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This Week in History

October 3—1950—The first African-American lead on a television series (Ethel Waters) appears on TV - *Beulah*.
October 5—1930—The Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) begins its Sunday night live radio broadcasts of the New York Philharmonic.
October 8—1914—Jesse Jackson is born.
October 9—1960—The Columbia River pact is signed by the United States and Canada, providing for the joint development of hydro-electric power in the Northwest.

Weather

Through the weekend

Today	Sunny	71° F High	41° F Low
Thursday	Partly Cloudy	69° F High	44° F Low
Friday	Partly Cloudy	74° F High	47° F Low
Saturday	Partly Cloudy	74° F High	49° F Low
Sunday	Partly Cloudy	69° F High	49° F Low

Thought for the week

*Love, a thousand, thousand voices,
 From night to dawn,
 from dawn to night, Have cried the
 passion of their choices. To orb
 your name and keep it bright.*
 —William Rose Benet

Three Murders Within Hours

Police investigated three murders that happened within hours of each other and within 10 blocks in North Portland Thursday afternoon. In the first shooting, a father and son were killed as they sat in a car parked on North Congress Avenue. Police searched for a gunman who apparently fled on foot. Myron Dean Govan, 46, died at the scene. His son, 28-year-old Darius Mendel Martin, died late Thursday at Legacy Emanuel hospital after undergoing surgery.

"I got blankets, towels, I tried to wrap their heads, I tried to find the entrance wound to stop the bleeding. There was nothing I could do," said Sean McMillen after he tried to save his neighbor. Police set up a perimeter in the neighborhood and scoured the area with search dogs. The victims were both shot in the head while sitting in their car, according to Portland police. Investi-

gators did not disclose a possible motive. Martin previously served time on negligent homicide charges after he shot and killed 5-year-old Charlie Johnson. In that incident, Martin fired through a window and the bullet went through another window, hitting the child. The suspect in Thursday's shooting is a stocky black male in his 20's, around 5' 9", wearing a brown short-sleeved shirt, blue jeans,

brown gloves and a baseball cap. Several hours after the first shooting, Sherveil LaRay Moorer was shot in the chest in another area of North Portland. Police said the 26-year-old was shot near the 4600 block of North Vancouver after leaving his father's house to shop at a nearby store at about 11 p.m. Moorer crawled to the doorstep with a gunshot wound to his chest and tried to mumble something to his father.

Laurelhurst Bomb Had a Target

The explosion that shook the Laurelhurst community recently was not a random act of violence, police said. A local resident was injured when he kicked the explosive in his driveway. "I don't think the neighbors out there or other people have to be concerned about that, as far as some type of random act affecting them," said Police Lt. Mike Hefley. However, police would not disclose who they suspect was the target of the bomb or what the motive was.

Man Wanted for Rape, Sex Abuse

The Washington County Sheriff's Office, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for your help in locating apprehending George Richard Gray Jr. A felony arrest warrant, charging Gray with Sex Abuse and Rape is on file. George Richard Gray Jr. is a 37-year-old white male with a date of birth of March 9, 1963. He is 5'4" tall and weighs approximately 165 to 170 pounds



George Richard Gray Jr.

with green eyes, brown hair that is graying and balding, and tattoos on his upper arm and forearm. Gray, who has family and friends in the Stayton, Salem, and North Portland area and was last known to be driving either as white Pontiac Firebird or an unknown make pickup, should be considered armed and dangerous. Crime stoppers is offering a cash reward of up 1,000 for information, that leads to an arrest. Call Crime Stopper at (503) 823-HELP.

I-5 Vancouver Fast Lane Planned

A new traffic plan may provide relief for drivers who cross into Oregon from Clark County every morning. State highway officials on Wednesday approved installing a new carpool lane on southbound Interstate 5. Oregon installed carpool lanes I-5 two years ago, and now Washington is

ready to give them a shot, as well. The lanes will be reserved for vehicles carrying at least 2 people. Construction is well under way to create the additional I-5 lanes. One of the new southbound lanes will be set aside during the especially jammed morning commute as a carpool lane.

RU-486

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president. "He will look at this FDA ruling in a different light," she said. If the pill fails, which it has seven percent of the time, doctors said the woman will have no choice but to undergo a surgical abortion. Anti-abortion organizations have fought to keep RU-486 out of the United States since the drug debuted in France in 1988. They pledged to continue the fight. To ensure the pill is used accurately and safely, the FDA mandated that women be given special brochures called "MedGuides" explaining who is eligible for a pill-caused abortion and what side effects to expect, and that they must make three trips to the doctor to undergo the procedure. RU-486, now known by its chemical name mifepristone, can be used only within 49 days of the beginning of the woman's last menstrual period. The woman takes three mifepristone pills. Two days later, she returns to the doctor to swallow a second drug, misoprostol, that causes uterine contractions to expel the embryo. She returns for a follow-up visit within two weeks to make sure the abortion is complete. The FDA will allow mifepristone to be distributed only to doctors trained to accurately diagnose the duration of pregnancy and to detect ectopic, or tubal, pregnancies, because those women cannot receive mifepristone. Also, the FDA restricted mifepristone's use to doctors who can operate in case a surgical abortion is needed to finish the job or in cases of severe bleeding — or to doctors who have made advance arrangements for a surgeon to provide such care to their patients. Studies show mifepristone is 92 percent to 95 percent effective in causing early abortion, by blocking action of a hormone essential for maintaining pregnancy. Without that hormone, progesterone, the uterine lining thins so an embryo cannot remain implanted and grow. The pill-induced abortion can be painful, causing bleeding and nausea. Heavy bleeding is a potentially serious side effect but one the FDA determined is rare. In safety testing of the first 2,100 American women who took mifepristone, four bled enough to need a transfusion. A small New York company,

Danco Laboratories, will market mifepristone under the brand name Mifeprex. It should be available in about a month. Abortion providers say the pill-caused abortion should cost the same as surgical abortion, but a Danco spokesman refused to confirm that Thursday. But abortion-rights proponents pushed the FDA to approve mifepristone, arguing a pill-caused abortion offers a surgery alternative that feels more like a miscarriage and typically is offered earlier in pregnancy than surgical abortion. The FDA's decision, coming in the midst of the presidential election campaign, is sure to generate fierce new controversy. Republican candidate George W. Bush opposes abortion; his father's administration banned RU-486 from this country in 1989. The pro-choice Clinton-Gore administration worked for seven years to bring mifepristone here. In 1994, French manufacturer Roussel-Uclaf turned over U.S. rights to the drug to the non-profit Population Council of New York, which launched U.S. clinical trials needed for FDA clearance. Although the FDA actually declared mifepristone a safe and effective abortion method in 1996, final approval was delayed until now.

Debate

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support Governor Bush's prescription drug proposal," he said. "They oppose mine." Bush made a sour face when he heard that, and in his next breath offered a swift rebuttal. "I've been standing up to Big Hollywood and Big Trial Lawyers," he shot back, mentioning two groups that have lavished campaign donations on Gore and Democrats. Stepping onto the podium a few minutes before the debate began, the vice president blew a kiss in the direction of his wife, Tipper, a reminder of the embrace they shared on stage at the convention six weeks ago. Gore and Bush shook hands twice, once before debating and then afterwards. Each man came equipped with a refrain. For Bush, it was the accusation that Gore was practicing "fuzzy math" with his attacks, sometimes rendered as "fuzzy Washington math." For Gore, it was a loud, audible sigh, meant to convey profound skepticism over Bush's claims about the economy, prescription drugs and other issues. The criticism grew sharper in the debate's closing moments, when

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