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## This Week in History

On July 20, 1969, Apollo 11 astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon when he stepped out of the lunar module.  
 On July 21, 1925, the so-called "Monkey Trial" ended in Dayton, Tenn., with John T. Scopes convicted of violating state law for teaching Darwin's theory of evolution. The conviction was later overturned.  
 On July 22, 1934, a man identified as bank robber John Dillinger was shot to death by federal agents outside Chicago's Biograph Theater.  
 On July 25, 1956, the Italian liner Andrea Doria sank after colliding with the Swedish ship Stockholm off the New England coast, killing 51 people.

## Weather

Through the weekend

|          |               |           |
|----------|---------------|-----------|
| Today    | Partly cloudy | 81°F/27°C |
|          |               | 60°F/16°C |
| Thursday | Partly cloudy | 83°F/28°C |
|          |               | 60°F/16°C |
| Friday   | Partly cloudy | 83°F/28°C |
|          |               | 61°F/16°C |
| Saturday | Partly cloudy | 85°F/25°C |
|          |               | 60°F/16°C |
| Sunday   | Partly cloudy | 84°F/29°C |
|          |               | 59°F/15°C |

### Thought for the week

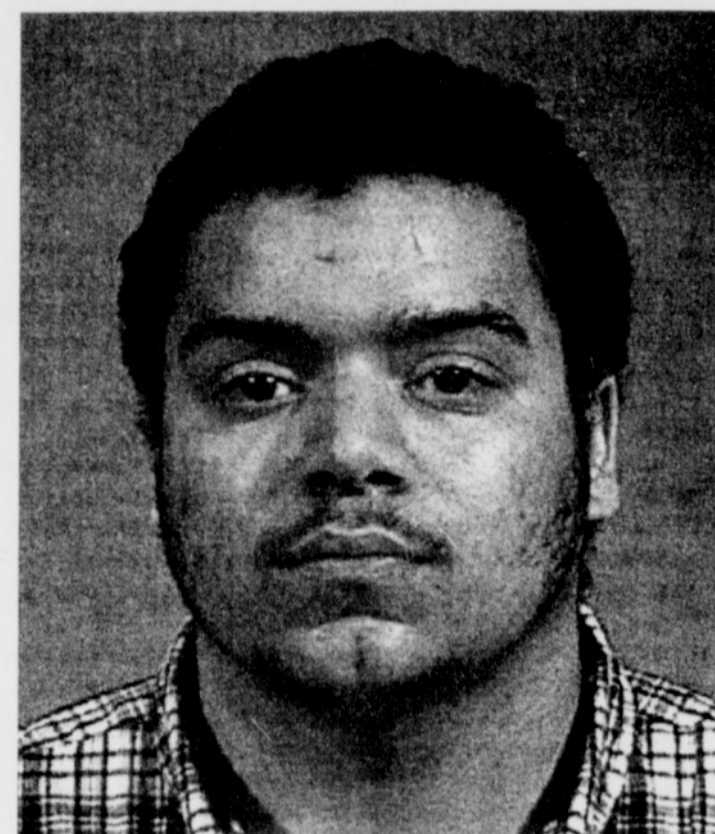
*When you feel rejected, start accepting yourself, and then go out and accept someone.*  
 —Sondra Ray

## Statement of DR. Williams F. Schulz Executive Director, Amnesty International USA On The Police Beating of Thomas Jones

