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County Will Investigate Hospital Shooting

Multnomah County mental health officials said they will conduct a separate investigation of the fatal shooting of a Mexican man during a confrontation with police at Gateway Pacific Hospital, a Portland psychiatric facility.

Officials want "to see if there was neglect," said Janice Gratton, manager of the Behavioral Health Division for Multnomah County.

Portland police are conducting their own internal investigation into the shooting of 29-year-old Jose Santos Victor Mejia Poot of Yucatan.

Mejia Poot's family and the

Mexican consul in Portland have questioned whether it was necessary to kill Mejia.

Concern has grown among Hispanic leaders over the shooting after it was learned that Mejia Poot had been taken to the psychiatric hospital by police while reportedly suffering an epileptic seizure aboard a city bus.

"If there's evidence that there's fault of either the hospital or the (police) bureau, we have to strongly look at litigation," said Carlos Rivera, a prominent Hispanic activist and member of the Hispanic advisory council to the Port-

land Police Bureau.

The police investigation must determine whether deadly force was appropriate, and whether a language barrier had anything to do with the shooting, Rivera said.

Pedro Mejia Zumarraga, father of the dead man said he visited his son at the hospital the day before the shooting to take him his epilepsy medicine, but no one there understood him. Mejia Zumarraga, who speaks no English, said he met no one at the hospital who spoke Spanish or Maya, the native language spoken by the family.

Crime Stoppers Man Wanted For Burglary

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help on locating and apprehending Troy Leo Chaney.

A felony arrest warrant charges Chaney with burglary in the first degree. He is also wanted in Washington for escape. Investigators also want to speak with him about a sexual assault which took place in the 1500 block of Southwest 12th Ave. on Feb 13 at about 3 p.m.

Chaney is described as a 26-year-old black male, with a date of birth of Aug. 11, 1974.



Troy Leo Chaney

He is 6' 0" tall, weighing 200 pounds, with black hair, brown eyes and tattoos on his chest, abdomen and upper left arm. He is known to have used the names or aliases of Eddie Chaney and Troy Bains. Investigators believe Chaney may have fled to the Seattle area.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, which leads to an arrest in case or any involved felony crime, and you can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-832-HELP.

Women Wanted For Bank Fraud

The Portland office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for help in identifying and apprehending an individual involved in a scheme, which has cost area banks thousands of dollars.

According to the FBI, the suspect used the identity of another person to obtain fictitious identification from the Oregon De-

partment of Motor Vehicles. She then used the identification to open fraudulent bank accounts, which were unutilized to pass stolen and counterfeit checks. This unknown individual and others have defrauded banks of over \$200,000.

The suspect is described as a black female, 5' 5" tall, weighing 240 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. She has used

the alias of Shawna Renee Cunningham (date of birth Jan. 30, 1975). Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers which leads to an arrest in this case or any unsolved felony crime, and you need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP.

Police News Briefs

Couple Found Dead in Eastgate Lot

Police in Portland are investigating the shooting death of a couple found dead in their car outside a movie theater.

The man and woman were found with multiple gunshot

wounds just after midnight Sunday at the Eastgate Theater in Southeast Portland.

Police spokesman Henry Groepper says a security guard found the couple and called

911. The vehicle's engine was still running.

The victims were identified as Ramona L. McGee and Jerry James Spencer. Both were 34 years old.

Beer Lures Pig on Loose to Captivity

A pot-bellied pig's penchant for beer was her ultimate downfall.

Multnomah County Animal Control officers stalked the black-and-white animal using ropes, cages and dog food as bait after golfers spotted the 22-pound pig grazing on the Rose

City Golf Course. But it took a saucer of beer before the pig succumbed.

The beer sedated the pig enough that animal control officers were able to pick her up. The pig, now called "Rose," is waiting for a new owner at animal control's headquarters.

She loves dog biscuits and can stand on her hind feet on command.

Multnomah County allows pot-bellied pigs as pets unless they weigh more than 70 pounds.

Vandalized Glass Turns Into Art

Tri-Met has figured out what to do with all those bus stop glass panels that get vandalized every year. It's sandblasting them into glass art. Officials call the program "an innovative solution to an expensive problem." Tri-met says vandals scratch and deface about

750 glass panels a year. Each one costs about 250 dollars. The public agency's solution is to pull the vandalized panels down, sandblast the scratched parts into artist-designed motifs, and reinstall them. The program is expected to save Tri-Met at least 100 thousand dol-

lars a year. Tri-Met is now testing a leaf pattern by Seattle artist Carolyn Law, which will eventually be used in more than 100 panels. The agency plans to request proposals from artists for additional designs this summer.

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This Week in History

April 18, 1906, a devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, followed by raging fires. About 700 people died.

April 19, 1995, a truck bomb exploded outside the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168

Weather

Through the Weekend

Friday	Rain	61°F High 48°F Low
Today	Showers	57°F High 47°F Low
Thursday	Showers	60°F High 48°F Low
Saturday	Showers	63°F High 48°F Low
Sunday	Scattered Showers	65°F High 53°F Low

Thought for the Week

... there is as much dignity in tilling a field as in writing a poem.

—Booker T. Washington

people, and injuring 500. Timothy McVeigh was convicted of the bombing and sentenced to death.

April 20, 1971, the United States Supreme Court upheld the use of busing to achieve racial desegregation in schools.

April 21, 1910, author Samuel Langhorne Clemens,

better known as Mark Twain, died in Redding, Conn.

April 22, 1889, the Oklahoma Land Rush began at noon as thousands of homesteaders staked claims.

April 23, 1969, Sirhan Sirhan was sentenced to death for assassinating New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. The sentence was later reduced to life imprisonment.

