

## GARY LARSON CREATES THE *FAR SIDE* CARTOON

Gary Larson was born in Tacoma [August 14, 1950]

he grew up on Fox Island, Washington

he attended Curtis Senior High School before he attended Washington State University where he graduated with a degree in communications [1972]

Gary was working in a music store

he took a few days off after he realized how much he hated his job

he decided to try cartooning and drew six cartoons

that he submitted to Seattle-based *Pacific Search* (now *Pacific Northwest Magazine*)

Larson next submitted his work to *The Seattle Times* under the title *Nature's Way* [1979]

Gary Larson syndicated *The Far Side* -- January 1, 1980

its themes were often surreal

as the behavior of supposedly superior humans was compared with animals

his single-panel cartoon was published internationally for fifteen years

(he produced more than twenty-three books of collected cartoons

with a combined sales of more than forty-five million copies

Gary Larson ended the series when he retired [January 1, 1995])

## POPULATION OF WASHINGTON STATE INCREASES BY OVER TWENTY-ONE PERCENT

Total population of Washington State was 4,132,156 -- 1980

this represented an increase of 21.1 percent from the [1970] count of 3,413,244

ratio of women to men remained 50.3 percent women to 49.7 percent men

about half of the state's residents were born here

Average population density state-wide was 62.1 persons per square mile

total urban population, 1980: 3,037,014

73.50 percent of total population -- an increase of 535,963 (21.4 percent) from [1970]

73% of state population lives in 166 urban areas across the state

25% of the people of Washington live in Seattle, Tacoma or Spokane

total rural population, 1980: 1,095,142

26.5 percent of total population -- an increase of 187,024 (20.6 percent) from [1970]

75% of the state's population lived west of the Cascades -- 63% lived in Puget Sound Basin

King County alone has almost 1/3 of the state's population with 1,269,749 (up 17.8 percent)

Pierce had 485,643 people (up 17.8 percent)

Spokane County population of 41,835 was up 18.9 percent

Snohomish County had 337,720 (up 27.3 percent)

Yakima County held 172,508 (up 18.8 percent)

San Juan County was the fastest growing county with an increase of 103.3 percent

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Largest age group was 20-29 years old with 790,539 people

followed those 30-39 age group at 628,027 people

Single men significantly outnumbered single women in the 1980 census,

but there were more than five times as many widows as widowers:

total males over age fourteen: 1,239,721

- Married: 947,501 (60.01 percent)
- Single: 461,462 (29.22 percent)
- Divorced: 113,269 (7.17 percent)
- Widowed: 31,891 (2.02 percent)

total females over age fourteen: 1,280,861

- Married: 940,250 (57.72 percent)
- Single: 340,434 (20.90 percent)
- Divorced: 148,257 (9.10 percent)
- Widowed: 168,394 (10.34 percent)

Racial makeup of Washington state was 3,779,170 (91.56 percent) white residents

352,986 minority residents comprised 8.54 percent of the state's population

- Hispanic origin (of any race): 120,016 (2.90 percent of total population)
- Black: 105,574 (2.55 percent of total population)
- American Indian, Eskimo, and Aleut: 60,804 (1.47 percent of total population)
- Korean: 13,083 (1.32 percent of total population)
- Japanese: 26,378 (0.64 percent of total population)
- Filipino: 24,378 (0.59 percent of total population)
- Chinese: 18,114 (0.44 percent of total population)
- Vietnamese: 9,838 (0.24 percent of total population)
- Asian Indian: 4,002 (0.10 percent of total population)
- Hawaiian: 2,976 (0.01 percent of total population)
- Other race: 87,843 (2.12 percent of total population)

Washington residents age twenty-five and older were grouped by years of schooling completed:

- education up to eighth grade: (10.3 percent of the population down from 18.21 percent [1970])
- one to three years of high school (12.0 percent down from 17.59 percent)
- four years of high school (37.4 percent down from 36.25 percent)
- one to three years of college (21.3 percent up from 14.52 percent)
- four years of college or more (19.1 percent up from 12.72 percent)

Income in general is substantially higher than in [1970]

but there is a glaring imbalance between the income of men and that of women

- median income for fully employed males fifteen years and older: \$20,144
- median income for fully employed females fifteen years and older: \$11,558

Poverty level for a family of four was determined to be an income of \$7,412 per year  
poverty level for individuals was established at \$3,686  
there were 78,194 families below poverty level (7.2 percent of Washington's families)

## ECONOMIC RECESSION SEVERELY IMPACTS THE WORLD

World economic development had suffered from a shortage of oil  
led by the [1973] oil crisis when an Arab oil embargo was imposed  
and the [1979] energy crisis when Iran nearly stopped producing oil  
U.S. economy was suffering from "stagflation" a situation where the inflation rate remained high,  
economic growth rate slowed down and unemployment remained high [[1970s] and [early 1980s]  
inflation had more than doubled after the [1973] oil embargo shock  
but it reached a startling 11.3% [1979] and then soared to 13.5% [1980]  
stagflation caused a dilemma for economic policy since actions designed to lower inflation  
could aggravate unemployment, and vice versa  
Primary cause of the recession in the United States was a monetary policy  
established by the Federal Reserve System to control high inflation  
as interest rates were substantially increased to reduce high inflation  
unemployment remained at historically high levels  
several key industries experienced a downturn  
many of the economic sectors that supplied these basic industries were hard-hit

## TIME MAGAZINE NAMES KHOMEINI ITS "MAN OF THE YEAR"

Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini was named *Time's* "Man of the Year" -- January 7, 1980

in the article it was noted: **"The dour old man of 79 shuffles in his heel-less slippers to the rooftop and waves apathetically to crowds that surround his modest home in the holy city of Qum. The hooded eyes that glare out so balefully from beneath his black turban are often turned upward, as if seeking inspiration from on high--which, as a religious mystic, he indeed is. To Iran's Shi'ite Muslim laity, he is the Imam, an ascetic spiritual leader whose teachings are unquestioned. To hundreds of millions of others, he is a fanatic whose judgments are harsh, reasoning bizarre and conclusions surreal. He is learned in the ways of Shari'a (Islamic law) and Platonic philosophy, yet astonishingly ignorant of and indifferent to non-Muslim culture. Rarely has so improbable a leader shaken the world."**

## ANOTHER TRIAL FOR TED BUNDY ON MURDER CHARGES

Ted Bundy was tried in Orlando, Florida for the killing of junior high student Kimberly Ann Leach  
this time Bundy decided not to represent himself -- January 7, 1980  
his defense team's strategy was to plead not guilty by reason of insanity

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Ted became increasingly agitated throughout the trial  
at one point he even lost control and stood up yelling at a witness with whom he disagreed

#### WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE GOES INTO REGULAR SESSION

Once again the State House of Representatives faced co-Speakers of the House -- January 14, 1980  
Republican Duane Berentson and Democrat John Bagnariol continued to share leadership  
(before that fall's election ended the tie)

Controversial matters were generally avoided

much of the legislation that passed did so unanimously or by large margins  
one big exception was the budget

that had to be passed and on which the House was deeply divided

sixty day regular session was followed by sixty-three days of special session until Berentson  
reluctantly voted with the forty-nine House Democrats to allow the session to adjourn

#### U.S. SUPREME COURT ASSOCIATE JUSTICE WILLIAM O. DOUGLAS PASSES AWAY

Yakima Valley raised William O. Douglas was a self-professed outdoorsman

Justice Douglas was well recognized as an outdoorsman and he was known for his adventures  
he enjoyed and wrote about his wilderness excursions around the country and the world  
according to *The Appalachian Trail Thru-Hiker's Companion*,  
a guide published by the Appalachian Trail Club,

Douglas hiked the entire 2,000-mile trail from Georgia to Maine  
because of his long-standing love of the wilderness and his high-profile public position,

Douglas became one of the early leading voices of the growing environmental movement  
Justice Douglas had a special affection for the south central Cascade Mountains

he had traveled since boyhood

even as a Justice he spent long summers at his Goose Prairie retreat along the Bumping River  
throughout his controversial life Douglas returned regularly to the Pacific Northwest  
to spend his summers in the Wallowa and Cascade mountains

During his lifetime, Associate Justice William O. Douglas found the time to travel extensively

he discovered he could fund the foreign travels which he loved

by publishing books on people and places he visited

many of Douglas' thirty-two books and writings focused on nature and promoted conservation  
in his book *My Wilderness: The Pacific West* [published in 1960] he wrote: **"I realized**

**from my day's journey how badly we need high alpine meadows which can only be reached on foot,  
how badly we need peaks which can only be conquered by daring. The passion to bring 'civilization'  
into our wilderness areas is one sign that we Americans are getting soft and flabby. We want**

everything made easy. Yet success is worth having only when it comes through great effort and hazardous exertion.

**“The logistics of abundance call for mass production. This means the ascendancy of the machine. The risk of man’s becoming subservient to it are great. The struggle of our time is to maintain an economy of plenty and yet keep man’s freedom intact. Roadless areas are one pledge to freedom. With them intact, man need not become an automation. There he can escape the machine and become once more a vital individual. If these inner sanctuaries are invaded by the machine, there is no escape. For men and civilization will be molded by mass compulsions.”**

other books reviewed his legal views and court decisions

still others addressed what in his mind it meant to be an American

he also wrote two autobiographical volumes which reflected his political philosophy

*Go East Young Man* [1974] and *Of Men and Mountains* [1982]

these autobiographical books are accounts of his early life and mountain adventures

that are deeply personal and revealing and contributed to the Douglas legend

he noted: **“When a man knows how to live dangerously, he is not afraid to die.**

**When he is not afraid to die, he is, strangely, free to live.”**

U.S. Supreme Court Associate Justice William O. Douglas passed away

at the age of eighty-one -- January 19, 1980

he is buried at Arlington National Cemetery

following his death, the federal court building in Yakima was named in his honor

William O. Douglas Wilderness located in the Cascade Mountains near his beloved Goose Prairie

also commemorates Douglas and the wild areas he championed

## LIFE IN IRAN UNDER AYATOLLAH RUHOLLAH KHOMEINI

Under Khomeini’s rule, Sharia (Islamic law) was introduced -- February 1, 1980

- Islamic dress code was enforced for both men and women by Islamic Revolutionary Guards;
- women were required to cover their hair -- men were not allowed to wear shorts;
- alcoholic drinks and most Western movies were banned;
- practice of men and women swimming or sunbathing together were also banned;
- Iranian educational curriculum was Islamized at all levels;
- broadcasting of music other than military or religious on Iranian radio and television was banned

## TED BUNDY HEARS THE VERDICT IN THE KILLING OF KIMBERLY ANN LEACH

Exactly one month following the opening of the trial,

Judge Wallace Jopling asked the jury to attempt to reach a verdict

After less than eight hours of deliberation the jury returned a verdict of guilty -- February 7, 1980

principally due to the testimony of an eyewitness who saw him leading Leach

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from the schoolyard to his van

During the penalty phase of the trial, Bundy took advantage of an obscure Florida law that provided that a marriage declaration in court in the presence of a judge constituted a legal marriage

former Washington State Department of Employment Security employee Carole Ann Boone had moved to Florida to be near Ted Bundy

she had testified on his behalf as a character witness at a previous trial

this time as she was testifying, Bundy asked her to marry him

she accepted and Bundy declared to the court that they were legally married

#### TED BUNDY IS SENTENCED TO DEATH

Theodore Robert “Ted” Bundy was sentenced to death for a third time -- February 10, 1980

As the sentence was announced Bundy reportedly stood and shouted,

**“Tell the jury they were wrong!”**<sup>1</sup>

(This third death sentence would be the one ultimately carried out more than nine years later)

#### TED BUNDY BEGINS TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT HIS KILLINGS

Shortly after the beginning of his long appeals process in the death of Kimberly Ann Leach

Ted Bundy initiated a series of interviews with various police detectives

Bundy spoke primarily in the third person to avoid **“the stigma of confession”**<sup>2</sup>

he began to divulge details of his crimes and thought processes

#### BARBARA ROTHSTEIN IS NOMINATED FOR A NEW FEDERAL JUDGESHIP IN WASHINGTON

Barbara J. Rothstein graduated from Harvard Law School [1966]

she entered private practice in Boston, Massachusetts

before joining the Washington State Attorney General’s Office

in the Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division [1968] to [1977]

she was also an adjunct professor at the University of Washington Law School

and served as a Superior Court Judge in King County [1977] to [1980]

Barbara Rothstein was appointed by President Jimmy Carter

to a new Federal judge position in the U. S. District Court for the Western District of Washington

and was confirmed by the U.S. Senate -- February 20, 1980

(she served as chief judge [1987-1994] and as director of the Federal Judicial Center [from 2003])

#### IRAN’S GOVERNMENT DETERMINES THE FATE OF THE AMERICAN EMBASSY HOSTAGES

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<sup>1</sup> Laura Foreman, editors of Time-Life Books: *Serial Killers -- True Crime*. P. 42.

<sup>2</sup> Stephen Michaud and Hugh Aynesworth, *Ted Bundy: Conversations with a Killer*, P. 17.

Ayatollah Khomeini proclaimed Iran's government officials in control of the hostage situation and demanded the United States return the Shah of Iran for trial in Iran for crimes against the nation

(although the Shah died a few months later the crisis continued) -- February 23, 1980

Khomeini supporters named the American Embassy a "Den of Espionage" and published details regarding armaments, espionage equipment and many volumes of official and classified documents which they located there

#### COALITION AGAINST OIL PRODUCTION (CAOP) SOFTENS ITS ANTI-PIPELINE POSITION

Alaska's Northern Tier Pipeline Company received CAOP's approval to begin construction of a pipeline across Puget Sound -- 1980 coalition's lobbyist resigned because he believed CAOP had abandoned its environmental goals Seattle Audubon Society withdrew its CAOP membership eight environmental organizations, nine Indian tribes and two local governments tried to block the pipeline plan through litigation

#### MOUNT ST. HELENS SHOWS SIGNS OF AWAKENING

Indians were aware of volcanic activity at Mt. St. Helens going back thousands of years they developed several remarkably similar legends to explain the mysterious activity several of these events took place between [1800] and [1857] minor explosions were reported in [1898], [1903], and [1921] these were probably steam-driven and not magmatic (molten rock) eruptions

Mount St. Helens received its European name from British Captain George Vancouver [1792] in honor of his friend Alleyne Fitzherbert (Baron St. Helens) -- British ambassador to Spain

Mount St. Helens was shaken by a series of small earthquakes -- beginning March 16, 1980 a substantial quake of magnitude 4.2 on the Richter Scale shook the mountain -- March 20 this was the first substantial indication in 123 years of Mount St. Helens' awakening scientists converged on the mountain by droves Governor Dixie Lee Ray issued evacuation orders for a large area surrounding the mountain

Steam explosions opened the 9,677-foot tall mountain's crater peak

Mount St. Helens began spewing fumes and lava -- March 27, 1980

for the next few weeks steam and ash periodically vented out of the growing crater

#### WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE LEADERS ARE INDICTED FOR RACKETEERING

Washington State Co-Speaker of the House of Representatives Democrat John Bagnariol and Senate Majority Leader Democrat Gordon Walgren were named

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along with lobbyist Patrick Gallagher in a federal racketeering indictment  
from an undercover FBI operation -- April 2, 1980

FBI agents were asked to investigate gambling and political corruption in Vancouver, Washington  
FBI Agent Harold Heald, who headed the operation, posed as the representative of "So-Cal,"  
a fictitious California company that wanted to acquire and expand legalized gambling outlets<sup>3</sup>  
Heald was introduced to Gallagher, who in turn introduced the undercover agent  
to political leaders Bagnariol and Walgren  
in taped conversations it was agreed that the legislators would arrange  
for passage of legalized gambling legislation and the gambling would be controlled by So-Cal  
each of the three accused would receive six percent of the gambling profits So-Cal made  
Both Democratic legislative leaders were among the most powerful politicians in the state  
and both had been planning to seek higher office in the fall  
Bagnariol planned to challenge Democratic Governor Dixie Lee Ray  
Walgren planned to run for State Attorney General as then-Attorney General Slade Gordon  
was filing to run against U.S. Senator Warren G. Magnuson  
Facing trial in United States District Court, in what became known as the Gamscam case,  
Walgren, Bagnariol and Gallagher adamantly denied they had done anything wrong  
they denounced the FBI investigation

#### AMERICA ATTEMPTS TO RETRIEVE THE HOSTAGES FROM IRAN

After negotiations with Iran to free the American hostages failed  
President Jimmy Carter severed diplomatic relations with Iran  
and imposed economic sanctions -- April 7, 1980  
President Carter authorized a top-secret mission, named *Operation Eagle Claw*, to free the hostages

#### OPERATION EAGLE CLAW SETS OUT TO RESCUE THE IRANIAN HOSTAGES

An attempt to put an end to the Iranian hostage crisis by rescuing fifty-two Americans  
being held hostage by radical students in the American Embassy in Tehran, Iran  
*Operation Eagle Claw* called for a minimum of six Delta Force helicopters  
eight were sent in -- April 24, 1980  
two helicopters could not navigate through a very fine sand cloud  
one helicopter was forced to crash land  
second helicopter was forced to return to the aircraft carrier USS *Nimitz*  
six helicopters reached the initial rendezvous point, Desert One,  
but one of them had damaged its hydraulic systems

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<sup>3</sup> Kit Oldham, HistoryLink.org, March 3, 2008.

spares were on the crippled helicopters  
During the planning stages, it was determined that if fewer than six helicopters were available  
then the mission would be automatically aborted  
even though only four were absolutely necessary  
commanders on the scene requested to abort the mission -- President Carter gave his approval  
As the U.S. Delta Force prepared to leave Iran, one of the helicopters crashed  
into a C-130 Hercules transport aircraft containing fuel and a group of servicemen  
resulting fire killed eight American soldiers and destroyed the two aircraft involved  
as a result in the remaining helicopters were left behind -- April 25, 1980  
failure of the rescue mission was announced by the press-- 1:00 a.m. April 26  
Embassy hostages were scattered across Iran making a second rescue attempt impossible  
failure of *Operation Eagle Claw* and the humiliating public debacle that ensued  
damaged American prestige world  
and negatively impacted President Carter's reelection campaign

#### MOUNT ST. HELENS BEGINS TO SWELL

North side of the mountain began to bulge -- Goat Rocks area expanded five feet per day  
volcano had ballooned into a deformed mass of magma (molten rock), explosive gases  
and increasingly hot groundwater -- end of April 1980  
Mount St. Helen's snowy profile was peppered black by ash  
and a stream of melting glacial ice began coursing down its north side  
Mount St. Helens intermittently spewed ash and steam in bursts  
this activity continued intermittently for the next several days  
(About 10,000 earthquakes were recorded through [mid-May])

#### MOLTEN ROCK BEGINS TO RISE INSIDE MOUNT ST. HELENS

Magma rising in the mountain exerted pressure -- May 1980  
North side of Mount St. Helens bulged out 300 feet and increased at a rate of five to six feet a day  
scientists confidently predicted an eruption would take place -- but no one knew the magnitude

#### MOUNT ST. HELENS ERUPTS

Violent explosion five hundred times more powerful than the Nagasaki bomb,  
equivalent to more than thirty tons of TNT, occurred -- 8:32 a.m. Sunday, May 18, 1980  
Several events happened almost simultaneously:<sup>4</sup>  
•hot gases (660 degrees F.) and pulverized pieces of the mountain were blasted to the north

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<sup>4</sup> Greg Lange, HistoryLink.org, May 15, 2003.

at speeds of at least 300 mph -- this blast was so powerful that all trees and vegetation in a six mile radius to the north of Mount St. Helens were vaporized  
8.8 billion cubic yards of pulverized rock, dirt and ice blew into the air;

- sound and shock waves shot straight upward;

- top of the mountain, composed of rock debris, snow and ice rushed down at speeds up to 200 mph

most of the landslide flowed to the northwest following the North Fork of the Toutle River  
an avalanche covered a twenty-four square mile area an average thickness of 150 feet  
but reached 600 feet thick in some places

- in moments Mount St. Helens dropped from Washington's fifth highest mountain (9,677 feet) to being the thirtieth highest peak at 8,364 feet

David Crockett, a cameraman for Seattle's KOMO TV, stood at the base of the mountain  
he heard a deafening roar and instantly saw a sea of mud rushing toward him  
he found safety on a piece of dry land between two fingers of the mud river

filming the blast, he spoke into the camera's microphone: **"I am walking toward the only light I can see. I can hear the mountain rumble. At this very moment I have to say 'Honest to God, I believe I am dead.' The ash in my eyes burns my eyes! Oh dear God, this is hell! It's very, very hard to breathe and very dark. If I could only breathe air. God, just give me a breath! I will try the radio. Mayday! Mayday! Ash is coming down on me heavily. It's either dark or I am dead. God. I want to live!"**<sup>5</sup>

miraculously Crockett was rescued by helicopter hours later

As Crockett was filming, volcanologist David Johnston was five miles away  
observing an enlarged bulge on the slope when the eruption occurred

Johnston managed to radio out a single message: **"Vancouver, Vancouver, this is it!"**

David Johnston was covered with ash and lava

Moments later Jean Penna was driving down the road when the sky grew very dark

Penna later said, **"In the time it took me to get from my apartment to my mother's house, it went black. All of a sudden this powder began to fall, just like snow. It was 75 degrees outside and pitch black...."**<sup>6</sup>

## AN ASH PLUME FILLS THE AIR

Ash roared out of the mountain -- repeated clouds were sent seventy-five thousand feet into the sky  
In less than five minutes after the eruption, the blast reached out eighteen to twenty-three miles  
killing nearly all vegetation

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<sup>5</sup> Crutchfield, James A. *It Happened in Washington*. P. 108-109.

<sup>6</sup> Crutchfield, James A. *It Happened in Washington*. P. 109.

trees, mainly Douglas Firs, some 200 feet high, were stripped of branches and bark  
and blown down like toothpicks  
some old growth trees were picked up, roots and all, and thrown over a ridge 1,500 feet high<sup>7</sup>  
Within fifteen minutes the ash plume reached a height of fifteen miles above the mountain  
dense clouds of black ash blown east blocked the sun -- day was turned into total darkness  
powdery ash began to fall out of the “clouds” onto the countryside  
ten inches of ash accumulated on the ground within ten miles of the mountain,  
within sixty miles of the mountain the ash fall was one inch  
within 300 miles one-half inch of ash was measured  
It took about an hour for the sound and shock wave of the explosion  
to bounce off the upper atmosphere and reach as far as King County  
shock waves rattled windows and caused dishes to fall from shelves  
sound of the Mount St. Helens eruption would be heard as far away as Saskatchewan

#### ASH FALL IMPACTS YAKIMA ABOUT AN HOUR AFTER THE ERUPTION

As reported by Yakima City Manager Dick Zais, **“By noon, the City was engulfed in darkness and communications by home telephone were impossible. It was like an eclipse of the sun that lingered -- a blinding blizzard and a thundering electrical storm all in one. Street lights came on automatically, traffic stopped, and a strange quiet fell on our community; everywhere a talcum-like, sandy, gray powder kept accumulating. Cars, trucks, buses, and trains all stopped, and planes were re-routed away from the ash cloud.**

**“From noon until 6:00 a.m. the following morning, the City was in total darkness. The ash fall on the City was gritty and light and difficult to sweep or shovel, especially when dry. Shifting winds blew the dust everywhere, severely impairing visibility and driving in our area. It was exceedingly harmful and abrasive to mechanical and electrical equipment, especially the motors of vehicles, aircraft and electronic systems.**

**“The ash fallout was especially crippling -- Yakima received nearly three inches of this material in the first 24 hours following the explosion. We estimated that several million tons of ash was deposited on the entire region. Initially, most citizens were caught unaware and were confused about what effects or risks the ash fall could present to themselves and their property. It appeared serene and many thought it would be washed away with the next rainstorm.”<sup>8</sup>**

#### DEVASTATION CONTINUES TO ERUPT FROM MT. ST. HELENS

Ash eruptions continued roaring out of the mountain for nine hours

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<sup>7</sup> Greg Lange, HistoryLink.org, May 15, 2003.

<sup>8</sup> Yakima City Manager Dick Zais presented in a speech at Cities on Volcanoes 2 Conference, Auckland, New Zealand, February 14, 2001.

thousands of miles surrounding the mountain was covered with a layer of ash  
ash fall reached the Great Plains about 900 miles from the mountain  
ash cloud took three days to reach the East Coast and fifteen days to circumnavigate the world<sup>9</sup>  
Vessel traffic on the Columbia River between Longview and Astoria was paralyzed  
by a twenty mile long log jam of floating debris  
salmon and trout died by the millions

Damage estimates exceeded \$3 billion

boiling gas and mud scour 200 square miles of forest

150 square miles of timber was destroyed

some 1,000 miles of state highways and roads were closed -- some for months

highway repairs alone ran into hundreds of millions of dollars

while the official casualty count was fifty-seven at least sixty people killed was more probable

#### DEVASTATION REACHES RITZVILLE, WASHINGTON

Ritzville was directly in the path of the Mount St. Helen's ash cloud -- May 18, 1980

it was hit harder than nearly any other spot in Eastern Washington

four to six inches of ash covered every surface with drifts as high as two feet<sup>10</sup>

When the mountain blew, thousands of motorists were traveling across the state on weekend outings  
they were forced to pull into Ritzville when visibility was reduced to zero

Ritzville's motels were quickly overwhelmed

hundreds of people were herded into the school gymnasium -- which quickly filled

crowds were gathered in every restaurant and church and residents opened up their homes

Ritzville's twenty-bed hospital was crowded with people suffering from respiratory problems

hospital corridors were jammed with those who had nowhere else to go

#### FRUSTRATED MOTORISTS ATTEMPT TO FLEE FROM RITZVILLE

Winds swirled ash and dust throughout Ritzville

even opening a door caused eyes and throats to burn

still more than 2,500 motorists (more than the normal population of Ritzville) remain stranded<sup>11</sup>

Hundreds of people become so tired and impatient that they defied police orders

as they attempted to drive out of Ritzville -- May 20, 1980

despite the fact that Interstate 90 and other roads were officially closed due to ash fall

most of them did not get more than a few miles before the gritty blowing ash forces them to return

many motorists end up stalled on the shoulders of the road when their engines clog with ash

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<sup>9</sup> Greg Lange, HistoryLink.org, May 15, 2003.

<sup>10</sup> Jim Kershner, HistoryLink.org, April 14, 2010.

<sup>11</sup> Jim Kershner, HistoryLink.org, April 14, 2010.

and had to be rescued  
fewer than 100 made it as far as the Schrag Rest Area about twenty-two miles west  
Shoveling the ash to remove it proved to be very difficult work -- there was nowhere to put it  
when trucks plowed it to the side of the road it just blew back  
however, over the next few days most of the stranded travelers trickled out of Ritzville  
although abandoned cars continued to litter the freeway

#### PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER SURVEYS THE SCENE AT MOUNT ST. HELENS

Air Force One carrying the president and U.S. Senator Warren G. Magnuson  
arrived in Portland, Oregon -- May 1980

U.S. Senators Warren Magnuson and Henry Jackson had already acquired a commitment  
of \$1 billion in federal funds for relief of those stricken by the eruption

As he exited the airplane to the runway, Maggy stumbled -- film footage of the event  
was put to active use in the campaign to unseat Washington's senior U.S. senator  
Washington voters saw a frail seventy-five-year-old man

Washington's National Guard troops flew the president to inspect the scene of devastation

he reflected, **“The Moon looks like a golf course compared to what's up there. It's the worst  
thing I have ever seen.”**<sup>12</sup>

#### WASHINGTON STATE IS INTERESTED IN BUYING McNEIL ISLAND FEDERAL PRISON

(Bureau of Prisons had been slowly closing the old federal penitentiary since [1976]

beef and dairy herds at the Federal Work Camp were moved  
to the Federal Correctional Institution at Lompoc, California  
remainder of the livestock was sold

Federal Prison Industries shops and equipment were moved to other federal institutions  
shutdown operation was in full swing by [1979])

Washington State wanted to use the facility temporarily,

to help relieve overcrowding in the state's prison facilities

at the request of U.S. Senator Warren G. Magnuson the Bureau of Prisons agreed

not to further dismantle the penitentiary -- 1980

#### KENNETH BIANCHI TESTIFIES AGAINST HIS COUSIN ANGELO ANTHONY BUONO, JR.<sup>13</sup>

Bianchi began violating the terms of his plea agreement almost as soon as he arrived in Los Angeles

Buono's preliminary hearing became the longest in Los Angeles County history

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<sup>12</sup> Senator Patty Murray speaking at the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the May 18, 1980 Eruption.

<sup>13</sup> Daryl McClary, HistoryLink.org, July 26, 2008.

it lasted for ten months -- June 1980 to [March 1981]  
Bianchi attempted to influence judicial proceedings by making contradictory statements  
to destroy his credibility and have the case against Buono dismissed  
It was during the prolonged preliminary hearing that Bianchi met Veronica Lyn Compton, age 24,  
a self-proclaimed actress, poet and playwright  
she sent Bianchi a letter at the Los Angeles County Jail, asking if he would read her screenplay  
about a female serial killer, called *The Mutilated Cutter*, and help her with characterization  
the plot centered on the “Hillside Strangler” being still on the loose and killing women  
Bianchi and Veronica Lyn Compton concocted a scheme  
she would fly to Bellingham, strangle a girl with a length of white clothesline  
and plant evidence to simulate the Mandic/Wilder murders  
she was to send letters and cassette tapes to various locations in Los Angeles and Bellingham  
with messages that the wrong man was in jail and the “strangler” would strike again

#### REVIEW OF RESCUE SERVICES AT THE COLUMBIA RIVER’S CAPE DISAPPOINTMENT<sup>14</sup>

Early rescue efforts at the mouth of the Columbia River, the “Graveyard of the Pacific” were informal  
United State Naval Lieutenant Charles Wilkes of the United States Exploring Expedition [1841]  
had left a small boat from the wrecked USS *Peacock* in the hope that local residents  
would use it to save the crews of ships that foundered offshore  
local resident Joe Munson began a volunteer rescue program [1865] that lasted until [1882]  
he used a metal lifeboat salvaged from the [March 1865] wreck of the sailing bark *Industry*  
Astoria citizens raised money to equip the boat  
U.S. Army provided free moorage at Baker’s Bay  
Congress appropriated money to establish the U.S. Life-Saving Service [1874]  
federal government support for the Baker’s Bay rescue efforts came [1877]  
when federal funds were used to build and equip a facility that the volunteers could use  
this was one of the first life-saving stations authorized for the Pacific Coast  
Baker’s Bay station’s first full-time, paid Life-Saving Service crew was employed [1882]  
it became one of seventeen stations nationwide to receive Life-Saving Service’s  
first thirty-four foot motor-powered lifeboats were put into place [1907]  
this was upgraded to a thirty-six foot vessel [1909]  
When the Revenue Cutter Service merged to form the United States Coast Guard [1915]  
Cape Disappointment station continued in operation after the U.S. Life-Saving Service  
Coast Guard’s Thirteenth District, which includes Oregon and Washington, began to replace  
its thirty-six foot motor lifeboats with new steel-hulled forty-four-footers [1960s]

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<sup>14</sup> William S. Hanable, HistoryLink.org, December 12, 2003.

this Coast Guard District upgraded the training for its crews  
in a effort that became nationally recognized

#### U.S. COAST GUARD OPENS ITS NATIONAL MOTOR LIFEBOAT SCHOOL AT ILWACO<sup>15</sup>

Mouth of the Columbia River where the river's current collided with the Pacific Ocean  
was an ideal location for the proposed U.S. Coast Guard National Motor Lifeboat School -- 1980  
Originally equipped with five forty-four-foot Motor Lifeboats  
new forty-seven-foot boats were developed and tested [late 1990s]  
as the U.S Coast Guard Station's rescue operation continued at Cape Disappointment  
Coast Guard continues to provide services at the mouth of the Columbia River  
with a maritime law enforcement presence near the approaches to the Columbia River  
and search and rescue missions within fifty nautical miles of the Columbia River entrance

#### SELECTIVE SERVICE (DRAFT) REQUIREMENT IS REINSTATED

(President Gerald Ford had signed Presidential Proclamation 4360 [March 29, 1975]  
which terminated registration procedures under the Military Selective Service Act  
registration for the Draft of males eighteen to twenty-five years old was no long required)

In response to the Soviet Union's invasion of Afghanistan

President Jimmy Carter signed Presidential Proclamation 4771 -- July 2, 1980

which reinstated the requirement to register for the draft  
most male U.S. citizens and male immigrant non-citizens between the ages of 18 and 25  
are required by law to register within thirty days of their 18<sup>th</sup> birthday  
and they must notify Selective Service within ten days of any changes  
to any of the information provided on his draft registration card  
registration for Selective Service is also required for various federal programs and benefits  
including student loans, job training, federal employment and naturalization  
names are distributed to the Services for military recruiting purposes on a quarterly basis

#### MICROSOFT PARTNERS WITH INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES (IBM)

International Business Machines (IBM) approached Bill Gates to talk about writing  
an operating system for its new personal computer then secretly under development -- July 1980  
Bill Gates established a goal to have a personal computer in every household in the United States  
Gates and Allen convinced IBM to allow other companies to copy the specifications of their PC  
unleashing a flood of personal computer "clones"

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<sup>15</sup> William S. Hanable, HistoryLink.org, December 12, 2003.

