

POLICE NEWS

Crime Witness Program Expands Across the West

Under an agreement signed by the Bonneville Power Administration (BPA) and the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR), the two agencies will jointly run the Crime Witness Program. The \$100,000 agreement expands the program from its original base in the Pacific Northwest into all 17 western states.

The Crime Witness Program is a broad neighborhood-watch-style crime prevention program intended to combat crime, reduce vandalism, increase power system reliability, control costs and keep rates low. BPA Administrator Judi Johansen stated: "We are very

pleased with this alliance between our two agencies. It is a natural fit. Leveraging each agency's resources in this constructive partnership is good for BPA, the BOR, our customers, the power system and the greater public interest."

The Crime Witness Program offers cash rewards of up to \$1,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons committing crimes against BPA or BOR facilities, property or personnel. Signs posted at facilities direct informants to call toll free 800-437-2744 to report suspicious or criminal activities

in complete confidence.

BPA originally created its Crime Witness Program in 1994 to ask the public to help fight crime on its facilities. Before the program, crime directed against BPA personnel, property and assets cost the agency more than \$1 million each year. Since 1994, the program generated hundreds of telephone tips resulting in dozens of arrests, thousands of dollars in recovered property and restitution, and deterred future crime. Crime-related costs have fallen more than a third since institution of the program.

House Passes School Anti-violence Bill

SALEM - The Oregon of Representatives passed a bill Wednesday designed to take some of the violence out of our schools.

The bill, authored by Rep. Jane Lokan, R-Milwaukie, directs school districts to take action against students who threaten violence or harm in public schools.

Rep. Lokan said, "450 students were expelled from Oregon schools districts to date - 135 of them had firearms. We've got to

get a handle on school violence,"

The House bill would give a school administrator several choices of action against any student who has threatened to injure another person or severely damage school property. They include:

- Removal from the classroom
- Placing the students in the office of the school principal, counselor or licensed mental health professional.
- Requiring an evaluation by a licensed counselor, psychologist or

psychiatrist before allowing the student to return to the classroom.

- Mandatory parental notification.

The bill also allows school districts to enter into contracts with licensed mental health care givers and to allocate funds to implement the new policies.

Rep. Lokan gave credit to Deborah Barnes, a teacher at Sabin Skill Center in Milwaukie, for coming up with the idea for the bill.

Consumer Fraud

The Irvington-Alameda area has recently been hit by a door-to-door magazine solicitation company from out of state. The salespeople go door-to-door selling magazine subscriptions claiming they are trying to earn money to go to Europe. When the homeowner tells the salesperson "no" they become very aggressive and abusive. Several have tried to force their way into the home. The company name is called "Great Lakes Circulation" and they recruit run-away teenagers from out of state. They have also represented themselves as "Sears" repair persons claiming they were at the home to fix an appliance. Police have re-

duced and walking through the back yards of these homes.

What can you do to protect yourself? Do not open your door to a unfamiliar face. Talk to the person through the door. Don't buy from an unfamiliar company. Ask for more information. Legitimate businesses understand that you want more information about their company and are happy to comply. If you are not comfortable talking to them face-to-face, ask them to mail you the information. Never give out your credit card or bank account number to unfamiliar companies. Be aware that any personal or financial information you provide may be sold to other companies.

salesmen" from this company obtained his information and passed it on to Attorney General's Office which is currently investigating this company. Northeast Officers continued to monitor their activities for several days, including towing their vehicle for no insurance. Their activities appear to have stopped in our area for the time being. Before you buy from an unfamiliar organization, check it out with some of these groups:

- National Fraud Information Center 1-800-876-7060
- Federal Trade Commission 1-202-326-2222
- State Attorney General (503) 229-5576

Observing

Funds Available to Support Tourism Programs/Projects

Nonprofit and Public Agencies Invited to Submit Applications

Clark County, City of Vancouver and the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee (LTAC) announces the availability of funds to non-profit and public agencies for the purpose of supporting tourism programs/projects that provide regional long term economic development impact and benefit to Clark County. \$100,000 in grants will be available in 1999.