Amnesty International USA (AIUSA) is gravely concerned by videotaped images seen of Philadelphia police repeatedly beating a suspect after he had been apprehended yesterday. The organization stresses that the investigations called for by Philadelphia Mayor John Street and the US Justice Department must be swift, comprehensive, impartial and fair, and that the results promptly be made public. While AIUSA understands that the Videotape of the beating is not a complete depiction of the events surrounding the beating, and was taken after a car chase and shootout, the organization is concerned about this case in light of the Philadelphia Police Department's history of brutality. The human rights abuses committed by the police had, at one time, been so severe that in September 1996 the City signed an agreement with three local civil rights groups to implement wide-ranging reforms in the police department. This forestalled a civil lawsuit the groups were about to file. The reforms included the appointment of a task force to review recruitment, training

and discipline, and to improve the monitoring of police use of force and racial bias in discretionary police actions such as pedestrian and vehicle stops. Since that time, Amnesty International has continued to monitor dozens of cases both in Philadelphia and across the US, documenting a number of them in its USA "Rights for All" Campaign in October 1998 and its "Race, Rights and Police Brutality" report of September 1999. It is particularly notable that excessive force by police after car chases is frequently reported in the US. A report by the ACLU of Southern California revealed that between 1993 and 1995 more than 40 percent of injuries and deaths of suspects occurred after the chase was over. Should the investigations by Philadelphia and Justice Department officials show that excessive force was indeed used, AIUSA expects that the officials involved be held accountable, including possible criminal proceedings. By doing, these bodies would send a strong message that this type of behavior is an egregious abuse of human rights and will not be tolerated.

## Crimestoppers



Crime Stoppers Case For The Week Of July 10, 2000  
 Crime stoppers Case #00-27: Wanted Subject  
 The Washington County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with crime stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending James Rodney Grant JR. A felony arrest warrant, charging Grant with multiple counts of Robbery and Burglary in the First Degree, is on file. The charges stem from a series of home invasion robberies in the Washington County area. James Rodney Grant, who has used aliases of Brandon Walker, James Edward, and Brandon Banks, is described as a 23-year old black male with a date of birth of June 3, 1976. He is 5' 10" tall, and weighs approximately 175 pounds with black hair, brown eyes, a scar on his forehead, and scars on both arms. 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 any unsolved felony crime, and you need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

## Police Bites

### Home Invasion Robbery in Fairview Apartment Complex

Early Monday morning Multnomah County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to multiple calls from occupants of the Kings Garden Apartment complex, located at 2710 NE 205th in Fairview, and found that a home invasion robbery attempt had taken place in one of the apartments. The 911 calls started at approximately 3:00 a.m. after a disturbance including gunshots was heard near apartment #220. The resident in the apartment was able to get to a gun that he owns and shot at the four would be robbers scaring them away. At least one of the suspects was wounded and was arrested at Legacy Mt. Hood medical center by sheriff's deputies. The East County Major Crimes team has been activated for this investigation and has detectives from Fairview PD and the Multnomah County Sheriff's Office assigned to it. At approximately 10:00 a.m. today detectives arrested two other suspects in SE Portland. Detectives are continuing the investigation and are searching for the fourth suspect at this time. The suspects are believed to be involved in or tied to local gangs. Names and other pertinent information are being withheld at this pending the location of the suspect at large and the continuing investigation. Information from Captain Brain Martinek office #251-2515, pager 271-1217

### Search warrant issued

Detective of the Vancouver Police Services, Fraud and Forgery Unit, and Police Officers from the Battle Ground Police Department executed a search warrant today on the home of Rick O' Brien Sullivan 33, at 1609 NW 2nd Avenue in Battle Ground, and subsequently arrested him on charges of Theft 1, and Computer Trespass 1, both felonies. Through an internal investigation conducted by both Figaro's Pizza of Hazel Dell and two Taco Time locations in the Vancouver Mall area, it was reported to police that during

the period of time from approximately June of 1999 through March of 2000, Sullivan was alleged to have embezzled approximately "\$3,000 in funds from Figaro's and just over \$20,000 in funds from two Taco Time stores he managed. The police investigation substantiated these claims and revealed that a large portion of the loss had been created through a manipulation of the computerized register terminals and register audit detail basis. The search warrant revealed numerous related documents and the recovery of an electronic item reported stolen from one of the businesses. For additional questions regard this news release or for additional information, contact Vancouver Police Det. Ed Hewitt (360) 696-8589, or Sgt. Dave King (360) 696-8281.

