

Eric Lee Presley



Natasha Lei Nichols

Motel Arson Fire Investigated

The Portland Police and Crime Stoppers need help finding Eric Lee Presley and his girlfriend, Natasha Lei Nichols, for questioning in a suspected arson at the Westerner Motel, 4333 N. Interstate Ave. The March 27 fire displaced more than a dozen residents.

Presley is a 43-year-old black male, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighing approximately 235 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. Nichols

is a 30-year-old black female, 5 feet 8 inches tall, weighing approximately 210 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes. She has multiple tattoos on her knees, wrists and hands.

Crime Stoppers offers a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony, and you remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP (4357).

Test Doesn't Clear Lacrosse Team

Prosecutor does not need DNA

(AP)—Standing before a mostly black audience, the district attorney in charge of the Duke University rape investigation in Durham, N.C. said Tuesday he does not need DNA to bring charges and vowed, "This case is not going away."

District Attorney Mike Nifong spoke one day after defense attorneys said DNA testing failed to connect any of Duke's lacrosse players to the alleged attack on a black stripper who said she was raped at a party by members of the nearly all-white 47-man team.

Nifong stopped short of confirming the defense assessment of the DNA results, but said the case would not be hampered by a lack of DNA evidence.

"It doesn't mean nothing happened," Nifong said at a public forum at North Carolina Central University, where the 27-year-old alleged victim is a student. "It just means nothing was left behind."

No charges have been filed. Nifong said prosecutors were awaiting a second set of DNA results, but did not say how those differed from the tests reported Monday. Nifong added that in 75 percent to 80 percent of sexual assaults, there is no DNA evidence to analyze.

The district attorney said a rape case can be built on testimony from the alleged victim and other witnesses. Nifong also said the hospital exam of the woman has led him to believe a crime occurred at the March 13 party.

According to court documents, a doctor and a specially trained nurse found the alleged victim had "signs, symptoms and injuries consistent with being raped and sexually assaulted."

"My presence here means this case is not going away," Nifong said to applause from an audience of about 700.

Second Lents Resource Fair Coming

Southeast community to celebrate

After the success of the last year's Lents Resource Fair, the Portland Development Commission will host the event for a second year on Saturday, April 29 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Lent Elementary School, 5105 S.E. 97th Ave.

The neighborhood fair brings together representatives from PDC, city bureaus, elected officials and area non-profit organizations to celebrate the community and provide information on resources available to people who live, work and do business in Lents. There will be information regarding home ownership opportunities, park improvements, street repair and the I-205 MAX light rail line that is planned to connect Lents to Gateway, Clackamas Town Center and Downtown Portland.

There will be activities for kids including free bike helmets donated by the Lents Knights of Pythias Lodge.

Area non-profits will also participate including Zenger Farms, Rose Community Development



A small parkway brings a welcome mat to the Lents neighborhood of southeast Portland.

Corporation, Mt. Scott Community Center, Johnson Creek Watershed Council and many more.

Kids will have an opportunity to learn about the Portland Fire Bureau through a variety of activities, learn about watershed health through the Bureau of En-

vironmental Services educator program and locate their homes using an interactive computer program.

There are many positive events happening in the Lents Neighborhood. The Resource Fair is an opportunity to bring people together

to celebrate successes, learn about ongoing efforts and programs, provide ideas and comments to PDC staff, city elected officials, and other city staff and discover the many non-profit groups offering their services in Lents.

Medicare Drug Plan Help

Urban League hosts two events

The Urban League of Portland is teaming up with Sen. Margaret Carter of north and northeast Portland, the Medicare Rx Access Network of Oregon, the Social Security Administration and Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance to host two Medicare Part D events that will provide information and assistance with the new prescription benefit for seniors and disabled people.

The events at the Urban League Senior Center, 5325 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., are free and open to the public. On Thursday, April 13, from 12:30

p.m. to 1:30 p.m., an informational overview will provide details about the new prescription benefit program. Sen. Carter will attend the event to encourage seniors to explore their options within this new program.

On Friday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to noon, Medicare-eligible people will receive one-on-one counseling and enrollment assistance from SHIBA representatives. Those with Medicare who are interested in receiving counseling or enrolling should bring their Medicare card, any additional insurance information, and a list of their prescriptions and dosages.

"This is too important to let slip by any of us and it's time for African Americans with Medicare to make a decision about their pre-

scription coverage, now" says D'Norgia Price, adult and senior services program director for the Urban League of Portland. "With just a few weeks until the enrollment deadline for Medicare Part D, the decision about enrolling in a Medicare prescription plan has become urgent for seniors." Statistics released March 18 by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services show that 61 percent of Medicare beneficiaries in Oregon — 335,434 individuals — have some kind of prescription coverage, either through stand-alone prescription plans, Medicare managed care plans that include prescription coverage, or some other type of prescription coverage.

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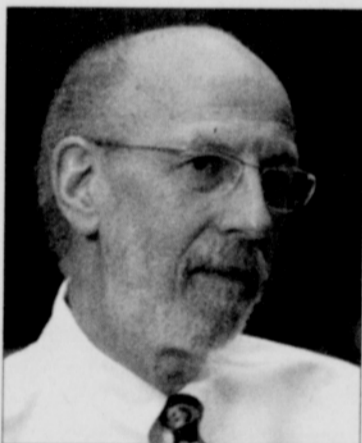
Sen. Margaret Carter

get assistance and enroll in a Medicare drug plan by visiting www.medicare.gov or by calling 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) or Oregon's Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance Help Line at 1-800-722-4134.

Black Studies Scholar Visits

Black Studies author and scholar William Cross Jr. will lecture at Portland State University on Tuesday, April 18 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. He will also give a book reading from his text "Shades of Black" on Wednesday, April 19, at 7 p.m., at Reflections Coffee and Books, 446 N.E. Killingsworth.

"Shades of Black" is considered required reading for students and scholars inter-



William Cross Jr.

ested in the study in African American identity.

Cross has held positions in Psychology and Africana Studies at Cornell University, Penn State University and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Currently he is a professor at the Graduate Center for the City University of New York.

The PSU lecture will take place in Room 355 of the PSU Smith Memorial Student Union.

'10 Minutes' with the Mayor

Mayor Tom Potter will be meeting with residents of the King Neighborhood and the surrounding communities on Saturday, April 15 from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Reflections Coffee and Talking Drum Bookstore,

446 N.E. Killingsworth.

Community members are encouraged to sign up on-site for a chance to speak for 10 minutes with Potter about issues important to them. The mayor's goal is to connect with residents from

different parts of the city about local community issues and ideas.

Potter will be accompanied by staff, a neighborhood police officer and local community members to provide informational resources.

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