## CAMPAIGN FOR U.S. SENATOR MAGNUSON'S SEAT

Senator Warren G. Magnuson at age seventy-five was seeking office for a seventh term  
Magnuson's health was a concern during his Senate race  
besides his committee assignments, he was president pro tempore of the Senate  
third in line to the presidency after the Vice President and Speak of the House  
when asked about the fact he was slowing down  
he responded **"The meeting doesn't start until I get there."**<sup>16</sup>

Slade Gorton, Washington's Attorney General, received the Republican nomination  
Gorton was known for taking the unusual step of appearing personally  
to argue the state's positions before the Supreme Court of the United States  
and for prevailing in those efforts

## STATE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN ABERDEEN

Delegates to the state Democratic convention met in the Aberdeen High School auditorium  
U.S. Senator Warren Magnuson opened his keynote speech with a list of accomplishments  
and jobs as yet unfinished that required his reelection

Governor Dixie Lee Ray, smiling at the audience, sat behind the orator

her smile vanished and delegates grew uncomfortable as Maggy spoke: **"This state is not going to be a dumping ground for nuclear waste and there are not going to be any supertankers on Puget Sound.... Little monkeys in trees have thrown coconuts at me from time to time -- I've even been called a dictator!** (by Governor Ray)

wild cheering filled the room, **"Yeah. Now one more thing. While I've been back in Washington working on problems of the state and nation, I hear that some have been bartering my job. Well. I want to tell the governor and any other governor there ain't gonna be any vacancy in the U.S. Senate!"**<sup>17</sup>

Governor Ray bolted out a back door to a waiting car -- delegates had witnesses her political death

## BOEING'S PLANT 2 BECOMES OBSOLETE

Located about a mile up the Duwamish River from Boeing's original Plant 1 [1917] to [1965],

Boeing's Plant 2 built in [1936 had a glorious history

burlap houses and chicken-wire lawns had camouflaged its rooftops during World War II

when Boeing produced 6,981 B-17 Flying Fortresses out of Plant 2

Plant 2 was where Boeing assembled a variety of other aircraft:

- Model 307 Stratoliner, which was the first successful pressurized production airplane;

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<sup>16</sup> Shelby Scates *Warren G. Magnuson*. P. 310.

<sup>17</sup> Shelby Scates, *Warren G. Magnuson*. P. 307.

- Model 377 Stratocruiser airliner;
- B-47 Bomber -- the first large swept-wing jet;
- KC-97, which was the first mass-produced aerial tanker;
- B-52 Stratofortress which served the Air Force for more than six decades;
- and the first 737 jet airliners-- Boeing's best-selling jetliner

However, Plant 2 was headed toward obsolescence within fifteen years after it opened although it had expanded from its original 60,000 square feet to more than 1.7 million, it was too small for modern aircraft as the roof beams were just thirty-five feet high Boeing's prototype B-52 Bomber was forty-eight feet tall as a temporary fix engineers put hinges on the early B-52s' vertical fins so they could be wheeled out of the factory

Plant 2 became overshadowed by Boeing's nearby complexes for military work, research, offices, flight testing and aircraft deliveries

Plant 2 was used as a machine shop into the 1980s, but was emptied of even that work as operations shifted to bigger, more modern facilities Eventually the building fell into decay due to lack of adequate maintenance and earthquakes broken water mains sometimes flooded the tunnels which led to other buildings on the site (Boeing Plant 2 was demolished as part of a cleanup of the Duwamish watershed [July 26, 2010])

#### GAMSCAM TRIAL OF BAGNARIOL, WALGREN AND GALLAGHER BEGINS

State Speaker of the House John Bagnariol, State Senate Majority Leader Gordon Walgren and lobbyist Patrick Gallagher were tried in the federal courtroom of Judge Walter T. McGovern on charges of racketeering in the Gamskam case -- late summer 1980

Although under federal indictment, both Walgren and Bagnariol sought re-election to their legislative positions however, they gave up their plans to seek higher office<sup>18</sup>

#### WASHINGTON STATE TEACHERS ONCE AGAIN GO ON STRIKE

Washington Education Association (WEA) once again led affiliates off the job -- 1980 Bellevue teachers struck for twenty days but no court injunction was requested by the district Riverview teachers were on strike for seven days to achieve a better professional agreement although no court injunction to force teacher back to work was issued district officials opened schools using scabs Auburn (AEA) teachers struck for four days before achieving a contract settlement Castle Rock School District was struck for three days

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<sup>18</sup> Kit Oldham, HistoryLink.org, March 3, 2008.

before a professional agreement was reached

#### PIERCE COUNTY PROPOSES A HOME RULE CHARTER GOVERNMENT

Pierce County had a commission form of government

an effort to change to Home Rule Charter failed to gain voter approval [1976]

but the arrest of former County Sheriff George Janovich

changed the voters' attitude concerning a new form of government<sup>19</sup>

Home Rule Charter government was proposed in Pierce County -- September 1980

to elect a county executive and a seven-member county council

to appoint the positions of sheriff and county clerk

#### CHINA RECEIVES MOST-FAVORED TRADE STATUS FROM THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT

U.S. Senator Warren G. Magnuson, long a friend of China, was proud to witness

as China gained most-favored trade status from the U.S. Department of State -- September 1980

agreements on maritime affairs, civil aviation links, and textile matters,

as well as a bilateral consular convention were agreed upon

Maggy made another speech: **“For twenty-five years I’ve urged the resumption of non-strategic trade with China. We simply could not go on ignoring nearly one-third of the world’s population.... [T]rade and cultural exchanges reduce tensions and lead the way to expanded peaceful relations.”**<sup>20</sup>

Unites States dialogue with the People’s Republic of China broadened to cover a wide range of issues

including global and regional strategic problems, political-military questions like arms control,

the United Nations and other multilateral organization affairs

Maggy’s efforts paid great dividends for Washington State

about \$6.5 billion in Chinese trade entered the state’s waterfront docks [1994]

#### WASHINGTON STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS IN DISARAY

Democratic Governor Dixie Lee Ray was challenged in the primary election

by Democrat Jim McDermott -- September 16, 1980

McDermott won the Primary Election and represented the Democrats in the General Election

Co-Speaker John Bagnariol lost his House seat in the Democratic primary election

to Democrat Michael Patrick who went on to elected to the State House of Representatives

State Senate Majority Leader Gordon Walgren won the Democratic primary

he continued his reelection bid expecting to be exonerated by the jury

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<sup>19</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, April 5, 2011.

<sup>20</sup> Shelby Scates *Warren G. Magnuson*. P. 312.

## WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST IMPACTS AMERICANS

Bad feeling had long been evident as the Iraqi government and Iranian governments suspiciously guarded their mutual border as diplomatic relations deteriorated and border disputes increased

Iraq under President Saddam Hussein was becoming one of the most feared powers in the Middle East and an economic contender in the world

Iran's vast oil fields and close trade ties with the Soviet Union were a prime target for Iraq

Iraq initiated strategic airstrikes against Iran -- September 22, 1980

and began a military invasion the next day setting off the (First) Persian Gulf War (fighting continued until [August 20, 1988]

making this the longest conventional war of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century killing millions)

This war was fought at a great cost in lives and economic damage in both nations

half a million Iraqi and Iranian soldiers and civilians were believed to have died in the war many more were injured -- but it brought neither victory nor a change in borders

Tactics were often those developed in World War I

large scale trench warfare, manned machine-gun posts, bayonet charges,

barbed wire across trenches, human wave attacks across no-man's land

and extensive use of chemical weapons such as mustard gas were unleashed

by the Iraqi government against Iranian troops and civilians

Although the United States supplied weapons to both sides over the course of the conflict,

it primarily favored Iraq -- which led to further anti-American resentment in Iran

## “COPYCAT STRANGLER” MURDER ATTEMPT IS MADE IN BELLINGHAM<sup>21</sup>

Veronica Lyn Compton flew to Bellingham -- September 19, 1980

she befriended Kim Breed, age 26, a Bellingham Parks and Recreation employee

after spending several hours together, Compton lured Breed to her room

at the Shangri-La Downtown Motel, 611 E. Holly Street

there, Compton managed to tie Breed's hands and twice attempted to strangle her

Breed was bigger and unusually strong --she managed to struggle free and escaped

Compton quickly disappeared from Bellingham but she was easy to trace

she was arrested at her Carson, California home -- October 2, 1980

on a Whatcom County first-degree attempted murder warrant and held on \$500,000 bail

media, dubbed Compton the “Copycat Strangler”

## FEDERAL JUDGE GEORGE BOLDT DECISION PHASE II IS UPHELD BY JUDGE ORRICK

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<sup>21</sup> Daryl McClary, HistoryLink.org, July 26, 2008.

(In *United States v. Washington State* U.S. District Court Judge George Boldt upheld Indian fishing rights provided in the treaties written by Issac Stevens acting as governor of Washington Territory and Superintendent of Indian Affairs [1854-1855] however, rather than make a sweeping all-inclusive ruling, Judge Boldt had left specific questions of merit in the case to be considered by other courts Federal District Judge William Orrick, who had replaced retired Judge George Boldt, made his ruling in the Boldt Decision "Phase II"<sup>22</sup> he decided Indian treaty rights extended to environmental conservation -- September 26, 1980 it was a responsibility of the federal government to provide for suitable salmon habitat further, a portion of hatchery raised salmon should be allocated to the Indians because these fish existed to replenish the dwindling number of salmon to everyone Sixteen fishing industry companies formed the Northwest Water Resources Committee to support an appeal by the state of Judge Orrick's ruling Washington's U.S. Senator Republican Slade Gorton and Democrat Congressman Don Bonker introduced bills into both houses of congress to end the treaties

#### JURY REACHES A VERDICT IN THE GAMSCAM TRIAL

Co-Speaker of the House John Bagnariol, State Senate Majority Leader Gordon Walgren and lobbyist Patrick Gallagher faced federal racketeering charges<sup>23</sup> Jury in the case rendered its verdict -- October 3, 1980 lobbyist Patrick Gallagher was guilty on fourteen counts co-Speaker of the State House of Representatives John Bagnariol was found guilty on nine counts Senate Majority Leader Gordon Walgren was acquitted of five of the thirteen charges as jurors were unable to agree on five additional charges they were dismissed but Walgren was found guilty of racketeering, mail fraud and a Travel Act violation Walgren announced that he was abandoning his re-election campaign for the State Senate

#### DEMOCRATS SUE TO REMOVE GORDON WALGREN FROM THE BALLOT

Although State Senator Gordon Walgren had been convicted of three felonies, Washington State Supreme Court ruled that he must remain on the ballot for re-election as the Democratic candidate -- October 22, 1980 even though Walgren had suspended his campaign after the jury verdict was delivered<sup>24</sup> Republican State Representative Ellen Craswell ran against Walgren in the general election she was known as one of the most conservative members of the State House of Representatives

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<sup>22</sup> Trova Hefferman, *Where the Salmon Run*, P. 181.

<sup>23</sup> Kit Oldham, HistoryLink.org, March 3, 2008.

<sup>24</sup> Kit Oldham, HistoryLink.org, March 3, 2008.

## NATIONAL ELECTION CHANGES THE POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

Ronald Reagan led the Republican Party to a landslide victory -- November 4, 1980

President Carter's failure to resolve the Iran Hostage Crisis damaged his leadership

Washington State supported Reagan as President Jimmy Carter was defeated

Reagan ran on a campaign of **"getting government off the backs of the American People"**<sup>25</sup>  
and a tougher U.S. stance in foreign relations

## WASHINGTON STATE VOTERS JOIN THE REPUBLICAN LANDSLIDE

For governor, former- King County Executive Republican John Spellman -- November 4, 1980

defeated Democrat Jim McDermott (who bested Governor Dixie Lee Ray in the primary election)

U.S. Senator Warren G. "Maggy" Magnuson, the most powerful man the U.S. Senate,  
had been Washington's Democratic senator for thirty-six years

and a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for eight years before that

Democrat Senator Magnuson was defeated by Republican challenger Slade Gordon  
by a 54% to 46% margin

as the GOP gained national control of the U.S. Senate for the first since [1954]

voters felt Maggy was too old and they noted, **"we still have 'Scoop' in the Senate"**

(U.S. Senator Gorton served one term [1981-1987])

In the U.S. House of Representatives Republicans narrowed the margin of the Democratic majority  
to thirty-three seats

in Washington State five of six Democratic incumbent congressmen were reelected

as was Republican Joel Pritchard in Seattle's First Congressional District

in the Fourth District Republican Sid Morrison from Zillah was elected to Congress  
after defeating incumbent Democrat Mike McCormack

(Morrison served six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives [1981-1993])

## GAMSCAM HAS AN EFFECT ON STATE ELECTIONS IN WASHINGTON

Gamskam trial of the State Co-Speaker of the House John Bagnariol, lobbyist Patrick Gallagher  
and State Senate Majority Leader Gordon Walgren turned what would have been a bad year  
for Democrats into a Republican rout -- November 4, 1980

Bagnariol lost his seat in the Democratic Primary Election [September 1980]

Walgren was badly beaten in the General Election by Republican Ellen Craswell

Washington State Senate saw the Republicans gain five seats

Democrats held only a one vote majority -- twenty-five to twenty-four

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<sup>25</sup> *The Seattle Times*

In the State House of Representatives Republicans picked up seven seats to give the GOP a fifty-two to forty-six majority

#### VOTERS IN WASHINGTON HAVE THEIR SAY ON SPECIFIC ISSUES

Initiative 383 stated: **“Shall Washington ban the importation and storage of non-medical radioactive wastes generated outside Washington, unless otherwise permitted by interstate compact?”** passed by a vote of 75.49% YES

Referendum 38 was passed by the legislature and sent to the voters

it read: **“Shall \$125 million in state general obligation bonds be authorized for planning, acquisition, construction and improvement of water supply facilities.”**

it was passed by the voters by a 65.66% YES vote

Referendum 39 proposed: **“Shall \$450,000,000 in state general obligation bonds be authorized for planning, designing, acquiring, constructing and improving public waste disposal facilities?”**

this proposal was approved by a 63.33% YES vote

Senate Joint Resolution was a proposed constitutional amendment

that the state lay claim to 311,000 acres of federal land in Eastern Washington

SJR 132 read: **“Shall the constitution be amended to provide that the state no longer disclaims all rights to unappropriated federal public lands?”**

this proposal was defeated

Pierce County voters approved a Home Rule Charter (constitution) for of government

by a sixty-two percent margin -- November 4, 1980

new charter did away with the three-commissioner system of government

which was believed to foster political favoritism and corruption

Pierce County became the only county in Washington State

with an appointed rather than an elected sheriff

(First Pierce County executive to be elected under the new charter was Booth Gardner who later served two terms as Washington’s governor [1985-1993])

(Seven members were elected to the County Council

three commissioners who were in office when the new charter began remained in office

four new members were added to the County Council by the new Charter

each of the seven Council Districts held about 60,000 citizens

all officers’ terms began [May 1, 1981])

“THE ENTERPRISE” CONTINUES TO FUNCTION OUTSIDE OF THE LAW<sup>26</sup>

Ronald John Williams, chief lieutenant in John Carbone’s criminal syndicate The Enterprise,

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<sup>26</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, April 5, 2011.

faced twenty-five years in prison when he decided to cooperate with the FBI -- November 1980  
he provided information that saved lives and resulted in numerous arrests,  
he prevented two major jailbreaks,  
and the murder of at least one prison guard and two inmates who were government witnesses  
(U.S. District Court Judge Walter T. McGovern at the request of U.S. Attorney Gene Anderson  
and the FB reduced Williams sentence to time served: four years [February 1983]  
because his cooperation endangered his life, Williams was given a new identity  
by the U.S. Marshal Service and put in the Witness Protection Program  
Williams gave a deposition in the civil lawsuits against Pierce County  
he alleged that more than forty Washington State and Pierce County officials  
were involved in fostering The Enterprise's illegal activities)  
crime boss John J. Carbone was released on parole [December 20, 1991]  
he died at Western State Hospital in Tacoma [August 18, 1998]  
disgraced Pierce County Sheriff George Janovich was released on parole [December 19, 1986]  
after serving six years of his sentence  
he had been moved from prison to prison some thirty times  
and was kept segregated from the general prison population  
because of his thirty years with the Pierce County Sheriff's Department  
Janovich died in Gig Harbor of complications from a ruptured appendix [June 19, 2005])

#### U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE WALTER T. McGOVERN SENTENCES THE GAMSCAM DEFENDANTS

John Bagnariol Gordon Walgren and Patrick Gallagher were sentenced to five years in federal prison  
by U.S. District Judge Walter T. McGovern<sup>27</sup> -- November 24, 1980  
During his sentencing hearing Gordon Walgren moved for a new trial  
District Court Judge McGovern denied the request  
this denial was appealed to the U.S. Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals  
which overturned two of Walgren's three convictions  
as the case did not meet the necessary burden of proof  
(Walgren served two years in federal prison before being released on parole  
after his release, Walgren successfully petitioned for reinstatement as an attorney  
he continued his career as a lawyer and lobbyist but he did not seek elective office again)<sup>28</sup>

#### PACIFIC NORTHWEST ELECTRIC POWER PLANNING AND CONSERVACTION ACT PASSES

Demands for electric power fell far below projected usage

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<sup>27</sup> Kit Oldham, HistoryLink.org, March 3, 2008.

<sup>28</sup> Kit Oldham, HistoryLink.org, March 3, 2008.

conservation and alternative power resources were playing a much larger role than expected  
Congressman (later governor) Mike Lowery was a key advocate in the U.S. House of Representatives  
to assist electrical consumers of the Pacific Northwest  
Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act  
passed congress -- December 5, 1980  
this law established a representative regional power planning process to:

- achieve cost-effective energy conservation,
- encourage the development of renewable energy resources,
- assure the region of an efficient and adequate power supply

under the Pacific Northwest Electric Power Planning and Conservation Act  
the Northwest Power Planning Council was created  
Northwest Power Planning Council represented Washington, Montana, Idaho and Oregon  
it was charged with assessing energy needs of the region  
this was said to be the most significant energy innovation  
since the construction of Grand Coulee Dam

#### BEATLE JOHN LENNON IS MURDERED

Popular music had been transformed by the English rock group *The Beatles*  
composed of John Lennon (rhythm guitar, vocals), Paul McCartney (bass guitar, vocals),  
George Harrison (lead guitar, vocals) and Ringo Starr (drums, vocals)  
Musician and peace activist John Lennon was shot in New York City -- December 8, 1980  
after taking part in a photo shoot for the cover on *Rolling Stone* magazine  
as Lennon and his wife, Yoko Ono, returned home at *The Dakota* across from Central Park  
Lennon was shot in the back by four of five hollow-point .38 caliber bullets  
fired by an assassin whose reasoning remains a matter of speculation  
John Lennon died en route to the hospital  
his death triggered an unprecedented outpouring of grief around the world  
chanting crowds outside *The Dakota* disturbed Yoko  
she asked that they re-convene in Central Park the next Sunday  
for ten minutes of silent prayer

#### THE WORLD PAYS TRIBUTE TO JOHN LENNON

Millions of people around the world responded to the request from Yoko Ono -- December 14, 1980  
thirty thousand gathered in Liverpool, England  
New York's Central Park, close to the scene of the shooting saw the largest group  
more than 225,000 gathered there  
For those ten minutes every radio station in New York City went off the air

At least two Beatles fans committed suicide after the murder  
leading Yoko Ono to make a public appeal asking mourners not to give in to despair  
(Mark Chapman received a life sentence, but under the terms of his guilty plea  
he became eligible for parole after serving twenty years  
Chapman has been denied parole at hearings every two years since [2000])

#### REGULAR SESSION OF THE WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATURE CONVENES

Republican effort to win a majority of the State Senate was greatly aided in the [1980] election  
by the nationwide Republican landslide headed by Ronald Reagan  
and by the conviction on racketeering charges of two prominent Democratic legislators,  
House co-Speaker John Bagnariol and Senate Majority Leader Gordon L. Walgren,<sup>29</sup>  
Nevertheless, the effort in the State Senate came up one seat short  
Democrats clung to a narrow 25-24 majority  
when the 1981 legislative session opened -- January 12, 1981

#### AN AGREEMENT IS REACHED TO RELEASE THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN TEHRAN, IRAN

After the seizure of the American embassy in Tehran, Iran and the taking of American hostages,  
U.S. government froze billions of dollars in Iranian gold held in American banks  
Iran, now involved in a war with neighboring Iraq, was desperate for the money  
they therefore appeared willing to release the hostages  
However, Iranians refused to communicate directly with President Jimmy Carter or his emissary  
at the request of the United States, Algeria agreed to act as an intermediary for the talks  
this arrangement slowed down the negotiating process  
after months of negotiations the U.S. agreed to release several billion dollars in Iranian gold  
Iranian officials signed an agreement with the U.S. to release the fifty-two American hostages  
after fourteen months of captivity -- January 19, 1981

#### PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN IS SWORN INTO OFFICE

President Reagan took the oath of office -- January 20, 1981  
at the moment Reagan completed his twenty-minute inaugural address  
fifty-two American hostages were released by Iran into U.S. custody  
After spending 444 days in captivity the hostages were flown to Algeria  
as a symbolic gesture for their help in resolving the crisis  
flown next to Rhein-Main Air Base in West Germany then on to Wiesbaden USAF Hospital  
where former President Carter, acting as emissary, received them

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<sup>29</sup> Kit Oldham, HistoryLink.org, July 20, 2009.

All of the hostages arrived at West Point U.S. Military Academy at where they stayed for three days ten days after their release, the former hostages were given a ticker tape parade through the Canyon of Heroes in New York City everywhere they visited they were received a heroes' welcome In the United States some political analysts believed the Iranian hostage crisis had been a major reason for President Jimmy Carter's defeat in the [November 1980] presidential election

#### NICARAGUA'S REVOLUTION CONCERNS AMERICA

(Leftist rebels, the Sandinista National Liberation Front, overthrew the last of a long line of Nicaraguan military governments -- Sandinistas took control of Nicaragua [July 1979] Sandinistas were supported in their efforts by elements of the Catholic Church and regional governments including Panama, Mexico, Costa Rica and Venezuela and by the Soviet Union Carter Administration officials, while refusing to act unilaterally, decided to work with the new Nicaraguan Sandinista government) On assuming office, President Ronald Reagan condemned the Sandinistas for joining with Cuba in supporting Marxist revolutionary movements in Latin American countries he feared that Nicaragua would become a "second Cuba" -- late January 1981 Reagan's Administration authorized the Central Intelligence Agency to have paramilitary officers begin financing, arming, training and advising anti-Sandinista rebels that were branded as counter-revolutionaries or "Contras" Congress, and a majority of the American public, did not support the Administration efforts to overthrow the Sandinista government in Nicaragua

#### WASHINGTON STATE ACQUIRES McNEIL ISLAND FEDERAL PENITENTIARY

Governor John Spellman's first order of business after his election was to fulfill his campaign promise to secure McNeil Island for state use Governor Spellman negotiated a contract with the federal General Services Administration to lease the prison for three years at \$440,000 a year<sup>30</sup> with two one year extensions possible -- February 11, 1981 under the terms of the agreement, the new correction center would occupy only sixty-six of the islands 4,413 acres Washington State signed a lease with the federal government granting the state use of the penitentiary McNeil Island became the only prison in the United States that began as a territorial prison,

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<sup>30</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, April 24, 2003

became a federal penitentiary and finally served as a state prison  
it was the last prison in America located on a small, remote island

#### STATE SENATOR PETER VON REICHBAUER SWITCHES POLITICAL PARTIES

Democratic State Senator Peter von Reischauer was first elected to a state senate seat  
for the 30<sup>th</sup> Legislative District of Vashon Island [1973]

He was considered to be a volatile personality by some fellow legislators,<sup>31</sup>

von Reichbauer feuded with Democratic Senate leaders from the start of the legislative session  
Five weeks into the legislative session State Senator Peter von Reichbauer

at a tumultuous news conference in a crowded Senate hearing room -- Friday February 13, 1981  
announced his intention to join the Senate Republican caucus

von Reichbauer's decision gave Senate Republicans the key twenty-fifth vote

Republicans became the majority political party in the Washington State Senate

This sudden switch in political party affiliation produced both dismay and celebration

powerful State Senate Democratic committee chairmen lost their posts

and some committee staff employed by the Democrats were let go

State Senator Minority Leader Jeannette Hayner became the new Senate Majority Leader

#### JEANNETTE HAYNER IS WASHINGTON'S FIRST WOMAN SENATE MAJORITY LEADER

Jeannette Hafner had grown up in Oregon and graduated as one of only two women in her class  
from the University of Oregon Law School

she married law school classmate H. H. "Dutch" Hayner and worked as an attorney

for the Bonneville Power Administration while Dutch served in World War II

Jeannette got involved in politics and civic life while raising their three children

she served on political campaigns, on the Walla Walla school board

and was active in the local Republican party

she defeated three other Republicans in the [1972] primary election

and was elected to an open State House of Representatives seat in the 16<sup>th</sup> Legislative District  
after she was re-elected to the House [1974], Republican leaders encouraged her

to run for the 16<sup>th</sup> District State Senate seat [1976]

she won and held the seat until her retirement [1992])<sup>32</sup>

(Hayner played an important leadership role even during her first year term in the State Senate [1977])

she joined a group of fellow Republican senators who were frustrated

that the party had been a minority in the Senate for over two decades

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<sup>31</sup> Kit Oldham, HistoryLink.org, July 20, 2009.

<sup>32</sup> Kit Oldham, HistoryLink.org, July 20, 2009.

they felt the existing Republican leadership was not making an effort to regain the majority group members staged a legislative “coup” against their Republican leaders at the end of the [1979] session Hayner, still in her freshman term as a State Senator, became Senate Minority Leader and the first woman in the Washington State Legislature to lead a party caucus)

Jeannette Hayner quickly proved her skills as a legislative leader, she became one of the most powerful and effective legislators in state history Because it had been so long since the Republicans held the majority of the State Senate reorganizing the entire Senate structure in the middle of the session was very difficult Hayner turned to legislative leaders from other states for advice as the new Majority Leader she managed a smooth transition and then presided over a session facing the worst budget crisis in years<sup>33</sup>

#### LEGAL EFFORTS ATTEMPT TO STOP THE USE OF McNEIL ISLAND AS A PRISON

Steilacoom citizens sued the Washington Department of Corrections -- February 18, 1981 they demanded an environmental impact study regarding how transferring state prisoners to McNeil Island would affect their historic town of 6,000 residents their lawsuit claimed the lack of parking and increased traffic congestion from families waiting for the passenger ferry to visit the island corrections center would pose severe problems for the community<sup>34</sup>

Washington State Attorney General’s office argued that transfer of McNeil Island from federal to state hands did not change the use of the facility thus there was no need for an Environmental Impact Statement

Superior Court Judge James McCutcheon agreed with the state -- February 27, 1981

#### McNEIL ISLAND FEDERAL PENITENTIARY CLOSES

U.S. Marshals transported the last four federal prisoners off the island -- March 2, 1981 Washington Department of Corrections (DOC) moved the first twenty state prisoners into the newly renamed McNeil Island Corrections Center -- March 3 inmates were put to work repairing and improving the facility which had not been maintained since the federal government had been to shut down the prison [1976]<sup>35</sup> (Control of McNeil Island prison was formally turned over to DOC [July 1, 1981])

#### VERONICA LYN COMPTON’S TRIAL FOR ATTEMPTED MURDER BEGINS<sup>36</sup>

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<sup>33</sup> Kit Oldham, HistoryLink.org, July 20, 2009.

<sup>34</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, April 24, 2003.

<sup>35</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, April 17, 2003

Veronica Lyn Compton had plotted with serial killer Kenneth Bianchi to confuse police officers by using the same rope and copying the methods of the "Hillside Strangler"

badly planned and poorly executed, the scheme failed miserably and Compton was arrested  
Compton's trial began in Whatcom County Superior Court -- March 9, 1981

to assure a fair trial, four men and eight women from Pierce County were impaneled

Victim Kim Breed claimed Compton had tried to kill her

Compton claimed it was only a stunt to gain publicity for her screenplay, *The Mutilated Cutter*,  
Breed, Compton said, was in on the charade

#### WASHINGTON'S INSURANCE INDUSTRY ATTEMPTS TO ELIMINATE WORKER COVERAGE

When the insurance industry sought legislation to destroy the state's industrial insurance law that protected workers on the job, union members converged on Olympia

in the largest demonstration seen to that time at the state capital -- March 1981

charter buses and cars arrived from across the state as 8,000 people gathered

(Spokane union members followed up their trek to Olympia

with the first Labor Day Parade there since [1915] as the one-hundred-year-old Carpenters Union led the parade of 1,500 members from over thirty unions

accompanied by ten floats and three bands [September 1981]

following the parade, union people picnicked at Riverfront Park

(Labor Day parades were held in Spokane over the next two years)

#### VERONICA LYN COMPTON IS FOUND GUILTY<sup>37</sup>

After deliberating for just three hours, the jury found Compton guilty of first-degree attempted murder with a special finding of being armed with a deadly weapon (a ligature) -- March 20, 1981

Because of the calculated viciousness of the attack on Kim Breed

Compton was sentenced her to life with the possibility of parole

(She was released on parole [2003] after being incarcerated for twenty-two years)

#### AN ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT REAGAN TAKES PLACE

President Ronald Reagan was leaving Washington, D.C.'s Hilton Hotel after speaking there

John Hinckley, Jr. stood in the crowd as the president walked closely past him -- March 30, 1981

Hinckley fired a .22 caliber blue steel revolver six times in 1.7 seconds

first bullet hit White House Press Secretary James Brady in the head

second hit District of Columbia police officer Thomas Delahanty in the back of his neck

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<sup>36</sup> Daryl McClary, HistoryLink.org, July 26, 2008.

