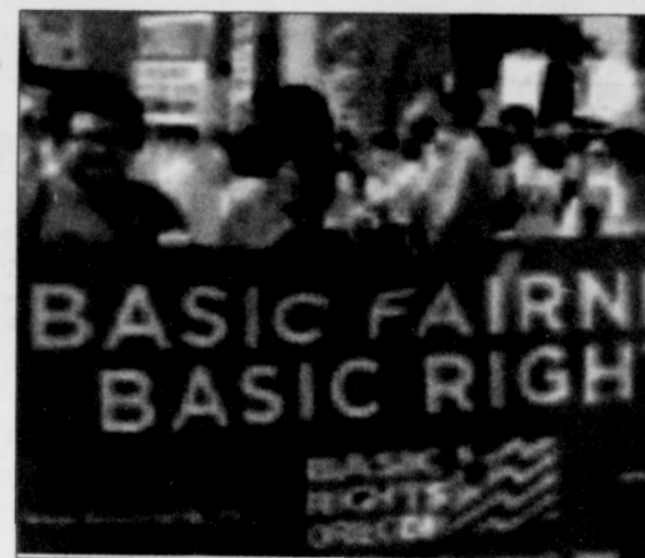


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Nicky Taylor, an ex-Blood gang member and author of a book to help children avoid the destructive nature of gangs, holds a photo of her and her good friend, Marcus Miller, who died June 4 as result of a gang-related shooting.

## Anti Gang Outreach for Peaceful Future

*Ex gang member  
organizes 'family  
truce' rally*

BY CARI HACHMANN  
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"We were the first generation of gangsters, and without us they're not going to stop," says 40-year-old Nicky Taylor, ex-female gangster, mother of an 11 year-old son, and close friend of Marcus Miller, the fatal victim of a recent gang-related shooting.

In 1987, at her sweet-16 birthday party in north Portland, Taylor watched as her good friend "Red Dog," a Blood gang member, was gunned down by Crip members in a passing car. Sad, afraid and angry, she joined the Woodlawn Park Blood gang the next day and stayed affiliated for 12 years.

She has been shot twice on two separate occasions.

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# Hell in the City

## *A violent, new generation of gangsters*

BY CARI HACHMANN  
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Police do not expect a deadly rivalry between Portland's homegrown gangs to end peacefully any time soon.

At large is a new generation of African-American gangsters police say are continuing a cycle of violence likely started by gang members of their parents' generation. They are hybrid gangs from the Bloods

California looking to make profits off Portland's untapped drug market, specifically crack cocaine, migrated up the coast along I-5, bringing with them money, drugs, and guns.

The criminally-minded transplants joined other gang members to set up shop in poverty-stricken areas of Portland like the Columbia Villa neighborhood of north Portland; they recruited local youth, and formed new gang-sects based on neighboring territories.



A photograph originally broadcast on April 16, 2009 during an episode of 'Gangland' on the History Channel shows a gathering of people allegedly belonging to Portland gang called the Hoover Criminals.

and Crips of years past, police say.

Authorities believe the latest wave of criminal activity between rivals has resulted in at least six local gang-related deaths in the last six-months.

"The ages of many suspects and certainly the victims indicate a second generation of gang members," said the police bureau's gang enforcement spokesman Pete Simpson.

Not including Hispanic, Asian, Russian, and White-Supremacist gangs, officials say these teenage kids and young adults are among the most violent group of our city's diverse gang population.

Portland's history with these gangs originated from the streets of Los Angeles. In 1987, gangsters from southern

Some say the oldest Crip on Crip feud dates back to 1979 and it wasn't long before one of the most notorious rivalries to form on the streets of L.A. spread nationwide.

Two of Portland's more notorious gangs are known as the Hoover Criminals or Everybody Killers (EBK), who identify in orange clothing; and the Rollin' 60s, who identify in blue.

Other African-American gangs over the years includes the Kerby Bloc Crips (Crips), the Unthanks (Bloods), and the Gangster Disciples.

Portland's first fatal gang-related drive-by shooting occurred in August 1988 when gang member, Joseph "Ray-Ray" Winston from the Columbia Villa Crips was shot and killed in north Portland. Since Winston's death, most of the original California gangsters have faded into jails, death, or non-violent life-styles.

"Most of the older gangsters have grown out of violent lifestyles," said Lt. Tom McGranahan of the Portland

Police, a gang cop of the 1990s and current gang enforcement member. "People doing most of the shootings today tend to be related to old gangsters."

Today, a population of young people in our community is continuing the gangster lifestyle of the past generation.

Currently, there are over 725 designated gang members and at least 2-3,500 undocumented gangsters in Portland, police say.

Gang recruitment begins at a young age, and more and more misguided kids seeking security and self-worth are choosing to gang bang. New recruits must often act out to prove loyalty.

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