

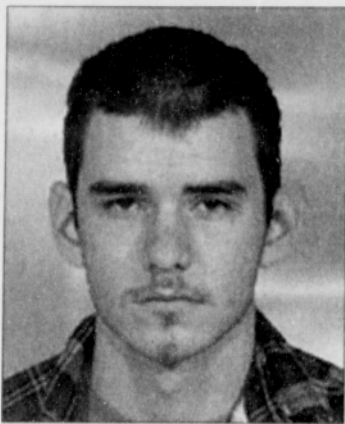
# POLICE

## Teen Shot on Killingsworth

A teenager was seriously injured last week when he was shot in the torso as he sat in a car on North Killingsworth and Haight Avenue. Jefferson High School was locked down for about two hours as a precaution after the April 9 incident. The shooting, just three blocks from the school, occurred as students were having lunch in the vicinity. The victim told police he did not know who shot him or why. School district officials say he did not attend the high school, but was a former Portland Public Schools student.

## Teen Gets Life for Killing Girlfriend

(AP)—A northeast Portland teenager was sentenced to life in prison with the possibility of parole after 25 years for the Jan. 4 killing of his girlfriend.



Benjamin Cramer

Benjamin Cramer, 18, stood stonefaced as Judge Henry Kantor added three more years for abusing Cassandra Brown's corpse.

For much of last week's sentencing hearing, Cramer heard several of Cassandra's relatives express sorrow and loss, anger and hate, and even compassion for Cramer and his relatives. They said they could not grasp what triggered Cramer to strike

Cassandra with a vodka bottle and mug, strangle her with a bungee cord and then cut off three of her limbs in his north Portland house before dumping her into the Columbia Slough.

According to court papers, Cramer told police he killed Brown after he became "increasingly panicked" as Brown "talked loudly at him about their diminished relationship."

After sentencing, he briefly turned toward his victim's family in the courtroom and in a barely audible voice said, "I'd like to apologize."

## Neo-Nazi Suspects Convicted

(AP)—Two men prosecutors say are associated with a neo-Nazi skinhead group have been convicted of malicious harassment in an attack on a Vancouver teenager.

Jurors deliberated about three hours last Wednesday before convicting Carl D. Wolff, 30, of Garden City, Idaho and Brandon B. Webb, 26, of Star, Idaho in the Jan. 25 attack on Jesse Goodmonson.

Prosecutors believe the men are associated with The Hammerskin Nation, a group labeled by the Anti-

Defamation League as "the most violent and best-organized neo-Nazi skinhead group in the United States."

The men were in Vancouver Jan. 25 to attend an underground white-supremacist rock concert near Hillsboro.

The assault on Goodmonson, 17, occurred at an apartment complex before the concert after a shouting match between the men and the teenager, who says he has white, black and Hispanic ancestors.

The argument was punctuated with racial slurs directed at Goodmonson and his friends, according to witness Jeremy Whitten of Boise, who faces a June trial in the case, also on a charge of malicious harassment.

A fifth defendant, Matthew R. Schmoyer, 32, of Vancouver, who lived at the apartment complex, pleaded guilty last month to malicious harassment and faces up to a year in jail when he's sentenced April 17.



## CRIME STOPPERS

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## Violent War Protester Wanted



Police released this photo in an attempt to identify the person who stomped on top of the roof of car blocked by protesters, causing extensive damage.

Portland Police, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying the individual who, while part of a protest group, caused extensive damage to a motorist's Mercedes-Benz by jumping up and down on the roof.

On Saturday, March 15, at approximately 2:15 p.m., a motorist, driving a light silver-blue,

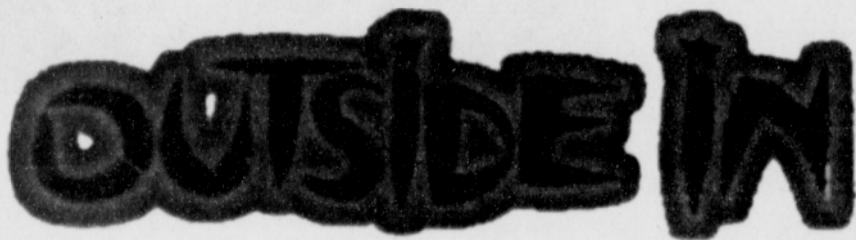
4-door Mercedes-Benz, was westbound on the Morrison Bridge. At the same time a group of protesters, who had been part of an anti-war march in downtown Portland, ran onto the Morrison Bridge eastbound in an attempt to disrupt traffic.