<sup>37</sup> Daryl McClary, HistoryLink.org, July 26, 2008.

as he turned to protect President Reagan  
Hinckley now had a clear shot at the president, but the third bullet missed the president  
and hit the window of a building across the street  
as Special Agent-In-Charge Jerry Parr quickly pushed Reagan into the limousine,  
the fourth hit Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy in the abdomen  
when he spread his body over the President to make himself a target  
had Parr hesitated for a moment, the president would likely have been hit in the head  
fifth hit the bullet-resistant glass of the window on the open side door of the limousine  
sixth and final bullet ricocheted off the armored side of the limousine  
and hit the president in his left underarm, grazing a rib and lodging in his lung  
it stopped within an inch of his heart  
Ultimately, nobody was killed in the attack, although Press Secretary James Brady was left paralyzed  
President Ronald Reagan suffered a punctured lung and heavy internal bleeding,  
but prompt medical attention allowed him to recover quickly  
no formal invocation of the Twenty-fifth Amendment's presidential succession took place  
but Secretary of State Alexander Haig controversially stated he was "in control here"  
while Vice President George H.W. Bush was returning to Washington, D.C.  
(John Hinckley, Jr. was found not guilty by reason of insanity  
he remains confined to a psychiatric facility)

#### SPACE SHUTTLE *COLUMBIA* IS LAUNCHED

(Construction had begun on the space shuttle [1975] at Rockwell International Aviation  
[now Boeing North America] in Palmdale, California)  
*Columbia* (STS-1) was named after the American sloop *Columbia Rediviva*  
which explored the Pacific Northwest under the command of Captain Robert Gray  
and became the first American vessel to circumnavigate the globe [178] to [1793]  
it was also named after the Command Module of Apollo 11  
which landed the first astronauts on the moon [July 20, 1969]  
Shuttle orbiter *Columbia* arrived at Kennedy Space Center [March 25, 1979]  
where preparations for launch were begun  
During preparations for a ground test, two or three workers (reports vary) were asphyxiated  
while working in *Columbia's* nitrogen-purged aft engine compartment [March 19, 1981]  
*Columbia* was successfully launched -- April 12, 1981  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first human spaceflight, The Soviet Unions' Vostok 1  
*Columbia* was commanded by Gemini and Apollo veteran John Young  
who had been the ninth person to walk on the Moon [1972]  
*Columbia* was piloted by rookie astronaut Robert Crippen

## SPACE SHUTTLE *COLUMBIA* RETURNS TO EARTH

After orbiting the Earth thirty-six times Space Shuttle *Columbia* landed on the dry lakebed runway at Edwards Air Force Base, California -- April 14, 1981  
it was the first time a manned *reusable* spacecraft had returned from orbit

## STARBUCKS, COFFEE, TEA AND SPICE EXPANDS IN SEATTLE

A decade after Starbucks, Coffee, Tea and Spice had opened in Seattle's Pike Place Market the company's fourth store was in operation in Seattle  
founders Jerry Baldwin, Zev Siegel, and Gordon Bowker had enjoyed great success

## HOWARD SCHULTZ ATTEMPTS TO JOIN STARBUCKS

Howard Schultz had earned a Bachelor's of Science Degree from Northern Michigan University  
he spent three years in sales and marketing with Xerox Corporation  
before he became Vice Present and General Manager of Hammarplast, U.S.S.,  
a Swedish maker of stylish kitchen equipment and house wares  
Schultz noticed a small business in Washington State, Starbucks, was ordering a large number  
of a special type of coffee maker  
driven by curiosity, Schultz traveled from New York City to Seattle to learn more  
during this visit Schultz immediately realized his attraction to the coffee bean culture  
Howard Schultz eagerly wanted to be a part of coffee roasting world  
Schultz met with company founders Jerry Baldwin, Zev Siegel and Gordon Bowker  
and tried to break into the Starbucks family  
he had a plan to take Starbucks across the country  
but the company founders did not share Schultz's bigger picture business approach

## WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM (WPPSS) RAISES CONSTRUCTION MONEY

In an effort to complete power Plant 4 (Hanford) and power plant 5 (Satsop)  
WPPSS sold bonds to be repaid with profits derived from the sale of electric energy  
Costs soared up from \$4.1 billion to \$12 billion  
WPPSS eventually could not sell any more bonds to raise the needed funds  
as cost estimates skyrocketed upward to \$23.8 billion -- May 1981  
Contract between WPPSS and its member Public Utilities stated the utilities must pay off the bonds  
if the nuclear power plants were not finished

## WASHINGTON STATE NATIVE AMERICANS FIGHT TO PERSERVE THEIR TREATY RIGHTS

Indians were constantly being forced into federal court to protect their right to salmon fishing

Seattle First National Bank had provided strong support to groups in opposition to native rights  
it was decided that Indians would boycott the bank  
Colville Indians pulled \$14 million out of the bank  
students at the University of Washington took up the cause and supported the boycott  
this action was followed by students from multiple colleges across the state  
Washington Indians contacted the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)<sup>38</sup>  
a meeting of the NCAI was held in Spokane -- May 1981  
during discussion of the federal law suit filed by Northwest Water Resources Committee [1980]  
it was decided to fly the NCAI chairman to Anchorage, Alaska to generate support  
from the Native American Cook Inlet Corporation in Anchorage, Alaska  
Native American Cook Inlet Corporation removed \$80 million from Sea-First Bank  
Sea-First bankers changed direction on the issue of fishing rights  
as the bank came out in support of Native Americans  
bankers agreed to testify against bills in Congress proposed to end the treaties  
introduced by Washington's U.S. Senator Republican Slade Gorton  
and Democrat Congressman Don Bonker [1980]

#### INTERNATIONAL POLITICS LEADS TO MURDER IN SEATTLE

Seattle had long been a haven for both unionism and immigrants from troubled countries  
that was true for citizens of The Philippines  
ruled by President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda  
Local Filipino Americans, Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes lived in Seattle and worked as organizers  
for Local 37 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU)  
which was focused on improving conditions for Filipinos working in Alaskan fish canneries  
Domingo and Viernes were both shot to death inside the Local 37 offices in Seattle's Pioneer Square  
Viernes died immediately -- June 1, 1981  
but Domingo was taken to Harborview Medical Center where he spent twenty-four hours  
before he died after giving clues to medics about the identities of the gunmen  
It was immediately assumed the murders were simply due to a local dispute within ILWU Local 37  
early suspects, Pompeyo Benito Guloy and Jimmy Bulosan Ramil  
knew both Domingo and Viernes  
and had been previously dispatched by Local 37 to work in Alaska  
However, further investigation by police and members of Local 37  
proved the motive was more sinister  
Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos and his wife Imelda had ordered the murders

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<sup>38</sup> Trova Hefferman, *Where the Salmon Run*, P.182-183.

in retaliation for Domingo's and Viernes' anti-Marcos activities in Seattle [1970s]

## FILIPINO MURDERS IN SEATTLE GO TO TRIAL

Deaths of International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (ILWU) Local 37 members

Filipino-Americans, Silme Domingo and Gene Viernes went to trial

King County Superior Court jury -- September 24, 1981

found Pompeyo Benito Guloy and Jimmy Bulosan Ramil guilty

of the aggravated first-degree murders order by Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos

Guloy and Ramil were sentenced to life in prison

Third suspect, Fortunato "Tony" Dictado, former president of ILWU Local 37

and a supporter of the Marcos regime, also was convicted of ordering the murders [May 12, 1982]

he too was sentenced to life in prison)<sup>39</sup>

## AN UNKNOWN DISEASE GENERATES FEAR IN AMERICA

(Dr. Arno Motulsky, a medical geneticist at the University of Washington was in the Congo, Africa looking for genetic factors that made some people resistant to malaria<sup>40</sup>

he collected blood from a Bantu man [1959] and kept the sample for decades

at the University of Washington and later at the Puget Sound Blood Bank

Dr. Motulsky's samples were tested using newly available genetic amplification techniques [1997]

this became the first documented human blood sample

which contained the immunodeficiency virus known as HIV)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that in Los Angeles, California -- June 5, 1981

five homosexual men had acquired a rare form of pneumonia

seen only in patients with weakened immune systems -- the first recognized cases of AIDS

It was soon discovered that if the immune system was significantly damaged by the activity of HIV

AIDS (Acquired immunodeficiency syndrome) was the result

America was the first country to bring AIDS into the public consciousness<sup>41</sup>

homophobic reaction to the illness undoubtedly contributed to the establishment of AIDS

as one of the most politicized, feared and controversial diseases

in the history of modern medicine -- (a reputation that stands today)

(AIDS spread around the world in a deadly pandemic that has infected sixty million people

and killed fifteen million [as of mid-2000])

## MT. RAINIER IS THE SCENE TO AMERICA'S WORST CLIMBING ACCIDENT

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<sup>39</sup> Jeff Stevens, Domingo and Viernes, *Radical Seattle Remembers.com*, 2010.

<sup>40</sup> Priscilla Long, HistoryLink.org, March 3, 2003.

<sup>41</sup> Avert, AVERTing HIV and AIDS: <http://www.avert.org/aids-history-america.htm>

Ingraham Glacier is a large glacier on the eastern flank of Mount Rainier  
twenty-nine climbers were attempting to summit the mountain -- June 21, 1981  
when an the steep face of the glacier broke off  
eleven members of the party were swept into the bottom of a deep crevasse  
This was the worst mountaineering accident in American history  
killed were Rainier Mountaineering Inc. guide Tom O'Brien and his clients  
David Boulton, Mark Ernlund, Ronald Farrell, Gordon Heneage, David Kidd,  
Jonathon Laitone, Ira Liedman, Henry Matthews, Craig Tippie and Michael Watts  
Rangers abandoned recovery attempts after determining that the use of blowtorches to melt the ice  
could increase avalanche risks  
none of the bodies were recovered

#### SEATTLE SETS THE MUSIC SCENE ONCE AGAIN

(Hip-hop culture had been sparked in the South Bronx ghettos of New York  
hop culture included rap music, breakdancing, graffiti art, new slang and clothing fashions  
spread across the nation (beginning in about [1978])<sup>42</sup>  
no active local record label had any interest in releasing discs by hip-hop performers  
rappers were stuck issuing their own independent cassette tapes)<sup>43</sup>  
Northwest's popular music scene generally revolved around rock 'n' roll  
going back to garage-rock bands from the [1960s] including the Wailers, Sonics, Kingsmen  
Paul Revere and the Raiders and native son Jimi Hendrix<sup>44</sup>  
but new Seattle talent quickly began to emerge -- 1981  
Roosevelt High School graduate Anthony Ray took in the new hip-hop music  
but he could not relate to all the violent lyrical imagery  
contained in national hits coming from New York and Central Los Angeles  
he applied a love for computers and technology with synthesizer-driven New Wave sounds  
to forge a unique strain of hip-hop under a new stage name: *Sir Mix-A-Lot*  
he employed clever raps that referenced the reality of his life in the Northwest<sup>45</sup>

#### HENRY M. "SCOOP" JACKSON REMAINS A "NEW DEAL" DEMOCRAT

U.S. Senator Jackson acted to block Reagan administration proposals he found objectionable  
such as a plan to sell the Bonneville Power Administration system to private interests  
he blocked Republican efforts to lease wilderness areas for oil and gas exploration

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<sup>42</sup> Peter Blecha, HistoryLink.org, May 1, 2011.

<sup>43</sup> Peter Blecha, HistoryLink.org, April 27, 2011.

<sup>44</sup> Peter Blecha, HistoryLink.org, May 1, 2011.

<sup>45</sup> Peter Blecha, HistoryLink.org, April 27, 2011.

he proposed the formation of a bipartisan commission on Central America  
to end the Contra (Nicaraguan counter-revolutionaries) policy stalemate  
between Congress and the Reagan administration  
(final report of the bipartisan commission [1984] undercutting the Reagan policy  
was dedicated to Senator Jackson)

#### McCAW COMMUNICATIONS, INC. BECOMES A MAJOR CORPORATION

Throughout the 1980s Craig McCaw sold shares in his company to larger businesses  
but in each case the McCaw brothers kept control of their company in their own hands  
financial backing of these established companies enabled McCaw Communications, Inc.  
to acquire a credit line of over a billion dollars

#### NORTHERN TIER'S PUGET SOUND PIPELINE SUFFERS A MAJOR SETBACK

Washington Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council recommended that Governor John Spellman  
reject the company's application for a Port Angeles superport and underwater pipeline -- 1981  
Despite pressure from U.S. President Ronald Reagan's Administration and many national politicians,  
Governor Spellman rejected the application  
(As of today, no superport has been built on the Olympic Peninsula  
and only tankers under 125,000 deadweight tons cross Puget Sound)

#### WASHINGTON TEACHERS AGAIN REFUSE TO RETURN TO THEIR CLASSROOMS

Washington Education Association (WEA) affiliates went on strike -- 1981  
Evergreen School Districts teachers faced a lockout from their classrooms for a week  
when the lockout was lifted, the teachers went on strike for another five days  
before a professional agreement could be reached  
Richland School District teachers (REA) refused to enter their classrooms for one day  
before a professional agreement was reached with no court injunction being ordered

#### SEATTLE BUSING PLAN AGAIN COMES UNDER ATTACK

Nearly forty percent of all of the Seattle School District's students  
were being bused for racial reasons -- 1981  
however, waning public support gradually forced the program to be scaled back  
Failure of the "Seattle Plan" was documented by the district's own data which showed that busing  
disproportionately burdened children of color, undercut academic achievement,  
inhibited parental involvement, contributed to so-called "white flight,"

and did little to reduce racial isolation in the Seattle schools<sup>46</sup>

#### STATE OF WASHINGTON OPERATES McNEIL ISLAND PENITENTIARY

McNeil Island Corrections Center had an inmate population of 391 -- September 1981  
these inmates were immediately put to work fixing and improving the facility  
they were paid a salary of \$50 a month<sup>47</sup>  
in addition to work inside the institution, the inmates had fifty-four staff houses,  
several boats and tugs, seventy miles of roads and a K-5 school to repair and maintain  
Superintendent William Callahan said there was enough work to keep a thousand people  
busy on the island for ten years

#### SANDRA DAY O'CONNER BECOMES THE FIRST WOMAN U.S. SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

President Ronald Reagan nominated Sandra Day O'Conner to the U.S. Supreme Court [July 7, 1981]  
she earned her Bachelor's Degree from Stanford University before entering law school there  
she graduated from law school magna cum laude ranked third out of 102 students  
even so, she had difficulty finding work as an attorney as law firms did not hire women  
she took a job as a deputy county attorney in San Mateo County, California  
(Sandra Day O'Conner was confirmed unanimously by the U.S Senate -- September 21, 1981  
and became first woman justice to ever serve on the U.S. Supreme Court  
she was on the bench [September 25])

#### BOEING'S 767 AIRLINER TAKES ITS FIRST FLIGHT

America began to experience an economic recovery  
airlines once again began buying Boeing aircraft  
but the market for airliners had changed during the economic downturn  
fuel prices had risen and environmental concerns had come to the forefront  
airplanes had to be faster, quieter and more energy efficient  
Boeing 767 was the first wide-body twinjet  
767 served the medium to long-range market and carried about 220 passengers  
like the 747, it was a wide-body plane with two aisles  
but had the efficiency of the smaller airplanes -- its design emphasized fuel efficiency  
767 featured two turbofan engines, a conventional tail  
and for reduced aerodynamic drag, a supercritical wing design  
767 featured a two-crew technologically advance "glass cockpit"

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<sup>46</sup> Cassandra Tate, HistoryLink.org, September 7, 2002.

<sup>47</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, April 24, 2003

cathode ray tube instrument displays rather than gauges  
this simplified system, computer, and display screen reduced crew work loads  
Boeing's 767 took its first flight -- September 26, 1981

#### PORT OF TACOMA BECOMES A MAJOR SHIPPING POINT<sup>48</sup>

Use of large cargo containers revolutionized the transport industry  
containers insured greater safety, efficiency and lowered costs  
“Intermodal” yards connected various modes of transportation: trains, trucks and ships  
to further speed transport of container goods  
Tacoma offered a good location for an Intermodal yard  
as extensive tideflats connected with the deep waters of Commencement Bay  
Port of Tacoma opened its first Intermodal yard, the North Intermodal Yard -- October 13, 1981  
situated on the main port peninsula between Terminal 7 on the Sitcum Waterway  
and Terminal 4 on the Blair Waterway  
this was the first dockside intermodal rail yard on the West Coast  
closer to Alaska and Asia than rival California ports,  
Tacoma's North Intermodal yard was capable of out-producing the Port of Seattle  
Tacoma's location was also ideal for moving goods to inland cities and to the East Coast  
due to its easy access to interstate highways and rail lines  
North Intermodal Yard quickly established the Port's reputation  
as one of the country's most modern port facilities

#### WASHINGTON VOTERS HAVE A SAY ON WPPSS BONDS

Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS) was heavily burdened with debt  
Public Utility Districts (PUD) were faced with a financial crisis beyond their ability to pay  
Initiative 394 provided a clear statement of public dissatisfaction  
with Washington Public Power Supply (WPPSS) -- November 1981  
I-394 stated: **“Shall public agencies obtain voter approval prior to issuing bonds for the  
construction or acquisition of major public energy projects?”**  
enough signatures were gathered to make the general election ballot  
I-394 limiting WPPSS's ability to take on additional debt passed with a 58.06% YES vote  
(state Supreme Court later ruled I-394 unconstitutional)

#### SERIAL KILLER ANGELO ANTHONY BUONO, JR. STANDS TRIAL<sup>49</sup>

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<sup>48</sup> Margaret Riddle, HistoryLink.org, August 29, 2008.

<sup>49</sup> Daryl McClary, HistoryLink.org, July 26, 2008.

Serial killer Kenneth Bianchi's cousin and accomplice in the California "Hillside Strangler" murders Angelo Anthony Buono's trial began with jury selection -- November 16, 1981  
this became a drawn-out process that took three months to complete  
number of victims and mountains of forensic evidence to introduce slowed the proceedings  
causing the case to drag on  
Kenneth Bianchi, the 200th witness to testify, spent eighty days on the stand  
he continued to slow the trial's progress, proving to be a reluctant witness  
as he made deliberately contradictory statements  
at one point he claimed he had completely lost his memory  
another time he denied committing any murders -- including those in Bellingham

### WPPSS FACES A FINANCIAL CRISIS

Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS) board of directors terminated construction on nuclear Plant 4 (Hanford) and Plant 5 (Satsop) -- January 1982  
because these plants generated no power and brought in no money,  
WPPSS was forced to default on \$2.25 billion in bonds<sup>50</sup>  
this was the largest municipal bond default in the nation's history  
financial rating of the supply system was downgraded on Wall Street  
it became more difficult for WPPSS to raise funds

Nuclear Plants 1 (Hanford) and 3 (Satsop) were mothballed

in the hope construction would be resumed

(never finished, their costs were underwritten by the Bonneville Power Administration and the power it generated from the Columbia River Dams)

Member utilities, and ultimately the rate payers, were obligated to pay back the borrowed money

Tacoma paid \$40.3 million to settle its share of the debacle

that was passed along to ratepayers in [April 1983] as a fifteen percent surcharge in some small towns where unemployment due to the recession was already high,

the obligation amounted to more than \$12,000 per customer

Clark County Public Utility District (PUD) led other agencies out of WPPSS

protest candidates were elected to local PUD district boards

Public Utility Districts and bondholders looked to the courts to save them from a crushing bond debt

(this matter wound its way through courts for the next thirteen years)

### BOEING DEVELOPS THE 757 NARROW-BODY TWIN-JET AIRLINER

Boeing Commercial Airplanes began construction on the 757 -- its newest mid-size jetliner

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<sup>50</sup> David Wilma, HistoryLink.org, July 10, 2003.

this was Boeing's largest narrow-body single-aisle version of its wide-body 767 -- 1981  
Boeing's 757 was intended to replace the smaller three-engine 727 on short and medium routes  
lighter materials and new wings were also expected to improve efficiency  
its focus on fuel efficiency reflected airline concerns over operating costs  
As development progressed, the 757 increasingly departed from its 727 origins  
elements of the 767, which was several months ahead in development, were adopted  
to reduce risk and cost, Boeing combined design work on both twinjets,  
which resulted in shared features such as interior fittings and handling characteristics  
both airplanes were developed in tandem which resulted in shared design features  
that allowed pilots to obtain a single rating to operate both aircraft  
757 featured two-crewmember glass cockpit, twin turbofan engines, a conventional tail  
and for reduced aerodynamic drag, a supercritical wing design  
Boeing's prototype 757 rolled out of the Renton factory -- January 13, 1982  
and took its maiden flight [February 19, 1982]  
first flight suffered an engine stall after there were indications of low oil pressure  
test pilot John Armstrong and co-pilot Lew Wallick checked the systems  
and were able to restart the affected engine  
flight proceeded normally thereafter  
(Production of the 757 ended after 1,050 had been built for fifty-four customers [October 28, 2004]  
diminished sales and an airline industry trend toward smaller aircraft led Boeing to end production  
as the older 737 twinjet maintained its popularity with airlines)

#### MICROSOFT PURCHASES AN OPERATING SYSTEM

As personal computers became increasingly available, compatible software programs were required  
this, in turn, required a universal operating system  
Seattle Computer Products had developed a little-used operating system  
they called the *Quick-and-Dirty Operating System* or *Q-DOS*  
Microsoft purchased *Q-DOS* for \$75,000 and licensed it as its own  
for use on IBM's new personal computer (PC)  
Bill Gates modified *Q-DOS* and released a version of it as Microsoft Disk Operating System  
MS-DOS 1.0 was released with the IBM PC -- 1982  
MS-DOS was one of Microsoft's earliest successes  
it became the most widely used operating system in the world (and is still used today)  
(Microsoft became the domineering force in the computer programming industry)

#### PRESIDENT REAGAN BEGINS A "SECRET WAR" TO TOPPLE NICARAGUA'S GOVERNMENT

Reagan Administration began to secretly funnel millions of dollars, training and arms

through the Central Intelligence Agency to support  
the anti-Sandinista, pro-American Contra's political agenda in Nicaragua --1982  
America's involvement with the Contra movement soon became public  
as did disturbing reports about the behavior of the Contra soldiers  
it was charged in newspapers and in Congress that the Contras  
were little more than murderers and drug runners  
rumors of corruption and payoffs were commonly reported

#### ALASKA OIL IS REFINED IN WASHINGTON

Upper Midwest of the United States got much of its crude oil from Canada  
which cut back on oil exports and announced it would no longer sell oil abroad after 1982  
to compensate for the loss of Canadian oil, more crude oil had to be brought in  
from the Middle East, Indonesia, and the newly exploited oil fields of Alaska  
There were already refineries in Western Washington  
Alaska's Northern Tier Pipeline Company proposed a pipeline from Washington  
to transport refined oil and gasoline to Montana and Minnesota -- 1982

#### MICROSOFT'S PAUL ALLEN DEVELOPS CANCER

Paul Allen was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease, a form of cancer of the lymphatic system -- 1982  
his illness dramatically changed his life  
during twenty-two months of radiation treatments he began scaling back  
his involvement with Microsoft working part-time  
never married, Allen spent more than two years traveling and enjoying time with his family  
he also used his time to pursue his many interests  
including art collecting, basketball, and music  
an avid electric guitar player, Allen emulated his musical idol Jimi Hendrix  
playing in his own rock band called *The Threads*  
(Paul Allen's cancer was successfully treated by several months of radiation therapy  
however, he did not return to the day-to-day operation of Microsoft)

#### U.S. SUPREME COURT UPHOLDS THE SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSING PLAN

U.S. Supreme Court justices in a five to four ruling -- June 30, 1982  
affirmed the rulings of two lower federal courts in declaring Initiative 350 unconstitutional  
as it created an "impermissible racial classification"  
because it allowed busing for non-racial reasons but banned busing for racial reasons  
This ruling represented a victory for the Seattle School District  
which had argued that it would be impossible to integrate the city's schools

without the use of the tools prohibited by I-350  
this ruling came at the end of the fourth year of the “Seattle Plan”  
when nearly thirty percent of Seattle’s public school students  
rode buses for purposes of desegregation<sup>51</sup>

#### FIRST VICTIM OF THE GREEN RIVER KILLER IS DISCOVERED

Wendy Lee Coffield, sixteen, was last seen at a state receiving home in Tacoma -- July 8, 1982

she and her mother had moved around a lot

Wendy began to spend more time away from home

she had dropped out of her Puyallup junior high school and became a chronic runaway  
with a history of petty crime

(her body was found by two teenage boys floating under the Green River’s Meeker Street Bridge  
just outside of Kent [July 15, 1982])

cause of her death was determined to be strangulation using the victim’s own clothes)

#### TWO MORE YOUNG WOMEN DISAPPEAR

Seventeen-year-old Gisele Ann Lovvorn vanished -- July 17, 1982

Gisele was small, with long, thick blonde hair and blue eyes

her childhood was happy, but she grew increasingly isolated as a teenager

when she was about fourteen she began to run away from home

(her body she was discovered in the woods just south of Sea-Tac Airport [September 25, 1982])

Debra Lynn Bonner, age twenty-three, disappeared -- July 25, 1982

she had been raised in abject poverty and had dropped out of high school as a sophomore

(her remains were found in the Green River [August 12, 1982])

about a quarter of a mile south of where the body of Wendy Coffield had been located)

police quickly linked her death that of Wendy Coffield

#### POLICE INVESTIGATION TURNS UP FEW CLUES TO THE MURDERER’S IDENTITY

King County Sheriff Bernard Winckoski assembled a special task force of King County detectives

to investigate the murder of Debra Lynn Bonner whose death was soon linked

with the earlier unsolved murder of Wendy Coffield

this was the largest police task force assembled since the Ted Bundy murders

less than a decade earlier

King County Police Major Robert Kraske, head of the Criminal Investigation Division,

and Detective David Reichert of the King County Major Crime Squad led the investigation

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<sup>51</sup> Cassandra Tate, HistoryLink.Org, September 5, 2002.

(who was later elected King County Sheriff and, later still, U.S. Congressman)  
King County's special task force of got off to a shaky start as the huge influx of information swamped the police force within a relatively short period of time  
they simply did not have the means to process the ever-increasing amount of data and evidence  
much of it was lost, misplaced or overlooked entirely  
in fact, the situation got so bad that at one point police enlisted the help of volunteers to assist in the ongoing investigation<sup>52</sup>  
at least two young women had reported being picked up by a man in a blue and white pickup truck  
they said he pulled a gun on each of his victims before he attacked them  
on one occasion he made reference to the recent river murders  
while a partial license plate number was provided by one the victims, there was no follow-up<sup>53</sup>

#### FORMER BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS PRESIDENT JIMMY HOFFA DISAPPEARS

(Jimmy Hoffa had been convicted of jury tampering, attempted bribery, and fraud [1964]  
after exhausting the appeal process he was sentenced to thirteen years in prison [1967]  
it was not until [mid-1971] that Hoffa officially resigned the Teamsters' presidency,  
as part of a pardon agreement with U.S. President Richard Nixon  
Hoffa was released from prison [late-1971]  
Nixon blocked Hoffa from any involvement in union activities until [1980]  
Jimmy Hoffa was attempting to overturn Nixon's order and to regain union support)  
Jimmy Hoffa was last seen [late July 1975] outside a suburban Detroit restaurant, *Machus Red Fox*  
James Riddle "Jimmy" Hoffa" [born February 14, 1913] was declared legally dead -- July 30, 1982

#### THREE MORE VICTIMS DISAPPEAR FROM THE PACIFIC HIGHWAY AREA

Marcia Fay Chapman, age thirty-one, was the mother of three children  
she was last seen leaving her apartment near Pacific Highway South -- August 1, 1982  
(her body was found in the Green River [August 15, 1982] about a half mile  
from where Debra Lynn Bonner was murdered)  
Cynthia Jean "Cookie" Hinds, age seventeen, was last seen by her father -- August 11, 1982  
getting into a black Jeep near 200<sup>th</sup> and Pacific Highway South  
she was an acquaintance of Wendy Coffield and Cynthia Hinds  
and occasionally painted houses with Opal Charmaine Mills  
Sixteen-year-old Opal Charmaine Mills lived with her parents near Kent  
was spent part of her summer painting apartments with her friend Cynthia "Cookie" Hinds

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<sup>52</sup> Rachael Bell, *Green River Killer: River of Death*, [www.trutv.com/library/crime/serial\\_killers/predators/greenriver/routine\\_2.html](http://www.trutv.com/library/crime/serial_killers/predators/greenriver/routine_2.html)

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Opal went missing -- August 12, 1982

she had been seen at a public phone booth near Angle Lake on Pacific Highway South

### THREE OF THE GREEN RIVER KILLER'S VICTIMS ARE DISCOVERED

Robert Ainsworth slowly floated down the Green River in his rubber raft -- August 15, 1982

it was a trip he had made many times looking for collectable objects hidden in the water

He noticed a middle-aged balding man on the riverbank and a younger man sitting in a pickup truck

Ainsworth suspected the men were out fishing

when he drifted by Ainsworth was asked if he had found anything

As he continued to look for anything of interest he saw the face of a young black woman

floating just below the surface -- her body slowly moving in the current

as he attempted to snag with a pole what he thought was a mannequin, his raft flipped

to his horror he discovered it was a body

seconds later he saw another corps partially submerged in the water

Ainsworth swam toward the riverbank to where he had seen the pickup truck

it was gone as were both men

he sat down and waited -- about a half hour later a man with two children on bicycles arrived

Ainsworth told them of his gruesome discovery and asked them to get the police

Both bodies were later identified as Marcia Fay Chapman and Cynthia Jean "Cookie" Hinds

During the search of the crime scene police discovered a third body

Opal Charmaine Mills had gone missing three days before

### SIX BODIES HAVE BEEN FOUND IN OR ALONG THE GREEN RIVER

Police suspected they were all murdered near the same location by the same person and were dumped

most of these and subsequent victims had a history of prostitution and run-ins with the law

they were young -- mostly teenagers or in their early twenties

(As more bodies were discovered police concluded that a serial murderer was on the loose

he was dubbed the Green River Killer)

### MOUNT ST. HELENS NATIONAL VOLCANIC MONUMENT IS ESTABLISHED

President Ronald Reagan established Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument

as a U.S. National Monument -- August 27, 1982

Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument was the first such monument

managed by the United States Forest Service

110,000 acres was set-aside for research, recreation and education

inside the Monument, the environment was left to respond naturally to the disturbance

many trails, viewpoints, information stations, campgrounds and picnic areas were established

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to accommodate the increasing number of visitors each year

#### ANOTHER VICTIM DISAPPEARS FROM PACIFIC HIGHWAY SOUTH

Terry Rene Milligan, age sixteen, disappeared from Pacific Highway South -- August 29, 1982  
she was active in her church and was a brilliant student  
who had dreamed of going to Yale and to study computer science  
Terry became pregnant while in junior high school and had a son  
she doted on her child but had a difficult time making ends meet financially  
(her skeletal remains were found near Star Lake Road in Federal Way [April 1, 1984])

#### TEACHERS IN ONLY ONE SCHOOL DISTRICT GO ON A SHORT STRIKE

Washington Education Association (WEA) affiliate in the Steilacoom School District  
struck for one-half day before returning to work without a court injunction -- 1982

#### HOWARD SCHULTZ JOINS STARBUCKS

Howard Schultz's persistence in selling his nation-wide business plan paid off  
company founders Jerry Baldwin, Zev Siegel and Gordon Bowker agreed to let him try  
Howard Schultz joined Starbucks Coffee Company as director of operations and marketing  
when the Company had only four stores -- September 1982  
rapid expansion quickly followed

#### THREE MORE VICTIMS OF THE GREEN RIVER KILLER GO MISSING

Mary Bridget Meehan was adopted as an infant and was raised in Bellevue the youngest of four  
while she had a very supportive childhood but she suffered from a hearing deficiency  
her grades declined, but she loved art and displayed a great deal of talent  
Mary loved animals and her friends described her as boisterous, dramatic, funny and tough  
seven months pregnant at age eighteen, Mary Bridget Meehan disappeared -- September 15, 1982  
she was last seen near 165<sup>th</sup> Street on Pacific Highway South  
(her body was identified along Pacific Highway South [November 13, 1983])

Debra Lorraine Estes was intelligent and talented and possessed a very free spirit  
at about the age of twelve she began running away from home  
her parents, who owned a trucking company on the Sea-Tac Strip, spent many days and nights  
searching for Debra when she would run away  
using an alias, Debra reported being raped to police and described her attacker and his vehicle  
she even went to the police station to view mugshots  
other witnesses confirmed her descriptions  
but she could not be found when police attempted to follow-up

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fifteen-year-old Debra Lorraine Estes disappeared

from the Pacific Highway South area -- September 20, 1982

(her remains were found near 348<sup>th</sup> Street in Federal Way [May 30, 1988])

Linda Jane Rule, age sixteen, she had dropped out of junior high school when her parents divorced

she became the tenth suspected victim of the Green River Killer when she disappeared

she was last seen leaving a motel room on Aurora Avenue North in Seattle

on her way to Kmart to shop for clothes -- September 26, 1982

(her body was recovered near Northwest Hospital in Seattle [January 31, 1983])

#### FIRST TRIDENT SUBMARINE ARRIVES AT BANGOR, WASHINGTON

USS *Ohio* was the lead boat of her class of nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines

following her shakedown cruise, the *Ohio* shipped by way of Cape Canaveral

where she tested her missile launch systems before debarking for the Panama Canal

on her way to her home port at Bangor, Washington

anti-nuclear protest group Ground Zero tried to stop the submarine's arrival

by attempting to blockade Hood Canal

an Australian vessel, *Pacific Peacemaker*, served as the mother ship for the blockade

USS *Ohio* arrived at her home port and was loaded with nuclear weapons

and was manned by her Blue Crew (which rotated missions with the Gold Crew)

Nuclear-armed missiles destined to be placed aboard the USS *Ohio* where shipped to Bangor

from the Pantex assembly plant in Amarillo, Texas on an armored railroad train

they were painted stark white to deflect solar heating

trains that carried nuclear missile shipments across the nation

became known as "White Trains"

Armed and ready for service, the USS *Ohio* was deployed -- October 1982

on the first Trident Submarine Strategic Deterrent Patrol

#### GREEN RIVER KILLER STRIKES AGAIN

Denise Darcel Bush, age twenty-three, disappeared along Pacific Highway South -- October 8, 1982

her friends last saw her talking with a man who appeared to be working

on his dirty or dull green GMC pickup truck with oxidized paint

he was described as being 5'10" between twenty-nine and thirty years old

and was wearing a blue plaid shirt and boots

since she had last been seen along Pacific Highway South

she was assumed to be connected to the Green River Killer

(Denise's skull, femur and pelvis were discovered off a rural road in Tigard, Oregon

by a construction crew clearing the land [June 12, 1985]

