

Insurance Proof required for DMV Drive Test

Beginning July 1, 1999, people scheduled for behind-the-wheel drive testing with the Oregon DMV will be required to show evidence of insurance before they will be taken on a drive test.

"It's a move to encourage people to comply with existing insurance laws, to protect the economic interests of other motorists, and to provide our testers with a safer environment," said Jim Hunter, head of DMV Field Services.

There are several types of documentation that will meet DMV's Requirements. "The best documents they can show us would be a valid insurance card or an insurance policy or binder," Hunter said. "At the

very least we need the insurance information for the vehicle being used on the test. That would include the insurance company name, the policy number and the policy's expiration date."

Another option would be a \$60,000 security deposit or surety bond with the state in lieu of insurance. Drivers use this option would still need to show the receipt for the deposit or bond before going on a drive test.

"If a person doesn't have the necessary insurance, the drive test will be rescheduled," Hunter said.

Since 1979, Oregon State law has required drivers to carry automobile liability insurance. The minimum in-

surance a driver must have for bodily injury and property damage liability is \$25,000 per person, with \$50,000 per crash for bodily injury to others, and \$10,000 per crashes for property damage to the property of others. In addition, personal injury protection of at least \$10,000 per person is required, with uninsured motorist coverage of at least \$25,000 per person and \$50,000 per crash for bodily injury.

The actual number of uninsured drivers is difficult to accurately determine. Past studies indicate that approximately 12 percent of Oregon drivers are uninsured, a rate comparable with that of other states.

Albina Branch Library Celebrates July 10

Multnomah County's Albina Branch Library will celebrate its newly remodeled and updated facility with an open house on Saturday, July 10.

Albina patrons and their friends are invited to enjoy refreshments as they explore their renovated library.

Harpist Kara TSE will strum a selection of classical music from 10 a.m. to noon. At 2 p.m., the Oregon Puppet Theatre will present "The Elves and the Shoemaker." Throughout the day, volunteers will offer help with computer technology.

Albina Branch Library is located at 3605 N.E. 14th Ave. next to the new Natures store. The branch library is open every Sunday from 1-5 P.M.; Tuesday-Thursday from 10 A.M.-9 P.M.; Friday and Saturday from 10 A.M.-6 P.M. www.multnomah.lib.us/lib/renov/

POLICE NEWS

CRIMESTOPPERS

HOMICIDE



Jason Webber

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the suspect in a homicide.

At approximately 4:30 in the morning of June 17, 1998, several people, including 19-year-old Jason Webber, were staying in a room at the Rodeway Inn located at 3800 Northeast Sandy Boulevard. An unknown suspect broke out a window and fired nu-

merous gunshots into the room. Webber died when one of the shots struck him in the head. Another occupant was wounded by the gunfire.

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 can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Police Reassure Park Area Residents

Cmdr. Bob Kauffman tells them they are not likely targets for a serial killer, and patrols are planned

By ROBIN FRANZEN OF THE OREGONIAN STAFF

Forest Park residents are not considered to be the target of a suspected serial killer and should feel comfortable using the popular recreation area, a high-ranking Portland police official reassured residents Wednesday.

"During the daytime in particular, there is no reason to believe you are going to be assaulted or otherwise harmed in Forest Park," said Cmdr. Bob Kauffman of Central Precinct.

Although Kauffman could provide no new information about a special task force's investigation of the killings, he announced the start of regular mounted patrols in Forest and Washington parks.

Plans for the patrols were under way before the first victim's body was found May 7, he said. Officers will cover the area on horses and all-terrain vehicles.

Kauffman made his remarks in response to some residents' fears that the killer thought to be responsible for the deaths of three women appeared to be targeting women sharing similar physical characteristics.

All of the victims, who were of similar stature and had dark hair, were known heroin users and had ties to street life in Old Town.

"If I were to guess," Kauffman said, "I would say the biggest issue is the victims' lifestyle. . . . They were very vulnerable to victimization."

Daniette Barron, 23, was among about 40 people who attended

Wednesday's meeting, organized by the Linnton Neighborhood Association as a way to share information, expand Neighborhood Watch activities and allow residents to vent their fears.

The association's boundaries take in roughly half of 5,000-acre Forest Park, which is the largest urban park in the United States and popular with hikers and joggers.

Barron said she was there in response to rumors that the killer might be in the area. "I'm at home a lot, and I'm young," she said, alluding to the fact that all of the victims were in their teens or 20s. "We talk about it and wonder why they haven't solved it yet."

The victims, whose bodies were found in the park within a month's time, were Lilla Faye Moler, 28; Stephanie Lynn Russell, 26; and Alexandria Nicole Ison, 17. All were strangled.