An application conference will be held on May 12, 1999, 7:00 p.m. at Maple Grove Middle School, 12500 NE 199th street, Battle Ground - just east of the intersection of the 199th and Highways 503 - to provide in-

formation and answer questions about the grant program in general and the request for concept proposals in specific. Interested organizations will be required to submit a one-page concept paper outlining their program/project by May 28th. The LTAC will then review the concept proposals and request more detailed applications from those that merit further consideration.

The LTAC is looking for, and will give priority to:

- Programs/projects that increase the out-of-town overnight stays in Clark County lodging establishments
- Programs/projects that create

additional long-term day trips into Clark County

- Programs/projects that help create a tourism infrastructure that results in long term benefit to the community
- Programs/projects that help create a maximum economic benefit to the community
- Programs/projects that can establish clear and meaningful outcome performance measures/indicators by which the program/project can be evaluated
- Non-profit organizations/public agencies that have a track record of community involvement

Vancouver Schedules Heritage Activities

Heritage Weekend 1999, set for May 7-9, leads off a full month of events and activities on the Vancouver National Historic Reserve. Following the National Trust for Historic Preservation theme, "Protecting the Irreplaceable," Vancouver's Heritage Education Program will first honor volunteers at a Marshall House reception on Friday, May 7.

Saturday, May 8, will feature a full day of events including Fort Vancouver archaeology tours, Vancouver Barracks tours, Native American Storytelling and Hawaiian interpretative dancing. Grant House will feature a hands-on American Flag Quilt Project, tours,

gardening tips and music by the whiskey Flats Brass Band. Gold fever strikes at the Water Resources Education Center, with all-day gold panning presented by the Northwest Mineral Prospectors Club. A collection of antique assayer's scales will be on display in the atrium and the video, "Nome," will be shown at 11 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m.

Sunday, May 9 will feature more tours, talks and storytelling, and a special high tea at the historic Marshall House. The tea event is sponsored by Friends of Vancouver and is fundraiser for the Captain Vancouver Monument. Tickets are \$18 and available at Grant House, Marshall House and

Cheshire Cat. For more information call 735-1141 or 693-3103.

The Vancouver National Historic Reserve was established by congress in November 1996. It is made up of Officers Row Historic District, Vancouver Barracks, Fort Vancouver National Historic Site, Pearson Air Museum and Jack Murdock Aviation Center, the Water Resources Education Center, Marine Park and the Waterfront Trail.

Upcoming heritage events on the Reserve in May include commemoration of Vancouver Barracks' 150th Anniversary on May 13-15 and Queen Victoria's Birthday celebration at Fort Vancouver on May 23.

Bravo! Vancouver Concert Series

The third installment of the 1998-99 Bravo! Vancouver Concert Series takes place on Sunday, May 16 at 3:00 at St. Joseph Church in Vancouver, 400 S. Andren Road. The concert, titled "The Wild, Wild West", features music by Aaron Copland, as well as arrangements of famous Western songs and cowboy melodies. Copland's famous ballet suite "Rodeo" will be performed by the Bravo! Orchestra.

Aaron Copland's "Clarinet Concerto", written for jazz legend Benny Goodman will open the program. Clarinet soloist and Bravo

will perform the popular jazz concerto! Artistic Director, Dr. Kissinger, an Eastman School of Music graduate, has performed throughout the United States and Europe as a soloist and orchestra musician. He performed over 200 concerts in North Carolina while serving as a North Carolina Artist-In-Residence, and was a member of both the Spoleto Festival in Italy and the Heidelberg Opera Orchestra. He founded the American Music Festival in Beaufort, North Carolina, which is now in its ninth season. In addition to serving as co-founder and which premiered last September to over 11,000 people in addition to the "Clarinet Concerto" and music from

"Rodeo", an arrangement of famous western cowboy songs called "A Cowboy Fantasy" is also on the program. "This concert is designed to be fun and entertaining for our audience," says Dr. Maria Manzo, conductor. "Our March program was J.S. Bach' St. Matthew Passion, which is a very difficult and intense piece of music, both for the choir and for the audience. This concert is much lighter, and will be a great way to spend an early spring afternoon."

Tickets are available at St. Joseph Church (696-4407) and at Fred Meyer FASTIXX outlets (1-800-992-8499). General admission seating is \$10; reserved seating is \$12. For more information, call www.bravoconcerts.com.

