

Observing Vancouver

African American Distinguished Youth To Be Recognized

Distinguished Youth, a Vancouver non-profit organization, will present the city's first African American Student Award Ceremony Sunday, June 13, at 3 p.m., at the Water Resource Education Center, 4600 S.E. Columbia Way. The ceremony is open to the public and will honor top ranking African American students in the Evergreen and Vancouver School Districts.

Vancouver Mayor Royce E. Pollard will speak and present certificates. The keynote speaker is

Dr. Andrew Griffin, assistant superintendent of the State Superintendent's Office of Public Instruction. Beth Huston of the Clark County Youth Commission is also on the program.

The ceremony's theme is "A Call to Leadership," said Distinguished Youth Executive Director Tamara Suell. "The objective of Distinguished Youth is to nurture and encourage youth to strive toward positive actions and to reach their highest potential," Suell says. She added that the purpose of the

award ceremony is to encourage academic growth and to influence African American youth to become leaders within the Clark County community.

The African American Student Award Ceremony is supported by the City of Vancouver Office of Neighborhoods, Cultural Services and local businesses. Tamara Suell can be reached at (360) 254-1684, or on the Distinguished Youth website at www.columbian.com under the "Our Clark County" section.

City Will Sponsor Summer Lunch Program

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Services will sponsor a summer Food Service Program for children at 12 sites throughout the city. Free lunches will be provided weekdays from July 6 through Aug. 20 to children under 19 years of age.

The program is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Last summer about 500 children were fed each day for the 34 days the program operated. The city conducts this program in partnership with the Vancouver and Evergreen school districts and Vancouver Housing Authority. The Summer Food Service Program for Children was established to ensure that during school vacation periods, children could continue to receive the same high-quality meals that are provided during the school year. The program results from awareness of the critical importance of proper nutrition for children, and a belief that school vacations should not end the availability of nutritious meals for children. Meals are available with out regard to race, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, or marital or family status. Not all prohibited bases (race, color, gender, etc.) apply to all programs.

People with disabilities who require alternative means for communication of program information should contact Teresa Williamson at (360) 696-8065. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W, Whitten Building, 14th and Independence Avenue S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964. The USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Auditor Announces Formation Of A Sub-Committee

Greg Kimsey, Clark County Auditor, formed an Elections Advisory Committee this year. The purpose is to provide a forum for discussion involving the election process and to provide citizen input to the auditor on election issues such as vote-by-mail, changing of primary election dates, and precinct consolidation.

In an effort to reduce the cost of conducting elections in Clark County, a sub-committee has been formed to explore precinct consolidation. The increase in the number of people who vote by mail and the decline in the number of people who vote at polling places gives the County an opportunity to reduce the cost of elections by consolidating precincts.

The sub-committee plans to meet Monday, July 19th at the Elections office, 1500 D Street, Vancouver, WA 98660. Citizens interested in commenting on precinct consolidation may contact Greg Kimsey at 397-2241, ext. 4491; e-mail greg.kimsey@co.clark.wa.us, or fax 397-6007.

POLICE NEWS

CRIMESTOPPERS

UPDATE

Elder Theft Scam

The week of May 10, 1999 Crime Stoppers profiled a theft scam where a male, and one of possibly as many as three different females, "talk" their way into an elderly persons home by either offering to do repairs, or claiming to have done repairs in the past. Once inside, they distract the victim and steal items, such as cash, credit cards, and jewelry. In most cases, the victims have been over eighty years of age.

When the theft scam was first profiled, Portland Police, Milwaukie Police, and the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office had a total of sixteen cases. Since then the number has risen to twenty-three, with cases being reported in Gresham and Multnomah County, Oregon, and Vancouver, Washington.

In the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office case, the male suspect accompanied his victim to a bank, where a surveillance camera recorded the victim withdrawing \$500 that he gave to the suspect.

The suspect is described as a white male, 30 to 40 years of age, 5'6" to 5'7" tall, 150 to 170 pounds, with short dark hair that is possible graying.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime. *nd you need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.*



Portland Police Bureau Officer Shot

On Friday, June 4, 1999, at approximately 12:30 AM, officers responded to a family disturbance call at an apartment located at 9222 N. Lombard #10, when shots were fired from the backdoor. One officer was shot in the neck and the other officer returned fire. A third officer who had arrived on the scene transported officer to an area hospital.

Officers immediately surrounded the apartment and were able to establish contact with one of the females inside. Two adult's females and three children then fled, leaving the male suspect alone inside the apartment. The SERT and the Hostage Negotiation Team were called to the scene. At approximately 3:00 AM the suspect

surrendered without incident. The identity of the suspect has not been confirmed. The suspect was transported to an area hospital for evaluation of his injuries.

