



Police News/Vancouver

Crime Stoppers; homicide

Portland Police Bureau Homicide Investigators, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in solving a murder.

On Tuesday, August 10, 1999, at about 10:40 in the evening, two males were standing on the northwest corner of N. Albina Avenue and N. Webster Street, when shots were fired at the two from a car southbound on Albina. 19-year-old Veryl Lynn Goss Jr. was struck in the upper torso, and ran to the porch of a nearby house where he died. His companion suffered a non-life threatening wound to the foot.

The suspect vehicle is described as a 1970's, reddish-brown 2-door, possibly a Mercury Cougar, Ford Thunderbird, or similar vehicle, occupied by at least three black males.

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, or the Portland Police Bureau Detective Division at (503) 823-0400.



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Sheriff's office to distribute free gun-locks Project HomeSafe sponsored in cooperation with National Shooting Sports Foundation

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Sheriff Dan Noelle and representatives from the National Shooting Sports Foundation announced the kick-off of Project HomeSafe in Multnomah County on November 9. A key component of the program is the free distribution of gun locks to the citizens of Multnomah County. The locks in

combination with educational materials are intended to promote safe handling and secure storage practices among all firearms owners. Sheriff Dan Noelle said, "I'm excited about this partnership. I strongly believe that providing gun locks will prevent tragedies. These locks can be used on any kind of firearm, including rifles and shotguns. The locks combined with education should hopefully reduce the risk of unintentional firearms-related injuries or deaths."

As part of the program, the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office will distribute 5000 gun lock devices to local residents free of charge. The device, which works like a traditional padlock, is placed through a firearm barrel or magazine holder so that the

weapon can't be fired until it is unlocked. "Project HomeSafe" is being paid for by the National Shooting Sports Foundation, a trade organization consisting of firearms manufacturers, distributors and retailers. "Our goal is to reach out to all firearms owners with key safety messages on safe firearms handling and storage," said Douglas Painter, executive director of the organization. The locks will be available for distribution beginning November 19th at the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office, 12240 N.E. Glisan. The locks will be limited to one per person. For more information, please call the Concealed Handgun unit of the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office at 251-2417.

Pedestrian struck by a patrol car

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On Thursday, November 4, 1999, at approximately 8:40 P.M., a uniformed officer assigned to Southeast Precinct was operating a marked patrol vehicle and was preceding westbound on N.E. Sandy Blvd. When a pedestrian dressed in dark clothing crossed N.E. Sandy Blvd at mid-block between N.E. 27th Avenue and N.E. 28th Avenue. The pedestrian was struck by the

patrol car and later pronounced dead at Emanuel Hospital. The initial investigation indicates that at the time of the accident, the officer was not driving with lights or siren and was not driving at excessive speed. As in all fatal accidents the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office will review the accident. The name of the adult female pedestrian is not being released until positive identification and notification of the family has been made.

First Legacy park dedication set Nov. 13

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The Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, together with the Bella Vista Neighborhood Association, will dedicate the first Legacy Park on Saturday, Nov. 13 at 1:30 p.m. (rain or shine). City dignitaries and members of the three Real Estate Excise Tax (REET) partner organizations

