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## This Week in History

In 1992, Hurricane Andrew smashed into Florida, causing record damage; 55 deaths in Florida, Louisiana and the Bahamas were blamed on the storm.  
On August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, guaranteeing American women the right to vote, was declared in effect.  
On August 28, 1963, 200,000 people participated in a peaceful civil rights rally in Washington, D.C., where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

## Weather

Through the weekend

Today	Partly cloudy	84°F/29°C
		59°F/15°C
Thursday	Partly cloudy	87°F/31°C
		60°F/15°C
Friday	Partly cloudy	83°F/28°C
		59°F/15°C
Saturday	Partly cloudy	81°F/27°C
		55°F/13°C
Sunday	Partly cloudy	76°F/24°C
		54°F/12°C

### Thought for the week

*Thunder is good, thunder is impressive; but it is the lightning that does the work.*  
—Mark Twain

## Police bureau launches project SAFE

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The Portland Police Bureau recently launched the project SAFE traffic program. Project SAFE (Strategic And Focused Enforcement) is a bureau-wide effort to concentrate on selected areas and reduce collisions in those areas.

Chief Mark Kroeker says that this type of program is badly needed. "This year to date, we have had almost three times as many traffic fatalities as we have homicides," said Chief Kroeker. "We need to go where people are dying and try to save lives."

The selected areas were chosen because of the high volume of collisions in those areas. Each of the five police precincts has three locations. These areas are based on the most recent data regarding 9-1-1 calls over the last four months, and/or injury accidents from March to June.

All Portland officers are assigned to work on Project SAFE. No extra money or missions will be conducted, but the Chief is asking officers to make it a priority when they have extra time in their districts. When officers write a ticket they will also give the driver a fact sheet regarding Project SAFE and try to explain that the enforcement is an attempt to reduce collisions and save lives.

"We want people to know why we are doing this," said Chief Kroeker. Dr. William Long, Director of Trauma Services for Legacy Emanuel Hospital, spoke at the police bureau's news conference to announce Project SAFE. And I thought he said something very profound. He said

that it was better to that a person handed a citation than a death certificate. And though nobody wants to get a ticket, it is a reminder that you need to obey the laws and those laws are created to enhance safety."

Captain Mike Bell of the Traffic Division agrees. "The main reason people get in to collisions is that they are speeding, running red lights, failing to yield or are just not paying attention. We'll be looking for all these things during Project SAFE. But we'll also be enforcing all vehicle and driver infractions. So if you have been meaning to those fixed, now is the time to get that tail light fixed, now is the time to do it." Says Captain Bell. Project SAFE is a monthly program. Each month the traffic Division will analyze where the collisions are occurring and review the list of locations.

Chief Kroeker emphasizes that the program will not supersede the (Enhanced Vehicle Safety Enforcement Program) that the Traffic Division coordinates. The Traffic Division will still address neighborhood traffic complaints. "Project SAFE allows the Police Bureau to look at traffic the way we do other crimes. Analyze the data and look at trends where traffic is happening," says chief Kroeker. "We're approaching it the way we approach other crime problems, and make sense to have this kind of selected enforcement that narrows our focus on where people are getting hurt. For more information on Project SAFE, contact the Traffic Division at 823-2103"

## Crime Stoppers

The Washington County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating and apprehending David Larry Stroh.

In August of 1996, a Washington County Grand Jury indicted David Stroh on numerous sex-related charges involving a 16-year old girl. The incident occurred at Stroh's last known address on Southwest Waldo Way near Sherwood, Oregon. Prior to living in Sherwood, Stroh lived with his wife and stepchildren in Newberg, Oregon, where he used the name Marshall Bond and did janitorial work. He has also used the name Gregory Hitz.

David Larry Stroh is a 55-year-old white male, with a date of birth of June 3, 1945. Stroh is 5'10" tall, weighing 185 pounds, with brown hair and blue eyes.



Stroh has an extensive history of robbery, burglary, assault, sex crimes, and drug charges. 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 of any unsolved felony crime, and you need not give your name. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

## Task force continues discussion of Fargher Lake rural center

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The Rural Centers Task Force, which was appointed by the board of Clark County Commissioners, has scheduled another meeting for Tuesday, August 15, at the Dollars Corner Fire Station, 21609 NE 72nd Avenue. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and is open to the public.

The task force will be continuing to discuss a rural center in the Fargher Lake area. At their August 8 meeting, the group voted to recommend establishing a rural center there. Boundaries and any land use changes have yet to be decided.

