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Two Charged with Graffiti

21-year-old Elias Colin Silvernail and 25-year-old Barry D. Newman have been



Elias Colin Silvernail

charged with criminal mischief in connection with graffiti vandalism found throughout the city, but primary in Southeast Portland

In the early morning hours of March 13, in the 6600 block of SE Clinton, Officer William Hubner of Southeast Precinct, contacted Silvernail and Newman who had paint on their hands and clothing.

Officer Hubner's investigation revealed that the subjects had been painting on several businesses in the area.

Southeast Precinct's Neigh-

borhood Response Team has been tracking graffiti and believe the subjects are associated with "FIST" or drawing of a fist and the word or names "FIST" "LORAX," and "CO2" that have been painted on numerous locations.

The word "FIST," or drawing of a fist the word "FIST" has appeared on at least 40 locations.

Total damage, which has not yet been compiled, is in the range of thousands of dollars. The investigation is continuing.

Man Charged With Public Indecency

A 42-year-old man was arrested for public indecency and possession of child pornography last Wednesday about 4:30 p.m. at North Interstate and Church, accused of exposing himself to children.

Police say Dana Alan Ott of southwest Portland was seen approximately 10 to 15

minutes earlier at George School, 10000 N. Burr allegedly exposing to children while in his blue Ford Taurus. Anyone with information regarding the incident at George School, or other incidents involving Ott, is asked to call Sergeant Shawn Doble at North Precinct Detectives, 503-823-4678.



Dana Alan Ott

Body of Portland Woman Found

A body found near Lake Tahoe, Calif. has been identified as that of a missing Portland woman, sheriff's officers said.

El Dorado County detectives said Rebecca Ellen Barr, 45, died of a gunshot wound. She was

identified by dental records and by family members who described Barr's distinctive wedding ring.

A hiker found Barr's body on March 26 in a heavily wooded area several miles from South Lake Tahoe. The sheriff's office is in-

vestigating the case as a possible homicide. Police believe she was dressed for a business meeting. She was found dressed in a gray-and-white pinstriped suit with a vest, a turquoise turtleneck sweater and low-heeled black shoes.

Teenager Charged in Animal Abuse

(AP) - A 17-year-old boy was charged with aggravated animal abuse for allegedly stabbing to death and mutilating a 5-month-old kitten.

Sean O'Farrell was being held in the Donald E. Long juvenile detention facility. The mutilation occurred when O'Farrell was a foster child in a Beaverton home.

Tina Burns, O'Farrell's foster mother, said the teen skinned and decapitated her kitten and hid pieces

of its body in and around the house.

"I can't sleep, I don't even go down to do laundry," Burns said. "I don't know if I am going to open up a drawer and find a part of my cat in there."

A family dog found the kitten's remains in the woods behind the house March 27.

A local veterinarian examined the remains and confirmed that the cat had been killed and mutilated with a knife.

O'Farrell, who had stayed with Burns' family just 1½ weeks, was recently found guilty of animal abuse for pouring hot water on a dog's back in November 2000, said Sgt. Marlene Gaskins, a Washington County sheriff's office spokeswoman.

O'Farrell has not yet been sentenced for that crime, she said.

Aggravated animal abuse is a felony that can carry a prison sentence.

Protesters Balk at Permit Process

Organizers of a workers' rights rally scheduled for May First in Portland say they won't get a permit from the city before they march through the streets. During last year's May Day rally, 300 marchers struggled with 100 police officers. The skirmish resulted in 20

arrests and 23 complaints of excessive police force. Rally organizers say they have the right to walk in the city without a permit. They say they view the permit requirement as a restriction of their First Amendment rights.

But city officials say the per-

mit application helps police and public transportation workers cope with interruptions in traffic caused by marchers.

Officials say knowing how many marchers to expect, and where to expect them, is crucial to keeping the city working smoothly.

Women Charged With False Claims

Three women who say they were involved in a 1999 Tri-Met bus accident have been arraigned on charges of theft and filing false injury claims. Traci L. Smith of Portland was arraigned last week. Kelly Hannah of Portland and Michelle Williams of Gresham were arraigned earlier.

Police say Hannah was riding to work when the accident occurred. While Hannah never claimed injuries, she went to work and discussed the accident with her co-workers, Smith and Williams.

Smith and Williams then filed injury claims against Tri-Met, swearing they were on the bus.

Hannah supported her co-workers' claims under oath.

Transit police later confronted the women about discrepancies in their stories and noted that timecards placed the women at work at the time of the accident.

The three face a May court date and could get a year in prison.

Ecstasy Type Drug Killed Woman at Rave

(AP)-A 19-year-old Milwaukee woman who died following a "rave" party last month succumbed to an overdose of a more powerful parent to the drug ecstasy, the state medical examiner's office ruled.

Melissa Flaherty died from an overdose of methylenedioxyamphetamine, or MDA, which has been the cause of a number of sudden deaths associated with an erratic heart beat, the report said.

Flaherty died, in part, because of an irregular heartbeat brought on by the drug, said Dr. Larry Lewman, of the medical examiner's office. MDA was first synthesized in the early 1900s, and a few years later, chemists developed methylenedioxyamphetamine or MDMA, also known as ecstasy. Both drugs stimulate the central nervous system, increasing a person's heart rate and body temperature as it floods the brain with serotonin, which regulates mood.

Flaherty was a nursing student at Clackamas Community College and the mother of an 18-month-old girl. She was among about 2,000 people who attended an all-night dance party March 2 at an abandoned warehouse.

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