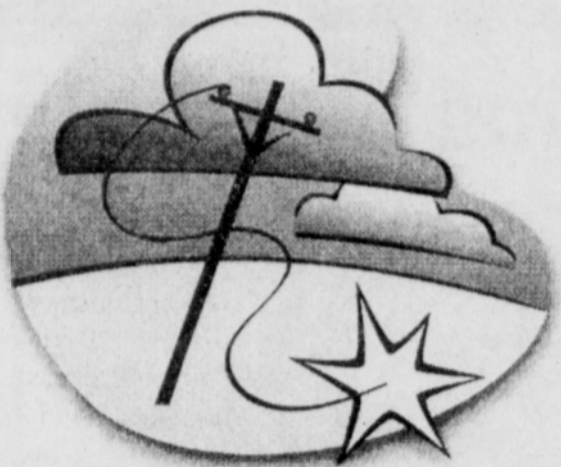




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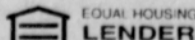


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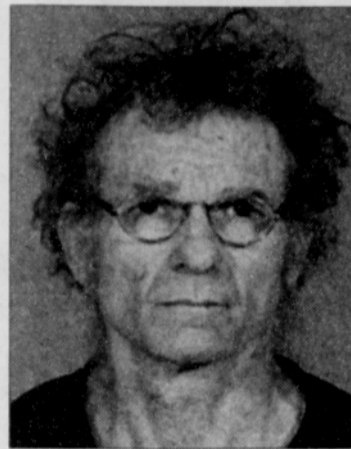
Portland SLA Radical Accused of Murder

(AP)—Michael Bortin, a former supporter of the Symbionese Liberation Army, told a judge Friday he will fight extradition to California to stand trial on charges of involvement in a 1975 robbery and killing.

Bortin is among five people charged by California authorities in the shooting death of a bystander during a bank robbery by SLA members in Carmichael, Calif.

At Bortin's arraignment on Friday, the 53-year-old Bortin said he would fight extradition to California because he is not a fugitive.

"I've been a legal resident here for all of 12 and a half years. I have my own business here, family, four



Michael Bortin

kids," he told Multnomah County Circuit Judge David Smedema. Bortin's court-appointed attorney

demanded a warrant from the California governor's office. Smedema then set a second hearing for Bortin on Feb. 22.

Also charged in the 1975 holdup and slaying were former SLA members Emily Harris and William Harris, Sara Jane Olson and James Kilgore, who have been a fugitive since the 1970s.

Olson was sentenced in Los Angeles on Friday to 20 years to life in prison for a different crime: conspiring to blow up police cars in 1975. Immediately afterward, Olson pleaded innocent to robbery and murder charges in the 1975 SLA bank holdup.

Bortin's wife, Josephine, is

Olson's sister.

Sacramento County District Attorney Jan Scully has accused Bortin of being among SLA members who robbed the Crocker National Bank in Carmichael on April 21, 1975.

Scully says the robbers pointed weapons "at customers and employees and threats and demands were made." A bank customer, Myrna Opsahl, was shot and killed by a shotgun blast during the robbery.

Bortin operates a shop in southeast Portland called "Zen Hardwood Floors" where he finishes hardwood floors and crafts ornate front doors.

Teen Driver Charged in Racing Death

(AP)—A 16-year-old driver was arrested Sunday, two days after a fatal street race that killed a young woman riding in another car.

Shade Yasin of Gresham was charged with manslaughter and felony hit-and-run.

The driver of the other car, 18-year-old Adam Ames apparently jerked the wheel of his Honda to avoid a car turning into his path. His blue Honda then slammed into a utility pole, killing his girlfriend, Trisha Ann Thornton, 19. Ames suffered a broken leg.

Yasin said he drove away from the wreck unaware a woman was dying.

"Everybody races," he said. "You go down the street, you'll

see people going at it."

Yasin was charged last month with speed racing after he was caught at a race at a remote commercial area in northeast Portland with a long straightaway that racers have painted with start and finish lines.

Thornton's death is the second in less than a month involving street racing. In December, 11-year-old Krystal Pomante of Corbett died when the Ford Mustang she was riding in collided with a tree in Gresham. The Mustang was traveling around 100 miles per hour during the race.