Figure Wrong on Internet Connection Story

We regret that the amount of money raised for the Chiss Kisanga Scholarship Fund, as reported in last week's page one "Internet Connection" article, was wrong. The figure should have been \$1,700, a fraction of the estimated \$20,000 needed for the Tanzania student's tuition, room and board, and ticket home. Those interested in donating to the fund should mail checks made out to Redeemer Lutheran Church, 5431 NE 20th Ave., Portland, OR. 97211 or call Pastor Rozell Gilmore at (503) 284-0848.

Oregon Teen Appears in Court on NY Internet Threat

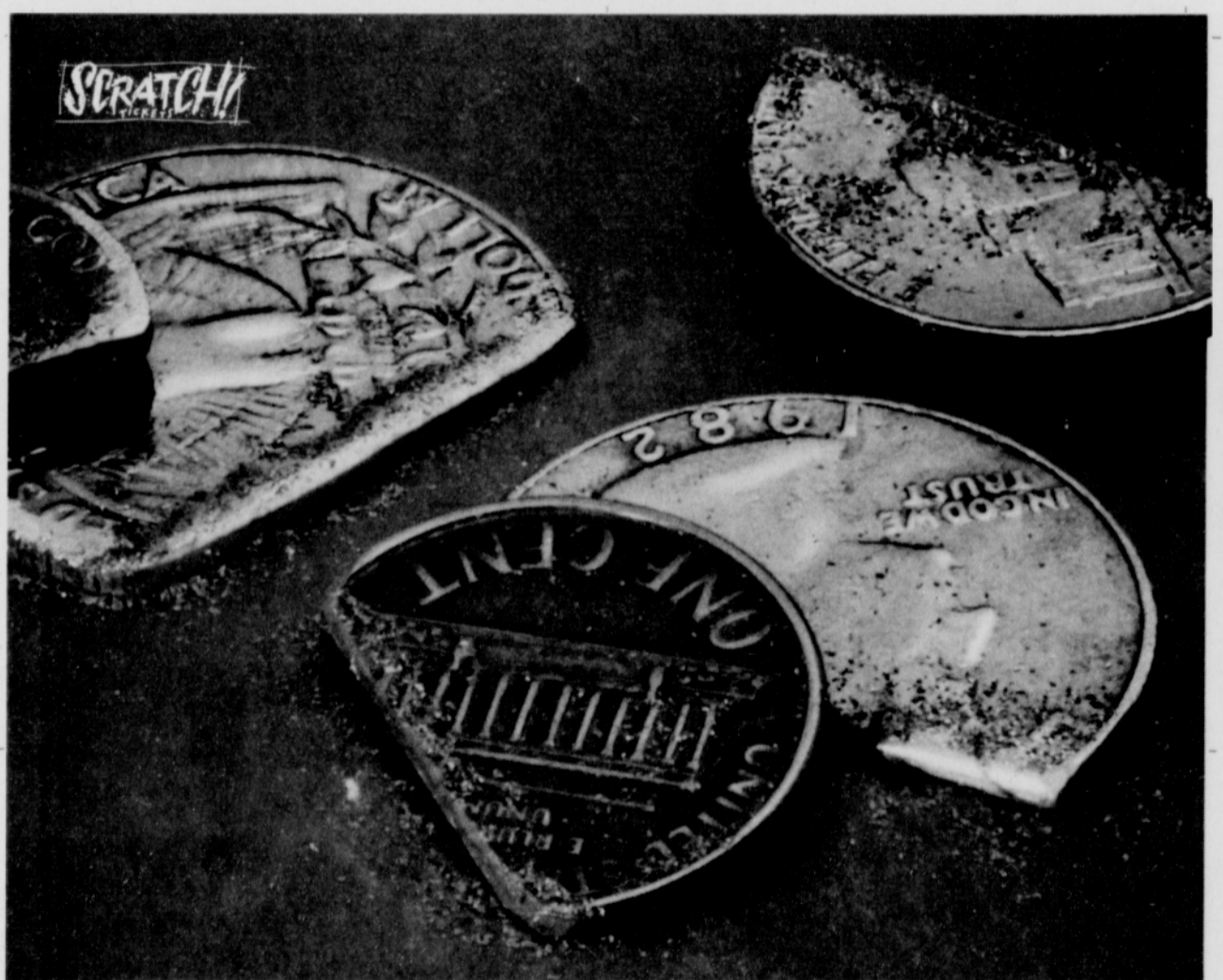
WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. (AP)—An Oregon teen-ager who allegedly made a threat that shut down several Westchester County schools last month was released on his own recognizance last week but is forbidden to use the Internet. Benjamin Ballard, 18, of Portland, appeared in federal court in White Plains before U.S. Magistrate Judge Lisa Margaret Smith on a charge of transmitting an interstate threat via the Internet. A pretrial hearing was set for May 9. Until then, Smith ordered Ballard to stay off the Internet, leave his house only to go to

work and school, and surrender his passport. Ballard flew in from Oregon for the proceeding, accompanied by his father. The charge is a felony that carries a potential sentence of five years in prison upon conviction.

Officials canceled classes in the Edgemont school district on March 23 after a student received an Internet threat about "a lot of people dead" at Edgemont High School. The threat, which was not specific, was sent via an America Online chat room, and the student, who was not identified, notified police. Court papers

allege that Ballard pretended to be a senior at Edgemont High School and warned the recipient not to go to school the next day because "there's going to be a lot of people dead tomorrow, but they've got to be on the news."

The FBI, called in by Greenburgh police and the office of Westchester District Attorney Jeanine Pirro, traced the message to Ballard's home and seized his computer. The prosecution was turned over to federal authorities because the threat was apparently made from out of state.



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