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more of Denise's remains were discovered in a wooded area  
in Southgate Park Tukwila, Washington [February 1990])  
Shawnda Leea Summers, age seventeen, left her Yesler Way apartment in Seattle to buy cigarettes  
before she disappeared -- October 9, 1982  
(her remains were discovered Date [August 11, 1983]  
in a wooded area just North of Sea-Tac Airport in Tukwila)  
Eighteen-year-old Shirley Marie Sherrill worked at the downtown Seattle Goodwill Store  
she was last seen in Seattle's International District  
talking to two men in a black truck -- 4:00 p.m. October 20  
she was not reported missing until October 22  
(her skeletal remains were recovered next to Denise Darcel Bush by the construction crew  
clearing land off a rural road in Tigard, Oregon [June 12, 1985])

#### REPLACEMENT HOOD CANAL FLOATING BRIDGE REOPENS

Hood Canal Floating Bridge (officially known as the William A. Bugge Floating Bridge)  
had been damaged in a violent windstorm [February 13, 1979]  
replacement of the western half was designed and constructed in less than three years  
using \$100 million in federal emergency funds for the project costing \$143 million  
William A. Bugge Floating Bridge re-opened as a toll bridge -- October 25, 1982  
(but tolls were lifted [1985] after a court ruling that the insurance settlement  
constituted repayment of the construction bonds,  
and since federal funds were used in re-constructing the bridge,  
State Department of Transportation could not charge tolls after the bonds were retired)

#### STATE ELECTION SHOWS GAINS FOR BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES

U.S. Senator Henry M. Jackson was easily elected to his sixth U.S. Senate term -- November 2, 1982  
Jackson was had been opposed by Seattle City Attorney Doug Jewett  
who criticized the senator for his support of nuclear energy and weapons  
Jackson stressed the creation of jobs and criticized the economic policies  
of President Ronald Reagan Republican Administration  
Washington's congressional delegation saw all incumbents reelected  
while Bellevue Republican Rod Chandler was elected in the new Eighth Congressional District  
In the legislature, Democrats regained control of the State Senate twenty-six seats to twenty-three  
State Senator Jeannette Hayner returned to being Minority Leader  
in the State House of Representatives Democrats lost one seat to the Republicans  
but remained firmly in control fifty-four seats to forty-four

## VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED IN OLYMPIA

Governor John Spellman dedicated the Vietnam Veterans Memorial -- November 11, 1982  
this monument consisted of a scroll listing the names of the state's Vietnam casualties  
encased in marble  
many surviving Vietnam veterans were unhappy with this memorial  
they felt the enclosed scroll "entombed" the memory of their fallen comrades  
Veterans soon began lobbying for a new memorial to better honor those  
who had given the ultimate sacrifice  
groups and individuals joined in the fundraising effort  
Secretary of State Ralph Munro was very influential in rallying public and government support

## DR. BARNEY CLARK RECEIVES THE FIRST ARTIFICIAL HEART

Burien Dentist Dr. Barney Clark, age sixty-one, suffered from congestive heart failure so debilitating  
that he had trouble walking from his bedroom to the bathroom  
doctors determined that he was too ill to be eligible for a heart transplant  
this left the implant of an artificial heart as his only option  
Food and Drug Administration had recently approved a new artificial heart for human implantation  
known as the Jarvik 7, it was named after one of its key developers, Dr. Robert Jarvik,  
who had been building and refining artificial hearts since his college student days  
Jarvik 7 was state-of-the-art for its time and was the first to be designed for permanent use  
it employed a heart-shaped pump that was implanted into the patient  
an external pneumatic compressor, connected to the pump by tubes ran through the chest wall  
and regulated blood flow  
two major problems were inherent in the Jarvik 7 artificial heart:  
•it required a washing-machine-sized air compressor that left the patient virtually immobilized;  
•threat of infection and associated pulmonary problems were very real  
Dr. Clark was within two minutes of death when he received the Jarvik 7 heart -- December 2, 1982  
he lived for 112 days tethered to an external pneumatic compressor that weighed 400 pounds  
(Dr. Bernard Clark passed away [10 p.m. March 23, 1983])

## NEW BRIDGE OPENS OVER THE COLUMBIA RIVER AT VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON

Interstate 205 bridge touched down on the Oregon side of the Columbia River  
near Portland International Airport just two miles north of an interchange with Interstate 84  
Three buses loaded with VIPs crossed the new Glenn L. Jackson Bridge over the Columbia River  
from Vancouver to Portland in the early morning darkness -- December 15, 1982<sup>54</sup>

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<sup>54</sup> Gregg Herrington, HistoryLink.org, September 24, 2008.

other than construction workers, they were the first  
to cross the \$175 million, 2.25-mile, eight-lane bridge  
which had been under construction since [1977]

Later that day, the span, named for an Oregon State Highway commissioner, opened to all vehicles  
it was the second highway bridge between Vancouver and Portland  
(Interstate 5 twin bridges six miles downstream had been built [1917] and [1958])

#### ANOTHER GREEN RIVER KILLER VICTIM GOES MISSING

Colleen Renee Brockman, age fifteen, lived in Seattle with her father and brother  
she had a brief history of running away  
she seemed to have a very strong desire to live on her own  
but she would always eventually come home  
Colleen disappeared from downtown Seattle -- Christmas Eve, 1982  
(two children playing on Jovita Boulevard in Edgewood, Pierce County  
discovered a skeleton later identified as Colleen [May 26, 1984])

#### MASSACRE IN A SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT GAMBLING CLUB

Wah Mee club operated illegally in a basement space on Maynard Alley South,  
just south of South King Street in Seattle's International District  
club's regulars included many wealthy restaurant owners -- several were among the victims  
Security at the club was based in part on a system of passing through multiple successive doors,  
this method had been used in similar Chinatown gambling dens for generations  
and was usually quite effective

Three armed young Chinese American men entered the historic Wah Mee club -- February 18, 1983  
Kwan Fai "Willie" Mak Benjamin Ng, and Wai-Chiu "Tony" Ng (not related)  
used nylon cord to bind their victims, robbed each and then shot them in the head  
fourteen people were left for dead in the worst multiple murder in state history  
these criminals walk away with tens of thousands of dollars in cash  
security system failed because Willie Mak and his accomplices  
were known and trusted by the people at the club

Wah Mee Club was padlocked and never reopened  
(However, one of the victims, Wai Yok Chin, survived the attack and helped convict the killers  
Benjamin Ng was convicted of thirteen counts of aggravated first degree murder  
he was sentenced to received life without possibility of parole on thirteen counts [August 1983]  
Willie Mak, the leader of the gang, was sentenced to hang on the same charges [October 1983]  
however, the death penalty will be removed because the jury was not asked to determine  
how much of a role he had in the crime -- he remained in prison under a life sentence

Tony Ng had fled to Canada but was returned for trial

he was sentenced to seven life terms for thirteen counts of first degree robbery [April 1985])

## GREEN RIVER KILLER STRIKES AGAIN LEAVING HIS VICTIMS IN A NEW LOCATION

Alma Ann Smith grew up in Walla Walla

she had a pleasant personality that her many friends wanted to be around

but she was always restless -- she often traveled to Seattle

she moved there by herself at age sixteen

Alma had spent some time at Echo Glen, a juvenile offender's facility

at eighteen, Alma vanished from South 188<sup>th</sup> Street and Pacific Highway South -- March 3, 1983

a witness described a blue pickup truck with a white man driving

about an hour later a man fitting the truck driver's description returned to South 188<sup>th</sup> Street

he attempted to "date" Alma's friend but the friend felt uneasy about him and refused

(Alma's body was discovered near Star Lake Road north of Federal Way [April 2nd, 1984])

Alma had become the Green River Killer's first known victim of 1983)

Twenty-three-year-old Delores LaVerne Williams disappeared from a Pacific Highway South bus stop near South 188<sup>th</sup> Street -- between March 8 and March 14, 1983

(her skeletal remains were recovered near Star Lake Road [March 31, 1984])

## PROTESTORS BLOCK A WHITE TRAIN LOADED WITH NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Journeys of the "White Trains" were tracked and its progress was given to activists along the route

Department of Energy varied the route for security purposes

and to avoid confrontations with peace activists

White Trains were later painted in different colors in a futile attempt to fool protestors

Department of Energy [1985] began using semi-trailer rigs to ship warheads by highway

as their locations were more difficult to monitor

Approximately 2,000 thermonuclear warheads were based at Bangor

only twenty miles across the water from Seattle making Kitsap County a bigger nuclear power than China, England, France, India, Pakistan and Israel *combined*<sup>55</sup>

making Kitsap County third in nuclear weaponry following the United States and Russia

To protest the nuclear arms race,

activists initiated the Tracks Campaign, or the White Train Campaign

to trace the White Trains' movements

as well as the transportation of non-nuclear missile parts across the nation -- 1983

community members across the nation watched for and logged the movement of the White Train

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<sup>55</sup> Richard Horn, *Kitsap Sun*, December 30, 1999.

protesters held vigils along the tracks, which often included sat on the tracks  
and physically stopped the White Trains until they were removed and arrested  
Anti-nuclear weapons activists held a vigil at the Pasco train depot  
as they waited for the string of fourteen white cars to arrive -- March 21, 1983  
American women set up peace camps at Puget Sound, Washington and Seneca Falls, New York  
to disrupt the production and deployment of Cruise missiles -- 1983

#### MORE BODIES ARE RECOVERED NEAR STAR LAKE ROAD NORTH OF FEDERAL WAY

Gail Lynn Mathews, age twenty-three, disappeared -- April 10, 1983

near S 216<sup>th</sup> Street and Pacific Highway South

she was last seen from across the street by her boyfriend who was waiting for a bus

he saw Gail sitting in the passenger seat of a blue or gray pickup truck

which was noticeable because it was sanded and had primer spots

when the boyfriend attempted to file a missing persons report, it was not taken

because he was not a member of her immediate family

(Gail's body was found near Star Lake Road [September 19, 1983])

Nineteen-year-old Andrea M. Childers was last seen -- April 14, 1983

she was a striking young lady with a great smile who wanted to be a dancer

she often gave dancing lessons

Andrea was last seen in Seattle at 21<sup>st</sup> and Union while she waited for a bus to South Center Mall

(her body was found in a vacant lot near Star Lake [October 11, 1989])

Sandra Kay Gabbert, age seventeen, disappeared along Pacific Highway South -- April 17, 1983

an outstanding high school athlete she was described as a free spirit who was full of life

bored with school, she dropped out during her Junior year a dropped out

(her skeletal remains were recovered near Star Lake Road [April 1, 1984])

Kimi-Kai Pitsor was very adventurous as a child and seemingly too much of a hurry to grow up

when she hit her teens she started to become defiant and rebellious toward her single mother

she was last seen by her boyfriend in downtown Seattle

getting into a light blue pickup truck at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Union -- April 17, 1983

at age sixteen Kimi-Kai Pitsor became the twentieth victim of the Green River Killer

her boyfriend last saw her climbing into a green pickup

(Kimi-Kai's remains were found in two separate locations

her skull was found near Mountain View Cemetery

between Federal Way and Auburn [December 15, 1983]

her body was found a short distance away in a ravine [January 4, 1984])

#### REAGAN ADMINISTRATION FACES ANOTHER POLITICAL CRISIS

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Suicide bomber in a pickup truck loaded with explosives

rammed into the U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon -- April 18, 1983

sixty-three people, mostly embassy staff, were killed -- seventeen were Americans

eight were employees of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA)

including chief Middle East analyst Robert C. Ames and station chief Kenneth Haas

along with several U.S. soldiers and one U.S. marine

U.S. government took no military action in response to the embassy bombing

(however, it was later reported that a covert military team entered Beirut

to gather intelligence in preparation for retaliatory strikes)

## TACOMA DOME OPENS TO THE PUBLIC

Tacoma Dome, one of the largest wood domed structures in the world, cost of \$44 million to build construction of the 152-foot-high dome involved 1.6 million board feet of lumber

(all supplied by the Weyerhaeuser company)

and enough concrete to build a sidewalk seventy miles long

roof was composed of a framework of triangular units of timber laminated and glued together

each of these prefabricated triangular units weighs 5,000 pounds -- there are 288 of them<sup>56</sup>

Tacoma Dome opened its doors -- April 21, 1983

owned and operated by the City of Tacoma's Public Assembly Facilities Department

it can accommodate up to 23,000 seats in a variety of configurations

first sporting event held was the "World's Toughest Rodeo" [April 29- May 1, 1983]

first musical event was a David Bowie concert [August 11, 1983]

Tacoma quickly became the music capital of the Northwest featuring such stars as

Dolly Parton, Prince, Willie Nelson, Bruce Springsteen and Neil Diamond

Tacoma Dome also became the favored venue for state and regional high school sports event<sup>57</sup>

## FUNDING OF WASHINGTON'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS AGAIN IN COURT

(Thurston County Superior Court Judge Robert Doran had required

that Basic Education as defined by the legislature must be fully funded

by the legislature -- "Doran I" [1977])

Seattle and twenty-five other school districts in the state, parents, Washington Education Association

and others filed suit against the State of Washington for its failure to pay

the full cost of basic education -- especially for special needs students as demanded by Doran I

Superior Court Judge Robert Doran issued his "Doran II" decision -- April 29, 1983

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<sup>56</sup> David Wilma, HistoryLink.org, January 30, 2003.

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it read in part: **“(3) Once the legislature has established what it deems to be 100% funding for basic education, that level may not be reduced (notwithstanding an economic crisis) unless the amount appropriated was in fact in excess of 100% funding... Once a program is defined as “basic education,” it becomes part of a state on-going entitlement program. The state may not reduce the funding level due to state revenue problems.”**

Judge Doran specifically noted the legislature must pay for basic education for special needs pupils but he delayed implementation until [July 1, 1984] to save legislators and taxpayers from the \$400 million in new costs that would be necessary

#### GREEN RIVER KILLER CLAIMS ANOTHER VICTIM

Marie M. Malvaf, age eighteen, had grown up in a large close-knit Seattle area Filipina family her boyfriend watched as she left a store and got into a maroon pickup with a canopy at South 216<sup>th</sup> Street and Pacific Highway South -- April 30, 1983 suspicious of the driver of the truck, her boyfriend followed them in his car but a stoplight held him up it was the last time he ever saw his girlfriend

Three days after last seeing her Marie’s boyfriend reported she was missing to police -- May 3, 1983

#### MARIE M. MALVAR’S BOYFRIEND CONTACTS THE SHERIFF’S OFFICE

Less than a week after Marie M. Malvaf’s disappearance, her boyfriend along with Malvar’s father and brother spotted the suspicious truck near the place where he initially lost sight of it days earlier -- May 9, 1983 they followed the truck to a house located on South 348<sup>th</sup> Street and called the police when police eventually arrived at the house they spoke with the owner, Gary Ridgway, who denied having ever seen Malvar satisfied, the police left the residence and failed to pursue the matter any further<sup>58</sup>

(Bones discovered near Mountain View Cemetery were identified as Malvar’s [September 26, 2003])

#### GREEN RIVER KILLER CONTINUES HIS ATTACKS ON YOUNG WOMEN

Carol Ann Christensen, a registered Blackfoot Tribe member, grew up in a large family in Hoquiam she was the mother of a five-year-old daughter and had just gotten a new job as a waitress Carol Ann left work at 2:30 p.m. and began walking home -- she had a history of hitchhiking she was due back at work later that night for another shift she never made it home and never returned to work at age twenty-one, Carol Ann went missing along Pacific Highway South -- May 3, 1983

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<sup>58</sup> Rachael Bell, *Green River Killer: River of Death*, [www.trutv.com/library/crime/serial\\_killers/predators/greenriver/routine\\_2.html](http://www.trutv.com/library/crime/serial_killers/predators/greenriver/routine_2.html)  
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her mother, who was caring for Carol Ann's daughter,  
immediately knew something was wrong  
she filed a missing person report with police  
(Carol Ann Christensen's body was found by a family hunting for mushrooms  
in a wooded area in Maple Valley [May 8, 1983])

#### ANOTHER YOUNG WOMAN FALLS VICTIM TO THE GREEN RIVER KILLER

Martina Theresa Authorlee's father was in the army stationed at Fort Lewis in Tacoma  
she had a troubled childhood that included foster care and difficulties with the law  
she had joined the National Guard and took six weeks of training in South Carolina  
before being discharged because of a medical condition

however, she remained in contact with her family and saw them on occasion  
Martina was last seen near South 188<sup>th</sup> Street and Pacific Highway South  
at age eighteen she vanished on Pacific Highway South  
near South 188<sup>th</sup> Street -- May 22, 1983

(Martina Theresa Authorlee's skeletal remains were located by elk hunters off of Highway 410  
near Enumclaw [November 14, 1984])

#### GREEN RIVER KILLER STRIKES AGAIN

Cheryl Lee Wims started skipping school and eventually just stopped going  
she was employed part time busing tables at a downtown Seattle restaurant  
co-workers described as being quiet -- she was a good employee

Cheryl, at age eighteen, went missing -- May 23, 1983

she disappeared from the same spot as had Martina Theresa Authorlee the day before  
(Cheryl was discovered north of Sea-Tac airport near Little League baseball field  
[March 22, 1984] she had been murdered on her birthday)

#### TWO SEATTLE NEWSPAPERS ESTABLISH A JOINT OPERATING AGREEMENT<sup>59</sup>

*Seattle Times* and *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* agreed to a Joint Operating Agreement -- May 23, 1983

*The Times* would manage printing, advertising, circulation

and most other commercial operations for both papers,

while the two newspapers remained editorially independent

*Seattle Times* would publish afternoon editions Monday through Friday

and morning editions on Saturday and Sunday

*Post-Intelligencer* would publish morning editions Monday through Saturday

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<sup>59</sup> Patrick McRoberts, HistoryLink.org, January 1, 2000.

Sunday edition of the Seattle newspaper would be edited by the *Times*  
however, the *P-I* would provide it own an editorial section of the paper on Sunday  
First issue of the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* was printed on presses  
at *The Seattle Times* -- May 23, 1983

#### ANOTHER VICTIM IS REPORTED MISSING

Yvonne "Shelly" Antosh, age nineteen, was seen near South 141<sup>st</sup> Street and Pacific Highway South  
before she vanished -- May 31, 1983  
(her skeletal remains was found near Lake Sawyer  
off the Auburn-Black Diamond Road [October 15, 1983])

#### YET ANOTHER VICTIM FALL PREY TO THE GREEN RIVER KILLER

Carrie Ann Rois, age fifteen, was a beautiful, smart girl with lots of friends  
she idolized Brooke Shields and dreamed of becoming a model  
she played the flute in her school marching band but she never had much stability at home  
as her mother married three times -- her last step-father was abusive toward her  
Carrie was bounced around group homes and was in and out of the foster care system  
finally she ran away from a youth shelter  
she kept in touch with her mother but refused to come home  
Carrie reportedly had a "strange date" -- she was driven all the way up to Snoqualmie Pass  
when she returned witnesses said she appeared slightly intoxicated  
vehicle she got out of was blue or gray pickup truck that was sanded and had primer spots  
Carrie Ann was last seen along Pacific Highway South  
sometime between May 31 and June 15, 1983 -- no one knows when she disappeared  
(her partially buried body was found off Star Lake Road near Federal Way [March 10, 1985])

#### TWO MORE VICTIMS OF THE GREEN RIVER KILLER DISAPPEAR

Constance Elizabeth Naon, age twenty, worked full time for the Oberto Meats Company  
she loved to drive her Chevrolet Camaro  
she called her boyfriend from the Sea-Tac Red Lion Hotel to say she would be home soon  
she disappeared from South 188<sup>th</sup> Street and Pacific Highway South -- June 8, 1983  
(her partially buried skeleton was found just south of Sea-Tac Airport [October 27, 1983])  
Tammie Charlene Liles, age sixteen vanished from downtown Seattle -- June 9, 1983  
(Tammie's remains were found in Tualatin, Oregon, south of Portland [April 23, 1985])

#### PHYSICIST SALLY RIDE BECOMES AMERICA'S FIRST WOMEN IN SPACE

Sally Ride joined NASA [1978] and became the first American woman in space

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when she flew aboard Space Shuttle *Challenger* program's seventh mission -- July 18, 1983

she was the third woman in space after two Soviet women,

Valentina Tereshkova [1963] and Svetlana Savitskaya [1982]

Sally Ride was also the youngest American at age thirty-two to enter space to that time

During the flight of the "space plane" *Challenger*

its five-person crew deployed two communications satellites

and conducted pharmaceutical experiments

Sally Ride was the first woman to use the robot arm in space

and the first to use the arm to retrieve a satellite

(Astronaut Sally Ride took her second space flight for an eight-day mission [1984]

in all she logged around 345 hours in space)

#### KILLINGS OF YOUNG WOMEN CONTINUES

Kelly Marie Ware, twenty-two, was a victim of a troubled family

Kelly disappeared from a Seattle Central District bus stop -- July 18, 1983

(her skeletal remains were discovered covered with trash beneath some bushes

just south of Sea-Tac Airport near South 190<sup>th</sup> Street [October 29, 1983])

Tina Marie Thompson, age twenty-two, was last seen along Pacific Highway South -- July 25, 1983

(she was found murdered near Highway 18 and Interstate 90 [April 20, 1984])

she was the thirtieth victim of Washington State's serial killer

#### PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM (WPPSS) BONDHOLDERS SUE OVER THEIR CONTRACTS

Courts in Oregon said Public Utility District (PUD) did not have had

authority to enter into construction contracts and hold PUDs liable for cost overruns

Washington State Supreme Court agreed

WPPSS defaulted on \$2.2 billion in outstanding bonds -- August 1983

40,000 investors were financially wiped out

When WPPSS defaulted on its bonds, its bond holders sued for \$7.5 billion

majority of PUDs agreed to a modest settlement -- other utilities continued to fight the suit

#### PUYALLUP FAIRGROUND HONORS JAPANESE AMERICAN WORLD WAR II INTERNEES

Memorial dedicated to Japanese American internees sculpted by celebrated artist George Tsutakawa

was dedicated at the Puyallup Fairgrounds by Governor John Spellman -- August 21, 1983

Bronze sculpture depicts human forms with hands intertwined

it is intended to show peace among all people

Tsutakawa described his design process in an interview that year: **"I made many, many sketches, and some of them were very definitely reminiscent of the hardship. But I felt that by repeatedly**

**reminding people of the injustice and the hardship, and the loss to the Japanese people, it was not going to improve anything; you'll just remind them of the bad feeling, hard feelings. And instead of doing that I decided it should be a more friendly gesture of all the people gathered and in harmony.”**  
(George Tsutakawa interview)<sup>60</sup>

**Governor Spellman at the dedication said: “I’ve received letters asking if I had forgotten Pearl Harbor, if I had forgotten the mothers of those who gave their lives in defense of this country. I haven’t forgotten. But all those letters reflect a common confusion: confusing war between Japan and the United States with the mass deprivation of constitutional rights solely because of their race. Their freedom was trampled on for no good reason.”<sup>61</sup>**

#### NUMBER OF TEACHER STRIKES IN WASHINGTON STATE LEAPS UPWARD

Washington Education Association (WEA) affiliates across the state remain off the job -- 1983

Clover Park teacher walked picket lines for twenty-one days in an effort to reach a settlement

Pierce County Superior Court issued an injunction to force teachers back to work

Cheney School District teachers struck for seventeen days

as administrators opened classes with scabs serving as replacements

Stanwood teachers (SEA) remained out of their classrooms for twelve days

no court order was issued and class was conducted with non-union substitutes

Renton teachers (REA) struck for six days before a new professional agreement was agreed upon

no court order was issued in the strike

Sunnyside School District was struck for five days before a settlement was negotiated

without a court order being issued

Snoqualmie Valley administration kept schools open for three days during their teacher strike

Highline teachers (HEA) struck for one day before reaching a negotiated settlement

Steilacoom School District teachers held a one day strike before returning to work

#### DANIEL J. EVANS REPLACES U.S. SENATOR HENRY M. JACKSON

Republican Governor John Spellman appointed Republican former-Governor Daniel J. Evans

to the United States Senate to fill Senator Jackson’s vacant seat -- September 1, 1983

Evans resigned as president of The Evergreen State College

and as head of the Northwest Power Planning Council

#### GREEN RIVER KILLER FINDS A NEW LOCATION TO HIDE HIS VICTIMS

Debbie May Abernathy, age twenty-six, disappeared from Rainier Avenue South of Seattle

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<sup>60</sup> Jennifer Ott, HistoryLink.org, August 23, 2010.

<sup>61</sup> Robert Sadamu Shimabukuro, *Born in Seattle: The Campaign for Japanese American Redress*. P. 86.  
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she and her husband were out of money and living in the room of friends

when she left her three-year-old son at home to go to downtown Seattle -- September 5, 1983  
(her body was found twelve miles east of Enumclaw off Highway 410 [March 31, 1984])

#### MISSING PERSON VANISHES FROM A NEW LOCATION

Tracy Ann Winston, age nineteen, left Northgate Mall about 7 p.m. September 12, 1983  
she was still in school and playing sports, but she was a strong-willed teenager  
her parents were very distraught because they no longer knew where she was staying  
Tracy contacted them on occasion and for holidays -- last time they saw her was Mother's Day  
(Tracy's remains were located near the Green River in Kent [March 27, 1986]  
about a quarter of a mile from where Wendy Coffield's body was found  
new DNA process was used to identify her remains [November 2, 1999])

#### COSTCO OPENS ITS FIRST DISCOUNT WAREHOUSE IN SEATTLE<sup>62</sup>

Warehouse concept was pioneered by Price Club in San Diego [1976]  
Jeff Brotman and former Price Club executive Jim Sinegal founded Costco  
and offered small businesses, such as restaurants and gas stations, the opportunity to buy  
a limited variety of food, tires, cosmetics and other goods  
at eight to nine percent over wholesale  
Costco, headquartered in Issaquah, opened its first warehouse store for retail customers  
it was located at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue South in Seattle -- September 15, 1983  
this first store was just a warehouse with a hot dog stand in front  
items for sale included food, appliances, clothes, office supplies and other goods  
at prices below general retail levels  
(Costco merged with Price Club [1993]  
with expansion, Costco stores featured food courts, pharmacies, optical departments,  
photo processing, a mail-order business, health-care plans, home insurance  
and a car-buying program for its members [1997])

#### WHITE SUPREMACIST GROUP IS ORGANIZED BY ROBERT JAY MATHEWS<sup>63</sup>

(Robert Jay Mathews, the son of a retired U.S. Air Force officer, developed an interest  
in conservative politics at a young age -- he joined the right-wing John Birch Society at age eleven  
after he dropped out of high school in his senior year, Mathews formed the Sons of Liberty,  
an anti-Communist militia dominated by survivalists

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<sup>62</sup> David Wilma, HistoryLink.org, October 16, 2001.

<sup>63</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, December 6, 2006.

Sons of Liberty at its peak had a membership of approximately twenty-five)  
(Mathews moved to Metaline Falls, Washington [1974]  
he purchased sixty acres of wooded property he named "Mathews Acres"  
he became increasingly interested in extreme right-wing politics  
Mathews joined the National Alliance -- a white-supremacist group  
he read *The Turner Diaries* by William L. Pierce  
a novel about the supposed violent takeover of America by white supremacists  
who then formed an elite paramilitary underground unit called "The Order"  
and take control of the whole world eradicating all Jews and non-whites)  
(Mathews began attending services at the Rev. Richard Butler's Church of Jesus Christ Christian  
located inside the white supremacist Aryan Nations compound in Hayden Lake, Idaho [1982]  
Butler's message combined an interpretation of Christianity mixed with Nazism  
and the dream of a whites-only homeland centered in the pristine hills of North Idaho)  
Robert Mathews invited eight men he felt held beliefs similar to his own  
to his property in Metaline Falls -- late September 1983  
this group became known as "The Order," and sometimes as "The Silent Brotherhood"  
William L. Pierce's *The Turner Diaries* became their bible  
The Order's fundamental aim was violent overthrow of the "Zionist Occupation Government"  
their name for the federal government

#### ANOTHER VICTIM DISAPPEARS FROM DOWNTOWN SEATTLE

Maureen Sue Feeney, nineteen, grew up with nine brothers and sisters  
she worked in child development before moving to Seattle  
Maureen was last seen at a downtown Seattle bus stop -- September 28, 1983  
(her body was located by a juvenile detention center employee  
off Interstate 90 and near North Bend [May 2, 1986])

#### MICROSOFT RELEASES ITS WORD PROCESSOR: *MICROSOFT WORD 1.0*

Word processing had been developed by the International Business Machine (IBM) company  
to define its semi-automated typewriters which provided at least some form  
of electronic editing and correction, and the ability to produce perfect originals  
word processing was adapted for application to computers  
to provide writing, editing, spreadsheet formatting and printing  
Microsoft released *Word 1.0* -- October 1983  
Microsoft made a name for itself with its operating systems, word processors  
and shrewd business deals

## GREEN RIVER KILLERS STRIKE ONCE AGAIN

(Mary Sue Bello, age twenty-five, had been placed in as state juvenile facility when she was thirteen when she was released after two years she was lost to her family  
she came and went as she pleased -- she quit school and was emancipated at age fifteen when she was nineteen she became an exotic dancer in Arizona before returning to Seattle  
Mary contacted the Green River Task Force on a number of occasions with tips about johns)  
Mary Sue Bello disappeared from the Sea-Tac strip  
she was last seen about 5 p.m. October 11, 1983  
(her remains were located eight miles east of Enumclaw off Highway 410 [October 12, 1983])

## SERIAL KILLER ANGELO ANTHONY BUONO, JR. IS FOUND GUILTY<sup>64</sup>

Kenneth Bianchi's partner-in-crime was found guilty of nine of the ten murder counts against him lasting two years and two days [November 1981 until November 1983]  
this remains the longest criminal trial in American history  
jurors voted to impose life sentences without the possibility of parole  
rather than the death penalty -- October 21, 1983  
In addition the California judge ruled that Kenneth Bianchi did not testify "truthfully and completely"  
he condemned Bianchi to life imprisonment without the possibility of parole  
and ordered the serial killer sent to Washington State to serve out his life sentence there  
for the killing of Western Washington University co-eds  
Diane A. Wilder and Karen L. Mandic

## VIOLENCE AGAIN ERRUPTS IN BEIRUT, LEBANON

After a suicide bomber attack on the American embassy in Beirut [April 18, 1983],  
violence once again struck in Beirut when another suicide bomber detonated a truck  
full of explosives at a U.S. Marine barracks located at Beirut International Airport  
241 U.S. Marines were killed and more than 100 others were wounded -- October 23, 1983  
they were part of a contingent of 1,800 Marines sent to Lebanon  
as part of a multinational force  
Hezbollah, militant group of Shi'a Muslims based in Lebanon and supported by Iran and Syria  
took responsibility for the disastrous bombing  
Hezbollah began a systematic kidnapping campaign in Lebanon to assure the United States and others  
would not retaliate against the militant group  
(Over the next year ninety-six hostages, mostly Americans and Western Europeans  
from twenty-one separate nations were captured by Hezbollah

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<sup>64</sup> Daryl McClary, HistoryLink.org, July 26, 2008.

tight security measures taken by the kidnappers succeeded in preventing the rescue  
of all but a handful of hostages  
at least eight hostages died in captivity  
some murdered; some from inadequate medical attention)

#### UNITED STATES LAUNCHES AN ATTACK AGAINST GRENADA

Grenada is a Caribbean island nation located 100 miles north of Venezuela  
its 91,000 people saw its four-year-old government fall in a military coup  
internal power struggle resulted in the murder of Prime Minister Maurice Bishop  
Grenada's constitution was suspended

United States feared that Grenada would become another Cuba

U.S. Marines & Rangers were sent along with a small force from six Caribbean nations  
to invade the island of Grenada in response to a request  
by the Organization Of Eastern Caribbean States -- October 25, 1983  
after a few days the attacking forces took control of the island  
hundreds of U.S. citizens, including a large number of students, were evacuated

Grenada's military Marxist regime was deposed

in the fighting sixteen Americans were killed and seventy-seven were injured

Invasion of Grenada was controversial due to charges of American imperialism, Cold War politics,  
the involvement of Cuba, the unstable state of the Grenadian government  
and Grenada's status as a Commonwealth nation  
media coverage outside of the United States was negative

(Following the U.S. victory, U.S. forces including military police, Special Forces

and a specialized intelligence detachment remained in Grenada after combat operations finished  
they performed security missions and assisted members of the Caribbean Peacekeeping Force  
and the Royal Grenadian Police Force

Grenada's Governor-General Paul Scoon formed a new government [December 1983]

U.S. Congress, using War Powers Resolution, required the troops leave Grenada [by December 24]  
democratic elections were held in Grenada [December 1984])