Fish and Animal Painting on Display

Photographic prints and oil paintings by artist Lin Haak will be on display in the Water Resources Education Center gallery May 1 through 29.

Her work depicts wildlife from the Columbia, Snake and Willamette rivers. Her painting style is referred to as "en plein air" (in the fresh air). Haak uses oil paints and creates mixed media compositions with photographic prints.

The water Resources Education Center is at 4600 SE Columbia Way, east of Marine Park.

Improvements Scheduled for 164th and 162nd Avenues

Starting May 3, the city of Vancouver will begin improvements to 164th and 162nd avenues from SE 1st Street to NE 9th Street. The work includes a landscaped median with two traffic lanes in each direction and separate left-turn lanes. The median stripes will be constructed first, followed by paving and landscaping. During the construction period there will

be minor traffic revisions, but one lane of traffic will be maintained in each direction at all times.

The project will run through approximately June 18. Western States Paving is the contractor for the \$316,648.10 contract.

For more details, contact inspector Gunther Krannich or civil engineer Charles Fell at 696-8050.

Anti-Graffiti Effort Leads to Arrests

Four arrests were made on charges related to graffiti tagging during a five-day operation conducted by Southeast Precinct. The mission focused on an area of inner Southeast Portland which has been hard hit by graffiti vandals. Both uniform and plain-clothes officers participated. Following up on information obtained during the effort, one residence was searched and a large

quantity of graffiti crime evidence seized. One individual was taken into custody after being caught in the act of spray painting graffiti on a building. Individuals charged include:

- 19-year-old Jonathon A. Selkregg, Criminal Mischief II
- 20-year-old Andrew J. Auch, Criminal Mischief II/Unlawfully Possessing Graffiti Implement/Possession of a


Controlled Substance

- 18-year-old Tamas Bakas, Unlawfully Possessing Graffiti Implement/Possession of a Controlled Substance.
- 19-year-old Jonah W. Bowron, Unlawfully Possessing Graffiti Implement/Pedestrian Failure to Use Crosswalk

Five additional arrests were made on warrants or drug related charges. Future missions are planned.

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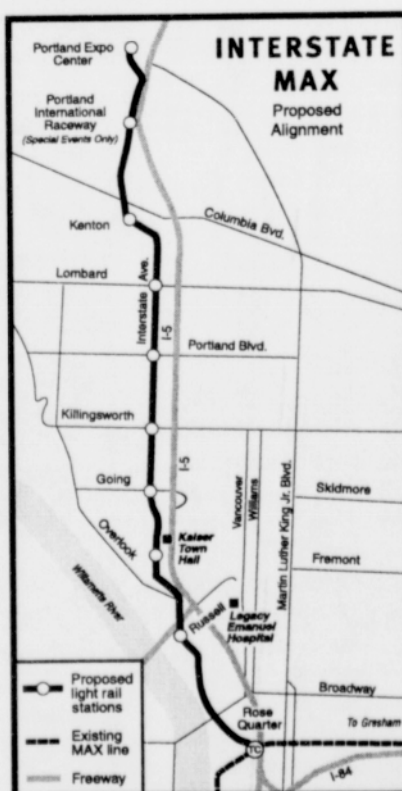
INTERSTATE MAX OPEN HOUSES

The Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods and the North Portland Neighborhood Office, along with Tri-Met, the City of Portland and Metro, invite you to learn about the proposed Interstate MAX light rail line.

Monday, May 3
4-8 pm
Emanuel Hospital-Lorenzen Ctr.
2801 N Gantenbein, Portland
(bus lines: 4-Fessenden, 33-Fremont or 40-Mocks Crest)
Sponsored by the Urban League


Thursday, May 6
4-8 pm
Kaiser Town Hall
3704 N Interstate Ave., Portland
(bus line: 5-Interstate)
Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente


Wednesday, May 12
4-8 pm
Kaiser Town Hall
3704 N Interstate Ave., Portland
(bus line: 5-Interstate)
Sponsored by Coalition for a Livable Future



You can also comment on the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement that describes the benefits, costs and impacts of the Interstate MAX line.

For information call:
(503) 962-2499
TTY (503) 238-5811
www.tri-met.org





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