

# POLICE NEWS

## CRIME STOPPERS

On Wednesday, March 24, 1999, at approximately 10:40 A.M. the U.S. Bank at 7000 SE Milwaukee was robbed at gunpoint by two males in their early 20's. The two suspects fled on bicycles from the bank. The suspects then concealed themselves and their bicycles inside a empty boxcar which was on the railroad tracks between SE 13<sup>th</sup> and SE 17<sup>th</sup> near SE Ochoco St. The suspects then fled the boxcar and were observed by Portland Police Bureau officers in the area of SE Andover Pl. and SE Exeter Drive. A foot pursuit ensued and one suspect, Kaleb E. Clark, 24 years, was taken into custody in the backyard of 1829 SE Andrews Drive and the second sus-

pect David A. Charlton, 24 years, ran in the backdoor. Two adult occupants were able to flee from inside the residence out a basement door and two nine years old girls concealed themselves in a closet. One of the girls lived in the house; the other girl was a visiting relative. Officers were able to establish verbal contact with the girls from the backdoor of the residence and when the girls ran to the backdoor, officers escorted them to safety. SERT and the Hostage Negotiation Team were called to the scene and houses in the immediate area were evacuated. At approximately 3:30 P.M., David Charlton went out onto the roof of the residence and

surrendered to SERT officers after they ordered him down. Two explosive devices were rendered safe by the EDU. One explosive device was taken from Clark when he was taken into custody, and the second device was recovered from a neighbors yard after Charlton threw it from 1829 SE Saint Andrews Drive, shortly after he entered the residence. Two handguns were recovered, one from Clark when he was taken into custody, and a second handgun, as well as an undisclosed amount of cash was recovered from the attic of 1829 SE Saint Andrews Drive after Charlton was taken into custody.

## Police Bureau Works To Curb Domestic Violence

Every year, 1 in 7.5 women between the ages of 18 and 64 are physically abused according to the Governor's Council on Domestic Violence. Using this statistic, it means 60,000 women in Multnomah County are abused each year. In addition, experts estimate in two-thirds of the domestic violence cases, children are present. The Portland Police Bureau's Domestic Violence Reduction Unit (DVRU) was formed in 1993. It was designed to help remove obstacles from victims that keep them from leaving a domestically violent living situation. It is estimated that a woman will leave her batterer an average of 10 to 15 times before she leaves for good. Despite public education, experts say domestic violence is still sometimes misunderstood. Not all domestic violence is criminal behavior, but all is detrimental to women's and children's physical, economic and mental well-being. In addition, domestic violence occurs in all populations in Multnomah County, regardless of age, race, economic status, ethnicity, sexual orientation, marital status or neighborhood. Men are the primary perpetrators of domestic violence; women are the primary victims. There have been a few cases where men were battered by women partners and also need services. Children who witness domestic violence are adversely affected, and some experience long-term problems. Oregon law requires a law enforcement officer to arrest a suspected

batterer if evidence suggests that a person has been abused or is about to be abused by their significant other. A host of additional criteria is necessary for the mandatory arrest. However, there are often incidents that show no signs of abuse, but may illustrate a need for some sort of intervention by social service agencies that would help the family resolve chronic problems. Because of this, the Police Bureau voluntarily changed its way of reporting earlier this year. "The Bureau instituted the use of a supplemental family abuse police report form that officers fill out on a mandatory basis when a crime of domestic violence, child abuse or elderly abuse has occurred and an Incident Report is written," says Lt. Bret Smith, Family Services Division. "This additional information will assist the Family Services Division to better assign resources to stop violence before it begins and aid in the protection and prosecution of suspects." In addition, Lt. Smith says it's very advantageous for officers to be aware of previous domestic violence. This allows officers to check the computer and know when they are being dispatched to a residence that has had a history of domestic problems. Domestic violence cases are dangerous to police, as they are often very violent, emotionally charged and extremely volatile. The Police Bureau is currently working on a Department of Justice grant that would allow for follow-up

especially in the previously described circumstances. Police sergeants and victims' advocates would work with DVRU in responding to cases where the threat of violence may be imminent. The cases would be prioritized by DVRU personnel. One additional tool the Police Bureau has to help combat domestic violence is the purchase of Polaroid cameras. Through a federal grant, the Police Bureau has purchased approximately 650 cameras in a specialized unit called the "Spectra Instant Law Enforcement Kit." The cameras were offered by Polaroid at a reduced price. The cameras will be used by officers to collect evidence in domestic violence cases. This aids the efforts by prosecutors to make domestic violence cases more evidence-based and less "he said, she said." Polaroid pictures give an instant documentation of the scene, injuries of the victim and the condition of the children present. With the photos, the District Attorney's office will have the ability to quickly assess the quality of the case and if any follow-up is needed. This is especially important with custody cases where the suspect has not yet been brought before the court. "We're excited about the cameras and the new reporting system," says Lt. Smith. "Officers can fill out a report that says someone was hurt, but the photos go much further in telling the story. And with mandatory reporting, we'll be able to better track cases that have the potential for violence."

## Conference on Prison Industrial Complex

The Portland Free Mumia Coalition and Students for Unity today announced "Open to the Truth, A Conference Against the Prison-Industrial Complex," will be held at Portland State University's Smith Memorial Center on April 10-11, 1999. The conference, featuring experts and activists from around the Pacific Northwest, is open to the public. "We are scheduling a variety of workshops and panels," stated Marcia LaRose of the Free Mumia Coalition. Speakers are expected from Phila-

delphia, San Francisco. Sacramento and Portland. Recent conference Philadelphia, Chicago, and San Francisco on the prison-industrial complex have drawn hundreds. Conference organizers hope this conference will point out connections between Abu-Jamal's case and the spectacular growth of the prison industry in Oregon. Organizers declined to estimate attendance at the event. For more information or to schedule interviews contact Marcia at 771-3972 or Carl 287-4217.