The officer who was shot is recovering at an area hospital. As in all officer involved shootings, the names of the officers will not be released for 24 hours.

MULTNOMAH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE Methamphetamine Lab/Weapons

Multnomah County Sheriff's Deputies are conducting an investigation of a home in S.E. Portland where an active methamphetamine lab was located on June 3, 1999. At a little after midnight deputies stopped a vehicle, driven by a male adult, at NE Prescott and NE Sandy Blvd. For a traffic violation. Deputies immediately noticed signs of drug possession and eventually arrested the driver when they found him to be in possession of methamphetamine. The subsequent investigation

lead the deputies to the drivers residence at 9724 SE Ash where at approximately 4:30 a.m. they discovered an active methamphetamine lab. Deputies also seized 13 firearms including a sawed off shotgun, a MAC-10 machine pistol, an M-16 assault rifle, another shotgun, handguns, rifles and a cross bow. There was a large amount of ammunition for the weapons at the residence as well. Investigators also found a Pit Bull dog and a 9 foot Python snake

residing in the residence. A female occupant of the residence was also taken into custody.

The Sheriff's Office Hazardous Materials Team is at the location along with members of the Special Investigations Unit conducting the on going investigation and evidence collection. Both suspects are on felony probation and are in custody at this time. Identity of the male is 26 year old Dylan G. Studer and 25 year old Deion Marie Lindsey

Increased Enforcement In Scenic Areas Of East Multnomah County

The Multnomah County Sheriff's Office will be increasing its patrol and enforcement attention to the areas of East Multnomah County most heavily visited by tourists. This includes the Columbia Gorge and Multnomah Falls areas. These tourist areas are commonly targets of thieves who prey on unsuspecting tourists and hikers who utilize these areas during the spring and summer. These criminals take the opportunity to find unsuspecting victims who are careless and leave valuables in their vehicles and then leave them for extended periods of time.

The Sheriff's office hopes to put a stop to these expensive and extremely personal attacks on citizens and tourists to Multnomah County. Part of the way we hope to do this is to solicit the help of the public and of the media in getting and giving information.

The Sheriff's office has increased patrols in the areas for years. This year we are adding patrols and other types of enforcement. We also will increase the availability of information on how the public can protect themselves from these crimes of opportunity.

We are strongly encouraging any media outlet who will lend us a hand in getting the word out to the public, tourists and most importantly the criminals, that we will be looking for violators and will do what it takes to put them in jail!!

Persons interested in more information and/or who want to do stories on this subject can contact the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office. We look forward to working with you to keep Multnomah County and its residents and visitors safe!

Information from Lt. Brian Martinkoff office 251-2515; 271-1217.

Income eligibility forms are not required at the following sites:

