

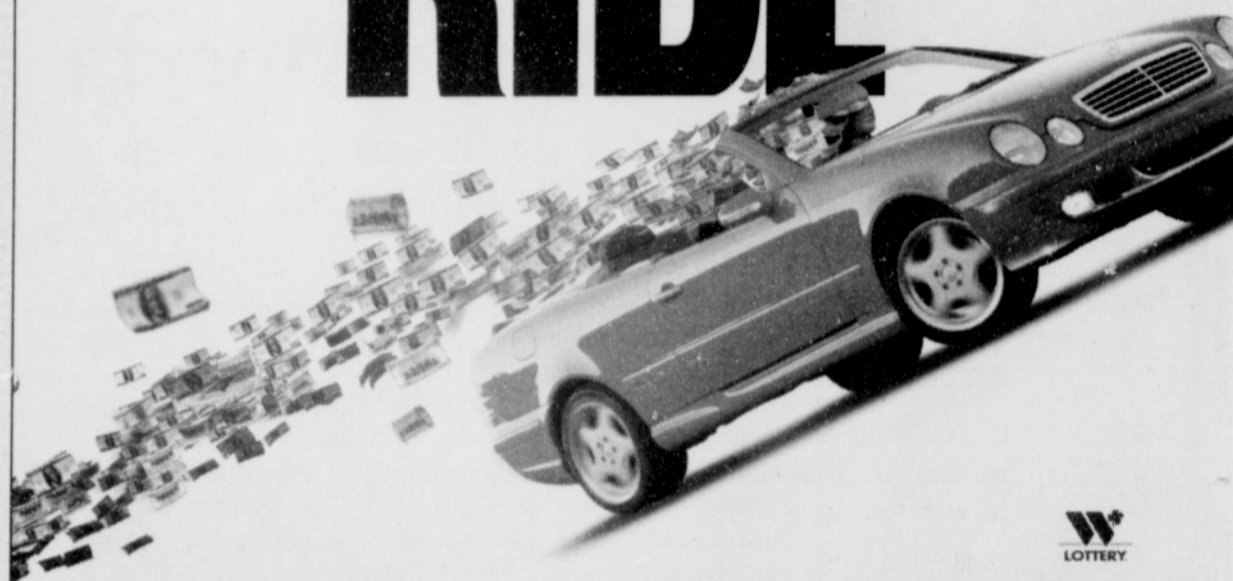


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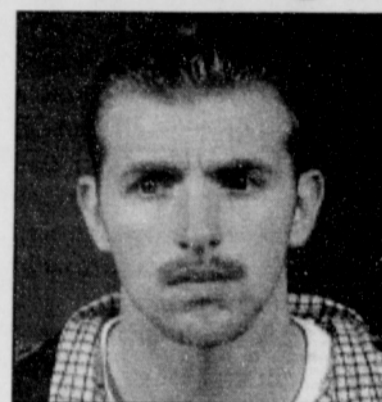
Tri-Met Police Stop Possible Shooting

On Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 9:15 p.m., Tri-Met police officers were working on a plainclothes mission in the area of the Lloyd Center Max platform when they witnessed a volatile situation between two individuals with rival gang associations.

Officers detained both subjects and found 20-year-old Benjamin Dean Hoffman in

possession of a 25-caliber semiautomatic handgun with obliterated serial numbers.

Hoffman was charged with obliteration of a serial number on a firearm, menacing, pointing a firearm at another, unlawful use of a weapon and unlawful possession of a firearm. He was lodged in the Multnomah County Detention Center.



Benjamin Hoffman

Judge Says Gay Cop Had No Case

(AP) - A judge dismissed a Portland police officer's civil rights lawsuit that claimed he was discriminated against because he is gay.

Captain Mike Garvey's 1998 lawsuit claimed that he was wrongly demoted, forced into a dead-end job with the bureau and embarrassed by leaks to the media.

The case never went to trial. Mayor Vera Katz says she is pleased with the judges' decision. She says the city takes seriously all

claims of discrimination.

"We pride our selves in not discriminating in any of our city family," said Katz. "I felt we treated Captain Garvey fairly and I'm glad the suit was dismissed and I hope we can set this aside and move forward."

A federal judge earlier dismissed several claims in the case. Last week, he ruled in the city's favor on two final issues. He notified the parties by mail of his decision on Wednesday.

day.

Garvey is a former Portland Central Precinct commander. He ran afoul of superiors in April 1996 after allegations surfaced that he had paid male escorts for sex.

Garvey was put on paid leave while a criminal investigation followed. A grand jury that year refused to indict him. Eventually, he received an 18-day suspension for violating the bureau's standard of conduct.

Salvation Army Leader Abused Boy, Police Say

(AP) - A Tigard youth leader is accused of sexually abusing a 12-year-old boy in his home.

Paul Fanning, 46, faces charges of sex abuse and attempted sodomy. He works with youth in the Cascade Division of the Salvation Army and volunteers with the Sal-

vation Army's Adventure Corps. Fanning transferred to the Portland area from Alaska last year.

The Salvation Army said it will cooperate with police during the investigation. The organization also plans to conduct its own internal investigation.



Paul Fanning

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