

# POLICE NEWS

## CRIME STOPPERS

### WANTED SUBJECT

Beaverton Police and several other local law enforcement agencies, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending a subject responsible for as many as a dozen commercial armed robberies since last summer.

The suspect's M.O. is to target a business where a female clerk is usually working alone. The suspect claims to be armed and displays either a handgun or a knife.

The suspect is described as a white male, late 20's to early 30's, 6'00" tall, medium to stocky build with a slight belly, light brown to sandy blood hair worn above the ears on the sides and collar length in back, and one or two days growth of beard.

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.



## 100 Complaints Filed With The Department Of Justice Resolved

Attorney General Hardy Myers announced that an Oregon used car dealership with outlets in Salem and Milwaukie and its five owners have agreed to substantially change the company's method of operation and resolve more than 100 complaints filed with the Department of Justice. Entering into an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance, which admits no law violation, are Rytel Wholesale, Inc. and partners Tomothy D. Rytel of Durham, Richard R. Jones of Milwaukie, Rodney Thomas of Oregon City, Peter Mullane of West Linn and William Francis of Milwaukie.

"This comprehensive settlement not only addresses the past misconduct by Rytel, it establishes

an appropriate dispute resolution mechanism for future disputes between the dealer and its customers," Myers said. "the allegations of misrepresentations made by Rytel's employees in the sale of used vehicles has been a continuing problem. The misleading activity will stop with this agreement."

Department investigators found that Rytel employees lied about the quality of the cars sold, failed to inform consumers of known material defects and did not comply with the terms in extended service contracts. A variety of other problems also were discovered.

Under the terms of the assurance, filed in Marion County Circuit Court, the owners will, within the next 20

days, resolve all complaints filed with the Attorney General's office. By March 30, any unresolved complaints will be resolved through either non-binding mediation or binding arbitration at no cost to the consumer. Future complaints will be handled under the same terms.

Rytel also paid \$15,000 to the Department of Justice's consumer education fund and agreed not to violate the Oregon Unlawful Trade Practices Act in the future.

Consumers wanting more information about buying new and used vehicles can call the Attorney General's consumer hotline at (503) 378-4320 or (503) 229-5576 (Portland only) between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and noon, Monday through Friday.

Fannie Mae Foundation and Portland Trail Blazers

### HOST FREE HOME-BUYING FAIR

Two Essay Contest Winners Receive \$1,000 Each-

WHAT: Fannie Mae Foundation and the Portland Trail Blazers are sponsoring a free Home-Buying Fair. More than 83 local mortgage lenders, nonprofit and community organizations and real estate professionals will be on hand to offer expert advice and information.

Workshops are scheduled in various languages to teach homebuyers the basics of what they need to know about buying a home.

- 10:45 •ABC's of Buying A Home English
- ABC's of Buying A Home Spanish
- 12:45 •Let's Talk Credit English
- ABC's of Buying A Home Vietnamese
- 2:00 •Starter Homes: Today's Options English
- ABC's of Buying A Home Spanish
- ABC's of Buying A Home Russian

Free home-buying guides, Opening the Door to A Home of Your Own and Choosing a Mortgage That's Right for You, are also available in multiple languages.

Earlier this month, first-time home buyers in the Portland area were invited to write a 500-word-or-less essay on "What Owning A Home Means to Me." The winning entries will be announced during a special ceremony and will receive the Fannie Mae Foundation Essay Award of \$1,000 toward closing costs.

WHEN: Saturday, March 27 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

WHERE: Memorial Coliseum Exhibit Hall

CONTACT: Jennifer S. Farland 202.274.8080

## One Suspect Arrested in March 5, 1999, Homicide

On Monday, March 15, 1999, at approximately 7:30 P.M., Donald Ray Livingston, 18 years, whose address is unknown, turned himself in to the Detective Division of the Portland Police Bureau for an outstanding murder warrant. This warrant was issued in connection with the homicide of Rodger Paul Lex, 53 years, which occurred on March 5, 1999, at 3620 NE 82nd Ave., #124, the Madison Motel. Donald Ray Livingston has

been identified as one of the three people observed running from the scene on the night the homicide occurred. The investigation is continuing.

