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\$60,000 Re-Store Grant Helps Fund Habitat for Humanity

Portland Habitat for Humanity has earned a \$60,000 grant from the Liz and Charlie Swindells Fund of The Oregon Community Foundation to establish a Re-Store that will provide low-cost building materials for low-income homeowners, and assist in keeping salvageable products out of the waste stream.

The organization sells surplus building materials to the public in order to raise money to buy needed materials for homes under construction. The Re-Store is located at 1814 N. Columbia Blvd. and holds

garage sale type events every month.

"Many of our donations are of brand-new items, but their size, quantity, or style make them unsuitable for integrating into our Habitat homes," explains Mike Jones, Portland Habitat's executive director.

"The Garage Sales enable us to turn these donations into cash, while at the same time helping our buyers," Jones said.

Generally, the sale items are priced at or below 50 percent of everyday prices.

Portland Habitat for Humanity creates partnerships to build simple, decent homes.

The organization maintains a strong, diverse community by providing home ownership opportunities for those with very low incomes. Habitat relies on donated materials and volunteer labor to build homes from the ground up and sell them at cost. Habitat families are required to complete 500 hours of "sweat equity" before moving into their new homes.

The next building materials sale is Friday, March 15 through Sunday, March 17. For more information, contact Portland Habitat at 503-287-9529.

Clues Sought in Locating Suspects for Theft/Vandalism

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help identifying and apprehending the suspects responsible for a theft and vandalism.

On Monday, Feb. 25 at about 8:30 a.m., two men walked into Mr. Suds Laundromat, at 4450 S.W. Garden Home Rd., damaged coin boxes on 10 washing machines, and took a bill changer after pulling it off a wall.

Investigators believe the same suspects may be responsible for several similar incidents.

One of the suspects is a white male in his mid 20's, 5 foot 9 inches tall, with a medium build and a shaved head. He was wearing a black long sleeve shirt with white stripes down the arms, jeans and white tennis shoes.

The other suspect also is a white male in his 20's, 6 foot tall, with dark brown hair. He was wearing a gray hooded zipper jacket, black pants, black baseball cap, and glasses.

The men had a dog with them, which is believed to be a white pit bull terrier with brown markings.

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



Surveillance video shows two suspects in the theft and vandalism of a laundromat in southwest Portland.



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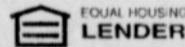
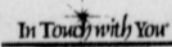
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OHSU Fined for Labor Law Violation

(AP) - Oregon Health and Science University has been ordered to pay restitution to nurses who were on strike for three months.

The Oregon Employment Relations Board has ruled the hos-

pital violated state labor law for paying nurses who crossed the picket line more than what OHSU was offering striking nurses.

The decision was based on an unfair labor practice complaint submitted by the union in Janu-

ary. The board asked OHSU to pay about \$310,000, or about \$300 dollars to each of the striking nurses.

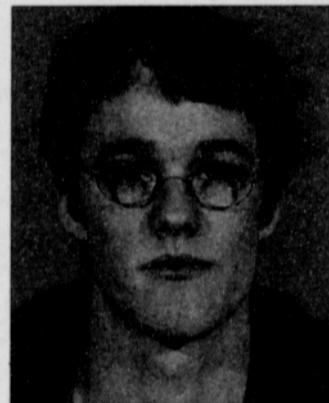
An OHSU spokesman says the hospital is not planning an appeal.

Arrest Made in Rash of Business Graffiti

Tyson Wells Andree, 22, has been charged with four counts of burglary and four counts of criminal mischief in connection with a series of business break-ins in northwest Portland.

The Feb. 28 arrest follows the investigation into several cases where a suspect, or suspects had broken into their warehouse spaces and placed graffiti on interior walls.

Police said burglary and vandalism, associated with



Tyson Andree

graffiti, continues to be one of the most reported crimes in the downtown area with about 4,000 such complaints filed annually. The destruction costs property owners and businesses hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.

Authorities said serial or repeat offenders are now being prosecuted under a repeat property offender program which can result in long-term prison sentences.

Construction Thefts Foiled

A new burglary task force in Vancouver has led to one arrest and the recovery of stolen material from two construction sites.

Russell Dean Gannon, 43, was charged March 5 with possession of stolen property in connection with the burglaries at 616 S.E. 164th Ave. in Vancouver and at 17711 N.E. Riverside Parkway in Portland.

Police recovered 2,360 lbs. of insu-

lated copper wire worth approximately \$10,000 from the Vancouver site and several tools including drills, skill saws, equipment belts, and stilts from the Portland location.

The investigation of these burglaries is continuing. Anyone having information in these cases or others are asked to call Corporal Mike Chylack at 360-904-1142 or Sergeant Lou Braafladt at 360-696-8226.

Police Seize Goods at Pawn Shop

Vancouver police said they found a small amount of methamphetamine during a March 6 search warrant investigating unlawful possession of firearms, firearms licensing and sale violations at the Family Loan Pawn Shop on Main Street.

Records, computers and six fire-

arms were also seized during the raid, police said.

No arrests have been made at this time.

Anyone with information in this case is asked to call Detective Scott Smith at 360-696-8027 or Sergeant Lou Braafladt at 360-696-8226.

Pedestrian Killed by Street Sweeper

A privately owned street sweeper struck and killed a Portland woman on Southeast 82nd and Mitchell.

Police said Sandra Carol Fosdick, 49, was walking across 82nd Av-

enue on March 3 at 6:50 p.m. when she was hit by a modified Isuzu pickup operated by Jeff Varner, 41.

No citations were issued, pending the completion of an investigation.

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