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Military Members Earn Citizenship

Aboard the USS Midway Aircraft Carrier Museum in San Diego, Calif., 111 U.S. military service members from 48 countries take the oath of citizenship on Veteran's Day, Nov. 11. PHOTO BY U.S. NAVY MATE 1ST CLASS MICHAEL LARSON

FBI Reports Increase in Hate Crimes

More than half of victims were black

(AP) — Racial prejudice lay behind more than half the 7,649 hate crimes reported to the FBI in 2004, the bureau said Monday. Hate crimes against black Americans were most prevalent.

The number of race-based incidents rose by 5 percent last year to 4,042 from 3,844. Authorities identified prejudice against blacks in 2,731 of those crimes, the FBI said.

Overall, the number of hate crimes grew by just 2 percent compared with the 7,489 in

2003, and there were slight declines in crimes motivated by bias based on sexual orientation and ethnicity, the FBI said.

The data also showed that crimes against Muslims have leveled off since a spike following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. "We tend to see the number of bias incidents go in cycles in large part tied to international events," said Ibrahim Hooper, spokesman for the Council on American-Islamic Relations. "It has leveled off since 9/11, but unfortunately at a higher level than prior to 9/11."

In 2001, there were 481 anti-Islamic incidents. There have been around 150 in the three years since, the FBI said.

Among anti-religious hate crimes, anti-Jewish incidents have long been the most common. Of the 1,374 incidents of religious bias, 954 were directed at Jews, the FBI said.

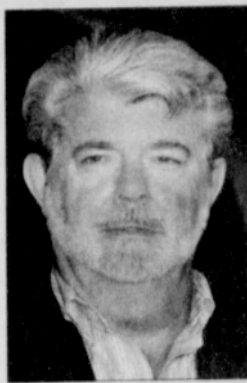
The information was supplied by 12,711 local law enforcement agencies nationwide covering nearly 87 percent of the U.S. population.

Because the number of police agencies reporting varies each year under the voluntary system established by the Hate Crimes Statistics Act of 1990, officials caution against drawing conclusions about trends in hate crime volumes between years. They say the figures provide a rough picture of the general nature of hate crimes.

Director Backs King Memorial

(AP) — "Star Wars" director George Lucas has donated \$1 million to build a memorial to civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., backers of the project announced.

"The ideals and principles for which Dr. King fought have never been forgotten and are as relevant today as they were 40 years ago," Lucas said, adding in



George Lucas

a statement that a memorial ensures King's message will endure for future generations.

Other notable supporters of the project include former Secretary of State Colin Powell and Jack Valenti, former president of the Motion Picture Association of America.

More than \$40 million has been raised for the memorial, with \$100 million needed to finish the project, organizers said.

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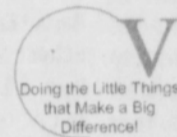
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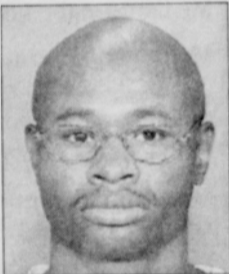
Sex Offender Captured

Kenneth Miller, a predatory sex offender who fled Multnomah County supervision last month, was captured Nov. 8 in Salem.

Salem police reported that they took Miller into custody at an apartment in the company of two young adult women.

Police received an anonymous tip about Miller's location, which led to the arrest. The caller recognized Miller from recent television coverage.

Miller is currently on post-prison supervision for multiple counts of assault, reckless endangerment, contributing to the sexual delinquency of a minor. He also has convictions for sodomy and willfully spreading a communicable disease.

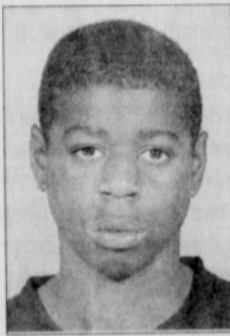


Kenneth

Teens Charged in Teen's Murder

Two teenagers have been arrested and charged in the shooting death of another teenager on the intersection of North Haight and Emerson streets.

Michael Laverne Jasper, 17 and Edward Millage, 16, are charged with murder in connection with the Sept 25 death of Richard Anthony Minniefield Jr., 17.



Mark Millage

Police said Richard Anthony, the victim's father worked closely with the detectives during the investigation.

For the sake of the community as well as justice on both sides, more witnesses are encouraged to come forward. For more information, contact Detective Mike Geiger at 503-823-0768 or Detective Barry Renna at 503-823-0255.

Material Witness Identified for Murder Case

Kenneth Lynn Rachal Jr. is wanted on a statewide, no bail, felony warrant for material witness in connection to the April 2004 murder of Marcus Mill in Portland.

Police said Mill was shot and killed in the middle of the afternoon with people in the area at the time of



Kenneth Rachal Jr.

his death.

17-year-old Trevell Walique Taylor was arrested, convicted, and sentenced to 20 years in connection with the murder. However, the case remains ongoing and additional arrests may be made, police said.

Rachal is a 6 foot tall black male weighing

230 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. He has had several addresses throughout the Portland metropolitan area and should be considered armed and dangerous.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information reported to Crime Stoppers that leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony, and you may remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at 503-823-HELP(4357).

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