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## This Week in History

November 29, 1947, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews.  
 November 30 1995, President Clinton became the first U.S. chief executive to visit Northern Ireland.  
 December 1 1959, representatives of 12 countries, including the United States, signed a treaty in Washington setting aside Antarctica as a scientific preserve, free from military activity.  
 December 2 1954, the Senate voted to condemn Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R Wis., for "conduct that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute."

## Weather Through the Weekend

Today	Rain	51°F High 44°F Low
Thursday	Rain	49°F High 41°F Low
Friday	Rain	48°F High 42°F Low
Saturday	Rain	48°F High 41°F Low
Sunday	Rain	46°F High 39°F Low

## Thought for the Week

*The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious. It is the source of all true art and science.*  
 —Albert Einstein

# Police Ponder Life Under Newly-Passed Measure 3

Oregon's police are beginning to assess how voter-approved Measure 3 will change how they fight crime, and they don't like the answer. Measure 3, approved by a 2-to-1 margin on Nov. 7, narrows police power to confiscate cash, cars and other property from suspected drug dealers.

Police officers say while well-intended, the constitutional amendment threatens their ability to fight drug dealers by requiring them to get a conviction before they confiscate property. Worse, they say, is the provision that only allows law enforcement to keep 25 percent of proceeds from any forfeiture, instead of the traditional 100 percent.

"I guess the single greatest impact I saw, just from a police officer's point of view, was the sense of justice," said Salem Police Cpt. Bill Kinch. "In the criminal arena, first offense, sometimes second offense, little or nothing was happening. At least with this, you could literally take the car from the dealer or take \$1,000 from his pocket when he was selling balloons of cocaine and heroin."

For more than a decade, Oregon's civil forfeiture law has allowed authorities to seize property from people — mostly suspected drug dealers — based on a determination of "probable cause" of wrongdoing. No arrest or conviction was required.

Police agencies throughout the state used the law to confiscate everything from boats to houses to land. They used the proceeds to the

forfeiture program by training new police officers, buying police radios and surveillance equipment and supplying grants for drug-prevention programs in schools.

Under Measure 3, 75 percent of the proceeds from forfeited property are to go toward drug treatment, education and prevention programs instead of to police work. Law enforcement officials say instead the new rules mean forfeitures may become a thing of the past because of the resulting budget crunch.

"If the city is limited to 25 percent out of each case, that means we're pretty much squeezing a lemon that is dry," said George Stevenson, Salem's assistant city attorney. But a supporter of the new law says that won't happen because local governments can pour funding into the forfeiture programs suffering under Measure 3.

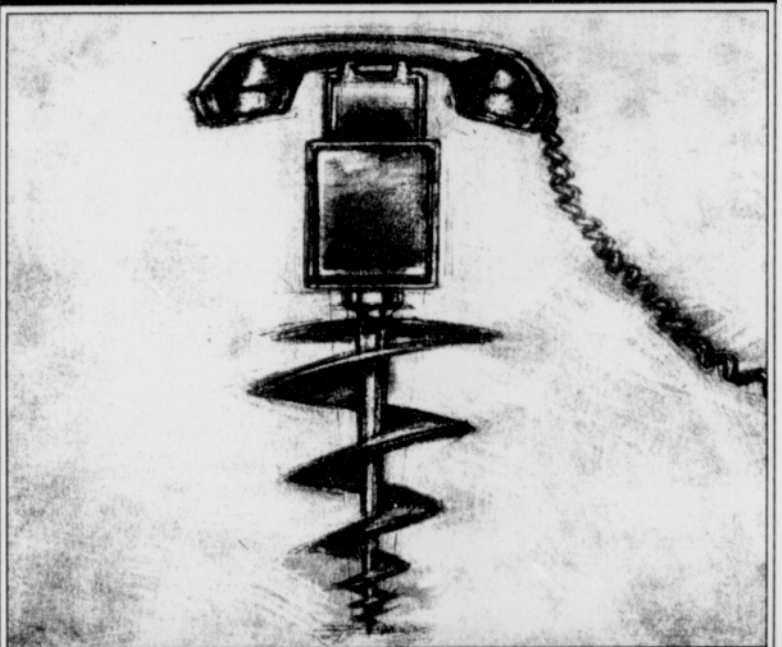
"They're overreacting. They're assuming that the city councils and county commissions aren't going to think these programs are important when weighed against other priorities," said Dave Fidanque, executive director of the Oregon branch of the American Civil Liberties Union.

