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This Week in History

On June 7, 1929, the sovereign state of Vatican City came into existence as copies of the Lateran Treaty were exchanged in Rome.
 On June 8, 1968, authorities announced the capture in London of James Earl Ray, the suspected assassin of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.
 On June 13, 1966, the Supreme Court issued its landmark Miranda vs. Arizona decision, ruling that criminal suspects must be informed of their constitutional rights prior to questioning by police.

Weather

Through the weekend

Today	Scattered Showers	67° F / 19° C
		57° F / 14° C
Thursday	Scattered Showers	64° F / 18° C
		53° F / 12° C
Friday	Scattered Showers	64° F / 18° C
		52° F / 11° C
Saturday	Partly Cloudy	70° F / 21° C
		57° F / 14° C
Sunday	Showers Late	66° F / 19° C
		52° F / 11° C

Thought for the week

A good anger acted upon is beautiful as lightning and swift with power. A good anger swallowed clots the blood like slime.
 —Marge Piercy

Companies under fire for fraudulent telephone charges

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Attorney General Hardy Myers announced that two long distance providers that made unauthorized service changes and added false charges to telephone bills would eliminate those fraudulent business practices in Oregon. Named in Assurances of Voluntary Compliance filed in Marion County Circuit Court are Excel Communications, Inc. of Dallas, Texas and Tradex International, Inc. of Seattle, Washington.

"We continue to pursue companies that ignore laws prohibiting 'slamming and cramming,'" Myers said. "Complaints about slamming have decreased in recent years, but cramming remains Oregon's most common consumer complaint."

Slamming is the practice of changing a customer's long-distance service without his or her authorization and cramming is the practice of placing unauthorized service charges on phone bills.

The Department of Justice's Financial Fraud/Consumer Protection section received 30 complaints against Excel, ranging from slamming to problems with terminating service and being billed after services were cancelled. In one case, a customer discovered that the company used a forged letter of authorization to charge her long-distance service. Excel also allegedly failed to verify a number of letters of authorization resulting in improper changes to service.

Tradex International does business in Oregon as Western Telecom and is a successor to certain account of TouchTone Communications.

TouchTone slammed Oregon consumers and sold the accounts to Western Telecom, which led to unauthorized charges on individual phone bills. Under the term of the assurances, which do not admit law violations, both companies agree not to violate the Unlawful Trade Practices Act and to provider's restitution to consumers for any unauthorized charges. In addition, Tradex will establish a toll-free number and assign a representative to respond to consumers billing questions.

Excel paid \$75,000 and Tradex paid \$7,500 to the Department's consumer protection and education fund.

Consumers who need additional information about slamming and cramming should call the Attorney General's toll-free, consumer hotline at 1-877-877-9392, 378-4320 from Salem and 229-5576 from Portland. Brochures on slamming and cramming are also available by writing to Financial Fraud/ Consumer Protection at 1162 Court Street, N.E., Salem, OR 97310.

Crime Stoppers

Portland Police Bureau Fraud Investigators, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in locating and apprehending a subject know to authorities as Jane Elizabeth Maynard.

A felony arrest warrant, charging Jane Maynard with theft in the First Degree, is on file in Multnomah County. The charges stem from an embezzlement scheme where Maynard, working as the bookkeeper for a small company in Southeast Portland that provides equipment and supplies to visually impaired people, channeled a large sum of the company's money to personal accounts she had set up.

Jane Elizabeth Maynard is a 50-year-old white female, with a date of birth of June 21, 1949. She is 5'05" tall and weighs approximately 200 pounds. She has lived, or used



addresses, in Gresham, Gladstone, and Southeast Portland. Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to an arrest in this case or any unsolved felony crime, and you need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Vancouver police looking at new technology

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Vancouver Police Services is hoping to acquire some new technology that will allow law enforcement agencies and community partners in the area the ability to share vital information electronically. TRAK (Technology to Recover Abducted Kids) equips law enforcement with technology to create and print color bulletins within minutes and electronically distribute those bulletins simultaneously to other TRAK systems and fax machines.

This offers agencies the ability to quickly and effectively share information and notify community partners about important information. SocialTech is a non-profit organization that has partnered with

Hewlett-Packard and AT&T to develop TRAK. The TRAK system consists of a state-of-the-art-scanner, color printer, and Pentium PC with a modem and CDROM drive.

