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This Week in History

In 1881, the 20th president of the United States, James A. Garfield, died of wounds inflicted by an assassin.
 In 1947, the National Security Act, which unified the Army, Navy and newly formed Air Force, went into effect.
 In 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 United States military history.

Weather

Through the weekend

Today	Partly cloudy	high 78° F	low 55° F
Thursday	Mostly Sunny	high 72° F	low 48° F
Friday	Fair	high 72° F	low 45° F
Saturday	Fair	high 72° F	low 45° F
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	high 73° F	low 48° F

Thought for the week

Young man, the secret of my success is that at an early age I discovered I was not God.
 —Oliver Wendell Holmes

CrimeStoppers

Woman Wanted For Embezzlement

Multnomah County District Attorney Investigators, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in locating and apprehending Sylvia Marie Sawatzky. Sawatzky has been indicted on nine counts of Aggravated Theft in the First Degree, ten counts of Forgery in the First Degree, and one count of Theft in the First Degree.
 The indictment stems from an embezzlement of over \$500,000 from a local family business. On August 15, 2000, a warrant was issued for her arrest after she failed

to appear at bail continuation hearing.
 Sawatzky's MO is to apply for an account or bookkeeping position with skills in office administration. Her resume portrays her as competent and knowledgeable with many years of experience.
 The references furnished are relatives and friends who are prepared to give good recommendations. Once employed and trusted, she manipulates financial records by forgery theft, false credit card applications, and mail interception.
 Sylvia Marie Sawatzky, who has

also used the aliases of Carole Elizabeth Dickson and Carole Elizabeth Stempson, is a 56-year-old white female, born May 15, 1944. She is 5'5" tall and weighs approximately 125 pounds with brown eyes and brown hair. Her last known address was in the 7100 block of SE Mall Street in 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.



Sylvia Marie Sawatzky

Northeast PAL Youth Center Burglarized

Reward Offered for information Leading To Arrest

The PAL Youth Center, located at N.E. 172nd, was burglarized sometime between 5:30 p.m. on September 8th and 8:30 a.m. on September 9, 2000. The suspects vandalized vending machines, destroyed external and

internal doors, and stole youth membership fees.
 Total damage is estimated in the thousands. Carpentry Plus's Inc., a business in Gresham, Oregon, and B&H Locksmith already responded to PAL's call to try to make the doors secure enough to keep vandals out during the weekend.
 "I can't begin to tell you how sad this makes me," said PAL Youth Center Director Beth Faulhaber. "We are

closed for maintenance this week, but we sure hadn't planned on replacing doors and getting glass out of the carpet. We don't have a reserve fund for this kind of damage."
 Then PAL Youth Center is part of the Police Activities League of Greater Portland, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing quality after-school programs for youth.
 PAL Board has offered a reward to anyone offering information which

leads to the arrest of an individual (or individuals) in this burglary. "Were asking for the community's help in solving this crime," said PAL Executive Director Maura K. White-Cioeta. "Taking from PAL is taking directly from youth. How can someone be that cruel?"
 To offer information about the crime, please contact the Gresham Police Department, or The Police Activities League at 503-823-0250.

Vancouver Police Investigate Meridee Reynolds Murder

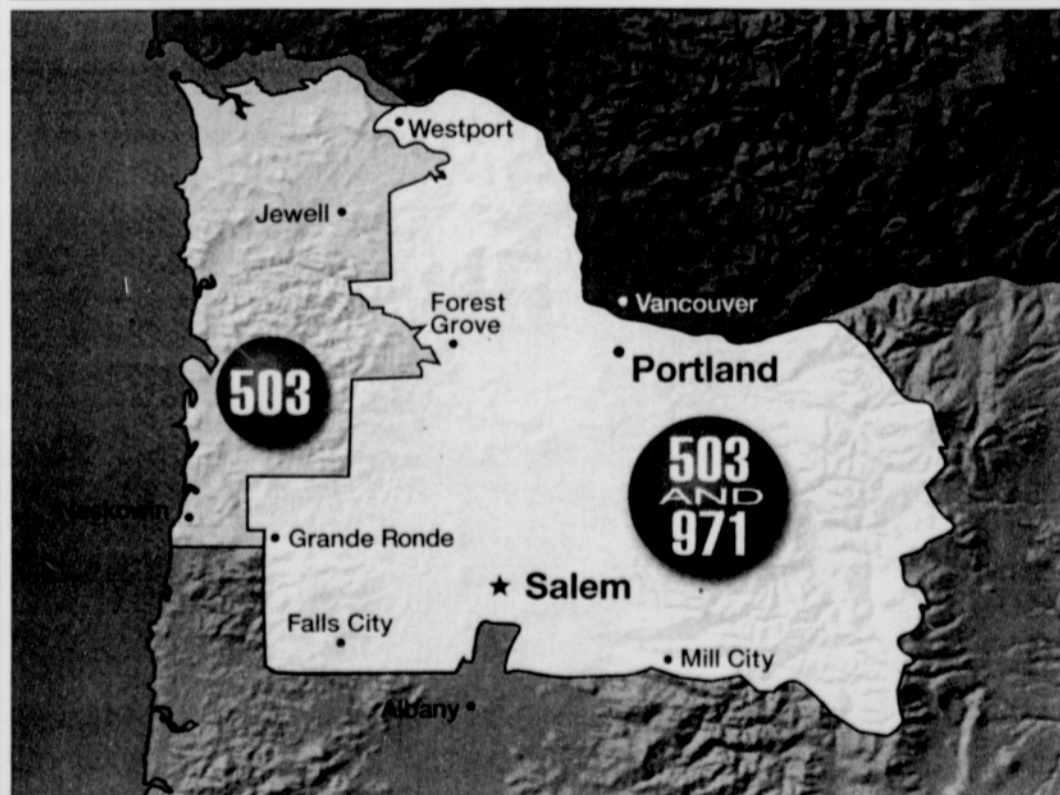
On September 9, Vancouver Police Officers were dispatched to a suspicious death call at 3114 NE 57th Ave. # 82. Preliminary investigation

revealed that Meridee K. Reynolds was shot dead in her apartment where she lived alone. There was no sign of forced entry to Ms. Reynolds'

apartment and the case is being investigated as homicide at this time.
 For further information, see

Report #15473 or call Sgt. Dave King at (360) 696-8281 or (360) 699-8451 (Pager) or Sgt. Lou Braafladt at (360) 696-8226.

If you're on speaking terms with anyone in the Portland metro area, be sure to learn the new area code.



To better serve a growing population and its increased reliance on modems, wireless phones, fax machines, and pagers, the phone companies of Oregon have added a new 971 area code to the 503 area. This kind of change is not just occurring in Oregon, but throughout the country. And because the new codes differ in format from previous codes that contained either a '1' or a '0' in the second digit, you should check all specialized Central Office-based systems for compatibility. Some of these systems may require reprogramming or upgrading. Cellular phones must be reprogrammed by your cellular service provider.

To test your equipment, call the new Oregon area code test line at 1-800-000-0000. If you have any difficulty dialing the new area code, please call your operator to assist you in placing your call.



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