"I think that's a ridiculous assumption. What it will mean is that they will have to compete against other policy priorities as opposed to having a free lunch," he said. The ACLU and other proponents of Measure 3 sought to reform the forfeiture system, in part, because they said it defied the concept of innocent until

proven guilty. Supporters of the measure also maintained that reforms were needed to rein in overzealous police agencies. Fidanque said he was not surprised by the lopsided vote in favor of the measure. "Under the law currently, the entire proceeds

can go back to the very agencies that have the responsibility for seizing the property," Fidanque said. "That's one of the inherent problems in the civil forfeiture process. It encouraged police to look at law enforcement as a profit center."

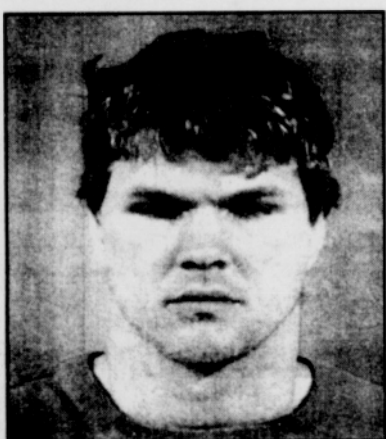
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## Man Wanted for Robbery



Jeffery Jay Fahey

The Beaverton Police Department, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, is asking for

your help in locating and apprehending Jeffrey Jay Fahey.

A felony arrest warrant, on file in Washington County and extraditable nationwide, charges Jeffrey Fahey with two counts of robbery in the first degree, two counts of robbery in the second degree, and one count of burglary in the first degree. According to Beaverton detectives, on Wednesday, Oct. 11, Fahey and three companions entered a Beaverton apartment on the ruse of recovering personal property. Once inside the apartment, one of the sub-

jects displayed a knife and Fahey physically forced an occupant to the floor while the apartment was stripped of valuables.

Jeffery Jay Fahey is a 27-year-old male white. He is 6'1" tall and weighs approximately 170 pounds, with blond hair and blue eyes.

Crime Stoppers is offering a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, which leads to an arrest in this case, or any unsolved felony crime, and you can remain anonymous. Call Crime Stoppers at (503) 823-HELP.

## Zoo Fined \$10,000 for Elephant Abuse

The U.S. Dept. of Agriculture fined the Oregon Zoo \$10,000 for its mistreatment of Rose-Tu, a six-year-old elephant. The zoo was charged earlier this month with violations of the Animal Welfare Act after abuse allegations led to the firing of elephant handler Fred Marion.

Investigators said Rose-Tu suffered 176 gashes and cuts after being

repeatedly poked with a metal tipped device. "I'm outraged by this and share that concern expressed by animal rights groups about the outrage. I'll fight like hell to make sure this individual doesn't come back to our facility," said Burton.

The zoo agriculture department will use half of the \$10,000 fine to hire outside experts to review the zoo's

care of elephants. The Oregon Zoo is considered to have one of the best Asian elephant programs in the nation. Zoo officials were concerned this may damage that reputation.

Three animal welfare groups also pursued efforts to implement harsh penalties against the Oregon Zoo over Rose-Tu's abuse.

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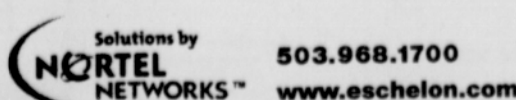
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