A representative from SocialTech and Hewlett-Packard will be at Vancouver Police West Precinct (300 E 13th Street) on Wednesday, June 7 from 10 am—11 am to discuss the TRAK system and answer questions. A demonstration of the TRAK systems will be held on Thursday June 8th at the CRCA building from 8am-10am, however, there will be no time allotted at the demonstration for any questions.

The TRAK system has been utilized across the U.S. and has been a means for law enforcement agencies to share vital information that are important to communities everywhere.

Through Their Own Eyes: exhibits of photos by World War II Veterans coming to Officers Row

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The Grant House Folk Art Center in partnership with Vancouver National Historical Reserve Trust and the City of Vancouver Cultural Services presents an exhibit of photographs from World War II veterans titled. While serving their country, soldiers were not allowed to take pictures of many aspects of the war. But when possible, they snapped memories of the lives they embraced as they supported and survived the war effort. The photographs in this exhibit, Through Their Own Eyes: Images of World War II, provide a new frame of reference for understanding veterans' experiences. They allow us to

consider a soldier's life through the eyes of those who were present during the making of history. The photos are collected by Stephanie McCorkel and Stephen A. Dietz. Together they have interviewed close to fifty photographers who took pictures over half a century ago. In conjunction with this exhibit, GHFAC is pleased to display a small collection of photographs and memorabilia lent by Julien M. Marks who served his country during World War II as an official photographer in the Marine Corps. The exhibit will be installed in Grant House and O.O. Howard House from June 1-July 5, 2000, and in Marshall House from June 19-July 5. The public is invited to attend a Flag Day

celebration at Grant House on June 14 at 3:15 p.m., and to stay for an exhibit tour and refreshments following the ceremony. Veterans

and photograph contributors will be guests of honor at this event. Call Grant House Folk Art Center for further information (360) 694-5252.

Police Bites

Fatal Pedestrian Accident

SE 82nd Avenue / SE Flavel Street
 On June 1, 2000 at 10:12 p.m., Portland Police Traffic Division officers responded to a fatal pedestrian / vehicle accident. The victim, 53 year-old Richard Alan Halkinrude of 8410 SE Flavel Street was pronounced dead at the scene. Halkinrude was reported to have been lying in the crosswalk for an unknown reason, prior to being run over.

The northbound driver, 30 year-old Jeffrey Scott Noice of The Dalles, Oregon, was operating a 1986 Toyota Tercel. Noice was not cited and alcohol or drugs do not appear to be a factor concerning the driver's condition.

The investigation is continuing, and will be forwarded to Multnomah County District Attorney's Office for review.

Robbery Suspects Arrested Wilshire

Tavern/ 4052 N.E. 42nd Avenue
 On Sunday, May 21, at 2:47 a.m., the Wilshire Tavern located at 4052 N.E. 42nd Avenue was robbed. The two suspects fled the scene in a 1996 Mercury Sable, which had been stolen on May 13, 2000. A short pursuit ensued and the stolen vehicle was abandoned at N.E. 39th Avenue/ Alberta Street. Uniform Officers immediately set up a perimeter and called in Portland Police K-9 Team. A

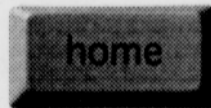
rifle and currency were discovered on the ground, in close proximity to the stolen vehicle. At 3:16 a.m., the K-9 team located one suspect, who taken into custody without incident at N.E. Avenue / Going Street.

The Portland Police Special Emergency Reaction Team was activated and conducted a block search, initially finding clothing items believed to be discarded by one of the suspects. At 5:33 a.m., the second suspect was taken into custody without incident at the 5000 block of N.E. 38th Avenue.

The two suspects arrested are 26-year-old Tacuma Nathaniel Jackson of 2500 N.E. Williams Avenue and 25 year-old Damieu Deshawn Douglas of 4523 N.E. 6th Avenue. Both men will be charged with one count of First Degree Robbery, six counts of Second Degree Kidnap, and one count of Unlawful Use of a Motor Vehicle. Jackson will also be charged with one count of Ex-Con in Possession of a weapon. Bail for Jackson is set at \$1,760,000 and for Douglas \$1,755,000. Arraignment was held on Monday, May 22, at the downtown Justice Center.

Robbery Detectives Wayne Svilar and Dominick Jacobellis are conducting the follow-up investigation to determine if the two men are involved in additional robberies. The photographs of the suspects will not be released pending further investigation. Anyone with information can call Detective Detail at (503) 823-0400.

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