

Sweepstakes top list of complaints from Oregon consumers

In recognition of National Consumer Week, Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers announced the Top 10 Consumer Complaint List for 2000. The "winner" of this dubious award was...Sweepstakes.

"Aggressive marketing of sweepstakes promotions has taken a toll on many citizens' checking accounts," said Myers. "Through multiple courts actions, we have changed the sweepstakes operations of American Family Publishers, United States Purchasing Exchange, Time, Inc. and most recently, we sued Publishers Clearing House."

Long distance telephone companies, number one on the list for the last two years, dropped to number four. Complaints include billing errors and difficulties with cellular and local telephone service.

New to the top 10 are violations of the "No Call" list law, which became effective January 1, 2000. "We expect to see 'No Call' complaints drop off in 2001 as we continue to file court actions against telemarketers who violate the new law," Myers said.

For the first time in a decade, complaints against new and used car dealerships dropped off the list.

The 10 most common consumer complaint categories for

WOEC meeting

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at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 20. Copies of the proposed wording changes and ballots will be mailed to all members to allow a vote-by-mail by members not wishing to vote in person at the meeting.

2000 are as follows:

1. Sweepstakes
2. "No Call" list violations
3. Travel Industry
4. Long Distance
5. Financial Institutions
6. Auto Repair
7. Construction Contractors
8. Pyramids, Gifting Clubs
9. Internet Auctions
10. Mail Order

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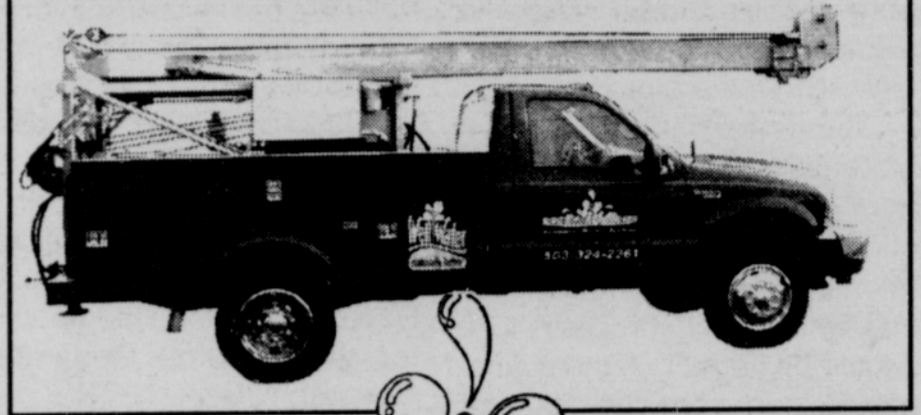
Tommy Bonin, Cole Duyck, Corwin Ediger, Vanessa Hancock, Jamie Harpster, Lacie Herinckx;

Troy Keys, Tina Kilton, Rene Lamotte, Bethany Lippert, Kadie Maller, Jennifer Oakes, Alex Polston, Lauren Saville, Chris Updike, Matthew Vandehey, Josh Williams, Annie Wood and Amber Young.

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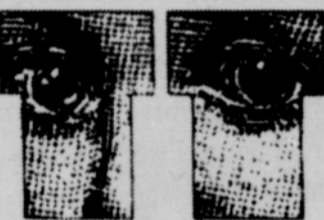
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