#### INVASION OF GRENADA DID NOT GO WELL

Invasion of Grenada showed problems with the U.S. government's "information apparatus,"

*Time Magazine* described "some disarray" three weeks after the invasion

U.S. State Department falsely claimed that a mass grave had been discovered

that held 100 bodies of islanders who had been killed by Communist forces

Major General Norman Schwarzkopf, deputy commander of the invasion force,

said that 160 Grenadian soldiers and seventy-one Cubans were killed during the invasion

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Pentagon officials gave a much lower count of fifty-nine Cuban and Grenadian deaths  
later reports showed an even lower count

Also of concern were problems within the military

communications among Navy, Marines, Air Force and Navy Air Force were not compatible  
six Caribbean nations serving as allies only added to the confusion

lack of intelligence about Grenada made things difficult for the quickly assembled invasion force  
maps provided to soldiers on the ground were tourist maps with military grids added by hand  
they also did not show topography

location of units and requests for artillery and aircraft fire support  
were inaccurate because the hand-drawn grids were imprecise

U.S. Navy ships providing naval gunfire and U.S. Marine, U.S. Air Force

and Navy fighter/bomber support aircraft that provided close air support

mistakenly fired on and killed U.S. ground forces due to differences in maps

misdirected by wrong map coordinates, data and methods of calling for fire support

#### ANOTHER TEENAGER DISAPPEARS IN SEATTLE

Pammy Annette Avent, age sixteen, left home possibly going to the Rainier Valley  
she disappeared that night -- October 26, 1983

Pammy's mother listed her missing four days later

for several years after her disappearance, the Green River Task Force received tips  
that Pammy was living in different places around the country

all of these tips were investigated to no avail

(Pammy's remains were discovered when the Green River Killer

led police to her remains located near Highway 410 [August 16, 2003])

#### THE ORDER TURNS TO CRIME TO FINANCE THEIR REVOLUTIONARY EFFORTS<sup>65</sup>

Robert Mathews and other members of The Order robbed a Spokane video store -- October 28, 1983  
when they got only \$369 Mathews decided small robberies were not worth the time and effort

In William L. Pierce's *The Turner Diaries*, The Order turned to counterfeiting, armed robberies  
and other violent crimes to disrupt the American economy

Mathews and his neo-Nazis white supremacist gang decided to do the same  
gang member Bruce Pierce was arrested in Yakima

for passing counterfeit \$50's at the Valley Mall in Union Gap  
and for carrying a concealed weapon

Mathews worried that the longer Pierce sat in jail the greater the likelihood

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<sup>65</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, December 6, 2006.

he might talk to the police or another prisoner

Pierce was also making telephone calls from jail that could link him to The Order  
Mathews decided to rob a bank to raise the money for Pierce's bail  
Acting alone, Mathews held up the Innis-Arden branch of Citybank  
north of Seattle near the King-Snohomish County line  
he escaped with \$25,952 but a large portion of the cash was ruined by an exploding dye pack  
that turned the bills red

#### SEATTLE SEES YET ANOTHER DISAPPEARANCE

Delise Louise Plager, twenty-two, vanished from a Seattle Beacon Hill bus stop -- October 30, 1983  
during her teen years "Missy" landed in schools for teen offenders multiple times  
she fantasized about finding her birth parents and brother and being a family again  
she had her first child at sixteen and her second at eighteen  
(her skeletal remains were found near Interstate 90 east of North Bend [February 14th, 1984])

#### KENNETH BIANCHI AND ANGELO BUONO ARE SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON

Serial killer Kenneth Bianchi pleaded guilty for five of the murders in California -- October 31, 1983  
he was sentenced to five life terms for the murders, one life term for the conspiracy  
and an additional five-year sentence for sodomy -- all to run concurrently  
(Bianchi would serve twenty to thirty-five years before being returned to Washington  
to serve his two consecutive life sentences)

Bianchi's accomplice Angelo Buono was convicted of nine murders in California -- October 31, 1983  
he was sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole  
(Angelo Buono died of a massive heart attack in his cell at age 67 [September 21, 2002])

#### STILL THE GREEN RIVER KILLINGS CONTINUE

Kimberly L. Nelson had dropped out of school in Michigan in her junior year of high school  
she moved around a lot, but kept in touch with her family  
she spoke with her mother and sister regularly  
she was distinctive in appearance, almost six feet tall with bleach-blond hair  
at age twenty-six also Kimberly also went by the names Tina Tomson and Linda Lee Barkey  
Kimberly was last seen at bus stop at South 141<sup>st</sup> Street and Pacific Highway South -- November 1  
(her remains were located off Interstate 90 near North Bend [June 14, 1986])

#### REPUBLICAN DANIEL J. EVANS IS ELECTED TO THE U.S. SENATE IN A SPECIAL ELECTION

Dan Evans had been appointed by Governor John Spellman  
to replace U.S. Senator Henry M. Jackson who died while in office two months earlier

Dan Evans bested Democrat Congressman Mike Lowery for the U.S. Senate seat -- November 8, 1983

#### PIERCE COUNTY SETTLES THE INTERPRISE RACKATEERING CIVIL SUIT<sup>66</sup>

Pierce County lost the civil suit brought by State Liquor Control Board Agent Melvin Journey,  
Night Moves tavern owner Ronald Chase

and firebombed Back Forty tavern owner E. Norman Anderson

Journey and Anderson won their civil trials -- November 15, 1983

Pierce County officials negotiated a global settlement with the plaintiffs for \$3.7 million  
(ironically, Pierce County had refused to settle all three cases for \$400,000 [1981])

#### PAUL ALLEN RETIRES FROM MICROSOFT

Allen's share in the company he co-founded with Bill Gates made him a multi-millionaire -- 1983

He retired from the company at age thirty

but retained a thirteen percent share of Microsoft and continued to serve on its board of directors  
(he continues to be Microsoft's second-largest stockholder)

As he recovered from cancer, Allen used his fortune and his ideas for a life of adventure and discovery  
he spent the next two years traveling, scuba diving, yachting, skiing  
and spending time with his family

#### PACIFIC NORTHWEST BALLET PREMIERES THE *NUTCRACKER*<sup>67</sup>

Kent Stowell and Francia Russell, artistic directors of the Pacific Northwest Ballet since [1977],  
worked to raise professional standards at the company and at Pacific Northwest Ballet's school  
*The Nutcracker* with music by Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky is by far the most popular ballet  
presented in America -- Pacific Northwest Ballet performed a version [1975-1982]

Stowell and Russell offered a new version of the German story written [1817] by E.T.A. Hoffmann  
Seattle's *The Nutcracker and the Mouse King* premiered -- December 13, 1983

their version went back to the original source re-introducing the story of Princess Pirlipate  
children's book author and illustrator Maurice Sendak was selected to produce the sets  
on the stage the Christmas tree, designed by Boeing engineers, grows to gigantic size  
expanding Christmas tree presents a particularly memorable scene

#### ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE GREEN RIVER KILLER GOES MISSING

Lisa Lorraine Yates grew up in the Seattle area

she had been bounced from house to house and never had any real stability

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<sup>66</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, April 5, 2011.

<sup>67</sup> Paula Becker, HistoryLink.org, June 16, 2012.

Lisa, at age nineteen, was last seen in Seattle's Rainier Valley -- December 23, 1983

(three months after Lisa disappeared her remains were discovered by a soldier in a convoy that had stopped near exit 38 off of Interstate 90 east of North Bend [March 13, 1984] her body had been placed between two fallen logs)

#### KING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE INCREASED THE SIZE OF ITS TASK FORCE

Due to the increasing number of murders, it was feared the pace of killing would rapidly expand and that more victims would be discovered

Green River task force increased in size six fold -- December 30, 1983

(their dire prediction proved to be correct)

#### PART OF McNEIL ISLAND BECOMES A WILDLIFE REFUGE

Governor John Spellman signed documents drawn up by the federal General Services Administration to extend the three year lease of McNeil Island penitentiary -- January 4, 1984

seven square miles McNeil Island were deeded to Washington State

under the terms of the agreement the state would continue operating the penitentiary

but could not permit any major development to the rest of the island

In the new agreement U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agreed the remainder of the island

would be managed by the Washington State Game Department as a wildlife sanctuary

Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife was given 3,119 acres, about 3/4ths of the island,

for use as a wildlife refuge -- public visitation or use of the island was strictly prohibited

McNeil Island Wildlife Area also included Gertrude and Pitt Islands

McNeil Island, by far the largest of the three islands at 4,449 acres, remained largely forested

second- and third-growth forest now covers nearly three-quarters of the island

wildlife agents generally patrol the island once a week to monitor wildlife

their boats also occasionally patrol the beaches

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife manages all island bird, animal, fish and plant wildlife

most visible wildlife on McNeil Island is the large population of Columbian black-tailed deer

there is a heron rookery and bald eagle nesting on the islands

waterfowl, many other bird species, and small mammals also use the islands

wildlife have benefitted from previous developments of numerous pastures,

water impoundments, cereal grain fields and fruit orchards

#### IRAN CAN FIND LITTLE ASSISTANCE FROM THE WEST IN ITS WAR WITH IRAQ

Seven American hostages were still being held in Iran by the Hezbollah -- January 1984

these hostages were becoming as great a political liability for the Reagan Administration

as the Tehran American Embassy hostages had been for President Jimmy Carter [1979]

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Iran was labeled a “State Sponsor of Terrorism” by Congress

U.S. was joined by Netherlands, United Kingdom, Australia, and Canada

few Western nations were willing to supply Iran with badly needed weapons for its war effort

#### DEVELOPMENT OF THE COMPUTER “MOUSE” MAKES COMPUTING PRACTICAL

One of Microsoft’s technological breakthroughs -- the computer “mouse”

made Bill Gates’ goal of a computer in every household possible

Microsoft’s mouse adapted so well to the MS-DOS operating system

that any application written to use the Microsoft standard could use any mouse -- 1984

#### APPLE COMPUTER PRODUCES THE MACINTOSH (“MAC”) COMPUTER

Apple Computer chairman Steve Jobs introduced its Macintosh “Mac” personal computer

in a now-famous advertisement during the third quarter of Super Bowl XVIII -- January 22, 1984

Macintosh was the replacement for the company’s Apple II computer

Macintosh was the first commercially successful personal computer that featured a “mouse”

and used images rather than text commands

Apple’s Macintosh computer went on sale -- January 24

it came bundled with two applications: MacWrite and MacPaint

#### KING COUNTY SHERIFF ORGANIZES A NEW GREEN RIVER TASK FORCE

Captain Frank Adamson was placed in charge of the new special task force -- January 1984

he had previously headed the Sheriff Department’s internal affairs unit

Adamson noted that the task force had been kept so busy throughout most of [1983]

processing crime scenes where skeletons were found,

and then laboring to identify the victims through hard-to-find dental records,

that comparatively little effort was being invested in finding the murderer

Captain Adamson initiated drastic changes<sup>68</sup>

he decided to relocate the task force headquarters to the Burien County precinct

which was near the airport and closer to where the crimes were occurring

to achieve more successful results in the case he divided various tasks

these were assigned to individuals within the team to facilitate

a more thorough assembly, organization and integration of vast amounts of information

twenty-two sheriff’s officers were also assigned to the task force’s proactive squad

to develop new strategies to monitor activity and unusual events on Pacific Highway South

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<sup>68</sup> Rachael Bell, *Green River Killer: River of Death*, [www.trutv.com/library/crime/serial\\_killers/predators/greenriver/routine\\_2.html](http://www.trutv.com/library/crime/serial_killers/predators/greenriver/routine_2.html)  
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## GREEN RIVER KILLER STRIKES ONCE AGAIN

Mary Exzetta West was a bright girl who was very cheerful, however, her life was quite chaotic she ended up living with her aunt in Seattle's Rainier Valley at age sixteen she disappeared from Seattle's Rainier Avenue -- February 6, 1984 (Mary's remains were located in Seattle's Seward Park [September 8, 1985])

## SEATTLE CITY COUNCIL RECOGNIZES JAPANESE AMERICANS CIVIL RIGHTS LOSSES<sup>69</sup>

During World War II Japanese Americans had been fired from this city jobs because of their ancestry City Council member Delores Sibonga introduced Ordinance 111571 to address their loss it stated: **"...in the interest of fairness, justice and honor, The City of Seattle should make reparation to City employees of Japanese ancestry who were terminated, laid-off or dismissed from City employment pursuant to Executive Order No. 9066."**

it called for a payment of \$5,000 to the five employees who had been unjustly dismissed four decades earlier Seattle City Council passed the proposal -- March 5, 1984 Seattle Mayor Charles Royer signed the reparations ordinance -- March 6

## DIALOGUE TAKES PLACE BETWEEN TRIBES AND THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Representatives of Northwest Indians and the state government met at Port Ludlow -- March 1984 in an effort to seek common ground regarding the conservation of salmon (talks pressed on for two months as adversaries began to find common ground both sides recognized the need to conserve the resource)

## THE ORDER ROBBS THE SHORELINE FRED MEYER STORE<sup>70</sup>

Robert Mathews and other members of The Order traveled to the Fred Meyer store -- March 16, 1984 when an armored truck arrived to collect the weekly receipts, they robbed the guard just as he was leaving the office with six large money bags and six coin boxes on a handcart this time the take was \$43,345

## GREEN RIVER KILLER COMMITS ANOTHER MURDER

Cindy Anne Smith, age seventeen, had moved to California with a boyfriend but she made contact with her mother to say she wanted to come home her mother made immediate arrangements to fly her home Cindy spent the first few hours back in Seattle with her family

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<sup>69</sup> Priscilla Long, HistoryLink.org, November 21, 2001.

<sup>70</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, December 6, 2006.

before she left her parents home in Des Moines to visit her brother -- 11 a.m. March 21, 1984  
at age seventeen, Cindy became the fortieth victim of the Green River Killer  
when she disappeared while hitchhiking along Pacific Highway South  
(Cindy's body was not discovered until three years later  
when three boys stumbled across the partially buried skeletal near Highway 18  
in the vicinity of Auburn's Green River Community College [June 27, 1987])

#### ANOTHER UNIDENTIFIED BODY IS DISCOVERED

A dog belonging to the caretaker of the Highline Little League field  
brought home a human femur -- March 21, 1984  
when police searched the area they discovered a set of human remains  
in the wooded area behind centerfield of the westernmost field  
located north of Sea-Tac Airport  
Jane Doe "B10" was estimated to be around fifteen years old was believed to have disappeared  
during the [spring or summer of 1983]  
she was a white female 5'2" to 5'7" in height and left handed  
she had a healed fracture of the skull  
Repeated attempts by investigators to identify Jane Doe "B-10" have been unsuccessful  
her identity remains a mystery to this day  
Jane Doe "B10" was the fortieth victim of the Green River Killer

#### THE ORDER ROBS ANOTHER ARMORED CAR<sup>71</sup>

Robert Mathews and other members of The Order  
pulled another armored car robbery -- April 19, 1984  
after the armored car had made stops at Northgate Mall's Nordstrom, the Bon Marche  
and J. K. Gill  
gang made off with \$536,000, however, \$301,000 was in checks which had to be destroyed

#### THE ORDER COMMITS MURDER<sup>72</sup>

Robert Mathews ordered two new recruits to kill Walter Edward West,  
a member of the neo-Nazi Aryan Nations who would get drunk in bars around Hayden Lake, Idaho  
and gossip about The Order's exploits  
West was picked up at his home and taken deep into the Kaniksu National Forest  
where he was hit on the head with a hammer and shot him in the face with a rifle

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<sup>71</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, December 6, 2006.

<sup>72</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, December 6, 2006.

his body was dumped unceremoniously into a previously prepared grave -- May 27, 1984  
Ironically, The Order's first victim of terror turned out to be one of their own people

### MEMBERS OF THE ORDER KILL AGAIN<sup>73</sup>

Alan Berg was a controversial Jewish talk-show host on Denver, Colorado radio station  
Berg had a contentious style which he used to bait callers to get the show's phones ringing  
he especially liked to agitate right-wing extremist groups  
Members of The Order assembled in Denver to review plans for Alan Berg's assassination  
when Berg pulled his Volkswagen Beetle into the driveway of his home  
members of The Order pulled in behind him -- 9:21 p.m. June 18, 1984  
as the talk-show host exited his car carrying a bag of groceries, he was shot twelve times  
before the gun jammed  
members of The Order fled from Denver

### NORTHWEST INDIAN FISHERIES COMMISSION CHANGES ITS ORGANIZATION

Northwest tribes wrote a new constitution that increased the number of commissioners to eight -- 1984  
Puget Sound region was divided into eight areas defined by river drainages:

- Quinault, Hoh, and Quileute;
- Makah;
- Nooksack and Lummi;
- Swinomish, Upper Skagit, and Sauk-Suiattle;
- Tulalip and Stillaguamish;
- Muckleshoot and Suquamish;
- Jamestown S'Klallam, Lower Elwha S'Klallam, Port Gamble S'Klallam, and Skokomish;
- Puyallup, Squaxin Island, and Nisqually

### Funding for the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission<sup>74</sup>

initially came from the Small Tribes Organization of Western Washington and individual tribes  
however, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service  
soon provided more substantial funding that allowed the commission to carry out its mission:

- to develop programs to protect and coordinate treaty fishing rights of member Tribes;
- to provide technical advice and coordination to tribal fisheries management plans;
- to develop goodwill through public information and education projects to non-Indians

### BATTLESHIP USS *MISSOURI* (BB-63) IS SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO SERVICE

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<sup>73</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, December 6, 2006.

<sup>74</sup> Jennifer Ott, HistoryLink.org, March 28, 2011.

President Reagan's Administration developed a program to build a 600-ship Navy battleship USS *Missouri* was reactivated

she was towed from Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton in Bremerton to the Long Beach Naval Yard -- summer of 1984

to undergo modernization in advance of her scheduled re-commissioning

#### WASHINGTON STATE WILDERNESS ACT SETS ASIDE TWENTY-ONE ADDITIONAL AREAS

(Washington State Wilderness Act [1964] had designated three wilderness areas)

Washington State Wilderness Act of 1984 when it was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan placed over a million more acres of mountain wilderness under federal protection -- July 3, 1984

multiple locations were designated in four separate National Forests:

- Gifford Pinchot National Forest:

- Glacier View Wilderness,
- Indian Heaven Wilderness,
- Mount Adams Wilderness Additions,
- Tatoosh Wilderness,
- Trapper Creek Wilderness,

- Olympic National Forest:

- Brothers Wilderness,
- Buckhorn Wilderness,
- Colonel Bob Wilderness,
- Mount Skokomish Wilderness,
- Wonder Mountain Wilderness,

- Mount Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest:

- Boulder River Wilderness,
- Clearwater Wilderness,
- Mount Baker Wilderness,
- Noisy-Diobsud Wilderness,

- Mount Baker-Snoqualmie and Wenatchee National Forests:

- Glacier Peak Wilderness Addition,
- Henry M. Jackson Wilderness,
- Norse Peak Wilderness,

in addition, single locations were designated in selected National Forests:

- Lake Chelan-Sawtooth Wilderness in the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests,
- Pasayten Wilderness Additions in the Okanogan National Forest,
- Salmo Priest Wilderness in the Kaniksu and Colville National Forests,
- William O. Douglas Wilderness in the Wenatchee and Gifford Pinchot National Forests

## TED BUNDY PLANS ANOTHER ESCAPE FROM PRISON

Guards at Raiford Prison in Starke, Florida found two hacksaw blades hidden in Bundy's cell  
a steel bar in one of the windows was sawed completely through at the top and bottom  
it was glued back in place with a homemade soap-based adhesive -- July 1984  
Bundy's cell was changed  
(several months later his cell was changed again after guards found a mirror)

## THE ORDER ROBS ANOTHER ARMORED CAR<sup>75</sup>

Robert Mathews decided to hijack another armored car -- this time in California  
to get inside information about the best and most lucrative vehicle to rob he contacted  
Charles E. Ostrout, a supervisor at the Brink's Armored Car Service depot in San Francisco  
Ostrout selected the Brink's run to Eureka, California  
Mathews and six members of The Order stopped the Brink's armored truck on Highway 101  
and robbed the guards of more than \$3.6 million -- July 19, 1984  
but during the robbery Mathews dropped a pistol registered to a member of The Order  
FBI Agents immediately began an investigation of the crime and the criminals

## SEATTLE'S HIP-HOP CULTURE EXPLODES ON THE SCENE<sup>76</sup>

Pacific Northwest had a well-earned a global reputation for its trail-blazing rock traditions  
but Seattle residents had little knowledge of the vibrancy of the emerging musical movement,  
and even less regarding the fresh new sounds and the eye-popping breakdancing it inspired  
Seattle's "underground" hip-hop enthusiasts staged *Summer Break* -- August 17, 1984  
a breakdancing event at Seattle Center Exhibition Hall  
which gained unprecedented mainstream media coverage cosponsored  
by the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation and KOMO-TV  
Seattle's version of Hip-Hop was launched onto the national scene  
hip-hop was seen as creative and competitive

## ONE WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT FACES A TEACHER STRIKE

Longview Education Association (LEA) teachers refused to report to their classrooms for two days  
before an agreement was successfully negotiated without court involvement -- 1984

## FBI AGENTS SUCCESSFULLY COLLECT INFORMATION ON THE ORDER<sup>77</sup>

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<sup>75</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, December 6, 2006.

<sup>76</sup> Peter Blecha, HistoryLink.org, May 1, 2011.

FBI headquarters in Washington, D.C. mounted a major offensive against the militant racist gang soon forty federal agents were in rural Northern Idaho an area known for its anti-government attitudes

When word reached The Order that the FBI had been asking questions, most of the gang split into groups:

- Mathews and his cadre preferred cheap motels and safe houses;
- others preferred a mobile lifestyle -- moving from town to town in campers and travel trailers;
- Gary Yarborough moved his belongings from Sandpoint to a remote mountain cabin near Samuels, Idaho as an FBI airplane watched

an office was rented in Tulsa, Oklahoma with an answering machine to take and receive messages so members of The Order could remain in contact with one another

#### U.S. EMBASSY ANNEX IN AUKAR, LEBANON IS BOMBED

Another attack took place in Lebanon when a suicide bomber exploded a truck bomb in Aukar, northeast of Beirut -- September 20, 1984

Twenty-four people, including two U.S. military personnel, were killed

(according to a later report by the U.S. State Department on terrorist organizations [1999]

elements of Hezbollah were **“known or suspected to have been involved”** in the bombing)

#### GREEN RIVER TASK FORCE SEEKS OUTSIDE HELP<sup>78</sup>

Ted Bundy sat on death row when he offered to help the task force find their killer -- October 1984 task force detective Robert Keppel flew to Florida to meet with Bundy who gave insight into the mind of a serial killer

Bundy suggested the killer likely knew some of his victims

he also noted that more victims were probably buried where other victims had been found

he placed a lot of significance in the different areas where the bodies had been left

and suggested that each cluster or spot was set closer to the killer's home

#### FBI AGENTS CLOSE IN ON THE ORDER<sup>79</sup>

Three FBI agents in a green U.S. Forest Service truck

drove onto Gary Yarborough's remote mountain cabin property -- they were met with gunfire

They hastily retreated, but returned that evening with a search warrant -- October 18, 1984

inside the cabin, agents found a treasure trove of evidence, including documents, explosives, gas grenades, cases of ammunition, an alarming collection of pistols, shotguns, rifles

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<sup>78</sup> Charles Montaldo, [crime.about.com/od/serial/a/Gary-Ridgway.htm](http://crime.about.com/od/serial/a/Gary-Ridgway.htm)

<sup>79</sup> Daryl C. McClary, [HistoryLink.org](http://HistoryLink.org), December 6, 2006.

and two Ingram MAC-10 submachine guns with silencers  
also, gas masks, knives, crossbows, assault vests, radio frequency scanners  
and other equipment  
one of the weapons had been used to kill radio talk-show host Alan Berg  
Yarborough, however, managed to escape into the woods

#### G.I. BILL IS CHANGED ONCE AGAIN

Congress passed the Veterans' Educational Assistance Act of 1984 -- October 19, 1984  
it was often referred to as the "Montgomery G.I. Bill" (MGIB)  
after Congressman "Sonny" Gillespie V. Montgomery (D-Mississippi)  
MGIB expanded educational benefits to the Army National Guard and Air National Guard  
active duty members who contributed \$100 per month for twelve months could receive  
\$1,426 monthly as a full time student for a maximum of thirty-six months  
this amount was reduced proportionally for part-time students but extended for a longer time  
in addition, active duty members could invest up to \$600 more of their own toward their MGIB  
for every dollar service members contributed the federal government contributed eight  
active duty service members and veterans with service-connected disabilities  
were also eligible for vocational rehabilitation programs

#### NATIONAL AND STATE ELECTION SHOWS MIXED RESULTS

Washington voters supported incumbent Republican President Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush  
in the national presidential election -- November 6, 1984  
television networks declared Reagan the winner three hours before polls closed in twenty-six states  
chairmen of both the Republican and Democratic parties criticized the networks  
as they believed the news reports kept many voters home impeding voter turn-out  
and negatively impacted many local races  
(Reagan's electoral victory was the largest in U.S. history  
525 electoral votes to thirteen for Democratic candidates  
Walter Mondale and Geraldine Ferraro -- the first woman vice president candidate)  
Incumbent Republican Governor John Spellman lost his reelection bid  
to Pierce County Executive Democrat Booth Gardner (who served two terms [1985-1993])  
*Seattle Times* conducted a survey that indicated that voters favored Gardner  
as an expression of dissatisfaction with Spellman's four years as governor<sup>80</sup>  
Washington's five incumbent Democratic Congressmen were all reelected  
as were two Republican Congressmen

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<sup>80</sup> David Wilma, HistoryLink.org, October 30, 2003.

First District Republican Congressman Joel Pritchard chose not to run for reelection

Seattle City Council Member Republican John Miller won the open seat

(Congressman Miller held the office for four terms [1985-1993])

In the legislative races, Democrats picked up one seat in the State Senate twenty-seven to twenty-two

State House of Representatives remained divided fifty-three to forty-five in favor of Democrats

State Initiative 456 asked Congress to declare Steelhead a game fish

thus limiting the effect of the Boldt Decision which affirmed Indian treaty fishing rights

I- 456 passed with 53% voter approval

Initiative 464 asked: **“Shall the value of trade-ins of like kind property be excluded from the selling price for the sales tax computation”** -- this measure passed with a 68.95% YES vote

thus reducing sales tax income to the state

#### AN ANONYMOUS TIP LEADS THE FBI TO THE ORDER<sup>81</sup>

Seattle’s FBI office received a call from a pay telephone -- December 3, 1984

in which the caller said Robert Mathews and several members of The Order were heavily armed

and hiding on Whidbey Island in a rented house at Greenbank, Washington

FBI dispatched 150 agents to the island to make sure that none of the fugitives escaped

#### FBI HAS THE ORDER SURROUNDED AT GREENBANK<sup>82</sup>

Agents arrested four members of the gang without incident, but Robert Mathews refused to surrender

Mathews held off the FBI for thirty-five hours

as he fired at the agents numerous times with a submachine gun

FBI fired three Starburst illumination flares into the house -- December 7, 1984

knowing it would likely catch on fire and end the standoff -- Mathews still did not surrender

Robert Jay Mathews’ charred remains were found -- December 9, 1984

news reports about the siege on Whidbey Island

announced to the American public for the first time

that Mathews’ White Supremacist, Neo-Nazi group, The Order,

had been conducting a war against the “Zionist Occupation Government”

Death of Robert Jay Mathews signaled the end of The Order as a viable group

FBI immediately began to hunt down and arrest every member and affiliate of The Order

#### PATTERNS BEGIN TO EMERGE IN THE GREEN RIVER KILLINGS

Death toll of young women had risen to forty-two -- twenty-eight bodies had been identified

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<sup>81</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, December 6, 2006.

<sup>82</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, December 6, 2006.

while another fourteen women remain missing -- December 9, 1984

While it appeared the Green River Task Force was making few advances in the investigation, distinct patterns began to emerge that allowed the team to create a more accurate profile of the killer and his movements.

he seemed to have several locations where he would dispose of the bodies of his victims all but one of the bodies (Mary Bridget Meehan) were found partially buried or covered with garbage or foliage

most of the bodies had been found off isolated roads in or near illegal waste dumping areas

## WASHINGTON PUBLIC POWER SUPPLY SYSTEM BEGINS GENERATING ELECTRICITY

Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS) -- 1984

consisted of nineteen Public Utility Districts (PUDs) and four cities

Richland, Seattle, Tacoma and Ellensburg

twenty-one municipal power plants operated in Washington

Twelve years after ground was broken for the Columbia Generating Station at Hanford

WPPSS Plant 2 was the only nuclear plant that had been completed

Plant 2 produced twelve percent of the power

supplied by the Bonneville Power Administration

at a cost of 2.3 cents per kilowatt hour -- December 13, 1984

Seattle City Light customers paid an average of 3.89 cents per kilowatt hour<sup>83</sup>

a protracted legal fight ensued over the distribution of WPPSS Plant 2 electric power eventually, a compromise was reached

private utilities received half of the electric power supplied to PUDs

(Unfinished nuclear Plants 1 and 3 were demolished [1995])

## CONGRESS STOPS FUNDING TO NICARAGUA'S CONTRAS

Congress steadily reduced U.S. assistance to the Contras

until passage of the Second Boland Amendment prohibited all U.S. agencies

from giving aid to Nicaraguan Contras -- December 1984

(Senior officials of the Reagan Administration continued to secretly arm and train the Contras in violation of the Second Boland Amendment)

## U.S.-CANADA AGREE TO A PACIFIC SALMON TREATY

During their life-cycle, salmon and steelhead from Washington State

migrated to Alaska and returned home to spawn

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<sup>83</sup> David Wilma, HistoryLink.org, July 10, 2003.

in the process they passed through a tangled web of political jurisdictions  
regulated by federal and state statutes, tribal treaties, international treaties, county laws,  
city ordinances and local land use plans and regulations<sup>84</sup>  
not to mention eight dams on the Columbia River which must be conquered both directions  
Alaskan and Canadian fish mingled with runs originating in Washington  
most salmon and steelhead born in Washington were caught in Alaska and Canada  
United States and Canada committed to agree to prevent over-fishing,  
provide for optimum production, and ensure that both countries received benefits  
equal to the production of salmon originating in their waters -- January 28, 1985  
(this was to go into force [March 18, 1985])  
(This treaty was revised [1999] to renew both country's long-term fishing agreements  
and was amended again [2002] when the Treaty included the Yukon River Salmon Agreement)

### SEATTLE LOSES A BELOVED SON<sup>85</sup>

Ivar Haglund had been born in Seattle [March 21, 1905]  
his Swedish father, Johan Ivar Haglund was said to have jumped ship in Port Townsend  
and hidden in the woods  
his mother, Daisey Maud Haglund, was the daughter of a Seattle pioneering family  
who purchased Alki Point from Doc Maynard [1869]  
she passed away of stomach cancer when Ivar was three years old [1908]  
Ivar was raised by his father with help from Daisey's older sister Lorena and her brother Edmund  
As a young man, Ivar developed his musical talent  
he became known a Northwest folk music an expert and champion  
he could sing more than 200 songs from memory  
he taught himself to tap dance and developed a song-and-dance routine  
that included bits of stand-up comedy  
during the Great Depression he worked to develop an identity as a Western folk singer  
While visiting his cousins, Greta and George Smith, at their aquarium in Seaside, Oregon [1938]  
Ivar Haglund made a quick study of how to run and stock an aquarium  
returning to Seattle Ivar sat on a stool in front of his Pier 54 aquarium  
wearing his official captain's hat,  
he performed songs he had written about the creatures inside in his tanks  
school children visiting his aquarium were delighted by his songs and stories  
Ivar opened his *Acres of Clams* restaurant [1946]

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<sup>84</sup> Trova Hefferman, *Where the Salmon Run*, P. 202-203.

