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This Week in History

On July 5, 1975, Arthur Ashe became the first black man to win a Wimbledon singles title as he defeated Jimmy Connors.
 On July 6, 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title, defeating fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2.
 On July 7, 1981, President Reagan announced he was nominating Arizona Judge Sandra Day O'Connor to become the first female justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

Weather

Through the weekend

Today	Sunny	74°F/23°C 58°F/14°C
Thursday	Some clouds	78°F/26°C 58°F/14°C
Friday	Partly cloudy	79°F/26°C 58°F/14°C
Saturday	Partly cloudy	73°F/23°C 53°F/12°C
Sunday	Partly cloudy	73°F/23°C 55°F/13°C

Thought for the week
Let us open our natures, throw wide the doors of our hearts and let in the sunshine of good will and kindness.
 —O.S. Marden

New crime prevention manager named

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Arthur Hendricks has been named as the new crime prevention manager for the City of Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement (ONI). Mr. Hendricks, currently with the Oregon Youth Authority, worked for five years with Development Research Programs in Seattle developing comprehensive juvenile justice and crime prevention programs for many sites across the U.S. including extensive work in Kansas, New Orleans, and Tennessee. "We are pleased with the expertise, broad experience, and ability to work across communities that Mr. Hendricks will bring to our crime efforts," says Commissioner Dan Saltzman. Mr. Hendricks also administered the Title V Delinquency Prevention training and technical assistance program funded by the Office of Juvenile Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). In this capacity, Mr. Hendricks worked with many neighborhood coalitions across the U.S. "I am excited to be able to contribute and build on Portland's strong community-based crime prevention efforts," comments Mr. Hendricks. In addition to his program



Arthur Hendricks, new crime prevention manager for the City of Portland's Office of Neighborhood Involvement.

development work, he has years of experience as a trainer and organizer with a variety of topics besides his background in crime prevention issues, such as alcohol and drugs, youth issues, cultural competency, and youth gangs. He has been a member of the Governor's Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Cultural Competency Committee and is a member of the Governor's Overrepresentation Committee. Mr. Hendricks worked in

the Northeast Portland on a youth gang prevention program while employed at the Mainstream Youth Programs. The search process included representatives from Commissioner Saltzman's office, Office of the Mayor, the Police Bureau, the neighborhood coalitions, the SWNI public safety committee, Association for Portland Progress, and PHAC. Mr. Hendricks will begin on July 10, 2000.

THE POSITION

Approximate Monthly Salary: \$4,238 to \$5,413
 The Crime Prevention Manager currently supervises eleven employees and two programs that provide information and assistance to the public on crime prevention techniques, public safety, and graffiti abatement. Contact with neighborhood groups, schools, law enforcement agencies, elected officials, city and county agencies, businesses, civic organizations, and special interest groups are frequent. Work normally involves coordinating employees, individuals or groups to establish the nature of crime prevention needs and allocating available resources to meet those needs. Employees managed by this position are developed across the City of Portland and work with some degree of autonomy. This position involves considerable local travel. The Crime Prevention Manager may be scheduled to work some nights or weekends.

1998 county vital statistic report released

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A new county data report reveals that Oregon experienced a record number of suicides in 1998. During the year, 569 individuals took their own life and 761 suicide attempts were reported among Oregon youth ages 6 to 17. These facts, and others, are contained in the 1998 Oregon Vital Statistics County Data book just released by

the Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Division. "Suicide is a serious public health problem," states Lisa Millet, injury prevention manager at the Health Division. "It's the ninth leading cause of death among Oregonians and the second leading cause of death among youth ages 10 through 24."

In 1998, Oregon's suicide rate was 17.4 per 100,000 population, compared to 16.7 in 1997, according to Millet. Previously, the highest rate was 17.4 per 100,000 population in 1994. The Health Division is working on several projects to reduce suicide, she says. "Suicide is a preventable death," Millet says. "Yet certain social

attitudes, such as the belief that nothing can be done, obstruct suicide prevention efforts. Change will only occur when we break cultural taboos around suicide. Most importantly, we must become comfortable asking 'are you thinking about hurting yourself?' and then respond in a caring way and get additional help."

CrimeStoppers



The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the person or persons responsible for an arson fire. On Friday, June 2, 2000, at about 3:00 in the morning, the Portland Police Bureau responded to a report of a fire at Southeast 11th Avenue and Madison Street. The location is a fenced storage lot in which the City of Portland had parked marked police vehicles, which had been taken out of

service and were to be sold at auction. The blaze, which was believed to be deliberately set, destroyed 17 cars, and damaged another 5. The dollar loss to the City of Portland is estimated at over \$200,000. Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, that leads to and arrest in this case or any unsolved felony crime, and you need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

Vancouver Fire Marshalls to check firework stands

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Fourth of July fireworks will go on sale in Vancouver and may be purchased from approved stands and used from noon on Wednesday, June 28 through noon Thursday, July 6. Before the stands can open, the City of Vancouver fire marshal's office conducts inspections and issues permits that authorize retail fireworks stands and fireworks storage facilities. Display sites, including the barge used to launch the big Fourth of July aerial fireworks show, are also inspected for safe compliance with the Uniform Fire Code and Vancouver municipal Code. Interim Vancouver Fire Marshall Dave Sauerbrey reminds parents to insure the safety of children by closely supervising personal fireworks use, and by only using legal fireworks purchased from approved stands during the upcoming firework season. "It's important for parents to be present when fireworks are ignited, and to insure that the materials are lit in an open area away from homes, vehicles and any combustibles," says Sauerbrey. He adds that parents should teach children to be prepared, safe and responsible: Read and follow all warnings, remain a safe distance away from the devices, never try to re-light fireworks that have not fully functioned, and keep a hose and bucket of water nearby. By state law, fireworks sales are limited to people age 16 and over. Sellers must require proof of age with a driver's license or photo identification card issued by a school or government. Very young children should not be allowed to use fireworks. Even sparklers, which burn at over 1000 degrees Fahrenheit, can be dangerous if used improperly.

Court orders new trial in case of police brutality

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The case of a 68-year old African American grandmother, Dora McCrae will have her day in court, again. An order handed down last Friday from the United States District Court, vacated a previous judgement and requires a new trial. A jury returned a verdict in this case on April 13, 2000 finding that Officer Timothy Musgrave did not violate McCrae's constitutional rights and that the city did not commit the tort of false arrest, but the city was liable for battery as a result of Musgrave's conduct in arresting the 68 year old "Pioneer Homeless Shelter" volunteer who was delivering meals. The previous verdict awarded McCrae a meager \$8000. Roy Jay, the newly elected local President of the NAACP and founder of the African American Chamber of Commerce were asked to submit an affidavit to be included in the petition to the court, which resulted in the latest ruling. Prominent local attorneys, David Park and Philip Schuster, both of Portland, Oregon, represent McCrae. "We are extremely happy that the US District Court was able to recognize the merits of the petition and grant a new trial. The NAACP, African American Chamber of Commerce nor any other concerned citizen supports any type of police brutality, especially against a grandmother delivering meals in the community, says Jay" "Can you imagine your mother or grandmother face down on a hard cement pavement, handcuffed?"

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