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## Multnomah County Selects Viador For Safety System

Information Portal Powers Broad Initiative Aimed At Increasing Public Safety

**• Provides Judges with Instant Access to Information for More Effective Sentencing Decisions** SAN MATEO, Calif., March 16, 1999 - Viador Inc., the leading provider of Enterprise Information Portals (EIPs), today announced that Oregon's Multnomah County has selected the Viador E-Portal Suite for its innovative decision support system, called DSS-Justice. Using Viador's breakthrough information portal technology, DSS-Justice will enable officials to access information from nine different data sources maintained by Multnomah's disparate county agencies through a single, "portal-like" interface. DSS-Justice is intended to increase public safety in Multnomah County by reducing

the number of repeat criminal offenders through better decision-making. For instance, judges can instantly view and analyze both historical and current information to determine the best sentences for offenders. With Viador's E-Portal Suite, authorized users such as judges or probation/parole officers can directly access criminal records and information about the efficacy of available consequences, such as special programs or jail sentences, through a single browser interface. Authorized program evaluators can also immediately access aggregate indicators of the effectiveness of various options in preventing repeat criminal behavior. Prior to the development of the system, it could take weeks for users to gather and re-

port on this information, and as a result, judges awarded sentences based on their own knowledge of programs and their purported results, not on actual data. The DSS-Justice system will help officials make better and more timely decisions, which should in turn reduce future criminal behavior in Multnomah County. "With Viador we were able to bring powerful ad hoc reporting and analysis capabilities of all types of data to our users' desktop browsers," said Keith Saari, Project Manager for Multnomah County's DSS Justice. "Viador's easy point-and-click interface enables users of all expertise levels to easily access the system without expensive user training thereby lowering the total cost of ownership."

# Observing

## Citizens Picked for Budget Advisory Committee

The City of Vancouver recently appointed 20 citizens and business representatives to the newly created Budget Advisory Committee. The committee will assist the City Manager in reviewing the revenue

and expenditures of the City's general, street and fire funds. Committee members appointed by the City Manager include Jack Alldritt, Gail Bauhs, Heidi Bixby, Julia Brown, Gen Combs, Kevin Cornwell, Dan Euliss, Jill

Hoffman, Austin Huang, Doris Johnson, Al Maurice, Anne Mc Enery-Ogle, Steve Oliva, Larry Patella, Patrick Rhea, Robert Richards, Jada Rupley, Peggy Sheehan, John Wilson, and Ray Witter.

Meetings will be frequent over a six-to-nine month period. The meeting of the committee was held Tuesday, March 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the O.O Howard House on Officers Row. All meetings are open to the public.

## Cultural Commission Meeting Rescheduled

The April 7 regular Wednesday evening meeting of the City of Vancouver Cultural Division has been cancelled and rescheduled to April 8. The meeting will be Thursday, April 8, from 6:30 p.m. at the General O.O. Howard House on Officers Row.

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Workshops are scheduled for:  
Thursday, April 8, 6:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M.  
General O.O. Howard House, Officers Row  
Wednesday, April 21, 6:30 P.M.-8:30 P.M.  
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The objectives of the Budget Advisory Committee include: 1) Create groups of citizens who have a high level of knowledge and understanding of the City's revenues and expenses focusing on the general, street and fire funds; 2) Assess the City's need to reduce expenses or increase revenues; and 3) If needed, identify preferred alternatives to decrease expenses or increase revenues; and 3) If needed, identify preferred alternatives to decrease expenses and or increase revenues and present recommendations to the City Manager.

## Senior Paper to Honor Supporters

The county's third largest newspaper, the Senior Messenger, published by the City of Vancouver since 1973, will celebrate its advertisers, writers, columnists, vendors and ad representatives Tuesday, March 30, with a recognition party at Luepke Senior Center.

Mayor Royce E. Pollard and Deputy City Manager Mary Jo Briggs will make introductions and hand out recognition certificates to those honored. The event will also pay tribute to Barbara Nylander and Denny Faulkner, advertising sales representatives, who will retire this month as the newspaper adopts a new advertising and accounting

system. Nylander has been with the newspaper since 1984 and Faulkner since 1991. The newspaper originated in 1966 when a group of seniors formed an Advisory Council to publish The Messenger, which included news about senior-related events, activities and service available in Vancouver. The City's Parks and Recreation Department took on the responsibility for publishing in 1973.

Circulation has grown from 300 in its first years to over 12,500 subscribers throughout Southwest Washington and the Portland Metro area. Over 10,000 subscribers live in Clark County. Many advertisers have been with the paper for 10 or more years. Some volunteers have helped produce and distribute the paper for many years. Olive Scott, a former proofreader for The Columbian, has been proofreading the Senior Messenger since 1989. All current and former Senior Messenger advertisers are invited to attend as are all those who have served in volunteer capacities with the monthly newspaper. The party will be from 2-4 p.m. Entertainment and refreshments are also on the agenda. The City's Department of Information Services/Publications Division publishes the Senior Messenger. Barbara Crest is Managing Editor and Diane Wagner is the editor.

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