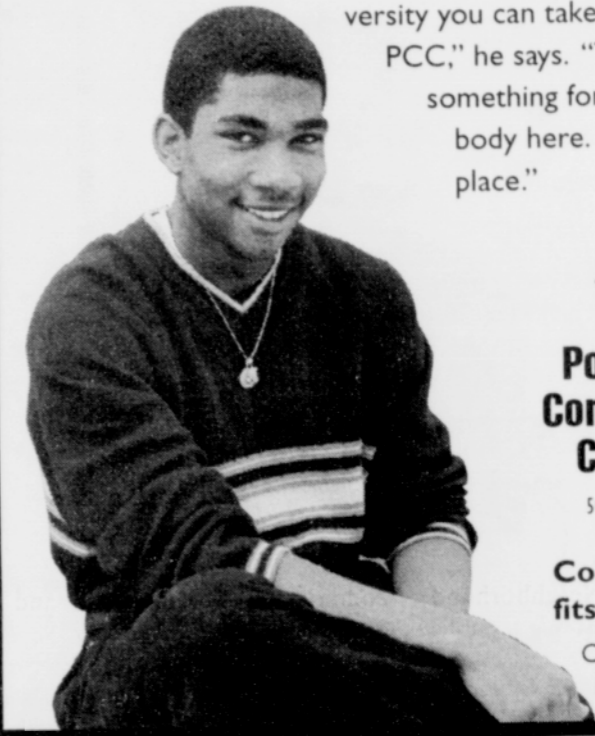
A photograph of Donald Ray Livingston is available in the Identification Division of the Portland Police Bureau, 12th floor, Justice Center. Donald Ray Livingston is scheduled for arraignment at 2:00 P.M. today.

## Ethan Bradford

Hoping to make a difference

In his first year at PCC, Ethan enjoys the mix of ages, cultures and backgrounds. "There are so many different people compared to high school," he says. "The older students take studying more seriously. It makes for an interesting experience in class."

Ethan also gives high marks to many of his professors: "My first biology teacher was awesome; he's real with you, he brings it to your level." On a scholarship himself, Ethan still appreciates PCC's low cost. "I tell my friends, for one class at the university you can take three at PCC," he says. "There's something for everybody here. It's a cool place."



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# Observing

## New Water Line to be Installed Downtown

Construction will begin Monday, March 15, to replace some aging waterlines in the downtown area. Work will begin at the intersection of 9th and Broadway streets and progress along 9th to Washington. Work will also proceed on Broadway from 9th to 8th streets. Downtown motorists should expect periodic street closures and detours in the area for approximately three weeks.

Water service to adjacent properties

will be interrupted for short (2-3 hour) periods as individual services are transferred to the new mains. An advance notice of 24 hours will be sent in the form of doorknob hangers prior to any service interruption.

The new eight-inch line will provide increased and more reliable water distribution throughout downtown. Call Charles Fell in the construction division at 696-8050 for more information.

## Garage Sale to Benefit Senior Nutrition Programs

The Senior Nutrition and Activities Program and Meals on Wheels will hold their national garage sale Friday, April 23, and Saturday, April 24, at Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon. Hours are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.

The programs are asking for donations of suitable items to sell at

the event. Kitchen items, gardening tools and sports equipment are needed. Items can be delivered to Bagley Center Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. or call 696-8158. Mattresses, box springs, torn upholstered furniture or non-working appliances will not be accepted.

## Public Comment Sought on Grant Program

The Vancouver Cultural Commission will conduct a series of workshops to seek public input on a proposed arts and heritage grant program. The program, developed by the citizen member commission and city staff, is an offshoot of the City of Vancouver Cultural Plan. It is anticipated to provide city funding for arts and heritage groups and individuals in 1999 and 2000.

Workshops are scheduled for:

- March 17, 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department 603 West Evergreen Blvd.
- April 8, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. General O.O Howard House Officers Row
- April 21, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. General O.O Howard House Officers Row

Copies of the draft program may be obtained by contacting Pam Brokaw in the city of Vancouver Cultural Division, 696-8297

## Clark County responds to new threatened fish listings

Vancouver, WA - "We are well prepared for these new listings, and we've been expecting them," said Clark County Commissioner Betty Sue Morris. "Clark County takes our fish recovery effort very seriously, whether it's one species or several." On Tuesday, March 16, the federal government declared chum and coho salmon as threatened under the Endangered Species Act. As with steelhead and bull trout, which were previously designated as threatened under ESA, these listings will affect Clark County.

The county is already putting considerable effort toward fish recovery. Among them are a program to construct fish ladders and enhance

fish passages, a shift of additional resources toward promoting and enforcing erosion control, and the acquisition and restoration of high priority habitat.

Throughout county government, departments are assessing current practices, projects, and policies to ensure that they are "fish-friendly."

"We're looking at our own practices across the spectrum of county government," said Morris. "And not just the big things." She pointed to changes such as the way the county's Public Department now controls vegetation along rural roads, limiting chemical spray applications and instead using mechanical methods such as mowing and brushcutting.

A reflection of the seriousness with which the county approaches ESA issues is the Board of County Commissioners' adoption of a \$1.67 million ESA budget for the 1999-2000 biennium. In addition, the commissioners have appointed an 18-member citizen's task force to work with Clark County in addressing ESA issues.

The full impact of the fish listing will not be known for several months, until the National Marine Fisheries Service releases detailed rules outlining what activities are prohibited. "Regardless, the county hasn't been waiting for the details before taking action," said Morris. "We're moving forward in our efforts to recover our fish right now."

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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