GO OUT UNLESS IT WAS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY. IT WAS.

Unpredictable. That's the best way to describe our weather this time of year. From one day to the next, nobody knows what Mother Nature has in store. But there is one thing you can count on when bad weather hits — Pacific Power crews will be out there working. Because no matter what the weatherman says, the fact that our crews are on the job is totally predictable. So if Mother Nature packs a punch that knocks out your power, give us a call at 1-877-LITES OUT (1-877-548-3768). At Pacific Power, we're here to help you weather the storm.

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