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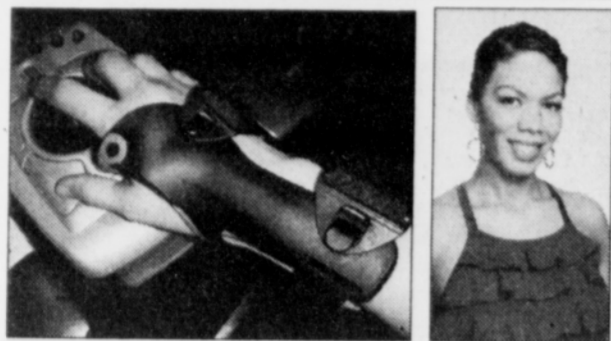
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Linda K. Scott (left) and Terry Pilcher wear custom made sweaters to celebrate the gift of life.

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Survivors Give Back

Among donators at the Martin Luther King Jr. blood and marrow drive held on Saturday at the Red Cross Donor Center in north Portland were two cancer survivors.

Terry Pilcher, a survivor of AML Leukemia, and Linda K. Scott, a survivor of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, are both bone marrow recipients and were there to show their support and volunteer their time.

A bone marrow donation is a procedure where

marrow is surgically removed and given to a recipient. All donors are given general or regional anesthesia. The procedure lasts between 45 and 90 minutes. Marrow constantly regenerates itself so a person's body will regenerate donated marrow.

When you join the Red Cross "Be The Match Registry," you become part of every patient's search for a bone marrow donor. You could be the one to save a life. For more information or to sign up, call 1-800-627-7692.

Brutal Vancouver ATM Robbery



A video security camera shows a man about to hit a woman over the head to steal her wallet at a Vancouver bank machine.

A robber struck a 49 year-old woman from behind, causing injuries to her head and shoulders, at a Vancouver Bank of America ATM on Sunday.

The suspect was described as a white male in his early 20s, between 5 foot 3 inches to 5 foot 5 inches tall, with a slim build, wearing a dark colored jacket and jeans with a multi-colored cap.

The victim said she was making a deposit and the man got away with only about 15 cents from her wallet.

The Vancouver Police Department is asking for the public's assistance in identifying the suspect and is encouraging anyone to call 911 or the Vancouver Police Department Tip Line at 360-487-7399.

Cesar E. Chavez Honored

Cesar E. Chavez will be honored this Friday with the unveiling of the first street signs that will display his name.

The city of Portland is changing the name of 39th Avenue to Cesar E. Chavez Boulevard to remember

his work and legacy of environmental justice, decent wages and human rights.

The celebration will take place on Friday, Jan. 29 at 12:45 pm at the Central Christian Church located on 1844 S.E. 39th Ave. near Hawthorne.