

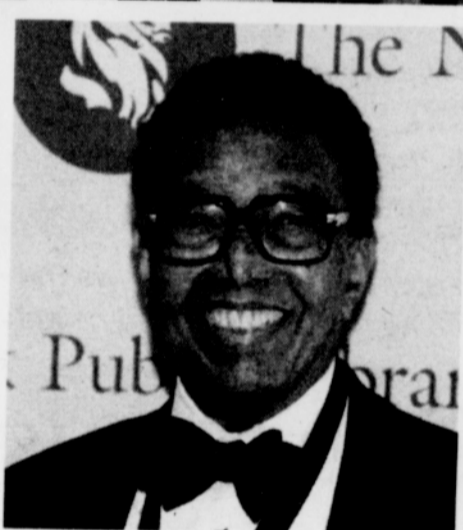
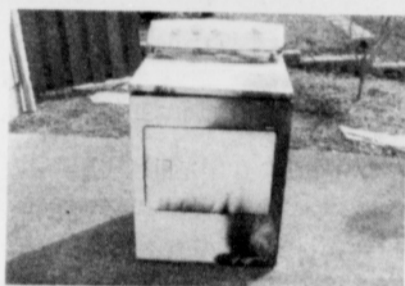
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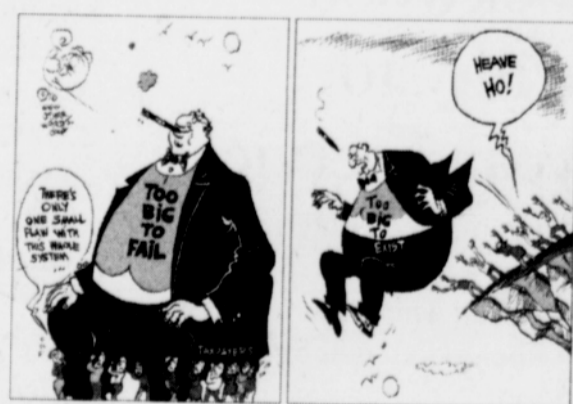
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LOCAL NEWS



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An early New Year's morning shooting outside Club 915 in downtown Portland killed an employee of the club who worked in security.

Club Scene Murder

Employee killed in altercation

A 32-year-old dance club employee was shot and killed after a New Year's morning altercation outside the popular downtown music and hip hop venue.

Police said Saturday that officers reported a fight outside Club 915 at 915 S.W. Second Ave., and then shots about 1:30 a.m. They

said several hundred people poured out of club afterward.

The victim, Ruben Mata, worked club security at a bouncer. After a disturbance inside the club, he and other club employees escorted a group of patrons outside, authorities said.

Once outside, another altercation took place between Mata and Kevin Charles Moffett, 31.

Police arrested Moffett and charged him with Mata's murder.

Friends told KGW that Mata, also known as "Q" leaves behind small children. A fundraiser was being set up on his behalf to raise money for his family.

A second officer apparently fired his weapon in the course of interacting with persons associated with the shooting, police said, but indicated that they have no reason to believe anyone was hit when the officer fired.

Knife-wielding Man Killed

Portland police shot and killed a 60-year-old who was advancing toward them with a knife and refused to drop it.

Police say the officers were responding to a security guard's complaint that the man, described as a transient, was threatening to kill him

at a business near the intersection of Southeast 82nd Avenue and Powell.

Officers spotted the suspect at a closed car wash and he began advancing toward them with a knife.

Authorities say the two officers ordered him to drop the knife. When

he refused one of them fire a stun gun, which was ineffective. Both officers fired their pistols when the man continued to advance.

Paramedics declared the suspect dead at the scene.

The officers were placed on leave pending an investigation.

Anti-Police Protest Breaks Windows

More than two dozen anti-police protesters took the streets and vandalized a Wells Fargo bank Monday night while protesting four recent officer-involved shootings, including one that killed a man with a knife in southeast Portland on Sunday.

The protesters, who appeared to

be mostly white men, spray-painted anarchist logos and broke the glass on the door of the bank, located at Northeast 43rd Avenue and Sandy Boulevard. They chanted: "No cops, no KKK, no fascist U.S.A."

The group then marched to the police bureau's traffic division of-

fice on Burnside and 47th Avenue where a rock was thrown, but no damage reported.

Early Monday, Mayor Sam Adams met with Police Chief Mike Reese to discuss the police shootings.

Reese promised to search for ways to reduce police use of deadly force.