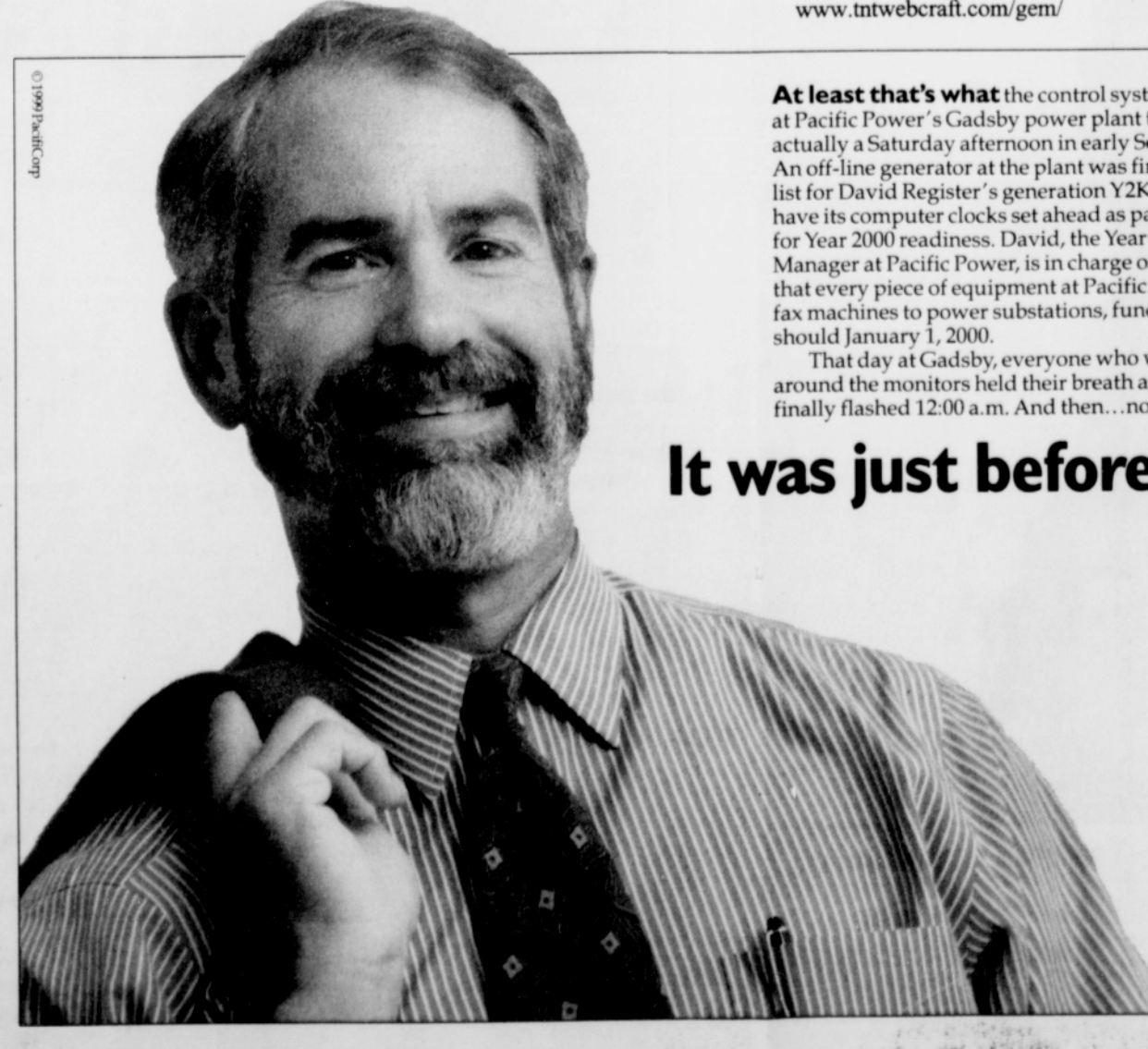
(Vancouver Chamber of Commerce, Clark County Homebuilders Assoc., Clark County Board of Realtors) will join the celebration at Bella Vista Road and 20th Circle (south of McGillivray). The 5.3 acre park has been improved to include new curbs, sidewalks, and street trees along Bella Vista Road and fencing. Amenities inside the park are two areas of play equipment, 2300 linear feet of asphalt trails, a sport court, rose garden and a new lawn. A neighborhood reception will follow the dedication with light

refreshments. Local merchants have generously donated prizes for drawings, and the neighborhood youth band, Deeper Than Blue, will perform. The park is the first to be completed in the Parks Legacy Project, which will see the completion of 19 neighborhood parks by 2000 and three community parks by 2002. Construction was made possible by funding from the Real Estate Excise Tax (REET), implemented in 1996. All funds from this tax are designated for the development of parks.

Water resources education center open Veterans Day

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The Water Resources Education Center, along the Columbia River Renaissance Trail, will be open to the public on Veterans Day, Thursday, Nov. 11. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is free. It can be reached by C-Tran bus route #1 departing from the downtown bus mall on 7th Street. Rainy day activities include hand-on water experiments and, weather permitting, interpretive walks to the adjacent wetlands. Visit the salmon aquarium lifecycle exhibit to figure out what stage the Center's salmon are in. The Native Species Aquarium has juvenile sturgeon, three-spine stickleback, sculpin and Coho salmon. The exhibit hall boasts a new presentation on water conservation. Learn how to fix that dripping faucet! On the second floor, the White Sturgeon Art Gallery features glowing flower portraits by photographer Rick L. Smith.



