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## This Week in History

On September 13, 1993, at the White House, Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat shook hands after signing an accord granting limited Palestinian autonomy. On September 15, 1963, four children were killed when a bomb went off during Sunday services at a black Baptist church in Birmingham, Alabama. On September 17, 1862, Union forces hurled back a Confederate invasion of Maryland in the Civil War Battle of Antietam. During the battle, 23,100 were killed, wounded or captured, making it the bloodiest day in U.S. military history.

## Weather

Through the weekend

Today Mostly cloudy  
 83°F/28°C  
 59°F/15°C

Thursday Isolated T-Storms  
 75°F/24°C  
 57°F/14°C

Friday Isolated T-Storms  
 76°F/24°C  
 56°F/13°C

Saturday Showers  
 82°F/28°C  
 57°F/14°C

Sunday Scattered Showers  
 82°F/28°C  
 55°F/13°C

### Thought for the week

*The sun's the lifegiver. . . I talk to it like you would to a god.*  
 —Peter Firth

## Vancouver City Council names Pat McDonnell as permanent City Manager

CONTRIBUTED STORY FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

The Vancouver City Council recently named Deputy City Manager Pat McDonnell as the city's new City Manager, moving quickly to fill the position that has only been vacant for four days. Former City Manager Vernon Stoner's last day as head of Washington's fourth largest city was August 31.

"We decided that a national search wasn't necessary," stated Vancouver Mayor Royce Pollard. "We already had the talent here and the press of business requires us to move on to the challenges at hand immediately."

"The Council and I are convinced that a lengthy and costly national search would have produced no finer candidates than the two we considered," added the Mayor. "Two well qualified internal candidates, Deputy City Manager Mary Jo Briggs and Pat were both interviewed. I can tell you it was a very difficult decision", stated Mayor Pollard. "But when all was said and done we felt that Pat was the right person to take this organization to yet another level of performance."

For his part McDonnell pledged to immediately get to work to form an improved link between City Hall and the citizens and organizations in Vancouver. "City Hall is the connecting link between all parts and players in our City," stated McDonnell. "I want to expand on the progress we've made to date, but with a renewed focus on open communication, accessibility and problem solving."

"I also want my co-workers to know that I'm honored and delighted to be the administrative leader of their team", added McDonnell. "I plan to maintain a high profile in every city workplace and am committed to building a trusting work environment for every single city employee."

McDonnell also noted, "The City of Vancouver will be facing significant challenges in the months and years ahead, and I feel that my biggest task will be to balance our wishes with our available resources. We will strive to search for improved methods of delivering city services."

McDonnell brings over 26 years of top-level management experience to his new post. McDonnell has been Deputy City Manager for over two years with primary responsibility over public works, utilities, planning and community development programs. Prior to coming to work for Vancouver, McDonnell worked for over 11 years for Clark County, four years as Assistant County Administrator, and seven years as County Administrator. Prior to June 1987, McDonnell spent 13 years in various county administrative posts in the Mid west. McDonnell will start his duties as City Manager effective immediately.

## CrimeStoppers

The Portland Police Bureau, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the individual responsible for a homicide.

On Friday, August 4 at about 1:30 in the morning, 49-year-old James J. Stewart of NW Portland, was standing on the west side of SW 6th Avenue between SW Pine and Burnside Street with three other individuals. After several minutes, the three began to walk away when one suddenly turned and struck Stewart in the face, causing him to fall on the scene in what was described as a small, shiny red, 1990's car with a possible flair to the trunk. Stewart was transported to an area hospital, but later died from his injuries. The suspect is described as a black male in his early 20's, 5'8" to 5'10" tall, weighing 140 pounds with a stocky build and broad shoulders, clean shaven, short hair cut close to his scalp, a light to medium complexion and a round face. He was wearing a light color T-shirt and green knee length shorts.



Two individuals accompanied the suspect. One is described as a black male, 18 to 30 years old, 5'11" tall with a thin build and medium to dark complexion. The other is described as black female, 18 to 26 years old, 5'6" tall with a medium build, hair pulled back in a ponytail, wearing a gray pullover sweatshirt.

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.

## Stand-off ends peacefully

CONTRIBUTED STORY FOR THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Vancouver Police reported that approximately 2206 hours on September 9 they responded to a Domestic Violence disturbance at 303 SE 150th Court. The suspect, Arthur W Flury, barricaded himself inside his residence. His wife indicated Flury had poured gasoline all over the interior of the residence and threatened suicide. SWAT and negotiators were called to the scene

and were able to negotiate his surrender.

Flury was taken into custody at approximately 1:18 am hours on Sept. 9

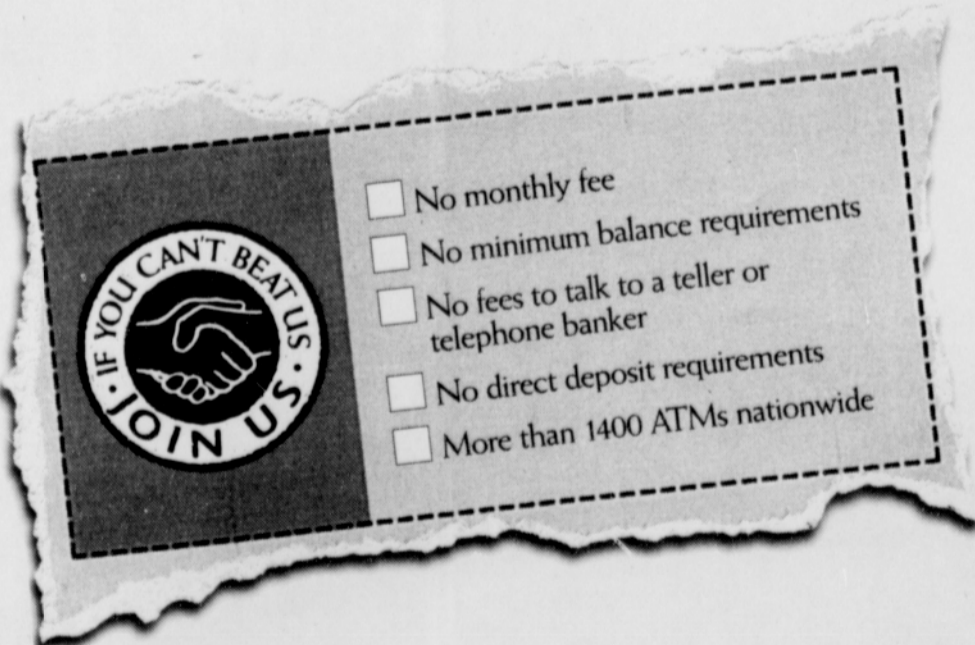
SWAT cleared the house and officers on scene confiscated all weapons for safekeeping.

Fire personnel checked and vented the house for a chemical spill.

Flury was transported to Clark County Jail and booked on an assault charge. He was also referred to authorities for a mental evaluation.

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