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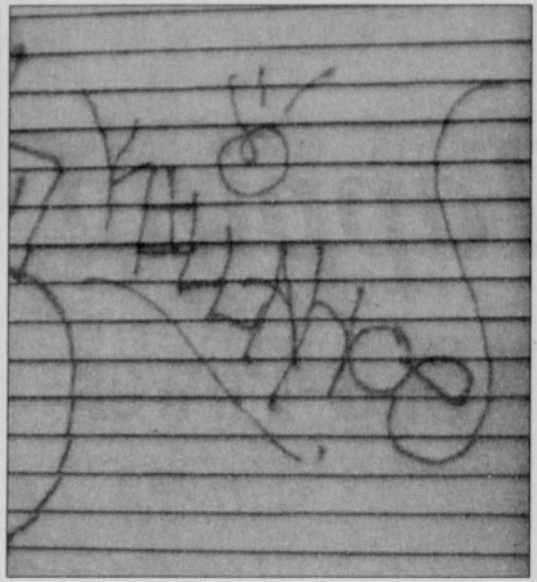
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Police release a group of graffiti photographs hoping to identify the vandals known only by their "tags."

Police Seek Help Against Vandals

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, would like your help identifying vandals known only by their "tags."

Sometimes referred to as "taggers," the vandals draw or paint graffiti on walls, billboards, street signs, fences, public utility property, transit property, trains, and anywhere else it is likely to be seen. This activity affects neigh-

borhood livability by creating an eyesore wherever it is applied. It also costs private property owners, and members of the community money to clean it up. Sometimes property is damaged beyond repair and must be replaced, also at great expense.

Certain "tags" have appeared often in Portland lately. "TORMENT" has been seen almost 40 times in neighborhoods of south-

east, northwest and northeast Portland. It has appeared up and down Northeast Alberta Street.

"DELK" is a tag seen over 60 times around town including southeast Portland near Southeast 12th and Hawthorne. "KILLAHOE" and "CAVEMAN" are "tags" that have been reported a dozen or more times and often

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Graffiti Removal Kits Available

Graffiti removal kits containing environmentally-friendly solvent and other graffiti removal supplies are available to be checked out at nine Portland Fire stations.

Community volunteers will be asked to concentrate their efforts on using solvent to wipe out graffiti on surfaces like metal light


poles, backs of street signs, and newspaper boxes. In addition, volunteers can use provided scrapers to get rid of stickers, which are widespread, unsightly and difficult to remove.

The participating fire stations are at 1715 N.W. Johnson St., 7134 N. Maryland Ave., 926 N.E.

Weidler St., 1905 N.E. Killingsworth St., 8720 S.W. 30th Ave., 2915 S.E. 13th Place, 5211 S.E. Mall St. 5916 N.E. Going St., and 1500 S.E. 122nd Ave.

Kits are available for checkout every day, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., except when fire personnel are called out on emergencies.

Peeping Tom
 A police sketch of a suspected peeping tom.



A peeping tom has been active in northeast Portland for the past several weeks.

The Sexual Assault Detail of the Portland Police Bureau has released a sketch of the suspect, described as white male in his early 20's, approximately 5 feet 8 inches to 5 feet 10 inches tall, with a thin to medium build. He wears dark colored sweatshirts and on one occasion wore a knit cap.

Police said the man appears to be selecting homes in the Beaumont neighborhood.

TriMet Injury Claim was a Hoax

Security cameras show woman was not on bus

A woman who tried to fraudulently claim damages against TriMet has been sentenced to three years probation, 20 days in jail and ordered to pay \$617 in restitution and court fees.

Tammie E. Holloway pled guilty to perjury in Multnomah County Circuit Court in connection with a TriMet bus accident during the morning of Aug. 29, 2003.

Holloway claimed to be on the

number 72-Killingsworth/82nd Avenue bus when it was stopped at the left turn signal on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd at Killingsworth when the car in front of the bus rolled back and hit the front of the bus. The bus driver braked and two people received minor injuries.

Holloway stated that she hit her forehead on a pole. However, cameras on the TriMet bus showed that Holloway was not on the vehicle during the incident - she was actually across the street

witnessing the accident.

Cameras on TriMet buses and MAX trains have been used successfully to prosecute several fraud cases.

"TriMet's investment of putting cameras on buses and MAX trains has paid big dividends," said TriMet General Manager Fred Hansen. "The cameras have proven useful in showing exactly what happens during an accident and assists us in assuring that people can't fraudulently take advantage of an accident for their own gain."



Tammie Holloway

Soliciting Sex Near School Leads to Arrest

Portland Police arrested Antonio Negrete Jr., 24, on six counts of compelling prostitution and six

counts of attempted sodomy for attempting to pay children for sexual activity.

The investigation began several weeks ago when officers from the School Police Division received information that a suspect was driving around attempting to pay children to engage in sexual activity.

Officers broadcast a suspect alert and on Feb. 25 received information from a Roosevelt High School student that the man had just approached him near the school. The victim provided police with a description of the suspect and his car, which allowed police to quickly

arrest Negrete.

The Portland Police Bureau says it sees an increase in both arrests and complaints of predatory sexual behavior by adults each year as the spring-like weather brings children and young adults to congregate outside near schools and parks.

Parents and guardians are asked to talk to their children about the need to be vigilant, walk in pairs, and report suspicious behavior.

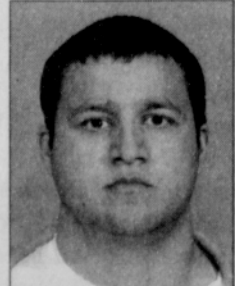
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Antonio Negrete Jr.

Rally for Civil Unions

Same-sex couple equality wanted

(AP)—Gay rights activists from around the state converged on the Capitol Thursday for a rally and a day of lobbying lawmakers to pass equal rights measures for same-sex couples.

"Our time has come," Roey Thorpe of Basic Rights Oregon told

a crowd of around 500 people at the Capitol's main entrance.

"We will never go away. We will never give up," said Thorpe, executive director of the state's major gay rights organization.

The event was held on the one-year anniversary of Multnomah County creating a political uproar by beginning to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

The legality of the 3,042 licenses issued before a judge halted the practice is up in the air because voters in November passed a state constitutional amendment banning gay marriage.

Gay rights backers are lobbying lawmakers to create "civil unions" that would provide the equivalent of marital benefits for gay couples, such as rights to spousal death benefits or visiting rights in hospitals.

Sen. Ben Westlund of Bend, one of the few Republican gay-rights voices in the Legislature, told the rally he's "passionately supporting civil union legislation" along with Senate Majority Leader Kate Brown, D-Portland.

Gay rights supporters also are pushing for passage of a bill that would outlaw discrimination based on sexual orientation in employment, housing and public accommodations.

Democratic Gov. Ted Kulongoski says adoption of the anti-discrimination measure is a high priority of his, and he also backs civil unions.



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