At least that's what the control system computers at Pacific Power's Gadsby power plant thought. It was actually a Saturday afternoon in early September 1998. An off-line generator at the plant was first on the list for David Register's generation Y2K team to have its computer clocks set ahead as part of testing for Year 2000 readiness. David, the Year 2000 Project Manager at Pacific Power, is in charge of ensuring that every piece of equipment at Pacific Power, from fax machines to power substations, functions as it should January 1, 2000. That day at Gadsby, everyone who was gathered around the monitors held their breath as the hour finally flashed 12:00 a.m. And then...nothing

happened. The unit was working exactly as it should. Smiles quickly replaced the serious expressions of the test team.

In the weeks that followed, the generator continued to operate without a hitch, even as its clock was set to other year 2000 test dates. So there was no need to test the other identical power units at Gadsby, right? Wrong, the team decided. They continued to test everything. Minor problems were found on the other two generators, but they were quickly corrected, as retesting verified. All systems passed the tests with flying colors.

"Here is a success story in two folds," says David. "First, we verified that systems will perform as

It was just before midnight, Dec. 31, 1999.

expected in the year 2000 and second, by finding small glitches, we confirmed that our testing strategy is the right one."

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Vancouver police guild hosts variety show

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The Vancouver Police Officers Guild will host a Christmas variety show Friday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. at the Clark County Fairgrounds Community Hall. The show promises fun for the whole family and includes professional jugglers, comedians and illusionists. Santa Claus will also be on hand to pass out candy canes to children. Tickets are \$12.50 per person or \$30 for a family and can be purchased by calling 1-888-440-7488. Phone solicitation for ticket sales is currently being conducted in the Vancouver area. Citizens should be aware that solicitors for this event will request checks or money orders to be mailed to the Vancouver Police Officers Guild, PO Box 1201, Vancouver WA, 98666-1201. People who order tickets will be sent documentation of their ticket purchase through the mail.

All proceeds from the Christmas show will support Vancouver Police Officers Guild community events such

as Shop with a Cop, Youth Soccer and Youth Baseball and many other worthwhile events.

Agencies and organizations regularly contract with phone solicitation companies to handle ticket sales for events. These are legitimate businesses selling real products, but here are a few tips to stay safe when dealing with solicitors.

- Don't give out too much personal information or information that does not pertain to what you are buying.
- Never agree to meet someone to drop off money or pick up tickets unless you know it is a legitimate place of business.
- Feel free to ask questions. If it is a legitimate business the caller will be able to answer them or refer you to someone from the organization for whom they are soliciting.
- If you have any questions or hesitations, contact the local agency or organization and confirm the information with Detective, Ed Hewitt, Vancouver Police, (360) 696-8589.

Clark County, Vancouver join to save time, money

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Doing what most people do to save money on housing costs, the City of Vancouver is moving in with Clark County.

A work crew from the City of Vancouver, and their equipment, will begin co-locating with Clark County at the county's English maintenance facility at NE 192nd Avenue and 9th Street.

City and county employees will share office space and office equipment, crew space, the rock stockpiles, various pieces of specialized equipment, and the storage yard. In addition, the City of Vancouver will utilize the county's fuel truck and have minor equipment maintenance repair work done by county mechanics.

"By locating our employees together, we can save on mobilization costs to get our crews out to our work sites," said Richard Hoffman, City of Vancouver. "We are able to move our work crew out to the English facility with minimal capital outlay because the county is willing to share their facility. It's a win-win for both our agencies, as well as the taxpayer."

"We are also hoping to get a price break on the rock that we order and stockpile out there," said Roy Brannam, Road Operations Supervisor for the Clark County Public Works Department. "Because we will be working together and using a larger volume, we should be able to save additional money." Currently, the City of Camas is also planning to purchase their rock for winter road maintenance at the English Facility.

All of the agencies are members of GEM, an acronym for Grounds Equipment and Maintenance. Visit their web site at: www.tntwebcraft.com/gem/

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