Hikers discovered Ison's body June 2 in a steep, wooded ravine about one mile off Northwest Saltzman Road, about a quarter of a mile northwest of

where Moler's and Russell's bodies were found May 7 and 8.

At the time of discovery, Moler had been dead in the park one to two months; Russell, an acquaintance of Moler, about a week. Police think Ison might have been killed at least a week before her body was found.

They also think that none of the women was using the park as a hiker or jogger at the time of death.

Forest Park resident Barbara Madsen accused the police of failing to interview a transient living in the park who Madsen said fit the description of a man leaving the crime scene. Kauffman, who is not a member of the Forest Park task force, said he didn't know anything about the man, but that investigators would check it out along with hundreds of other leads if it seemed warranted.

"Then you are saying we can rest in peace and not to worry," Madsen said.

"Yes, that's what I'd tell you," Kauffman said.

Man Pleads Guilty In Rage Incident

The first person charged under Gresham's so-called "road rage" ordinance has pleaded guilty in an agreement with prosecutors. Twenty-year-old Ian Anderson of Aloha had been charged with aggressive driving and reckless driving in March after a Gresham police officer observed

Anderson harassing, tailgating and making obscene gestures at another motorist. In exchange for the guilty plea, reckless driving charges were dropped. Anderson now faces 18-months probation and a 200-dollar fine, which will be dropped if he completes anger-management counseling.

Vancouver City Councilmember To Serve On Association Of Washington Cities Board Of Directors

Vancouver City Councilmember Jim Moeller was recently elected to serve on the Association of Washington Cities Board of Directors where he will represent cities in Southwest Washington. The statewide association provides primary representation for 274 Washington

cities in matters before the State Legislature and Congress.

Moeller says, "My primary concern will be to help cities around the region face the challenges of the day, which include unfunded regulations from the state and federal government. I will use my leadership position on the

board to try to turn back this tide."

Moeller's position on the 24-member board provides an opportunity to advance the interests of the City of Vancouver and cities around the region. Moeller was elected to his first term on the Vancouver City Council in 1996

Groundbreaking Set For Neighborhood Park

Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Services invites local residents to attend the groundbreaking ceremony Thursday, July 8, at 4 p.m. for Fir Garden Neighborhood Park, on 43rd Street NE off 155th Avenue. It will be the third of 19 parks to be designed and built as part of the Parks Legacy Project.

The five-acre park will feature play structures, swings, balance beam, spring riders, bench, drinking fountain, ball field backstop and new lawn. In addition, a total of 1400 linear feet of trail will be paved during the second phase of park construction. Completion of the park is anticipated for November.

The Parks Legacy Program will develop 19 neighborhood parks by the end of the year 2000, and three

community parks by 2002. Construction is made possible by funding from the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET), implemented in 1996 with support from the greater Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, Clark County Board of Realtors and Clark County Home Builders Association. All funds from this tax are designated for the development of parks.

Mediation Program Receives Anonymous Donation

Vancouver's Community Mediation Services received a \$1,000 contribution from an anonymous donor who requested that the funds be used to support a pilot peer mediation program at Discovery Middle School.

for discovery Middle School through a collaboration with the discovery Middle School faculty and students, Vancouver School District and SWIFT. The pilot program will continue in the 1999-2000 school year.

The \$1,000 donation will be used to send CMS peer mediation trainer to the National Resource Center for Youth Mediation in Albuquerque, N.M. to study advanced school mediation strategies, including Suspension Mediation.

The shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado drew attention to the escalating violence among America's youth. Teenagers are twice as likely to become victims of violence as adults with half of all violence against teenagers occurring in or near schools. Students who are trained in conflict resolution are better able to handle their own conflicts both in and out of school. Nationally, schools have reported a dramatic drop in student violence, school suspensions and other hurtful behaviors after implementing conflict mediation training.

Community Mediation Services (CMS), a program of the City of Vancouver and Clark County, developed a conflict resolution program

Junior Symphony of Vancouver

Announcing the debut of the new Junior Symphony of Vancouver! This is a group designed for music students to supplement their regular school music programs and private lessons.

Participation is by application and audition only, and will require a written recommendation from the applicant's school music instructor or private teacher. This ensemble will be led by Artistic Director, Timoteus Racz, with private coaching from the fine professional musicians of the OCP.

This ensemble will be selective and small, striving towards quality. Rehearsals and concerts will be located at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Vancouver. Auditions will be held September 2 and September 9 with our first concert being presented December 4.

For applications and further information, please call the JSV at (360) 696-4084, ext. 5.



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