Rural centers are designed to provide a focus for the surrounding rural area. They are distinct areas that recognize historic land use patterns and include a mix of residential and commercial uses that are allowed on smaller lots.

The task force's work on rural centers will be integrated with the upcoming Comprehensive Growth Management Plan review. As part of the review process, the task force will revisit the appropriateness of current rural center boundaries and land uses. It will also make recommendations on the appropriateness of mixed uses and industrial uses in rural area.

## Police Bites

### Fatal Single Car Accident

On Friday, August 11, 2000, at 12:33 a.m., Portland police responded to a single car accident involving a 1979 Chevrolet Corvette that was proceeding eastbound on N.E. Marine Drive when the driver lost control went down an embankment and rolled over. The driver, 39 year-old Daniel Lawrence Justice of Troutdale was pronounced dead at the scene. The cause of the accident is unknown. This is the 21st traffic accident this year in the city of Portland.

### Escapee Apprehended

On Saturday, July 29, 2000 at about 9 pm, Portland Police Officers received information that a fugitive, 38-year-old Howard Wayne Richardson, wanted for walking away from an inmate work crew in Yamhill County, was at a trailer located at 11807 SE Ankeny Street. Richardson was taken into custody without incident and transported to the Multnomah County Detention Center. Richardson was one of three inmates who walked away from an Oregon Department of Corrections minimum-security work crew, clearing brush along a road near Sheridan on June 27th. He was serving 13 months for Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. The other two inmates, 19-year-old William Lee McMahan, and 23-year-old James Edward Grove had already been apprehended.

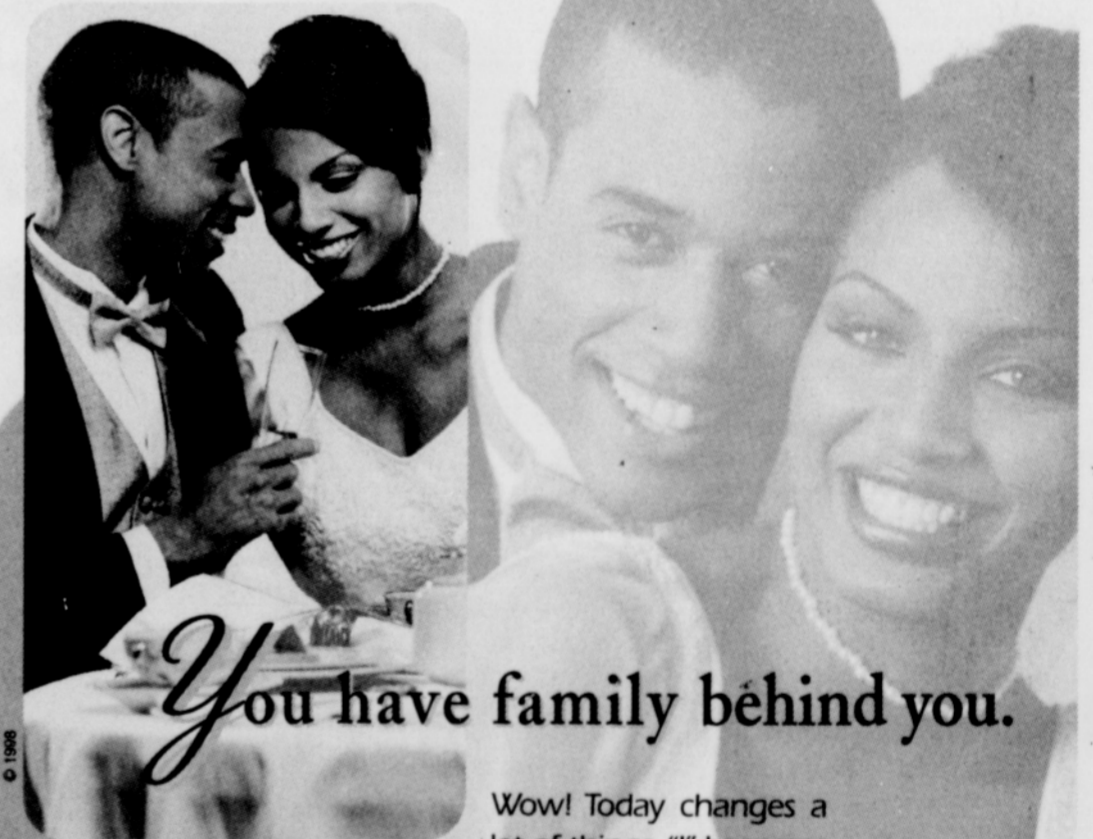
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