<sup>85</sup> Paul Dorpat, HistoryLink.org, June 20, 2000.

and performed on his fifteen-minute radio show *Around the Sound with Ivar Haglund* every Sunday morning

he opened each broadcast with the first stanza of the *Old Settler's Song*:

**“No longer the slave of ambition  
I laugh at the world and its shams  
As I think of my happy condition  
Surrounded by acres of clams.”**

Ivar was known for his sharp wit and clever puns -- both good and bad

Ivar's *Acres of Clams* was soon described as the place “Where Clams and Culture Meet”

on his menu Ivar warned husbands that they needed their wife's permission

to have more than three cups of his “Ever-Rejuvenating Clam Nectar”

his clam chowder was “food for thought” because “Seafood is Brain Food. Be wiser at Ivar's”

but the center of his advertising and his motto was simply “Keep Clam”

Ivar's *Acres of Clams* grew into two more restaurants, the *Captain's Table* and the *Broadway Ivar's*

these were later joined by Ivar's *Salmon House* on Portage Bay whose featured interior

represented an Indian Longhouse native to the Washington coast

complete with photographs of Native American leaders, canoes hanging from the ceiling

and a view of the Montlake Cut linking Lake Washington with Lake Union

Haglund's success multiplied when Ivar's Seafood Inc. purchased fourteen fish and chip shops

Ivar Haglund sponsored his first 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show over Puget Sound [1965]

[1984] show was dedicated to the 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Leif Ericsson's discovery of America

it was last that Ivar would see

this annual civic treat was maintained until [2008]

At age 79, Ivar Haglund, Northwest cultural icon and good friend to the region,

died of a heart attack -- January 30, 1985

## INDIANS AND STATE OFFICIALS ENTER A NEW ERA OF COOPERATION

In an effort to avoid turning to the courts to resolve disputes over fishing rights

Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission staff met with state agencies every day

to work out a plan<sup>86</sup>

Puget Sound Salmon Management Plan was developed by mutual agreement of both parties -- 1985

this plan was the first agreement of its kind in the United States

between Indian tribes and state government<sup>87</sup>

it provided a framework for fisheries management, information sharing, dispute resolution

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<sup>86</sup> Jennifer Ott, HistoryLink.org, March 28, 2011.

<sup>87</sup> David Wilma, HistoryLink.org, January 1, 2000.

and it established a scientific foundation for decision making  
tribes worked through the commission to develop unified policies  
and to help make conservation decisions  
state biologists on the commission staff provided important watershed-specific information  
(Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission established what was later called the “Era of Cooperation”)

#### WASHINGTON STATE INITIATES A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON SCHOOL REFORM

Governor Booth Gardner proposed a Washington State Economic Development Board  
twenty-eight-members composed of a coalition of business, education, labor  
and legislative representatives was selected --1985  
to draft a proposal mandating curriculum demands in “core competencies”  
and to develop a state-wide testing program to meet high school graduation requirements  
other reforms to be investigated could include such topics as:

- “pay-for performance” for teachers and administrators,
- more school choices for parents,
- student assessments not based on standardized tests

#### SEATTLE GRAND JURY INDICTES THE MEMBERS OF THE ORDER<sup>88</sup>

Department of Justice built a massive conspiracy case against members of The Order  
federal grand jury in Seattle returned a sweeping twenty-count indictment  
that charged twenty-three members with sixty-seven separate offenses  
including racketeering and conspiracy -- April 15, 1985  
FBI had seventeen of the defendants already in custody  
including radio talk show host Alan Berg’s killers

#### ANOTHER MEMBER OF THE ORDER COMES TO JUSTICE<sup>89</sup>

Neo-Nazi David Tate was stopped by two Missouri state troopers  
as they conducted random checks of vehicles and inspected driver’s licenses  
Tate opened fire on the troopers with a silenced MAC-11 submachine gun  
one officer was killed and the other critically wounded -- April 15, 1985  
Tate escaped but was captured five days later  
(David Tate He was found guilty of assault and murder and was sentenced to life without parole  
in a Missouri state prison)

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<sup>88</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, December 6, 2006.

<sup>89</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, December 6, 2006.

## CAROLYN REABER DIMMICK IS ELECTED TO THE STATE SUPREME COURT

(Carolyn Reaber earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington [1951]

Carolyn taught school for a year before entering the U.W. School of Law

she graduated one of only three women in her law school class [1953]

she immediately went to work as an Assistant Attorney General in Olympia [1953-1954]

Carolyn Reaber married attorney Cyrus A. Dimmick [1955]

she became deputy prosecutor for King County [1955] to 1959] and [1960[ to [1962]

she entered private practice in Seattle [1959-1960]

she and Cyrus had a son, Taylor [1958] and daughter, Dana [1962]

When a vacancy on the northeast King County District Court occurred [1965],

several local attorneys urged Carolyn Dimmick to apply for the appointment

all three county commissioners were impressed with her previous record

they unanimously appointed her to the vacancy

at thirty-six she became only the third woman serving in the state judiciary

Governor Dan Evans hoped to place more women and minorities on the Washington bench

when a King County Superior Court vacancy occurred, he appointed Judge Dimmick to the post

Dimmick joined thirty-six men and two women

then serving on the King County trial bench [January 16, 1976]

When State Supreme Court Justice Charles T. Wright died in office

Governor Dixy Lee Ray interviewed Dimmick and gave her the appointment [January, 1981]

Justice Carolyn Reaber Dimmick became the first woman to sit on the Washington Supreme Court

(she served on the State Supreme Court until [January 12, 1985])

President Ronald Reagan nominated Justice Dimmick to the federal district court

she was confirmed by the U.S. Senate -- April 17, 1985

(she assumed senior judge status -- a form of semi-retirement [November 1, 1997])

## FINDING REMAINS IN OREGON ALLOWS THE FBI TO ENTER INVESTIGATION

Remains of Green River Killer victim Tammie Charlene Liles were discovered in Tualatin, Oregon

along with a second, never identified, victim -- April 23, 1985

skeletal remains of the victims had been carefully tucked away in brush and forest foliage

to be stumbled upon by hunters, fishermen, woodcutters, dirt-bikers and mushroom pickers

It appeared the Green River Killer's victims had been kidnapped and taken across a state line

this was a federal crime and allowed the FBI to enter the investigation

FBI Agent John Edward Douglas joined forces with the Green River Task Force

he examined the crime scenes and created a profile of the Green River Killer

by attempting to describe the Green River Killer's habits and to predict his next moves

## PRESIDENT REAGAN ENTERS THE HOSPITAL FOR COLON CANCER SURGERY

U.S. Vice President George H.W. Bush served as Acting President for eight hours

while President Ronald Reagan underwent colon cancer surgery -- July 13, 1985

While in the hospital President Reagan learned Iranian moderates opposed to the Ayatollah Khomeini sought to establish a quiet relationship with the U.S. before establishing a formal relationship

after the death of the eighty-three-year-old Ayatollah

however, there appeared to be no way to take advantage of this opportunity

because Congress had declared Iran a "State Sponsor of Terrorism" barring any aid

Reagan Administration became focused on two international problems:

- how to sell and deliver arms to Iranian moderates,
  - how to finance Nicaragua Contra's effort against the reigning Marxist Sandinista government
- both activities had been outlawed by act of Congress

## PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN AUTHORIZES SUPPORT FOR NICARAGUA'S CONTRAS

President Reagan signed a Top Secret National Security Decision Directive (NSDD-17)

authorizing the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) to recruit and support

Contra rebels in their fight against the Sandinista government of Nicaragua -- August 20, 1985

in defiance of Congress

## TRIAL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ORDER BEGINS<sup>90</sup>

Eleven defendants decided to plead guilty to all charges

several members of The Order agreed to testify as government witnesses

Trial of the remaining ten members of The Order began in Seattle's U.S. District Court

before Judge Walter T. McGovern -- September 9, 1985

two members of Order were missing from the Seattle trial

David Tate still on the run

Richard Scutari under arrest for assault and murder of a policeman in Missouri

This trial would last three months during which time 338 prosecution and defense witnesses testified and approximately 1,500 exhibits were introduced

## WASHINGTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AFFILIATE GOES ON STRIKE

Seattle Teachers Association (STA) composed of 3,700 teachers and staff members

refused to enter their classrooms without a new a district-wide professional agreement

Negotiation continued for twenty-five days

43,500 students waited for the opening of school as teachers walked the picket line

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<sup>90</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, December 6, 2006.

this was the largest teacher strike in the nation -- 1985

Settlement was reached between the Washington Education Association SEA affiliate and the Seattle School District -- September 28, 1985

#### WASHINGTON STATE CELEBRATES ITS FIRST WOMAN ASTRONAUT

(Bonnie Dunbar was born in Sunnyside and raised on a ranch in the Yakima Valley<sup>91</sup> she graduated from Sunnyside High School [1967] she received Bachelor of Science from the from the University of Washington [1971] and Master of Science degrees in ceramic engineering from the UW [1975] she earned her doctorate in Mechanical/Biomedical Engineering from the University of Houston [1983])

Astronaut Bonnie Dunbar completed her first mission in space traveling aboard the shuttle *Challenger* for a week -- November 6-13,1985

Dr. Bonnie Dunbar returned to her hometown to a hero's welcome Sunnyside threw her a parade and gave her the keys to the city nearby Outlook Elementary School, where she attended classes, filled display cases with space shuttle memorabilia

students there were following an exercise regimen based on what astronauts did (Dr. Bonnie Dunbar will fly into space four more times before retiring from NASA [2005] including the historic docking with the Russian space station *Mir* [summer of 1995] her last flight [January 1998] also involved a docking with *Mir*

Dunbar was the payload commander on that mission overseeing the transfer of more than 9,000 pounds of equipment, water and other supplies from the space shuttle to the space station altogether, Bonnie Dunbar spent more than fifty days in space, she traveled more than twenty million miles and orbited earth nearly 800 times)

#### MICROSOFT RELEASED *WINDOWS* OPERATING SYSTEM

In response to the growing interest in graphical user interface (GUI, commonly pronounced "gooey") that allowed personal computers to display images ("icons") rather than relying on text commands GUI made computer operations a great deal simpler -- November 20, 1985

GUIs could be used in computers, hand-held devices such as MP3 players, portable media players, gaming devices, household appliances and office equipment Microsoft Windows dominated the world personal computer market

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<sup>91</sup> Cassandra Tate, HistoryLink.org, June 2, 2011.

## NEIGHBORHOOD ACTIVISTS OCCUPY SEATTLE'S ABANDONED COLMAN SCHOOL<sup>92</sup>

Colman School, located in Rainier Valley, was built [in 1909]

for many years it was a symbol for the city's African-American community

it was the first school in Seattle attended by black students

many black teachers had dedicated themselves to students there

Colman School was scheduled for demolition due to the expansion of Interstate 90 [June 1985]

many local residents felt the building should be converted into a black history museum

discussions with the Seattle School District and city government went nowhere

About forty activists entered Colman School -- November 24, 1985

through a window that had been broken earlier by vandals

abandoned building had lights but no heat and no running water

school district administrators warned the group that their occupation was illegal

but city officials refused to arrest or evict the activists for fear of bad publicity

(Four of the activists, Charlie James, Earl Debnam, Michael Greenwood and Omari Tahri

continued to occupy the school building for eight years

this became the longest act of civil disobedience in U.S. history

occupation finally ended [1993] when the Seattle city government agreed to fund the museum)

However, the dream of an African American Museum was soon deferred

when the activists found themselves at odds with a group of local black civic leaders

who wanted to use their clout in City Hall to carry the project forward

(It would be another ten years of lawsuits and bad blood before Seattle's Urban League

was able to buy the building from the Seattle School District for \$800,000

final result of the Colman School occupation, the Northwest African American Museum

opened [March 8, 2008]

this facility also featured thirty-six apartments dedicated as affordable housing that)

## TRIAL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ORDER COMES TO AN END<sup>93</sup>

Case against The Order went to the eight women and four men of the jury -- December 17, 1985

after deliberating for almost two weeks, the jury finally reached its verdict

all ten defendants were found guilty of racketeering and conspiracy

six defendants were also convicted of additional federal crimes

all were sentenced to terms ranging from forty to 100 years in federal prison

## MISINFORMATION CAN BE DEADLY

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<sup>92</sup> Jeff Stevens, *The Colman School Occupation*. Radical Seattle Remembers.com, 2010.

<sup>93</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, December 6, 2006.

The “*Duck Club*” was an anti-Communist and anti-Socialist organization founded by Homer Brand whose membership was composed of radical right-wing members of the John Birch Society and *Posse Comitatus* who were opposed to the federal government

*Duck Club* discussions centered a mix of tax resistance with terrorism that centered on:

- Jewish banking conspiracies;
- how paper money was not worth anything because this is not longer backed by gold;
- how left wing liberal lawyers were interfering with the “social order” of the nation

sometimes the *Duck Club* members discussed the John and Sally Goldmark family focusing on the [1962] rightwing attack launched by Ashley Holden and Albert Canwell that unseated State Representative John Goldmark

Homer Brand told the members of the *Duck Club* that Goldmark was the “regional director” of the Communist Party

he mistakenly informed his followers the Goldmarks lived in Seattle

David Lewis Rice was a follower of the right-wing Christian Identity movement

he attended meetings of the *Duck Club* and read old news clips about John and Sally Goldmark

#### MURDER BY MISTAKE ROCKS SEATTLE

Charles Goldmark was a Seattle civil rights attorney

David L. Rice believed Charles Goldmark was a “top Communist”

Rice regarded himself a soldier in the war against Communism for six months he contemplated killing Goldmark

he thought the attack would bring him recognition for striking a blow against Communists

Rice finally decided to act because he needed cash and could rob the Seattle lawyer as well

David Rice went to the Goldmark’s Seattle Madrona neighborhood home -- Christmas Eve, 1985

ten-year-old Colin, the son of Charles and Annie Goldmark, opened the door

for the twenty-seven-year-old drifter who held a small black toy pistol and a white box after being ordered to get his parents, Colin sought out his father

Rice was confused when Charles Goldmark arrived at the door

he had expected a much older man; not the thirty-five-year-old person standing in front of him

this could not be the Okanogan Valley Communist he had heard and read about

Charles and Colin moved into the house as twelve-year-old Derek ran from the room

Rice ordered the father to call for his older son -- then all four proceeded upstairs

Rice heard the shower running

Anne had finished preparing Christmas dinner and was waiting for their expected guests

Charles was instructed to call for his wife and they all gathered in the bedroom

Rice had intended to interrogate the Goldmarks about their Communist activities

but learning of expected guests for Christmas dinner meant there was not time for that

he handcuffed the family and one by one Rice chloroformed them  
using the material in the white box  
next he attacked them with the sharp end of a steam iron -- bashing their heads against the floor  
still not yet dead, he stabbed them in the head with small filleting knife  
Annie and Colin were killed outright  
Charles died at the hospital and Derek lingered for thirty-seven days before succumbing  
David Rice walked down stairs and out of the door  
Goldmark's first guests arrived a few minutes later  
Rice was quickly apprehended after he used Goldmark's credit card  
and left written confessions in public places  
(During the trial of David Rice, Homer Brand, president of the *Duck Club*,  
testified he and his club members were "rabid constitutionalists"  
who never advocated violence against anyone  
Brand acknowledged he might have discussed a family named Goldmark with Rice,  
probably in the context of what he believed to be their Communist beliefs  
but he could not say for sure  
if he did talk about the Goldmarks, he said he meant the late John Goldmark  
and his wife Sally -- Charles Goldmark's parents  
David Lewis Rice was convicted of aggravated murder and was sentenced to death,  
but the conviction was overturned because his defense attorney was found to be ineffective  
he had allowed the police unlimited access to his client  
and did not introduce evidence of Rice's psychotic state  
Rice agreed to plead guilty in exchange for avoiding the death penalty [May 1998]  
he was sentenced to life in prison without possibility of parole)

#### TWO UNIDENTIFIED VICTIMS OF THE GREEN RIVER KILLER ARE DISCOVERED

Jane Doe "B-16" was discovered when a car went down an embankment  
near Auburn's Mountain View Cemetery  
when cemetery employees went to investigate the abandoned automobile  
they came across human bones -- December 31, 1985  
Jane Doe "B-16" was an African American 5'1" to 5'4" tall  
between the ages of twenty and twenty-five  
Jane Doe "B-17" was discovered at the same location -- January 1, 1986  
she was a Caucasian girl 4'8" to 5'4" tall and between the ages of fourteen and seventeen

#### EXECUTION DATE IS SET FOR TED BUNDY

Ted Bundy, the nation's most well-known serial killer, was scheduled for execution in Florida

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for the Florida State University Chi Omega convictions [March 4, 1986]  
U.S. Supreme Court issued a stay-of-execution stopping the process  
while his new defense attorney, Polly Nelson, worked on his appeals  
for his previous murder convictions -- early in 1986

#### FIRST PERSONAL COMPUTER VIRUS STRIKES

Two Pakistani brothers, Basit Farooq Alvi and Amjad Farooq Alvi launched *Brain* -- January 19, 1986  
they had written this computer program to protect their copywritten medical software from piracy  
it was not supposed to be malicious -- it was supposed to target copyright infringers only  
however, it spread far beyond its targeted victims  
this was considered to be the first computer virus for MS-DOS

#### U.S. SPACE SHUTTLE *CHALLENGER* SUFFERES DISASTER

NASA's second Space Shuttle orbiter *Challenger* had replaced the original shuttle *Columbia*  
Astronaut Francis Richard "Dick" Scobee had been born in Cle Elum and was raised in Auburn  
he graduated from Auburn Senior High School [1957] and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force  
where he trained as a reciprocating engine mechanic  
he attended night school for two years to earn college credit  
before he received in Bachelor of Science Degree in Aerospace Engineering  
this was followed by a combat tour in Vietnam  
he became a test pilot and logged more than 6,500 hours flying time in forty-five types of aircraft  
Dick Scobee became an astronaut [January 1978]  
he first flew into space as pilot on *NASA's* eleventh space shuttle mission [April 6-13, 1984]  
Scobee was selected as Commander of the *Challenger's* fifth flight -- STS-51-L  
aboard as part of the crew was teacher and mother of two Christa McAuliffe  
who had been selected [1985] as the first American civilian to go into space  
educators and students across the nation were filled with excitement as she was scheduled  
to conduct experiments and teach two lessons from space  
As students in classrooms across the nation watched the preparations  
launch of the *Challenger* was delayed two hours -- January 28, 1986  
finally, there was liftoff as *Challenger* roared into space  
seventy-three seconds into the launch the Space Shuttle disintegrated killing the crew of seven  
(U.S. Navy divers found the Space Shuttle largely intact [March 9, 1986]  
but the crew compartment had been heavily damaged  
bodies of all seven astronauts were still inside)  
(It was later determined that an O-ring sealing a joint had failed due to a number of factors  
followed by an explosion of hydrogen and oxygen that tore apart the *Challenger*

this accident led to a two-and-a-half year grounding of the shuttle fleet)

## GREEN RIVER TASK FORCE'S LACK OF SUCCESS FRUSTRATES THE PUBLIC

Residents of the Puget Sound area, especially in King and Pierce counties, were acutely aware of the lack of results coming from the Green River Task Force -- February 1986

While several suspects were taken into custody, each proved to have no connection with the murders public anger and fear reached a boiling point

members of the media referred to the Green River Task Force as a joke

## MICROSOFT ENTERS THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Microsoft's initial price was set at \$21.00 a share -- March 13, 1986

Bill Gates and Paul Allen became instant millionaires

Microsoft quickly grew to become the largest software company in the world

it offered hundreds of products and employed nearly 18,000 people

## PAUL ALLEN BEGINS THE PAUL G. ALLEN FAMILY FOUNDATION

Paul G. Allen Family Foundation (which has given donations of more than \$1.5 billion)

works to transform individual lives and strengthen communities

by supporting arts and culture, youth engagement, community development and social change, and scientific and technological innovation

Paul G. Allen Family Foundation has dedicated its resources to:

- help low-income individuals and families achieve long-term economic stability and success;
- help Washington State's most vulnerable residents;
- partner with public schools and school districts in Washington and Oregon to implement sustainable, research-based improvements that lead to measurable improvements in student achievement;
- support libraries in Washington State and Multnomah County, Oregon to help them strengthen their connections with patrons;
- initiate the Science and Technology Program to advance promising research and technological developments that have the potential to expand knowledge, improve health and protect the environment;
- establish the "Spirit of 12 Partners Program" in collaboration with Seattle youth service groups, the Seattle Seahawks, and The Paul G. Allen Family Foundation together they help youth organizations raise money by soliciting donations for their programs at Seahawks home games;
- Paul Allen's Seattle Seahawks Charitable Foundation promotes the healthy social, emotional, intellectual and physical development of youth;

- additional Allen charitable donations and foundations have funded hospitals, AIDS programs, cancer research and forest preservation

(Paul Allen has become one of the most generous and best-known philanthropists in America he supports and advances world-class projects and high-impact initiatives that improve the way people live, learn, work and experience the world through arts, science, education, entertainment, sports, business and technology he has pledged to leave a majority of his estate to philanthropy)

#### LAST MEMBER OF THE ORDER IS CAPTURED<sup>94</sup>

Richard J. Scutari, the gang's security chief, was arrested without incident although he was armed with a .45-caliber pistol -- March 19, 1986  
Scutari pled guilty in Seattle's U.S. District Court to racketeering, conspiracy and participating in the \$3.6 million Brink's robbery  
he was sentenced to sixty years in federal prison

#### TED BUNDY RECEIVES A NEW EXECUTION DATE

New date of July 2, 1986] was announced -- Ted Bundy confessed to a full range of crimes including his need to take full possession of his victims -- including their lives he provided details of what he did to some victims after their deaths -- April 1986

#### U.S. SENATOR JOHN KERRY CHAIRS AN INVESTIGATION INTO CONTRA ACTIVITIES

U.S. Senator John Kerry (D-Massachusetts) chaired a Senate Foreign Relations sub-Committee on Narcotics and International Terrorism which began looking into Nicaragua Contra involvement in cocaine and marijuana trafficking -- April 1986  
Kerry's staff also began their own investigations regarding illegal activities on the part of National Security Council staff member Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North

#### NUCLEAR REACTOR DISASTER OCCURS AT CHERNOBYL, USSR

Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant in the USSR state of Ukraine exploded -- April 26, 1986  
explosion and fire released large quantities of radioactive contamination into the atmosphere which spread over much of Western USSR and Europe  
(battle to contain the contamination and avert a greater catastrophe ultimately involved over 500,000 workers and cost an estimated 18 billion rubles which crippled the Soviet economy)  
In the aftermath of the accident, 237 people suffered from acute radiation sickness

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<sup>94</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, December 6, 2006.

(thirty-one died within three months)

most of the victims were fire and rescue workers trying to bring the accident under control  
they were not fully aware of how dangerous the exposure to radiation in the smoke was

After the disaster,

two square miles of pine forest directly downwind of the reactor

turned reddish-brown and died -- earning the name of the "Red Forest"

some animals in the worst-hit areas also died or stopped reproducing

most domestic animals were removed from the exclusion zone,

but horses left on an island in the Pripyat River four miles from the power plant

died when their thyroid glands were destroyed due to radiation poisoning

some cattle on the same island died and those that survived were stunted due to thyroid damage

(however, the next generation appeared to be normal)

(Later investigations showed that while human factors contributed to conditions that led to the disaster

the chief reasons for the accident lay in reactor construction flaws

and the design of the control rods inserted into the reactor to slow down the reaction

that were four feet shorter than necessary)

## McCAW COMMUNICATIONS, INC. ENTERS THE FIELD OF CELLULAR TELEPHONES

When American Telephone and Telegraph (AT&T), the nation's huge telephone monopoly,  
was broken up by a federal court -- 1986

a new business opportunity was created when the Federal Communications Commission (FCC)  
held lotteries to sell local permits to develop new telephone companies

Craig McCaw believed that customers would be attracted to any service

that allowed them to roam freely at a reasonable cost with a minimum of trouble

Gradually Craig McCaw entered into the new and untested field of cellular telephone service

he started bidding on cellular telephone licenses

and focused on building a nationwide network of cellular phones

to build up a war chest for the increasingly expensive battles for cellular territories,

McCaw brothers sold the family's cable television business to Cooke Cablevision

(now part of Comcast) -- 1986

Craig McCaw developed a reputation for being willing

to borrow gigantic sums to bid aggressively for new properties

over the next eight years, the company invested \$77 million

McCaw's reputation for making risks pay off was established

when he purchased MCI Communications' cellular and paging operations for \$122 million

AT&T, which expected to dominate the infant cell phone industry, was shocked

to find an unknown cable television operator from the Northwest

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had already acquired the licenses AT&T wanted in strategically chosen markets  
McCaw could now concentrate on building a national cellular phone network  
McCaw Cellular Communications emerged as the cellular telephone industry leader

#### REAGAN ADMINISTRATION ATTEMPTS TO DEAL WITH THE HEZBOLLAH HOSTAGE CRISIS

Reagan Administration officials developed a scheme to gain support from moderate groups in Iran who were opposed to both the Ayatollah Khomeini and the kidnapers of Americans  
Israel would ship weapons to Iranian moderates to gain their support so they would act as intermarries in the release of Hezbollah's American hostages still held in Iran  
U.S. would replace the weapons sold by Israel and provide them additional monetary benefits  
Israeli government required that the plan be approved by top federal officials  
arms-for-hostages proposal divided some members of the administration  
from President Ronald Reagan who was in favor  
with U.S. government approval of the sale gained, Israel agreed to sell weapons to Iran  
(By the time the arms sales were discovered, more than 1,500 missiles had been shipped to Iran  
three hostages had been released -- only to be replaced with three new hostages)

#### USS *MISSOURI* (BB-63) IS PUT BACK INTO SERVICE

USS *Missouri* was re-commissioned into service -- May 10, 1986  
she began her new life with an around-the-world cruise  
this was the first such cruise for a battleship since President Theodore Roosevelt  
sent the "Great White Fleet" [December 16, 1907-February 22, 1909]  
as a demonstration of growing American military power

#### GRUNGE MUSIC EXPLODES ON THE SCENE IN SEATTLE

Grunge, a form of alternative rock music, began in Washington State  
it was inspired by hardcore punk, heavy metal and indie rock  
it featured heavily distorted electric guitars with feedback effects  
lyrics focused on teenage apathy and angst  
many grunge musicians were noted for their unkempt appearances  
and their rejection of the business of music  
Early grunge movement centered on Seattle's independent record label *SubPop* --1986  
Kurt Cobain formed *Nirvana* with Krist Novoselic in Aberdeen [1987]  
Cobain and Novoselic met while attending Aberdeen High School  
*Nirvana* released its first single, "Love Buzz" [1988] on the *SubPop* record label  
a month later the band began recording its debut album, "Bleach"

## STELLA NICKELL CHANGES THE PACKAGING OF AMERICAN GOODS<sup>95</sup>

Heavy-equipment operator Bruce Nickell, 52, collapsed in his Auburn home -- June 5, 1986

Stella Nickell called the emergency volunteer fire department on the Kent-Black Diamond Road  
but her husband died at Harborview Hospital in Seattle  
an autopsy declared the cause of death to be emphysema

Six days later bank manager Sue Snow, 40, collapsed in her bathroom at home  
paramedics took her to Harborview Hospital by helicopter where she died -- June 11  
pathologists smelled the telltale scent of bitter almonds during the autopsy  
they determined that cyanide poisoning had killed Sue Snow

Food and Drug Administration soon announced that Extra Strength Excedrin capsules  
found at Snow's home medicine cabinet contained cyanide  
worried Auburn residents threw away bottles of pain-killers  
they feared might be laced with poison

Extra Strength Excedrin manufacturer Bristol-Myers initiated a nationwide recall of the capsules  
and immediately stopped making the product

grocers and pharmacists searched for more tainted medicine

one bottle was found in a Kent supermarket and another in an Auburn pharmacy  
lot number of the bottle recovered from Sue Snow's house was publicized

Stella Nickell called police to say she had two bottles of Excedrin in her home  
with the same lot number as the bottle that killed Sue Snow

(Federal Anti-Tampering Act [1983] had been passed by Congress  
in response to product-tampering in Chicago which killed seven people  
tampering with food or food containers was against federal law)

FBI took jurisdiction of the case

they discovered that Bruce Nickell had a \$100,000 accidental death insurance policy  
that listed Stella Nickell as the beneficiary  
needing to prove her husband's death was accidental

Stella Nickell poisoned bottles of Excedrin and randomly placed them on store shelves  
soon two more insurance policies on Bruce's life were discovered

Stella's payoff totaled \$175,000

FBI document examiners determined that Bruce's signature on the applications was forged  
Stella Nickell was indicted in federal court and was found guilty -- but not of murder [May 9, 1988]  
rather she was convicted of product tampering and was sentenced to ninety years in prison  
in the unlikely event she is paroled she could still face state murder charges  
which have not been filed to date)

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<sup>95</sup> Kathrine Beck, HistoryLink.org, January 28, 2004.

In response to product tampering, the Food and Drug Administration required products be packaged with tamper-resistant technology such as blister-packs, bottle mouth seal covers, shrink wrap bottle covers, visible seals that must be broken to open the bottle and taped box ends

#### WASHINGTON STATE LEGISLATIVE BUILDING'S DOME IS RENOVATED<sup>96</sup>

Interior rotunda of the great dome was renovated to match the exterior of the building  
plaster columns were colored to match the Alaska marble used elsewhere in the rotunda  
metal that looked like gold was applied to the tops of the columns  
one hundred forty-eight rosettes that decorated the dome were colored to give them definition  
five-ton Tiffany chandelier that hangs from the ceiling received a good cleaning -- 1986

#### TED BUNDY'S EXECUTION IS DELAYED ONCE AGAIN

Federal Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals stayed Bundy's execution  
and sent the Chi Omega conviction back to court for review of specific technicalities  
such as Bundy's mental competency to stand trial -- July 2, 1986  
New execution date [November 18, 1986] was set  
this time for the murder of twelve-year-old Kimberly Ann Leach

#### U.S. FOREST SERVICE PROTECTS THE NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL<sup>97</sup>

Northern spotted owl was regarded as an indicator species  
whose numbers reflected the health of other species and the forest ecosystem  
Spotted owls need old-growth forests for their habitats  
(that is, 200-year-old forests that had never been logged or burned)  
scientists estimated that one pair of owls needed hundreds of acres of forest habitat to survive  
Northern Spotted Owls faced extinction as its habitat was radically reduced  
by logging in the mature portions of the National Forests necessary for the bird's survival  
Forest Service developed an environmental impact statement and a forest management plan [1984]  
that required forest managers to consider owl habitat in the sales of old growth timber  
this placed in jeopardy the supply of logs for logging companies and lumber mills  
reduced number of logs had an economic impact in the entire forest products industry  
and in dozens of communities in the Northwest  
U.S. Forest Service announced that timber sales would be limited -- August 7, 1986  
both the forest products industry and environmentalists responded with outrage

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<sup>96</sup> J. Kingston Pierce, HistoryLink.org, April 11, 2003.