The motorist stopped to let the protesters past. When he did, several of the protesters sat on his car and one of the protesters ran up

onto the roof of the vehicle and began jumping up and down, causing extensive damage.

The suspect is described as a white male in his early to mid-20s. He is about 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighs roughly 170 pounds, with brown or reddish brown ear length hair and sideburns and glasses. At the time he was wearing a dark shirt and blue jeans with a belt and wallet chain.

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. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP.



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## Counterfeit Traveler's Checks Surface

Vancouver police and other law enforcement agencies are reporting a rash of counterfeit traveler's checks surfacing in the Clark County area.

Local authorities are asking businesses to pay special attention when a customer attempts to pay with a traveler's check.

Cashiers should look for a water mark in the paper to help

verify a check's authenticity. When most brands of traveler's checks are held up to a light source, a watermark may appear as a translucent image.

Most traveler's checks also have a raised texture that you can feel with your fingertips. A fake check may feel flimsy and have a glossy appearance. Normally, the fine print or graphics on the check may ap-

pear to be blurred or indistinct. Store checks can also verify a traveler's check by calling the issuer.

If a fraudulent traveler's check has been accepted, retailers are urged to call the police non-emergency number or 9-1-1 if the crime is in progress, paying attention to the suspect's appearance, vehicle and license number.

## Deputy's Wife Charged in Arson

(AP)—The wife of a Clark County Sheriff's deputy who set fire to her home out of frustration with her homeowner's insurance has pleaded no contest to an attempted arson charge.

Kimberli Swenson, 29, cried Thursday as she entered her plea before Superior Court Judge John

Nichols. Under the so-called Newton plea, Swenson maintained her innocence but acknowledged she'd probably be found guilty if she went to trial. She's to be sentenced May 2 and faces one year in jail.

"The attempted arson charge is based upon the fact that it was

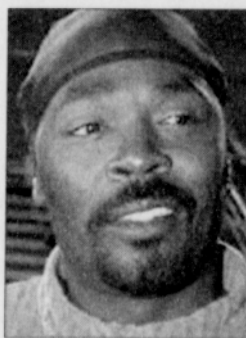
obvious the defendant was suffering from extreme emotional distress at the time," said senior deputy prosecutor Tom Duffy.

Swenson reportedly set fire to the couple's home Sept. 13, 2001, because her insurance wouldn't cover damage caused by a water leak in the master bedroom.

## Rodney King Crashes SUV Into House

(AP)—Rodney King, whose videotaped beating led to the deadly 1992 riots in Los Angeles, was hospitalized with a broken pelvis Tuesday after he lost control of his SUV while weaving through traffic at 100 mph and crashed into a house, police said.

King, 39, was spotted Sunday by a police officer who said King was speeding and weaving through traffic in his 2003 Ford Expedition when he slammed into a utility pole, a chain-link fence and then the home, police said. No one in the home was injured. King was in fair condition



Rodney King

Monday afternoon, hospital spokesman Jorge Valencia said.

Police said they suspect that King was intoxicated, and a blood sample was drawn to determine his blood-alcohol level. Test results have not yet been released.

King was not arrested, but a report detailing the crash circumstances will be submitted to prosecutors, police Lt. Kathy Thompson said.

King, who is black, was chased by police through the San Fernando Valley in 1991 and was captured on videotape being beaten by four white officers.

After their acquittal, riots broke

out and lasted for four days, leaving 55 dead and more than 2,000 injured. The mayhem caused \$1 billion in property damage.

King later received a \$3.8 million settlement from the city of Los Angeles in 1994.

He was convicted of spouse abuse in 1999 in San Bernardino County and was sentenced to 90 days in jail and four years probation.

King pleaded no contest to three counts of being under the influence of PCP and a count of indecent exposure in October 2001. A judge gave King a year in a drug treatment center even though a prosecutor argued King should spend a year in county jail.

Rialto, where King lives, is 53 miles east of Los Angeles.