The driver, Edgar Islas-Moran, 20, is in jail and is facing manslaughter charges.

Law School Shooter Lived in Portland

(AP)—A Nigerian immigrant and failed law student accused of killing three people at a Virginia law school spent at least seven years in the Portland area driving a Tri-Met bus in the 1980s.

Tri-Met authorities said Peter O. Odighizuwa, 43, drove a bus from July 1982 through May 1989, when he was fired.

Odighizuwa's employment record included citations for reporting to work under the

influence of drugs or alcohol, deliberate destruction of the district's property and for posing an immediate or potential danger to public safety, said Mary Fetsch, a Tri-Met spokeswoman.

Odighizuwa opened fire with a handgun at the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Va., last Wednesday, police said.

The school's dean, L. Anthony Sutin and professor Thomas Blackwell were slain in their offices and student Angela Dales, 33, died later at a hospital. Three other students were wounded.

Masked Gunman Wanted in Robberies

Portland Police Bureau Robbery Detectives, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending a suspect in two robberies.

Shortly after 11 o'clock on the evening of Monday, Sept. 10, an armed gunman robbed Elmers Restaurant at 10001 N.E. Sandy Blvd. The suspect confronted the manager at closing time and took the day's receipts from the safe.

The same restaurant was robbed earlier on Sunday, Dec. 23, when an armed gunman confronted the manager at closing

time and forced him to open the safe.

In both cases, the suspect was described as being in his late teens to mid 20's, average height and build, wearing a mask over his face, and armed with a handgun. Investigators believe the two cases are related.

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 can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Abuse Report Sees Progress, Needs

The Washington School for the Deaf in Vancouver has made progress toward better protecting students from sexual abuse, but still must improve bathroom supervision and be more thorough on criminal background checks of staff members, according to a new state report.

The Department of Social and Health Services evaluation was requested by Washington Gov. Gary Locke to make sure the school complies with nine safety-related

reforms he ordered.

His order came after records revealed that more than 100 sex-related incidents, including rape, had been reported in the past three years at the state-run school in Vancouver.

A state team visited the 113-student residential school in December to conduct a comprehensive health and safety review. The review will be repeated every three years and shorter reviews will take place quarterly.

Portland Wing Works Olympics Security



One of four HH-60 Pavehawk helicopters of the 939th Rescue Wing Air Force Reserve unit, prepares for deployment from the Portland Air Base. (AP Photo)

(AP) — Oregon Air Force reservists left for Utah Sunday to help with Olympic Winter Games security a day after their departure was delayed by weather.

Fifteen members of the 939th Rescue left in HH-60 Pavehawk military helicopters, for a two-month stint bolstering security at the Winter Olympics and the Paralympic Games that will follow in Utah.

An additional 50 reservists also went. Saturday, 130 Oregon National Guard soldiers also will leave for Utah. Both groups will join a force of

4,500 U.S. military troops to provide security at the games.

The reservists will train in the weeks leading to the games, which begin Feb. 8. They don't know much more.

"We will be assisting with command and control operations, helping state and federal law enforcement agencies in a support role," Col. Rusty Moen, the wing commander, said Saturday.

Portland's Air Force Reserve units have a history of helping with the Olympics. In 1980, 28 reservists from Portland aided in rescue and medical evacuation at the winter games in Lake Placid, N.Y.

Pair Charged in Mother-in-Law's Death

(AP)—A woman and her brother have been charged with second-degree murder in the death of the woman's mother-in-law, whose body was found in the basement of her own Vancouver home.

Sophia Johnson, 23, and Sean Correia, 19, were charged on Thursday. Each accuses the other of killing Johnson's mother-in-law, Marlyne Johnson, 58, according to court documents.

Investigators said the victim was beaten to death with fireplace tongs. Her body was discovered on Jan. 10.

In a separate case, Sophia Johnson was charged Thursday in Clark County Superior Court with embezzling \$160,000 last year from her employer, County Communications in Washougal.

Prosecutors contend that as the firm's office manager, she wrote checks to herself from the company's account.