<sup>97</sup> David Wilma, HistoryLink.org, February 28, 2003.

industry complained the measure went too far and would cost thousands of jobs, environmentalists claimed that not enough was being done to protect the species

## TWO WASHINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICTS FACE TEACHER STRIKES

Steilacoom Education Association teachers struck for fifteen days  
to achieve a professional agreement acceptable to them -- 1986  
teachers and administrators reached an agreement without interference by the courts  
North Kitsap School District saw its (NKEA) teachers struck for five days  
this strike was settled without court action

## GREEN RIVER TASK FORCE REMAINS UNSUCCESSFUL

Enough information on possible Green River Killer suspects had been assembled  
to permit the task force to focus on one man -- a Riverton Heights fur trapper  
after a search of the man's house generated an enormous amount of news-media attention,  
task force members released the man and admitted he was not the killer  
Popular support and political enthusiasm for the task force greatly waned -- September 1986  
by this time at least \$10 million, including federal grant money, had been expended on the effort  
dozen positions were slashed from the task force by Sheriff Vern Thomas  
Captain James Pompey was assigned to lead the Green River Task Force  
organizationally the task force returned to existing police structure  
instead of operating independently as it had under Captain Frank Adamson

## GREEN RIVER KILLER REMAINS ACTIVE

Patricia Michelle Barczak, age nineteen, had completed a course in culinary school  
she loved puppies and kittens before she disappeared  
along Pacific Highway South near Sea-Tac Airport -- October 17, 1986  
(her skull found by a survey crew working along Highway 18 in Auburn [February 1993])

## REAGAN ADMINISTRATION'S ARMS-FOR-HOSTAGES DEAL IS EXPOSED

Lebanese newspaper, *Ash-Shiraa*, printed an exposé on the secret activities -- November 3, 1986  
United States had been selling weapons to Iran in secret to secure the release  
of seven American hostages held by the pro-Iranian Hezbollah in Lebanon  
at the same time high ranking members of the U.S. government were accused  
of funneling money raised by the weapons sales to Iran to Nicaraguan Contra rebels  
both activities were illegal

This story quickly proved to be correct when a CIA airlift of guns for Nicaragua was downed  
one of the men aboard the aircraft, Eugene Hasenfus, was captured by Nicaraguan authorities

he initially alleged in the Nicaraguan press that two of his co-workers worked for the CIA  
(he later changed his story)

## REAGAN ADMINISTRATION ATTEMPTS TO CONTROL THE POLITICAL DAMAGE

Two facts soon came to light which shocked the people of the United States:

- while probing the question of the arms-for-hostages deal, Attorney General Edwin Meese discovered that only \$12 million of the \$30 million Iranians reportedly paid for weapons had reached federal government coffers;
- CIA had (allegedly with the knowledge of President Reagan) secretly arranged for Israel to transfer weapons to Iran in violation of the law that made dealings with a “State Sponsor of Terrorism” illegal;

President Reagan went on television -- November 1986

he vehemently denied that any illegal operation had occurred

(he retracted the statement a week later, but insisted the sale of weapons to Iran had not been an “arms-for-hostages” deal)

Then-unknown National Security Council staff member Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North revealed to federal authorities the \$22 million discrepancy in funds

he had been diverting funds from the arms sales to Iran to the Contras

with the full knowledge of National Security adviser Admiral John Poindexter and with the unspoken blessing, he assumed, of President Reagan

North noted the scheme had been planned by three members of the National Security Council adviser Admiral John Poindexter, advisor Robert McFarlane and staff member Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North

## LITTLE CHANGES AS A RESULT OF THE STATE ELECTIONS

In the only change in Washington State’s Congressional delegation,

Republican U.S. Senator Slade Gorton was narrowly defeated

by Seattle Democrat and former Congressman Brock Adams -- November 4, 1986

Washington’s legislature remained in Democratic hands

while Republicans gained two State Senate seats, they remained in the minority by one seat twenty-five Democrats to twenty-four Republicans

in the State House of Representatives Democrats increased their majority by eight seats as they held a comfortable sixty-one to thirty-one vote edge

## COLUMBIA RIVER GORGE SCENIC AREAS ARE PROTECTED BY CONGRESS

Columbia River Gorge supported human habitation for over 13,000 years

evidence of Folsom and Marmes people, who crossed the Bering Sea land bridge from Asia,

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were found in archaeological digs  
excavations near Celilo Falls, a few miles east of The Dalles, showed humans  
had occupied this salmon-fishing site for more than 10,000 years  
For thousands of years the Columbia Gorge provided the only navigable route through the Cascades  
as it linked the Columbia River Plateau and the Pacific Ocean  
American Indians traveled through the Gorge to trade at Celilo Falls  
American explorers Lewis and Clark used with route to reach the Pacific Ocean [1805]  
early settlers established steamboat lines and railroads through the gorge (beginning in [1850])  
Union Pacific Railroad ran freights along the Oregon bank of the river  
Amtrak's *Pioneer* passenger train also used the Union Pacific tracks [until 1997]  
rival Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway ran freight along the Washington side  
Amtrak's passenger train, *Empire Builder*, used this route through the gorge  
Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area is a canyon that stretches for over eighty miles  
as the Columbia River crashes through the Cascade Mountains  
canyon walls up to 4,000 feet high extends roughly from the confluence of the Columbia  
with Oregon's Deschutes River down to Reed Island  
(outside of today's Troutdale, Oregon)  
Columbia Gorge National Scenic Area was placed under the authority  
of the United States Forest Service -- November 1986

#### AGAIN TED BUNDY'S EXECUTION IS DELAYED

Eleventh Circuit Court issued a stay of execution -- November 17, 1986  
(it was not until [mid-1988] that the Eleventh Circuit ruled against Ted Bundy)

#### VACANT SEAT IN THE STATE SENATE IS FILLED

Eighteenth Legislative District State Senator Alan Thompson, Democrat, resigned  
to become Chief Clerk of the State House of Representatives -- November 19, 1986  
Democrat Joe Tanner was appointed to fill the unexpired term for Cowlitz and Clark counties  
continuing Democratic control of the State Senate by one vote

#### IRAN-CONTRA AFFAIR BECOMES PUBLIC

U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese announced that profits from covert weapons sales to Iran  
were illegally diverted to the anti-Communist Contra rebels in Nicaragua in violation of U.S. law  
National Security Council staff member Oliver North, mastermind of the Iran-Contra operation,  
was fired by President Reagan -- November 25, 1986  
Oliver North's boss, National Security Advisor John Poindexter, resigned the same day

## IRAN-CONTRA SCANDAL IS INVESTIGATED

President Reagan appointed former-U.S. Senator Texas Republican John Tower to head the Tower Commission composed of former Secretary of State Democrat Edmund Muskie and former National Security Advisor Republican Brent Scowcroft -- November 26, 1986 to investigate the arms-for-hostages sale of weapons to Iran and the diversion of the money to Nicaraguan Contras  
Reagan denied any involvement in the scandal  
Tower Commission focused on the role of the National Security Council in the Iran-Contra affair

## INDIAN-STATE COOPERATION TAKES ANOTHER STEP FORWARD

Following the implementation of the Puget Sound Salmon Management Plan [1985], the Timber Fish Wildlife Agreement further developed cooperation between Washington State Native American tribes and non-Indians -- 1986 this time including environmental groups and logging companies  
Timber Fish Wildlife Agreement set the ground rules for cooperative decision making it also addressed the shared goal of “economic stability and regulatory certainty” to encourage cooperative efforts for habitat protection and sustainable forest management<sup>98</sup>

## PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN TESTIFIES BEFORE THE TOWER COMMISSION

President Reagan’s Chief of Staff, Donald Regan, had previously testified before the committee he stated the U.S. government had not authorized the sale of weapons-for-hostages to Iran  
However, President Reagan shocked Regan and White House counsel by admitting he had indeed approved both the sale of weapons by Israel to Iran and had agreed to replace the weapons Israel had sold -- December 2, 1986

## LARRY WALSH IS APPOINTED INDEPENDENT COUNSEL TO INVESTIGATE IRAN-CONTRA

Republican Lawrence E. Walsh, attorney, former judge and former U.S. Deputy Attorney General, was appointed Independent Counsel to investigate the Iran-Contra affair by the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia -- December 19, 1986

Two major difficulties confronted Walsh’s investigation:

- passage of time since the Iran-Contra events had occurred had dimmed memories,
- lack of witness recollections of specific details became apparent

Office of Independent Council carefully searched for previously unproduced documents such as notes most of the significant Iran-Contra witnesses were reluctant to provide truthful information unless they were confronted with difficult-to-refute documentary evidence

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<sup>98</sup> Jennifer Ott, HistoryLink.org, March 28, 2011.

## KING COUNTY'S NEW-ELECTED EXECUTIVE TIM HILL TAKES OFFICE

Tim Hill was sworn into the county executive's office -- January 1, 1987

constituents wanted improved police services in the unincorporated areas of the county

County Executive Tim Hill openly questioned whether the use of so many police  
in the unproductive search for the Green River Killer was the best use of scarce resources  
for a case that might never be solved

Size of the task force was reduced by forty percent

when Task Force leader Captain Frank Adamson objected to the cuts to the task force  
he was promoted and placed in charge of a precinct

Captain Adamson's replacement was Captain James Pompey

Pompey immediately began to reorganize the team and the data related to the investigation

## LAST OF THE EIGHT HANFORD ATOMIC REACTORS IS SHUT DOWN

Most of the nuclear reactors had been shut down between [1964] and January 1987

they had functioned for an average of twenty-two years each before they were entombed  
to allow the radioactive materials to decay

surrounding structures had been removed and buried

"B" Reactor has not been cocooned and was accessible to the public for occasional guided tours

it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places [1992]

some historians advocated converting it into a museum

("B" Reactor was designated a National Historic Landmark

by the National Park Service [August 19, 2008])

Hanford's "N" Reactor, the last in operation, was a dual reactor built in [1963]

it produced energy for the Washington Public Power Supply System (WPPSS) electrical grid  
and was a plutonium production reactor for nuclear weapons

its advanced technology was far superior to that of the first eight nuclear reactors at Hanford

"N" Reactor's state-of-the-art cooling system required significantly less Columbia River water  
if there was ever a loss of cooling water,

"N" Reactor was built with an automatic safety system

that would shut down the reactor on its own without any operator action required

"N" Reactor was shut down for routine maintenance, refueling

and safety upgrades -- January 1987

it was never re-started

## LEADERSHIP OF THE GREEN RIVER TASK FORCES CHANGES HANDS AGAIN

Green River Killer had been active from at least [July 1982] with no viable suspect identified

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nearly all of the victims were runaways, prostitutes or women living on the streets  
it was believed that at least seven bodies had not been found

but the remains four victims, yet to be identified, were being held -- early 1987  
Investigators turned their focus from a suspect's possible guilt to the suspect's probable innocence  
this strategy allowed investigators to quickly eliminate people under suspicion who had alibis  
and instead concentrate on more probable suspects  
suspects that remained under suspicion were prioritized according to their threat<sup>99</sup>  
category "A" was composed of those who were most closely linked to victims,  
or fit the profile of the killer and his movements  
categories "B" or "C" were composed of suspects less closely linked with the crimes  
before they were eventually eliminated

#### GREEN RIVER TASK FORCE RE-INTERVIEWS AN OLD SUSPECT

Gary Ridgway had been contacted by police several times in the past  
he had been accused of choking a prostitute near the Sea-Tac International Airport [1980]  
police had stopped and questioned him while he was in his truck with a prostitute [1982]  
she later became one of the women on the Green River Killer's suspected murder list  
police approached the man again [1983] in connection with the kidnapping of Marie Malvar  
whose boyfriend had followed a truck to Ridgway's house  
after he recognized it as the one in which he had last seen his girlfriend  
Ridgway also had been picked up  
for attempting to solicit an undercover police officer [May 1984]  
Green River detective Matt Haney became increasingly suspicious of Gary Ridgway -- early 1987  
Haney learned from Ridgway's ex-wife that he often frequented the dumpsites  
where many of the Green River Killer's victim's bodies had been discovered  
Unable to eliminate Gary Ridgway as suspect, he moved up to the "A" list  
he was placed under police surveillance  
investigators scrutinized his work record and determined that he was never at work  
on the days that many of the victims had been reported as missing  
several prostitutes claimed to have seen a man matching the suspect's description  
regularly cruising the Pacific Highway South strip between [1982-1983]  
Ridgway said he regularly drove that route on his way to work as a truck painter<sup>100</sup>

#### STATE LEGISLATURE AGAIN ADDRESSES THE SCHOOL FUNDING ISSUE

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<sup>99</sup> Rachael Bell, *Green River Killer: River of Death*, [www.trutv.com/library/crime/serial\\_killers/predators/greenriver/routine\\_2.html](http://www.trutv.com/library/crime/serial_killers/predators/greenriver/routine_2.html)

<sup>100</sup> Rachael Bell, *Green River Killer: River of Death*, [www.trutv.com/library/crime/serial\\_killers/predators/greenriver/routine\\_2.html](http://www.trutv.com/library/crime/serial_killers/predators/greenriver/routine_2.html)

Washington's legislators passed *Schools for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* which allowed school districts to add ten additional school days to the school calendar for employees to plan and implement school improvement programs including teacher and staff training -- 1987

School districts could ask tax-payers for an excess levy limited to up to ten percent of their budget to use for local programs beyond basic education supported by the community to increase the maximum levy amount that could be requested by each school district, legislators added federal funding to the amount that could be used to establish the levy amount typically about ten percent of a school district's budget this raised the amount that could be requested from ten percent of the district's budget to about twenty percent

to address widespread concerns that varying school taxing rates would lead to a system of rich districts that passed their levies and poor districts that could not legislators also passed a levy equalization bill known as the *Local Effort Assistance Program (LEAP)* -- 1987

*LEAP* was to assist districts that required high tax rates to provide adequate funding because the property tax values within the school districts were assessed at a lower rate (creating "property poor" school districts because they lacked high tax rate industries) however, to qualify for the *LEAP* money these "property poor" districts were required to pass their local Maintenance & Operation Levy thus districts that suffered a "double M&O levy failure" not only lost their levy funds but they also lost the *LEAP* equalization funds as well

#### ANOTHER VICTIM OF THE GREEN RIVER KILLER IS DISCOVERED

Twenty-one-year-old Roberta Joseph Hayes was last seen alive leaving a Portland, Oregon jail -- February 7, 1987

(Roberta 's remains were found four years later by a Washington Parks employee along Highway 410 east of Enumclaw [September 11, 1991] when the location was accurately identified by the Green River Killer)

#### CIA ADMITS IRANIAN FUNDS WERE DIVERTED TO NICARAGUAN CONTRAS

Director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) William J. Casey, admitted to *Washington Post* reporter Bob Woodward that he was aware of the diversion of Iranian arms-for-hostages funds to the Contras this admission occurred while Casey was hospitalized for a stroke -- February 1987 (William Casey died [May 6, 1987])

## HUSKY STADIUM COLLAPSES<sup>101</sup>

Husky Stadium was undergoing renovation to add 13,700 seats at a cost of \$12.9 million while the stadium was under construction, nine guylines (wire cables) were used to support the structure

two of the nine new sections were close to completion when one of the forty men on the project noticed a 28-inch diameter tube that supported the overhanging roof had buckled all of the crew was immediately ordered off the job -- 9:00 a.m. February 25, 1987

Washington Athletic Director Mike Lude had played a major role in selling and funding the project he was conducting a staff meeting in his office when they were distracted by the 140-high bleachers falling to the ground

to become a gigantic 250-ton mass of twisted metal preliminary damage estimates ranged from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000

All the workers had gotten away in time

only a cat, the ironworkers' mascot, was missing

(but a few hours later even the cat was found in the rubble alive and apparently unharmed)

Collapse of Husky Stadium was a setback

(nevertheless, the stadium addition was completed in time for the football team's first home game as the Huskies defeated Stanford 31-21 [September 5, 1987])

## TOWER COMMISSION DELIVERS ITS REPORT TO THE PRESIDENT

Tower Commission, chaired by former-U.S. Senator Texas Republican John Tower, had interviewed eighty witnesses to the Iran-Contra scheme two hundred page report was issued -- February 26, 1987

it criticized the actions of Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger,

National Security Advisor (NSA) John Poindexter, NSA advisor Robert McFarlane,

National Security Council member Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North and others

it was determined that President Reagan did not have knowledge of the full extent of the Iran-Contra scheme

especially the diversion of Iranian funds for hostages to the Nicaraguan Contras

however, it was noted, the President should have had better control

of the National Security Council staff

President Reagan also was criticized in the report for not properly supervising his subordinates or being aware of their actions

## PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN EXPRESSES REGRET OVER THE IRAN-CONTRA SCANDAL

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<sup>101</sup> Greg Lange, HistoryLink.org, January 18, 2001.

President Reagan broadcast his regrets over national television -- March 4, 1987

he explained why he had not spoken to the American public for three months

regarding the scandal: **“The reason I haven't spoken to you before now is this: You deserve the truth. And as frustrating as the waiting has been, I felt it was improper to come to you with sketchy reports, or possibly even erroneous statements, which would then have to be corrected, creating even more doubt and confusion. There's been enough of that.”**

he then took full responsibility for the acts committed: **“First, let me say I take full responsibility for my own actions and for those of my administration. As angry as I may be about activities undertaken without my knowledge, I am still accountable for those activities. As disappointed as I may be in some who served me, I'm still the one who must answer to the American people for this behavior.”**

finally, the president stated that his previous assertions that the U.S. did not trade arms for hostages were incorrect: **“A few months ago I told the American people I did not trade arms for hostages. My heart and my best intentions still tell me that's true, but the facts and the evidence tell me it is not. As the Tower board reported, what began as a strategic opening to Iran deteriorated, in its implementation, into trading arms for hostages. This runs counter to my own beliefs, to administration policy, and to the original strategy we had in mind.”**<sup>102</sup>

President Reagan's message resonated with viewers and his popularity rebounded across the nation

U.S. AIR FORCE KC-135 STRATOTANKER CRASHES AT FAIRCHILD AFB, SPOKANE<sup>103</sup>

*Thunderhawks* was a new aerobatics team created by the Strategic Air Command (SAC)

in an attempt to match the Air Force *Thunderbirds* and the Navy *Blue Angels* aerobatics teams

Fairchild Air Force Base near Spokane was selected as the training area for the new team

B-52 Stratofortress and a KC-135 Stratotanker took off from Fairchild -- Friday March 13, 1987

to practice aerial maneuvers for Fairchild's annual Aerospace Day [Sunday, May 17]

this fifteen minute air show was to be the debut of the new Thunderhawks

they were to demonstrate the capabilities of SAC's large aircraft

through a series of exciting routines that included a low-level refueling simulation,

high-bank turns and flybys down the runway

KC-135 had just taken off from runway 23 in tandem with the B-52

KC-135 was executing a steep left-hand turn when it suddenly rolled

from an intended 45-degree bank to almost 90 degrees -- two left engines stalled

crew managed to level the aircraft, but it was flying too low and slow to recover

plane crashed landed in an open area north of the flightline, behind three large hangars,

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<sup>102</sup> “Speech about Iran Contra.” PBS. March 4, 1987.

<sup>103</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, December 20, 2008.

narrowly missing the base's bombing and refueling squadron offices  
it skidded through a security fence, across an access road, and killed an off-duty sergeant  
aircraft traveled for another 200 yards, then hit an unmanned weather radar tower  
and burst into flames

Firefighters from Fairchild's crash teams were quickly on scene

they were assisted by a crash truck from Spokane International Airport four miles to the east  
and an entire engine company from the Spokane Fire Department

it took more than three hours to extinguish the flames and hot-spots from the crash

Searchers found the bodies of five crewmen in the forward section of the blackened fuselage

body of the sixth crew member was finally found tangled inside the cockpit late Friday night

this discovery was not immediate because the recovery teams

were careful to safeguard the crew compartment for the Air Force accident investigators

(According to an investigation by the Air Force Accident Investigation Board

during the demonstration the KC-135 tanker with its refueling boom extended

was to execute a pass at approximately 500 feet while the B-52 bomber was to follow  
flying lower at 200 feet

just after takeoff the KC-135 hit the wake of the B-52 and then began its 90-degree decline  
the aircraft was flying too low and too slow to enable a recovery)

Strategic Air Command's Thunderhawks program was disbanded at the insistence of Congress

## GREEN RIVER TASK FORCES SERVES A SEARCH WARRANT

Green River Task Force had developed a long suspect list

but no conclusive evidence implicated any of the men

Gary Ridgway had been identified by two witnesses who said he was seen with two of the victims

task force members executed a search warrant on his home -- April 8, 1987

it was tightly packed with objects he and his fiancé had collected from dumpster diving,  
attending swap meets and from dump sites

where some of the Green River victims had been found<sup>104</sup>

Ridgway was taken into police custody where he passed a polygraph test

he was then asked for a saliva sample which he provided

however, DNA technology was only in its infancy

There was insufficient evidence to arrest him and Gary Ridgway was released from police custody

## CONGRESS BEGINS ITS PUBLIC HEARINGS ON THE IRAN-CONTRA AFFAIR

Independent Counsel Lawrence E. Walsh conducted an investigation of Iran-Contra for five years

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<sup>104</sup> Charles Montaldo, [crime.about.com/od/serial/a/Gary-Ridgway.htm](http://crime.about.com/od/serial/a/Gary-Ridgway.htm)

Walsh specifically implicated Vice President George H.W. Bush in the Iran-Contra scandal

Vice President Bush denied all knowledge of the Iran-Contra affair

saying he was “out of the loop” -- May 5, 1987

(Vice President Bush steadfastly refused to turn over his diary to investigators

this later revealed he was **“one of the few people that know fully the details”**<sup>105</sup>

even so, he repeatedly refused to discuss the incident -

he was elected President [November 1988])

#### ANOTHER SET BACK FOR THE GREEN RIVER TASK FORCE

Captain James Pompey died from a massive heart attack in a scuba diving accident -- May 11, 1987]

when he apparently could not get air from his tank and surfaced too quickly

After so much death in the region the public’s nerves had become raw<sup>106</sup>

this tragic event was picked up by the media and sensationalized

it was suggested the Green River Killer was actually a police officer who murdered Pompey

although there was absolutely no substantiating evidence to support the theory

one newspaper even called for an official investigation into the death of Captain Pompey

(Over the next three years, the number of officers in the task force continued to dwindle

even as it focused on a number of potentially viable suspects)

#### THREE MEMBERS OF ONE FAMILY ARE KILLED IN A MID-AIR COLLISION<sup>107</sup>

Two small airplanes carrying six members of the Sager family took off from Pru Field near Ritzville for a holiday near Hayden Lake, Idaho -- May 24, 1987

three of the family flew in a Cessna 172 while three others flew in a Piper Cherokee P-28

Both airplanes flew side-by-side before the Cessna crossed in front of the Piper Cherokee

when the planes collided, the Cessna went into a nose-dive

and crashed fifteen miles east of Ritzville killing everyone on board

Piper Cherokee managed to return safely to Pru Field

(Nearly the entire population of Ritzville turned out for the memorial service for Kenneth Sager, 41, his wife Gloria, 40, and their daughter Karla, 15,

held at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Ritzville four days later)

#### SECOND VIETNAM MEMORIAL IS DEDICATED IN OLYMPIA

Vietnam veterans had not been pleased with the original Vietnam Veterans Memorial

they felt the names of their fallen comrades etched in marble and surrounded by a scroll

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<sup>105</sup> The National Security Archive. [www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB210/index.htm](http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB210/index.htm)

<sup>106</sup> Rachael Bell, *Green River Killer: River of Death*, [www.trutv.com/library/crime/serial\\_killers/predators/greenriver/routine\\_2.html](http://www.trutv.com/library/crime/serial_killers/predators/greenriver/routine_2.html)

<sup>107</sup> Jim Kershner, HistoryLink.org, April 14, 2010.

“entombed” their memory

Washington State Vietnam Veterans Memorial Committee was organized to fund a second memorial fundraising work was such a success that the \$178,000 project was funded privately

1,466 individuals, groups and corporations donated money -- most in amounts less than \$25 memorial committee returned the money that had been donated by the state government

Dedicated to 1,117 dead or missing Washington State Vietnam War veterans,

Artist Kris Snider’s memorial was unveiled on the east lawn of the Insurance Building on the west campus -- Memorial Day, May 25, 1987

site selected for the memorial was a grassy knoll under a large shade tree

an area was chosen specifically because of the quiet solitude it provided

green granite wall stretches partially around a forty-five foot base

this wall represents the circle of life -- the top of the wall rises and falls in a rolling course symbolizing the highs and lows of that occur in our existence

granite wall runs unimpaired except for a large crack in the shape of North and South Vietnam

this cut symbolizes the break in the circle of life caused by the war

Inscribed in the granite is: “Washington State Vietnam Veterans Memorial,” **“To all my brothers and sisters who made it back, but never made it home. In memory of those who have died from physical and emotional wounds received while serving in the Vietnam War. We honor and recognize their pain and suffering, but above all we respect the courage of these Washington State residents. When our country called, you were there. We have not forgotten, you are not alone. You Now Rest in Glory.”**

Names carved into the wall are positioned in such a way that they can be touched and read by all including children and those in wheelchairs

these names are listed chronologically by date of death from [July 1963] to [May 1975]

a small cross is engraved next to the names of those who remain missing in action

there are small holes next to all the names so that mementos may be left in remembrance

all items left are collected and placed in the state archives

## PREHISTORIC COLVIS CULTURE ARTIFACTS ARE DISCOVERED IN EAST WENATCHEE<sup>108</sup>

Clovis culture referred to a small town in north central New Mexico near the Texas panhandle where many prehistoric artifact discoveries were made

prehistoric peoples across the Western portion of North America not covered by ice age glaciers

made stone spear points known as Clovis points about 11,500 years ago

(no Clovis material had been recovered from the Marmes Rockshelter site [1962-1969])

While installing an irrigation sprinkler pipe through an apple orchard near the Columbia River

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<sup>108</sup> Paula Becker, HistoryLink.org, October 3, 2006.

two orchard workers, Moises Aguirre and Mark Mickles, uncovered a cache  
of 11,000- to 12,000-year-old prehistoric tools known as Clovis points  
buried about twenty inches below the surface -- May 27, 1987

Mack and Susan Richey and Rick and Joanne Roberts jointly owned the East Wenatchee site  
on Grant Road in East Wenatchee

(This discovery did not receive any publicity initially,  
but by [1988] it had developed word-of-mouth interest)

#### BOEING 737 BECOMES THE MOST ORDERED AIRPLANE IN HISTORY

Boeing's 737 debuted [1967] -- it was smaller than the 707 and 727

it faced heavy competition from the Douglas DC-9 and the British Aircraft Corporation BAC-111

however, the 737 was quieter and vibrated less than other planes

and could be flown with just a two-member flight crew

Orders for the Boeing 737 surpassed the 727 -- June 12, 1987

making it the most ordered commercial plane in history

#### TEACHERS IN TWO WASHINGTON STATE SCHOOL DISTRICTS GO ON STRIKE

Washington Education Association (WEA) led two teacher strikes

Edmonds teachers (EEA) struck for twenty-nine days -- 1987

settlement was reached on the day set for a court injunction hearing

Renton teachers (REA) struck for eight days to achieve an acceptable contract -- 1987

court involvement was not necessary to reach a successful settlement

#### GORDON HIRABAYASHI SUED THE U.S. OVER LOSS OF HIS CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

(When Gordon Hirabayashi was a twenty-three University of Washington student,

he was ordered into a Japanese internment camp

he refused to enter the camp and was convicted of violating federal orders

his conviction was upheld by U.S. Supreme Court [June 21, 1943]

Hirabayashi spend five months in jail and three months in a prison camp

he never quit fighting the loss of his civil rights and to clear his name

following World War II and his time in prison,

Gordon Hirabayashi obtained his doctoral degree in sociology and became a professor)

More than forty years later Gordon Hirabayashi returned to court seeking redress

he charged the federal government with "government misconduct" as federal prosecutors

had intentionally concealed evidence that would have belied charges of disloyalty

made against Japanese Americans in the [1940s]

U.S Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals San Francisco ruled unanimously

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that Gordon Hirabayashi had been wrongly convicted -- September 24, 1987  
(Gordon Hirabayashi passed away ([January 2, 2012])  
President Barack Obama issued Hirabayashi the Medal of Freedom [June 5, 2012])

Medal of Freedom is the nation's highest civilian honor  
it is presented to individuals who have made especially meritorious contributions  
to the security or national interests of the United States, to world peace,  
or to cultural or other significant public or private endeavors

## BLACK MONDAY STRIKES THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

(United States economy began shifting from a rapidly growing recovery  
to a slower-growing expansion  
which resulted in a "soft landing" as the economy slowed and inflation dropped [1986]  
however, the stock market advanced significantly, with the Dow peaking at 2,722 [August 1987]  
forty-four percent over the previous year's closing of 1,895 points)  
As computer technology became more advanced, the use of "program trading"  
grew dramatically within Wall Street firms  
in "program trading" computers performed rapid stock executions based on external factors  
such as the price of related securities  
Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 95.46 points (a then record) to 2412.70 October 14, 1987  
then fell another fifty-eight points the next day  
When financial markets in London were unexpectedly closed due to the Great Storm of 1987,  
the Dow Jones Industrial Average fell down another 108.35 points  
to close at 2,246.74 on record volume -- Friday, October 16  
that weekend many investors worried over their stock investments  
Black Monday crash began in Hong Kong -- Monday October 19, 1987  
this crash spread west to Europe where huge amounts of value was lost in a very short time  
United States was hit after other markets had already declined by a significant margin  
Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped by 508 points to 1,738.74 -- a 22.61% loss in one day  
computers responded to falling prices with program selling  
when stock brokers stopped selling in spite of the demands of computer program trading  
prices began to rise and disaster was narrowly averted

## STATE ELECTION EFFECTS ONLY THE STATE LEGISLATURE

Washington's Congressional delegation remained unchanged  
as five Democrat and three Republican congressmen were all returned to office  
In a State Senate run-off election -- November 3, 1987  
Republican Linda A. Smith defeated Democrat Joe Tanner

to represent the Eighteenth Legislative District in Cowlitz and Clark counties  
Republicans once again had a 25-to-24 edge in the State Senate  
State Senator Jeannette Hayner returned to the Majority Leader position  
she led the Senate through the 1987-[1992] sessions<sup>109</sup>  
(during those five years, including two more elections,  
Republicans held the majority by only a single seat  
it was a testament to her leadership that she kept twenty-five different caucus members  
with often-divergent views tightly disciplined and united  
Republicans could to stand up to the Democratic controlled State House of Representatives  
and popular Democratic Governor Booth Gardner

#### WORLD WAR II FORT LAWTON RIOT AND MURDER CASE IS REVISITED

KING-TV reporter Jack Hamann found Italian POW Guglielmo Olivotto's headstone  
in the Fort Lawton cemetery [1986]

Olivotto had been found hanged during the [May 17, 1944] Fort Lawton riot  
forty-three African American defendants faced life in prison if convicted  
in the largest and longest Army court-martial of World War II  
two black soldiers, Luther Larkin and William Jones, were convicted of the lynching  
during a riot involving U.S. soldiers and Italian prisoners of war  
Jack Hamann and his wife Leslie, curious about the incident, began a four-year effort  
to locate primary sources including documents and witnesses related to the case  
during several weeks of research at the National Archives in College Park, Maryland  
they came across General Elliot Cooke's newly-declassified report of the incident  
which indicated there were very serious shortcomings in the criminal investigation  
After months of research Hamann produced an Emmy Award winning one-hour special program  
for Seattle's NBC affiliate, KING-TV --1987  
which accepted the then-conventional view that Olivotto had been lynched by black soldiers  
during the program several questions were raised about the prosecution of the case  
but no substantial evidence to refute prosecutor Leon Jaworski's case surfaced  
(Jack Hamann continued his investigation -- the more he probed the more injustice he found)

#### WORLD WAR II FORT LAWTON RIOT AND MURDER CASE IS RESOLVED

Jack Hamman published *On American Soil How Justice Became a Casualty of WWII* [2005]  
this was an account of his findings regarding the trial of forty-three African American defendants  
found guilty in the rioting and the lynching of Italian prisoner of war Guglielmo Olivotto

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<sup>109</sup> Kit Oldham, HistoryLink.org, July 20, 2009.

Hammon proved that the trial of the accused soldiers was unfair

As a result of *On American Soil*, Congress was asked to reinvestigate the trial by four of the soldiers  
Booker W. Townsell of Wisconsin, Luther L. Larkin of Arkansas, William G. Jones of Illinois  
and Samuel Snow of Florida

only Snow was still alive as the others were represented by their families

Washington Congressman Jim McDermott and two other congressmen became involved  
after a year of deliberation, the Army's Board of Corrections of Military Records ruled  
that the black soldiers court-martialed in the death of Olivotto  
were unfairly denied access to their attorneys and to investigative records  
they should have their convictions overturned [October 2007]

Congressman McDermott noted: **“Rarely has a book inspired legislation in the U.S. Congress, but that is exactly what happened with Jack Hamann’s *On American Soil*. I had barely finished reading it before I instructed my staff to introduce legislation directing the Secretary of the Army to re-open the cases of the African American soldiers, find the truth, and correct any injustice found. This is an important book, and I hope many more people have the opportunity to read it.”**

**-Congressman Jim McDermott**

Eventually the convictions of twenty-eight of the black veterans were overturned  
an apology and honorable discharge was given to the falsely accused black soldiers at a ceremony  
held at Seattle’s Discovery Park near the former Fort Lawton chapel [July 26, 2008]  
Samuel Snow, the last of accused black soldiers, died of congestive heart failure  
at Virginia Mason hospital [July 27, 2008]  
thirteen hours after receiving an apology and his honorable discharge from the military)

## BOEING DESIGNS AND BUILDS THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

NASA selected Boeing to be the prime contractor for design and construction  
of the science and living modules for the International Space Station -- December 1, 1987<sup>110</sup>  
(Boeing later would be designated overall prime contractor for the largest manned space project  
since the first Apollo moon landing effort [1969])  
(Soviet Union began assembly of its own station, Mir, two years later [1989]  
as the competition became international and a focus of American national pride  
NASA’s original budget of \$11 billion for the American space station quickly soared)

## CANADA-UNITED STATES FREE TRADE (CFTA) AGREEMENT IS SIGNED

Efforts to develop a U.S.-Canada Free Trade Agreement (CFTA) were very controversial and divisive  
members of Canada’s Conservative Political Party were in support of an agreement

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<sup>110</sup> Walt Crowley, HistoryLink.org, February 8, 2001.

while the Liberal Party and New Democrat Party loudly opposed the agreement  
they said the agreement would erode Canadian sovereignty  
Canada would effectively become the “51<sup>st</sup> state” of the United States  
they were also concerned about how Canada’s social programs would be impacted  
in the United States the Free Trade Agreement faced much less opposition  
President Ronald Reagan put the proposed treaty on a “fast-track”  
which meant Congress had only a limited number of days to debate it  
and then had to either accept it or reject it in its entirety  
Canada-U.S. Free Trade Agreement was signed by the leaders of both countries -- January 2, 1988  
this agreement phased out a wide range of trade restrictions in stages over a ten year period  
and resulted in a great increase in cross-border trade  
U.S. Polls showed that up to 40% of Americans were unaware that the agreement had been signed

#### SEATTLE HIP-HOP STAR, *SIR MIX-A-LOT*, EXPLODES ON THE MUSIC SCENE<sup>111</sup>

*Sir Mix-A-Lot* and KAFX (“KFOX”) *Fresh Tracks* radio DJ *Nasty Nes* Rodriguez  
joined local businessman and former KYAC DJ Ed Locke to form the “Nastymix” label [1985]  
“Nastymix” released *Sir-Mix-A-Lot*’s single record, “Posse On Broadway” -- 1988  
which related the humorous tale of Mix and his crew’s antics while cruising Seattle’s streets  
this became a solid breakout hit, and “**put Seattle on the rap map**” (*The Seattle Times*)

#### HELEN THAYER EXPLORES THE MAGNETIC NORTH POLE<sup>112</sup>

(Explorer and educator Helen Thayer first decided to undertake an expedition  
to the magnetic North Pole [1986]  
her budget, roughly \$10,000, was scraped together by Thayer and her husband, Bill  
because no corporation was willing to sponsor a fifty-year-old woman traveling alone  
to some of the most remote regions in the world  
Helen Thayer and her husband lived in the foothills of the western Cascades near Snohomish  
she spent two years planning and tirelessly training for her lonely expedition  
ten-mile runs in the mountains were supplemented by weight training, kayaking, and hiking  
these efforts acclimated her to the physical trials of the trip  
Helen Thayer arrived at Resolute Bay, Canada where she continued her training for several days  
route she would be traveling was, by all accounts, thick with the dangerous Arctic creatures  
that would see a solo traveler plodding slowly without a sled team as an easy target  
in Resolute Bay locals and guides insisted that if she did not have a sled team

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<sup>111</sup> Peter Blecha, HistoryLink.org, May 1, 2011.