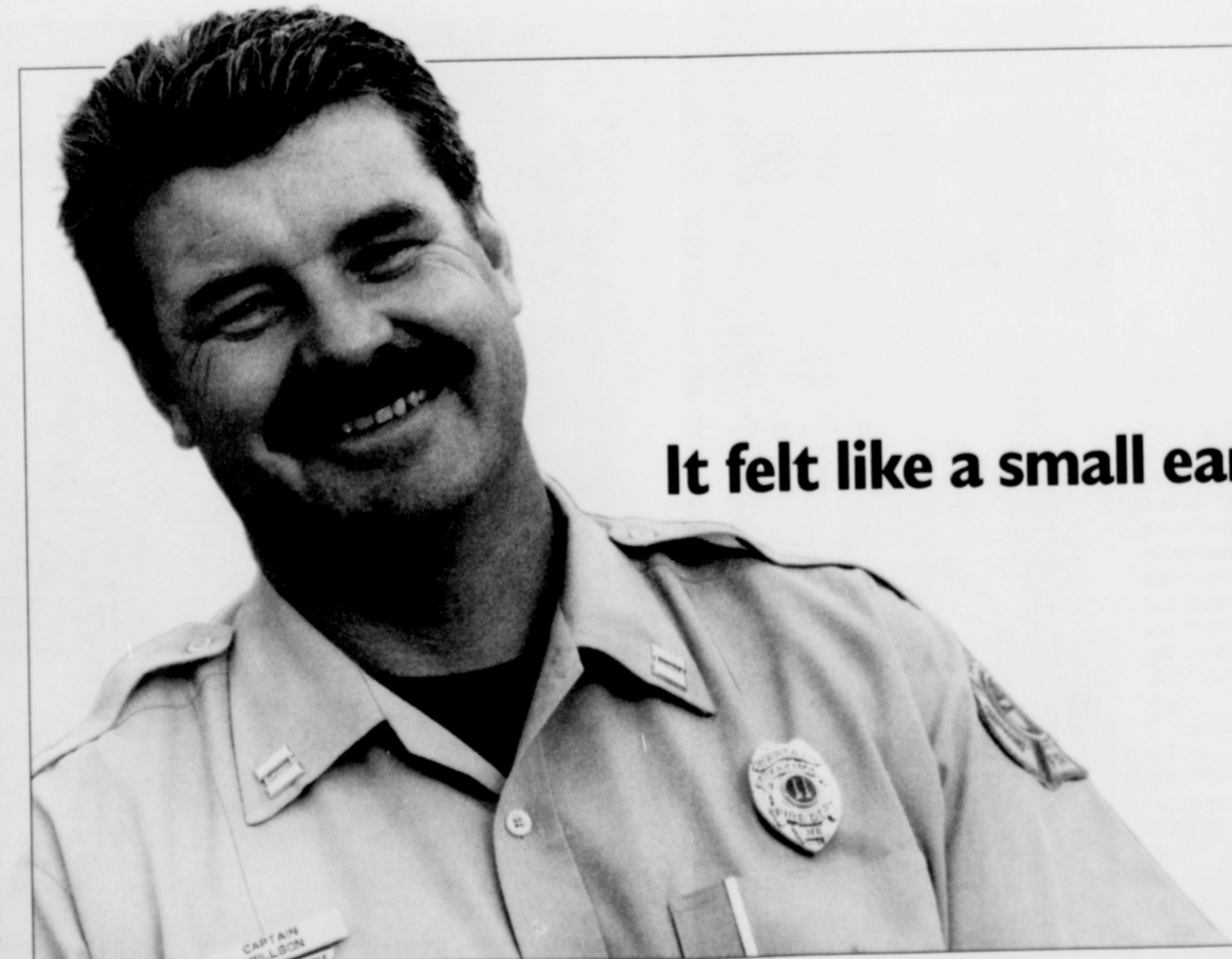
SITE	TIME
Hough Elementary School 1900 Daniels St.	12:45 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.
Fruit Valley Elementary School 3301 Fruit Valley Road	1 - 2 P.M.
Martin Luther King Elementary School 4801 Idaho St.	Noon - 1 P.M.
Washington Elementary School 2908 "S" St	1 - 2 P.M.
Roosevelt Elementary School 2921 Falk Rd.	11 A.M. - Noon
Peter S. Ogden Elementary School 8100 NE 28th St.	11:20 A.M. - 12:20 P.M.
Harney Elementary School Fircrest Elementary School 12001 NE Ninth St.	12:20 P.M. - 1:20 P.M. 12:30 - 1:30 P.M.
Vancouver Housing Authority 500 Omaha Way	11:45 A.M. - 12:45 P.M.
Eisenhower Elementary School 9201 NW Ninth Ave.	11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.*

**Meals July 6 through August 13*

Income eligibility forms are required at these two sites:

SITE	TIME
Hearthwood Elementary School 801 NE Hearthwood Blvd.	Noon - 1 P.M.
Marrison Elementary School 10119 NE 14th St	11:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Household Size	Year	Month	Week
1	\$14,893	\$1,242	\$287
2	20,073	1,673	387
3	25,253	2,105	486
4	30,433	2,537	586
5	35,613	2,968	685
6	40,793	3,400	785
7	45,973	3,832	885
8	51,153	4,263	984
For each additional family member:	+5,180	+432	+100



It felt like a small earthquake.

The downed power line suddenly slammed with the force of 7,200 volts against the pavement. "You could feel the ground shake clear across four lanes of highway," remembered firefighter Dave Willson.

Only moments before, the line - a primary feeder that had been brought down by a tree limb - was just lying across a roadside hedge. It looked like a harmless old garden hose; no wonder the man from the neighborhood thought it would be safe to move it. Happily, Captain Willson had seen him reach for the line and acted quickly to stop him.

The firefighter had recently taken part in a Pacific Power safety training session, where he learned to treat all downed lines as deadly. "They can snap back to life in an instant. They're not safe - period."

With the passerby now out of harm's way, Capt. Willson dispatched his fire trucks to block off the highway and sidewalks until Pacific Power's crew arrived on the scene.

Capt. Willson is modest about taking the credit for averting a tragedy. "I'd rather say thanks to lessons learned from Pacific Power." We say, we're a good team.

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