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School Shooting Planned

An Oregon student has been arrested for attempting to carry out a mass shooting at Newberg High School, police announced Tuesday. The suspect took substantial steps to obtain a firearm, as well as a list of supplies to help carry out the plan, police said.

Police Shoot Armed Woman

A woman armed with a hammer and knife was shot by deputies Sunday in the Five Corners area of Clark County and later died of her injuries, authorities said. Neither of the two deputies involved in the shooting were injured, police said.

Party Turns to Gunfire

Portland Police say four people were injured when someone fired more than 20 shots at a birthday party Saturday night at the Rosewood Community Center at Southeast 162nd and Stark. The gunfire broke out during a fight between rival gang members, and four people were hospitalized with non-life threatening injuries, police said.

Message Therapist Arrested

Benjamin Thomas Collura, 32, was arrested last week accused of sexually abusing a massage client at the River's Edge Hotel and Spa in southwest Portland. Police said there may be other victims. Collura previously



worked at two Massage Envy locations, including one in the Lloyd District in northeast Portland, police said.

Flight Diverted to Portland

An Alaska Airlines flight headed to Seattle was diverted to Portland on Monday night because of an unruly passenger. The Boeing 737 with 162 passengers landed at Portland International Airport around 9:30 p.m. from Sacramento. Port of Portland police took the man into custody as soon as the plane arrived at the gate.

Sainthood for Mother Teresa

Mother Teresa will be made a saint on Sept. 4. Pope Francis set the canonization date Tuesday, paving the way for the nun who cared for the poorest of the poor to become the centerpiece of his yearlong focus on the Catholic Church's merciful side.



Cuba Restrictions Loosened

The Obama administration on Tuesday announced that it would be loosening restrictions on Americans' ability to travel to Cuba, business transactions between the two countries and on Americans' ability to purchase Cuban merchandise, including Cuban-made cigars



A homicide investigation outside the former JB's Paradise Room on North Vancouver Avenue as depicted in a 1982 police photo.



Robert Altom

1982 Cold Case Solved

Witness says suspect hurled gay slur at victim

The Portland Police Bureau's Cold Case Homicide Unit has cleared a 1982 homicide case after learning that the suspect in the case is deceased.

In the early morning hours of Nov. 8, 1982, the owner of JB's Paradise Room, a former nightclub located at 3530 N. Vancouver Ave., closed the bar and when he walked outside, he found a male lying on the ground, suffering from head trauma. The victim, Robert Lee Altom, 30, died as a result of his injuries.

Police said at the time, witnesses told police that Altom had a verbal altercation inside the bar with an African American male regarding Altom's sexuality and that the suspect used a gay slur to describe Altom during the argument.

Late last year, Cold Case Homicide Unit detectives re-interviewed a witness in the case. The

witness provided information that assisted in identifying the suspect as Cecil Corrie Turner, who was 24-years-old at the time of the homicide. The information learned from the witness was corroborated by detectives, who learned that Turner died in 2009 in Oregon.

Based on the new information, detectives were able to clear the case after consulting with the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office.

"My family and I are thankful that the case has been solved," said Dawn Frizzell-Luna. "We are thankful to the detectives that worked to solve the case and are grateful for what they have done for our family. My Uncle Robbie was an amazing man, who was loved, and is missed by his family and friends. It is a good feeling to know my Uncle Robbie's name is no longer among boxes with the

words cold case on them, but instead among ones that say solved."

The Cold Case Homicide Unit reviews unsolved murders in the Portland area and, since its inception in 2004, has reviewed approximately 250 homicide cases and solved more than 40.

The Portland Police Bureau Cold Case Homicide Unit is comprised of a Sergeant and four Detectives who are assisted by several retired investigators who volunteer their time to assist in solving cases.

The Portland Police Bureau Cold Case Homicide Unit has a close partnership with the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office and the Oregon State Police Crime Lab.

Information about many of these unsolved homicides can be viewed by visiting portlandoregon.gov/police/35696.

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