### Altercation Leads To Fatal Hit & Run

On Sunday, July 16, at 2:00 a.m., Portland Police Traffic Officers responded to N.E. 82nd Avenue/Jonesmore Street on a hit and run incident in which a pedestrian was fatally injured. The victim, 23 year-old Ian Auerilio Buirch of S.E. Portland, was a passenger in a southbound vehicle containing four additional occupants who had all just left a party. The vehicle Buirch was in stopped on the crest of a small hill for the traffic light at N.E. 82nd Avenue and Jonesmore Street. An altercation broke out between Buirch and a male passenger in the backseat. The two exited the vehicle to confront each other. A northbound vehicle struck Buirch and left the scene without stopping. Buirch was transported to Emanuel Hospital where he was pronounced dead. At this point there is no description on the hit and run vehicle. Anyone with information concerning the hit and run is requested to contact Traffic Officer Mark Kruger at (503) 823-2140. Due to the nature of the incident, Homicide Detectives also responded to conduct a follow-up investigation into the circumstances prior to Buirch being struck by the hit and run vehicle. Anyone with information concerning this aspect of the investigation is requested to call Detective-Sergeant Rich Austria at (503) 823-0449.

### Confirmed fatality at 4th Plain/Lincoln

Vancouver Police Department has released the name of the female operator of the vehicle. Yolanda Thomas, 02-25-46, of Vancouver, was operating the Toyota Corolla that went off the roadway and into the house on W 4th Plain Blvd. One count of Vehicular Homicide and two counts of Vehicular assault are under investigation. Alcohol is not believed to be a factor.

### Prostitution Mission Conducted By Southeast Precinct

On Friday, July 14, and Saturday, July 15, officers of Southeast Precinct conducted a prostitution mission targeting problem areas on N.E. Sandy Boulevard and 82nd Avenue. As a result, 31 males were arrested for Prostitution, one male for Distributing a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree and Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Second Degree (crack cocaine), and one male for Driving Under the Influence of Intoxicants. In addition, one 16 year-old female runaway was arrested for Prostitution. There were 27 vehicles seized and towed during the mission.

### Homicide Victim Identified

In Front Of 111 N. Monroe Street On Friday, July 14, 2000, at 11:54 a.m., neighborhood residents observed a body inside a vehicle parked in front of 111 N. Monroe Street and called police. Homicide Detectives responded to the scene and an autopsy was subsequently performed by the Multnomah County Medical Examiner's Office. Cause of death was by gunshot and the case has been determined to be a homicide. The victim is identified as 39 year-old Robert Leroy Gilbo of Vancouver, Washington. Anyone with information is requested to call Homicide Detectives Kris Ferrell or Paul Weatheroy at (503) 823-0400. This is only the fifth reported homicide of the year. The investigation is continuing.

## Vancouver Briefs

### Commission reviews grant applications

As part of its continued review of 2000 Cultural Plan Grant applications, the Cultural Commission will meet Wednesday, July 19, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Services, 603 W. Evergreen Blvd. in Vancouver. Applicants as well as the public are encouraged to attend and observe the Commission's deliberations. The Commission is expected to make its final awards recommendations at this meeting. On July 10 and 12, the Commission reviewed 17 applications at the O.O. Howard House. Review was based on the five review criteria listed in the grant application. For

information, call Pam Brokaw at 360-696-8297.  
**Second citizen forum set for 24th**

The Vancouver City Council, in partnership with the Hough Neighborhood Association, will hold their second Citizen Forum of the year on Monday, July 24 at Discovery Middle School, 800 E. 40th St., from 7-9 p.m. The Citizen Forums started in the early 1980s as a means for residents to access their local elected officials in an informal setting. A different city neighborhood association hosts the quarterly forums but residents throughout the city are invited to participate. There will be plenty of opportunity to speak one-on-one with the Mayor and Council members. An open mike will be available for those who want to address the entire group.

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