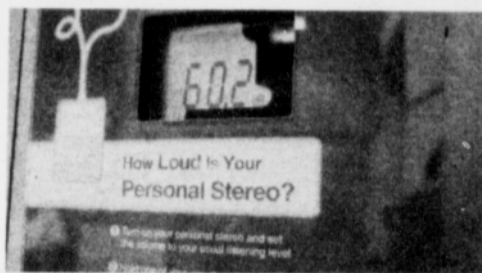


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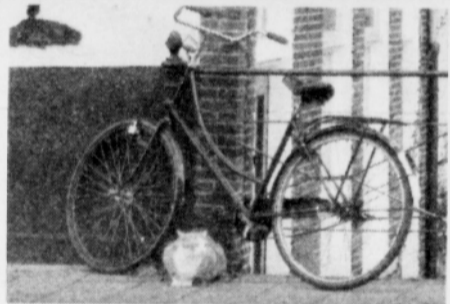
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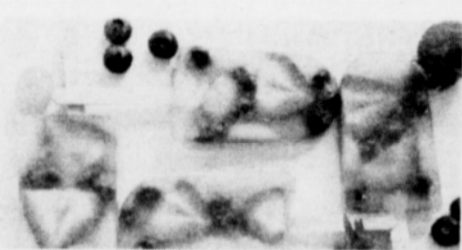
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LOCAL NEWS

Acid Attack 'Victim' Charged

False story called suicide attempt



Bethany Storro

Prosecuting attorneys have filed theft charges against Bethany Storro, the Vancouver woman who falsely claimed that a black woman threw acid in her face.

The felony charges filed Monday by Clark County Deputy Prosecutor Tony Golik relate to donations collected for Storro after she was chemically burned Aug. 30.

According to the probable cause documents, fundraisers for Storro reportedly raised \$28,000, of which Storro apparently spent about \$1,500 on dinner for her parents, clothes for herself and a bill for a previous laser facial peel. Police said Storro spent some of the funds she collected on a new computer and a trip to Seattle.

In a statement to media Fri-

day, Storro's parents, Nancy and Joe Neuwelt, claimed that the money donated to their daughter would be returned "in the appropriate manner."

"The aggravator is that the defendant, Ms. Storro, took money from victims who were acting as good Samaritans when they gave the money," said Golik.

Storro, 28, originally told police an African American woman approached her Aug. 30 outside a Starbucks in downtown Vancouver and asked, "Hey pretty girl, want something to drink?" before throwing acid in her face.

But Storro's story began to come undone when investigators questioned "discrepancies" in her account of the event. She eventually broke down and confessed to purchasing drain cleaner from a local hardware before applying the acid-like substance to her face in an effort to commit suicide, authorities said.

Storro's parents apologized Friday for their daughter's distasteful hoax that garnered worldwide attention and sympathy.

"She's obviously dealing with some deep internal emotional and psychological problems that we had no knowledge of," said mother Nancy as she stood with her husband Joe outside their Vancouver home Friday. "We hope that she'll get the help that she needs."

Vancouver police Cmdr. Marla Schuman described Storro last week as "very remorseful."

"In many ways this is something that just got bigger than what she expected," Schuman.

If convicted of the charges, she could spend a maximum of five years in jail.

--Associated Press

Fund Helps Gravely Ill Daughter

LG Harvey, a retired TriMet bus operator and local resident, is asking for financial help with his ill daughter.

Nakia Watkins, a 36-year-old mother of eight, has been diagnosed with terminal can-

cer. Although she's getting disability payments and has health insurance, most of her income is getting eaten up by rent, medicine, and supporting her children.

Anyone who wants to do-

nate money can do so at the Save a Life Fund for Nakia Watkins, which is being managed by Advantis Credit Union. The transit and routing number are 323 and 075181 respectively.

Week in The Review

Advisor Steps Down

Brilliant but blunt-spoken White House economic adviser Larry Summers said Tuesday he will leave his job, marking a major staff shake-up for President Barack Obama as he faces growing pressure to revive the sluggish economy

Crash Kills 9 Soldiers

A helicopter crash killed nine American troops in Afghanistan on Tuesday, NBC News reported. The incident made 2010 the war's deadliest year for foreign troops, with 529 soldiers killed.

Military Gay Ban Upheld

Senate Republicans on Tuesday blocked an effort by Democrats and the White House to lift the ban on gays from serving openly in the military, voting unanimously against advancing a bill that included the provision.

Franklin's Son Attacked

Aretha Franklin's son was severely beaten at a gas station in Detroit Monday. Eddie Franklin was attacked Monday night and was undergoing surgery at a hospital. A spokesperson for the singer said three people may have been involved in the attack, but did not address a possible motive.

Car Hits Two Cyclists

Portland Police are looking for a car driven by a man they said may have run down two cyclists on purpose. Two people were

injured in the incidents Tuesday morning on the east side near the Willamette. Police were looking for a silver Subaru WRX sedan with a green sticker in the back window, possibly depicting the green Monster energy drink logo.

PGE Park Groundbreaking

An official groundbreaking for PGE Park was held Tuesday. The downtown stadium is being transformed into a world-class venue for major league soccer. The renovation is expected to take six months.