

Phila. DJ is sought in mark dismemberment

always had it done, and it was just a matter of days and he'd be the next big hit," Hoeg said.

On March 25, Knudsen, a 41-year-old taxi driver and divorced father of a girl, stopped at Andy's after work, police say. He was last seen alive when he stumbled out of the bar later that night with the two suspects, police said. His car was later found parked near the bar.

The suspects shared a ground-floor apartment near the bar. The building's residents told police they heard loud noises and a fight coming from the hallway and the residence that night. The clerk at a 24-hour store reported selling three liters of chlorine to a man in the early morning of March 26.

A few hours later, three of Knudsen's limbs were found. Two days after that, the rest of his body was discovered. In an attempt to have the remains identified, some Danish news outlets put images of Knudsen's head on their Web sites.

Police soon linked the body and the crime to Heller and his roommate. A search of the

apartment showed it had been scrubbed, but signs that a crime had been committed there were apparent, police said. International arrest warrants have been issued for both men.

Some in the local hip-hop world said they worried that Heller's connection to the crime would tar the reputation of the

Jared Heller, a cofounder of Illadelph Records, is one of two men last seen with the murder victim, police say.

entire community. Snow, who is also a disc jockey, said that when Christopher "Cool" Roney and Warren "Steady B" McGlone were arrested in the 1996 slaying of Philadelphia Police Officer Lauretha Vaird during a bank robbery, news outlets were quick to note the pair were rappers.

"That was the lead on every story, 'Two local rappers ...,'" Snow said. "If they were plumbers, the news wouldn't have been, 'Two local plumbers ...'"

McGlone and accomplice Ernest Mark Canty were sentenced to life. Roney, the gunman, was given the death penalty.

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Metropolitan Area News in Brief

Microsoft pledges up to \$2 million for tech curriculum

Microsoft Corp. yesterday pledged to contribute up to \$2 million to Pennsylvania over the next five years to help high schools better integrate technology into the curriculum.

The company has spent \$30.3 million in cash and software for community, education and human-services funding in Pennsylvania since it opened its Philadelphia office in 1997, the company said.

The newest project will look to incorporate the best practices from Philadelphia's "School of the Future," a city high school being built in partnership with Microsoft. The \$50 million school is scheduled to open in 2006. For this project, Microsoft is providing expertise and employee time — including a full-time on-site coordinator — but is not providing cash. The software giant's role is to help design the school, oversee its development, and connect the district with experts at universities and in other countries.

The state partnership also will be aimed at expanding teacher training and creating a peer coaching network in other Pennsylvania schools.

— Susan Snyder and Amy Worden

Man wins \$368,000 in lawsuit against nightclub

A Common Pleas Court jury yesterday awarded \$368,000 in damages to a man who said he was brutalized by a bouncer at the Five Spot nightclub in Old City three years ago.

Andrew H. Young, 28, was accosted by a bouncer when he tried to urge a friend involved in an altercation to leave the club, said his lawyer, Jonathan James. The bouncer put Young in a chokehold, slammed him head first to the dance floor, and then imprisoned him for five to 10 minutes in a room, James said. "This verdict sends an important message to the people who own nightclubs, that they have a responsibility to protect their patrons," James said.

The jury awarded \$118,000 in compensatory damages and \$250,000 in punitive damages after a 2½-day trial, James said.

The attorney for the nightclub, Cynthia L. Brennan, did not return a phone call seeking comment.

— Thomas Fitzgerald

Trolley crash near City Hall hurts 10, snarls rush hour

One SEPTA trolley crashed into another yesterday at 15th and Market Streets, injuring about 10 people and snarling commutes for hundreds of riders for about 80 minutes, authorities said.

The Route 36 trolley was pulling into the City Hall station at 4:09 p.m. when it rear-ended the Route 10 trolley, said Gary Fairfax, a SEPTA spokesman. Both serve Subway-Surface routes to West Philadelphia.

Ten passengers received minor injuries and were taken to nearby hospitals for treatment. Service resumed at 5:25 p.m., Fairfax said.

— Sam Wood

Burke woman gets 2½ years in driver's-license fraud

A Willingboro woman was sentenced yesterday to 2½ years in federal prison for her role in creating roughly 750 fake driver's licenses over three years while working at the Motor Vehicle Commission's Mount Holly office.

Linda Love, 45, who was paid \$300 for each fraudulent license, also was fined \$1,000.

After pleading guilty last year to a single count of conspiracy to produce false identification documents, she admitted to being part of a ring of employees and nonemployees who provided fraudulent licenses. Love was a 10-year employee and was working as an exam technician when charged in November 1993. She allowed the same person to come in and take multiple exams.

Ten other commission employees have been charged since

Council gets answers on library's budget



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