<sup>112</sup> Kate Kershner, HistoryLink.org, June 20, 2011.

she must at least take one dog -- not just as a companion, but to warn of and protect  
against approaching polar bears

she was presented with a ninety-four pound black husky mix  
that had been trained by the Inuits to be alert to the approach of bears  
Helen named him Charlie

he proved to be a lifesaver and a beloved companion on her journey  
Thayer took a fifty-mile plane ride from Resolute Bay to her starting point of her 364-mile journey  
there she began pulling her own sled -- March 3, 1988  
her most enduring pain came from what she calls "the first lesson of her journey" on her first day  
her meticulously packed sled had become jumbled from the airplane ride  
before she set out she allowed some well-meaning volunteers help her re-pack  
when temperatures plunged below minus 50 Fahrenheit, steady winds to cut any exposed skin  
as the cold intensified she struggled to find her warmest gloves  
she had as she had started out with a lighter pair  
knowing the placement of every item became extremely important  
although she found the misplaced gloves before full blown frost bite set in,  
her hands became blistered and for the entire duration of the journey  
they would crack and painfully bleed and ooze

It was not long before Charlie earned his keep

on only the second day of their journey, Thayer and Charlie came across three polar bears,  
each was kept at bay with Charlie's barks and growls and Thayer's flares and warning shots  
Thayer's route was challenging enough

but several storms caused her to stop for two or three days at a time  
as white-out conditions that camouflaged polar bears proved to be impossible to ski through  
Surviving on 5,000 calories a day, Thayer used high-energy crackers, energy bars, oatmeal, granola  
and peanut butter cups (both her and Charlie's favorite treat) to sustain their appetites  
although she carried fuel to melt water, she avoided over-use  
by treating herself to only luke-warm hot chocolate or oatmeal

Thayer carried with her a prototype GPS system to help determine coordinates,  
but its alkaline batteries allowed it to be used only to check her coordinates at magnetic north  
relying on sun dials and Local Apparent Noon (LAN) charts,  
she was able to determine her location throughout the journey  
her sled carried an odometer, but she also perfected a two-mile-per-hour pace across ice  
to use in case of mechanical failure

On the nineteenth day of her journey, Helen Thayer made it to the magnetic North Pole,  
north of the Wallis River on King Christian Island  
she left a few personal mementos, and planted a United States flag, a Canadian flag,

and the New Zealand flag of her birthplace -- mid-March 1988

## HELEN THAYER'S RETURN IS MORE DIFFICULT THAN THE OUTBOUND ADVENTURE<sup>113</sup>

Thayer's return trip to her rendezvous point proved to be the most challenging part of the journey only a day after reaching the pole, she was confronted by a sudden storm

that not only badly cut her face with ice, but much more seriously, blew away her food supply

Seven days would be required to ski to her rendezvous point

Thayer was left with only a single daily ration of five walnuts and a pint of water

from 5,000 calories a day, she now had to survive for a week on 700 calories, total

Charlie received daily half-rations

most of her fuel was gone leaving her no way to melt the vast expanses of snow and ice around her

On the twenty-seventh day of the expedition, Helen Thayer and Charlie

finally made it to their rendezvous point -- March 30, 1988

Helen Thayer became the first woman to solo to the magnetic North Pole

she completed her 364-mile journey despite starvation and incessant danger from polar bears

this trip becomes the basis for her [1994] book

*Polar Dream: The First Solo Expedition by a Woman and Her Dog to the Magnetic North Pole*

other books about additional adventures she accomplished include:

- Three Among the Wolves: A year of Friendship with Wolves in the Wild* (2004),
- Trekking the Gobi: Desert of Dreams and Despair* [2008]

(Helen Thayer founded Adventure Classroom -- a non-profit educational program for students

her experiences, writing, and photography provide the basis for lectures, lessons and teaching tools

she has lectured to more than one million students in schools across the world since 1988

she continues to present photographic programs of exploration

to students and to adult groups nationwide

Helen Thayer's adventures have continued nonstop:

- she trekked 1,500 miles through Death Valley and the Mojave and Sonoran deserts [1990],
- she spent her 60<sup>th</sup> birthday on a solo walk in Antarctica [1997],
- she returned walked 1,200 miles across New Zealand to study the Maori culture [1999]

## IRAN-CONTRA AFFAIR RESULTS IN INDICTMENTS OF FEDERAL OFFICIALS

Indictments were handed down to Iran-Contra participants -- March 16, 1988

National Security Advisor John Poindexter, Nation Security Council member Oliver North,

Air Force General Richard Secord and businessman Albert Hakim were all indicted

on twenty-three counts -- some of the charges were dropped when the Bush Administration

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<sup>113</sup> Kate Kershner, HistoryLink.org, June 20, 2011.

refused to release classified documents necessary for the case

#### EAST WENATCHEE PREHISTORIC COLVIS CULTURE SITE IS INVESTIGATED<sup>114</sup>

Washington State University sent a team of scientists arrived to examine the site

Peter J. Mehringer led the team of local and national authorities in Paleo-Indian Archaeology along with members of the Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation -- April 1988

They discovered twenty-two more stone and bone tools to add to those previously discovered [1987]

in addition to spear points, other artifacts recovered included a chopper, scrapers, blades, bifacial (two-edged) knives, an engraving tool and three flaked stone axes or adzes

some of the artifacts tested positive for the presence of blood

one knife tested positive for human blood which could indicate an accidental self-inflicted cut during the butchering process

only five of the artifacts were removed for laboratory study

#### U.S. SENATOR DAN EVANS ANNOUNCES HE WOULD NOT SEEK REELECTION

Washington's Republican U.S. Senator Daniel J. Evans wrote an article

entitled "Why I'm Quitting the Senate" in the *New York Times Magazine* -- April 1988

he complained: "**I came to Washington with a slightly romantic notion of the Senate...I**

**looked forward to the duel of debate, the exchange of ideas. What I found was a legislative body that had lost its focus and was in danger of losing its soul.**

**In the United States Senate, debate has come to consist of set speeches read before a largely empty chamber; and in committees, quorums are rarely achieved. I have lived through five years of bickering and protracted paralysis. Five years is enough. I just can't face another six years of frustrating gridlock.**"<sup>115</sup>

#### BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION ON SCHOOL REFORM ISSUES THEIR REPORT

After a three-year study, Washington State Economic Development Board,

a twenty-eight-member coalition of business, education, labor and legislative representatives issued their report -- 1988

- their ideas included emphasizing "core competencies" and statewide testing for graduation;

- assessment of student progress not necessarily based on standardized tests;

- they recommended the minimum teacher salary be "raised to equal industry standards"

but proposed that both teachers' and administrators' pay increases

be based on "performance criteria" measured on the district level -- not by the state;

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<sup>114</sup> Paula Becker, HistoryLink.org, October 3, 2006.

<sup>115</sup> *The New York Times Magazine*, April 17, 1988.

- this report also recommended the state adopt a “choice” system to allow parents greater latitude in selecting their children’s schools;
- competencies, which the report said should be attained before ninth grade, would include basic literacy and numeracy, critical-thinking skills, citizenship and values, science and technology, proficiency with calculators and computers, appreciation of arts and humanities and good work habits;
- each schools’ curriculum should be “individualized” to allow for different teaching methods as well as to permit students to learn at their own speed  
each student would be required to learn a foreign language and to study other cultures;
- finally, public support for preschool programs for disadvantaged children would be expanded

## ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT IS AMENDED TO PROTECT THE NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL<sup>116</sup>

(Endangered Species Act had passed Congress [1973]

it strengthened protections for all plant and animal species listed by the U.S. government as threatened or endangered and required federal agencies to avoid jeopardizing their survival  
it also required action be undertaken to promote the recovery of the species  
consideration of economic factors to achieve the goal of recovery and delisting was prohibited from the listing process

specific information must be included in each endangers species report:

- description of “site-specific” management actions to make the plan as explicit as possible,
- “objective, measurable criteria” to judge when and how well a species is recovering)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service declined to list the northern spotted owl as an endangered species  
environmentalists sued the Fish and Wildlife Service to force the listing of the species -- 1988

in the litigation, the agency admitted it had taken into account economics and politics  
in its decision not to list -- 1988

however, by law economics and politics were not to be considered in listing a species

## UNITED STATES FACES ONE OF THE WORST DROUGHTS EVER

(During the [spring] records for lowest monthly total rainfall  
and longest interval between measurable precipitation were set,  
for example, Milwaukee went fifty-five days in a row without rain)

This drought was widespread, unusually intense and accompanied by heat waves -- summer 1988  
at its peak, the drought covered 45% of the United States

it caused crop damage in many states estimated to be in excess of \$60 billion

Two record-setting heat waves developed during the summer

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<sup>116</sup> David Wilma, HistoryLink.org, February 28, 2003.

(exactly as they did in [1934] and [1936])

between 4,800 to 17,000 people and an unknown number of livestock across the U.S. were killed  
many forest fires occurred in Western North America

including the exceptionally destructive Yellowstone National Park fire  
drought-related losses in Canada added up to about 1.8 billion dollars

Causes of the drought focused on farmers developing land which was only marginally arable  
and the pumping of groundwater almost to the point of depletion

## RELIGIOUS FUNDAMENTALISM SWEEPS ACROSS AMERICA

Since the early Twentieth Century conservative members of various Protestant denominations  
have maintained a literal and personal interpretation of the Bible

it is fundamental to conservative Christians that Biblical teachers be taken seriously  
United States Supreme Court decisions ran counter to conservative religious beliefs  
state-sanctioned prayer in public schools was prohibited in *Engel v. Vitale* [1962]  
mandatory Bible reading in public schools was prohibited

*Abington School District v. Schempp* [1963]

Christian Fundamentalists began to resist perceived threats to traditional religious values  
“secular humanism,” Communism, feminism, legalized abortion and homosexuality  
were specifically identified as concerns

teaching of evolution in schools was opposed

creationism or intelligent design advocated as replacements in the curriculum  
fundamentalists also attacked teaching scientific theories on the origins of the universe

Televangelists reached out to fundamentalists across the nation

Moral Majority, founded by the fundamentalist Baptist pastor Jerry Falwell [1979]  
was the most visible example of this new trend

Christian Coalition, headed by Southern Baptist Pat Robertson forged new alliances  
composed of moderate fundamentalists and conservative evangelicals

an aggressive political campaign to institute Christian Fundamentalism was undertaken  
Approximately one-quarter of Americans describe themselves as fundamentalists

during the [1980s] they made up a large portion of the new Christian right  
that helped put Ronald Reagan into the White House

Washington Republicans in their state convention gave presidential hopeful Pat Robertson  
his only state victory over candidate George Bush -- 1988

## CONCERNS ABOUT SEATTLE’S BUSING PROGRAM SPREADS ACROSS THE CITY<sup>117</sup>

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<sup>117</sup> Cassandra Tate, HistoryLink.org, September 7, 2002.

While initial opposition to race-based student busing came primarily from white parents voices of dissent also were heard from tolerant groups as well -- by the late 1980s including some of the same white liberals and African Americans who had endorsed busing Critics complained the Seattle Plan:

- unfairly burdened children of color;
- contributed to a widening achievement gap between white and minority students;
- undermined public confidence in the schools, particularly among middle-class parents;
- left some schools under-enrolled while others were over-enrolled,
- was too costly and complex

Seattle School Board members responded to the escalating criticism by replacing the Seattle Plan with a “controlled-choice” system -- 1988 this new plan allowed parents to select their children’s schools from within a prescribed cluster of schools -- if their choice maintained racial balance

#### INDIAN FISH HATCHERIES RECEIVES A BOOST

Tribal Fish Health Center opened in the US Fish & Wildlife Service’s Olympia office -- 1988 Olympia Fish Health Center (OFHC) center’s personnel supported fish hatchery operations OFHC provided fish health diagnostic, certification, and troubleshooting services to Federal Hatcheries within western Washington State it monitored fish health, helped to identify problems and provided training and disease assistance to Tribal, State and Private entities in the form of vaccines and preventive care OFHC opened two field offices in Mount Vernon and Forks

#### CONGRESS PROVIDES FINANCIAL REDRESS TO INCARCERATED JAPANESE AMERICANS

Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians was formed to investigate the losses suffered by Japanese Americans during World War II [1980] Following the findings of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, Congress passed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 this law was passed at least in part due to the acquittal of U.W. student Gordon Hirabayashi by this U.S. Court of Appeals [1987] which overturned his conviction for refusing to enter a Japanese Internment Camp during World War II President Ronald Reagan signed Public Law 100-383 -- August 10, 1988 this granted reparations to Japanese Americans who had been interred by the United States during World War II legislation stated that government actions were based on “race prejudice, war hysteria, and a failure of political leadership”

surviving internees were to receive about \$20,000 in compensation  
and a presidential apology  
it also established an education fund that supported efforts to educate Americans  
about the wartime incarceration to help ensure it would not happen again<sup>118</sup>  
Public Law 100-383 was supported by the majority of Democrats in Congress  
while the majority of Republicans voted against it  
(funds were approved for the U.S. Attorney General to pay out to the rest of the claimants [1999])

#### STATE DEMOCRATIC PARTY PRIMARY ELECTION SELECTS CANDIDATES

When U.S. Senator Dan Evans announced he would not seek reelection,  
Democratic Congressman Mike Lowry resigned his seat in the U.S. House of Representatives  
to run for the position -- September 1988  
Democratic Congressman Don Bonker also resigned his seat to run for the same position  
U.S. Representative Mike Lowry won the Democratic Primary Election to face Slade Gorton  
Democrat Jim McDermott had served the Forty-Third Legislative District  
in the State House of Representatives [1971-1973] and the State Senate [1975-1987]  
while there he crafted and sponsored the Washington State Basic Health Plan  
the first such state program in the country to offer health insurance  
to the unemployed and the working poor  
McDermott resigned his State Senate seat to run for the Seventh Congressional seat  
vacated by U.S. Representative Mike Lowry in his bid for the U.S. Senate  
Democrat Jolene Unsoeld served in the State House of Representatives for the Twenty-second District  
where she had been an active advocate for open government  
she pushed for open meetings and open public records  
she also was concerned about nuclear power plants and costs imposed on rate payers  
State Representative Unsoeld filed to run for Congressman Don Bonker's now open  
Third Congressional District seat

#### FIRST COMPUTER WORM DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE INTERNET IS LAUNCHED

"Morris worm" was written by Robert Tappan Morris a student at Cornell University  
this worm was launched from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) -- November 2, 1988  
According to its creator, the Morris worm was not written to cause damage,  
but rather to gauge the size of the Internet  
however, the worm was released from MIT to disguise the fact it had originally come from Cornell  
computers could be infected multiple times -- each infection would slow the machine down

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<sup>118</sup> Jennifer Ott, HistoryLink.org, August 23, 2010.

eventually to the point of being unusable  
Morris worm was considered the first computer worm  
it was certainly the first to gain significant mainstream media attention  
(Robert Morris was tried and convicted of violating the 1988 Computer Fraud and Abuse Act [1990]  
after appeals he was sentenced to three years of probation, 400 hours of community service  
and a fine of \$10,000)

#### NATIONAL ELECTION SEES A SIGNIFICANT SHIFT ON THE NATIONAL SCENE

Conservative political Republican leaders from the far right effectively campaigned  
for the current Vice President and Presidential Candidate George H.W. Bush  
who swept forty states as he beat Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis -- November 8, 1988  
to become the first sitting Vice President in 200 years, to be elected as President  
Washington's U.S. Senator Daniel J. Evans was replaced  
by Republican former-U.S. Senator Slade Gorton -- November 8, 1988  
when he defeated liberal Congressman Mike Lowry by a narrow margin  
Gorton became the only state politician elected to both U.S. Senate seats at differing times  
he held both Warren G. Magnuson's (Position 2) and Henry M. Jackson's (Position 1)

Two new Democratic representatives are elected to Congress  
former-State Representative Democrat Jolene Unsoeld was elected to the Third Congressional seat  
vacated by Congressman Don Bonker in his bid for the U.S. Senate against Slade Gorton  
Congresswoman Unsoeld held the position for three terms [1989-1995]  
former-State Senator Jim McDermott was elected to the Seventh Congressional seat  
vacated by Congressman Mike Lowry in his bid for the U.S. Senate against Slade Gorton  
Congressman McDermott has served many terms in the U.S. House of Representatives  
In the State Legislature, Republicans regained their State Senate majority by one seat  
but lost two seats in the State House of Representatives giving Democrats a 63-35 majority

#### JUDGE ROBERT DORAN MAKES HIS THIRD RULING ON EDUCATION FUNDING

State Superior Court Judge Robert Doran issued a decision on the special education funding formula  
he ruled the state could fund special education based on assumptions about statewide averages  
which limited the state's financial obligation as long as a "safety net" was provided  
for school districts with above-average costs -- November 22, 1988  
Washington State was obligated to spend sufficiently on special education  
but this judgment did not order the legislature to take any particular action

#### U.S. SUPREME COURT SEALS THEODORE ROBERT "TED" BUNDY'S FATE

U.S. Supreme Court denied a motion to review the federal Eleventh Circuit Court ruling

that required the execution of Ted Bundy -- December 1988

new execution of [January 24, 1989] was announced

With all appeals exhausted and no further motivation to deny his crimes,

Ted Bundy agreed to speak frankly with investigators about his killing spree

he confessed to all eight of the Washington and Oregon homicides

for which he was the prime suspect

he described three additional previously unknown victims in Washington

and two in Oregon whom he declined to identify (if he ever knew their identities)

to detectives from Idaho, Utah, and Colorado, Bundy confessed to additional homicides,

including several of which the police were still unaware

he explained that in Utah he could bring his victims back to his apartment

however, an ulterior motive quickly became apparent for Bundy's willingness to talk

during his confessions he withheld many details, hoping the incomplete information

would force yet another stay of execution

he said there were additional remains buried in Colorado but refused to elaborate

this new strategy only strengthened public resolve to see him executed on schedule

#### U.S. SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE ISSUES A REPORT ON NICARAGUAN CONTRA ACTIVITIES

U.S. Senator John Kerry (D-Massachusetts) chaired a Senate Foreign Relations Sub-Committee

on Narcotics and International Terrorism that issued its preliminary report -- December 1988

Kerry's committee stated National Security Council staff member Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North

and other senior officials in an effort to cover for their Contra operations

had created a privatized network that attracted drug traffickers

these officials then turned a blind eye to repeated reports of Contra drug smuggling

and actively worked with known drug smugglers

such as Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega to assist the Contras

it did not report that U.S. government officials ran drugs

#### WPPSS LAWSUIT IS SETTLED IN COURT

Washington Public Power Supply system (WPPSS) reached a \$753 million settlement

with Public Utility Districts (PUDs) and their customers -- December 24, 1988

some of the PUD's approximately 75,000 bondholders

would receive forty cents on every dollar invested

others got as little as ten cents on the dollar

(In a later court settlement it was found

that some of the bond monies for WPPSS Hanford Plant 4 and Satsop Plant 5

had been spent on Hanford Plant 1 and Satsop Plant 3

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thus participants in Plants 1 and 3 also were held liable for the default  
Seattle's share was \$50 million, of which \$43.2 million came from insurance companies  
the last settlement was reached [1995])<sup>119</sup>

#### THEODORE ROBERT "TED" BUNDY IS PUT TO DEATH

Ted Bundy lived on Florida's death row for nine years and five months

shortly before his death he confessed to eight killings in Washington and two in Utah

he was a suspect in none of these cases

Bundy also confessed to two homicides in Oregon without identifying the victims

seventeen year old Rita Lorraine Jolly disappeared from West Linn, Oregon [June 29, 1973]

twenty-four-year-old Vicki Lynn Hollar disappeared from Eugene, Oregon [August 20, 1973]

Ted Bundy died in the electric chair at Raiford Prison in Starke, Florida

for the murder of twelve-year-old Kimberly Ann Leach -- 7:16 a.m. January 24, 1989

Bundy's remains were cremated in Gainesville, Florida

his ashes were scattered at an undisclosed location in the Cascade Mountains of Washington

Ted Bundy's biographer, Ann Rule, described him as **"... a sadistic sociopath who took pleasure from another human's pain and the control he had over his victims, to the point of their death, and even after."**<sup>120</sup>

He once called himself **"...the most cold-hearted son of a bitch you'll ever meet."**<sup>121</sup>

Polly Nelson, a member of his last defense team, agreed:

**"Ted was the very definition of heartless evil."**<sup>122</sup>

#### TED BUNDY REMAINS THE PRIME SUSPECT IN SEVERAL UNSOLVED HOMICIDES

It was believed he committed at least thirty-six murders and possibly more than 100

Bundy is the primary suspect in two unsolved cases

flight attendants Lisa E. Wick and Lonnie Trumbull, both twenty,

were bludgeoned with a piece of lumber as they slept in their apartment

in Seattle's Queen Anne Hill district [June 23, 1966] near a Safeway store

where Bundy worked at the time

Bundy denied involvement and no direct evidence implicates him

vacationing college friends Susan Davis and Elizabeth Perry, both nineteen,

were stabbed to death [May 30, 1969] near Somers Point, New Jersey

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<sup>119</sup> David Wilma, HistoryLink.org, July 10, 2003.

<sup>120</sup> Ann Rule, *The Stranger Beside Me*, P. xiv.

<sup>121</sup> Robert D. Hare, PhD. *Without Conscience: The Disturbing World of the Psychopath Among Us*. P. 23.

<sup>122</sup> Polly Nelson, Polly (1994). *Defending the Devil: My Story as Ted Bundy's Last Lawyer*. P. 319.

at the time, Ted Bundy attended classes at nearby Temple University  
it was believed he used his pretend injury ruse as his aunt he could not travel to New Jersey  
because he was wearing a leg cast due to an automobile accident  
there is no record of any such accident  
(Of course, it is impossible to know if or how many additional victims might be still undiscovered)

#### IT IS DISCOVERED THAT EVIDENCE IN THE IRAN-CORNTA AFFAIR WAS DESTROYED

At the trial of fired National Security Council staff member Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North  
it was discovered that he had destroyed, altered or hidden documents pertinent to Iran-Contra  
(between [November 21] and [November 25, 1986])

During the trial North's secretary, Fawn Hall, testified -- February 19, 1989  
to helping North alter, shred and remove from the White House  
official United States National Security Council documents

North's explanation for destroying some documents was that he wanted to protect the lives  
of individuals involved in the Iran and Contra operations  
during his trial North testified that on [November 21, 22, or 24],

he witnessed National Security adviser Admiral John Poindexter destroy  
what may have been the only signed copy of a presidential covert-action finding  
that authorized CIA participation in the [November 1985] missile shipment to Iran  
also at the 1989 trial, U.S. Attorney General Edwin Meese admitted that profits  
from weapons sales to Iran were made available to assist the Contra rebels in Nicaragua

#### FIRST OF THE IRAN-CONTRA CONSPIRATORS IS CONVICTED

National Security Advisor Robert McFarlane had pled guilty  
to withholding from Congress information about the Iran-Contra affair  
after a plea bargain he received only two years of probation -- March 3, 1989

#### REPLICA OF THE *LADY WASHINGTON* IS CONSTRUCTED IN ABERDEEN<sup>123</sup>

(Original ship *Lady Washington* was captained by American explorer Robert Gray ([1755-1806]  
who gave the United States its earliest claim to the Pacific Northwest [the Columbia River [1792]  
and for whom Grays Harbor is named)

Grays Harbor Historical Seaport Authority worked to construct a full-scale replica of the ship  
that would also conform to current U. S. Coast Guard safety requirements  
thoroughly researched by historians and constructed by skilled shipwrights,  
this vessel was launched into the Wishkah River in Aberdeen -- March 7, 1989

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<sup>123</sup> Alan J. Stein, HistoryLink.org, March 5, 2009.

during Washington's centennial celebration  
(112-foot, 99-ton ship soon began touring ports around the state  
thousands of maritime and history buffs came to each waterfront to tour the vessel  
*Lady Washington* could carry up to forty-eight passengers)  
(*Lady Washington* sailed on its first trip to Canada [1991] and traveled to California [1993]  
where it made its movie debut in *Star Trek: Generations*  
*Lady Washington* also appeared in other motion pictures -- most notably as the HMS *Interceptor*  
in *Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl*  
*Lady Washington* was designated by the legislature  
to be the official ship of the state of Washington [2007]  
office of the Secretary of State for the state of Washington holds a mortgage on the vessel  
to secure the investment of the people of Washington)

#### BOEING EXPANDS ITS TECHNOLOGY AND ITS SHARE OF THE MILITARY MARKET

Boeing contracted to build six prototypes of the V-22 Osprey, a tilt rotor aircraft  
this innovative aircraft first successfully flew -- March 19, 1989  
(Another Boeing prototype, the B-2 *Stealth Bomber*, made its maiden flight [July 1989]  
(Upgrading other Boeing-made military aircraft such as the B-62 and the KC-136  
advanced the company's renown throughout the world)

#### ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTER STRIKES PRINCE WILLIAM SOUND, ALASKA

*Exxon Valdez* carried approximately fifty-five million gallons of Prudhoe Bay, Alaska crude oil  
she left the Alyeska Pipeline terminal at Valdez, Alaska  
bound for Long Beach, California -- March 24, 1989  
three hours out the *Exxon Valdez* struck Bligh Reef in Prince William Sound and ran aground  
spilling somewhere between eleven and thirty-two million gallons of crude oil  
this was one of the most devastating human-caused environmental disasters to that time  
oil eventually covered 1,300 miles of coastline and 11,000 square miles of ocean  
Prince William Sound's remote location, accessible only by helicopter, airplane and boat,  
made government and industry response efforts difficult and severely taxed existing response plans  
Several factors were identified as causes for the disaster:

- Coast Guard tanker inspections in Valdez, Alaska were not done;
- number of staff on board the *Exxon Valdez* was reduced  
crew was half the size of the [1977] crew -- they worked 12-14 hour shifts plus overtime;
- tanker crews were not told the Coast Guard had ceased tracking ships out to Bligh reef;
- third mate failed to properly maneuver the vessel, possibly due to fatigue or excessive workload;
- Exxon Shipping Company failed to supervise the captain

neither a rested nor adequate number of crew were on board at the time;

- Exxon Shipping Company failed to properly maintain the radar warning system;
- Exxon Shipping Company promised, but never installed, iceberg monitoring equipment;

*Exxon Valdez* caused over \$300 million of economic harm to more than thirty-two thousand people whose livelihoods depended on commercial fishing

Clean-up was undertaken using high-pressure hot-water and dispersants such as detergents, wetting agents, emulsifiers and solvents to prevent settling or clumping, burning off the oil was attempted but discontinued due to unfavorable weather mechanical cleanup using booms and skimmers was not possible at first

due to lack of equipment -- later thick oil and kelp tended to clog the equipment

cleanup required about 10,000 workers, 1,000 boats and roughly 100 airplanes and helicopters

four deaths were directly associated with cleanup efforts

Exxon Oil Company was widely criticized for its slow response to cleaning up

despite the extensive cleanup attempts, less than ten percent of the oil was recovered

Both the long-term and short-term effects of the oil spill have been studied

immediate effects included the deaths of some 100,000 to as many as 250,000 seabirds, at least 2,800 sea otters, approximately twelve river otters, 300 harbor seals, 900 Bald Eagles, and twenty-two orcas (killer whales) were killed

(eleven members [about half] of one resident pod disappeared in the following year)

later studies discovered reductions in population in various ocean animals, and stunted growth in pink salmon populations

sea otters and ducks also showed higher death rates in following years

partially because they ingested prey from contaminated soil

and partially from ingestion of oil residues on hair and feathers due to grooming

(twelve years after, oil was still found on half of ninety-one randomly selected beaches

(some twenty years after the spill, a team from the University of North Carolina found that the effects were lasting far longer than expected)

#### U.S. SENATE NARCOTICS AND INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM COMMITTEE'S REPORT

U.S. Senator John Kerry (D-Massachusetts) issued a final report on the Iran-Contra affair conducted by his Narcotics and International Terrorism sub-committee -- April 13, 1989

three years after its investigation began

and six months after George Bush, Sr. was elected President of the United States

Narcotics and International Terrorism Committee confirmed the Contra-drug connection was real although the Reagan Administration, Congress, and much of the media had attempted to dismiss it

Oliver North and members of the President's Administration were accused

of illegally funding and supplying armed militants without the authorization of Congress

Kerry's sub-committee report found that **“the Contra drug links included...payments to drug traffickers by the U.S. State Department of funds authorized by the Congress for humanitarian assistance to the Contras, in some cases after the traffickers had been indicted by federal law enforcement agencies on drug charges, in others while traffickers were under active investigation by these same agencies.”**<sup>124</sup>

it was also reported the U.S. State Department paid over \$806,000  
to known drug traffickers to carry humanitarian assistance to the Contras<sup>125</sup>

#### CELEBRATION HELD BY *SIR MIX-A-LOT* IN SEATTLE'S OLYMPIC HOTEL<sup>126</sup>

Success of *Sir Mix-A-Lot* and the “Nastymix” label became a cause for celebration -- April 29, 1989  
this party was one for the ages: it was glamorous and fun -- a Northwest music watershed moment  
held in the Spanish Ballroom of the posh Olympic Hotel  
a truly remarkable choice for a loud, flashy hip-hop party  
representatives from record sales, radio, MTV, BET, and more  
were flown in at label expense from around the country  
they lined the block decked out in tuxedos and furs  
as cameras flashed and limos circled the street  
red-leather-clad gatekeeper/toastmaster proceeded to grandly announce each guest  
as they entered the room

#### COLONEL OLIVER NORTH IS FOUND GUILTY IN THE IRAN-CONTRA AFFAIR

National Security Council member Oliver North was found guilty on three of twelve counts  
he was convicted of accepting an illegal gratuity, obstruction of a congressional inquiry  
and destruction of documents -- May 4, 1989  
but the ruling was overturned since he had been granted immunity by a federal judge

#### WASHINGTON STATE'S POLITICAL LEGEND DIES<sup>127</sup>

Former U.S. Senator Warren Grant “Maggy” Magnuson passed away -- May 20, 1989  
he was Washington's longest serving United States Senator  
he used his seniority and remarkable persuasive skills to enact legislation  
that profoundly affected many aspects of life for all Americans:  
•he helped define twentieth-century America by increasing civil rights;

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<sup>124</sup> Selections from the Senate Committee Report on Drugs, Law Enforcement and Foreign Policy chaired by Senator John F. Kerry.

<sup>125</sup> Alexander Cockburn and Jeffrey St Clair, *Whiteout: The CIA, Drugs and the Press*.

<sup>126</sup> Peter Blecha, HistoryLink.org, May 1, 2011.

<sup>127</sup> Kit Oldham, HistoryLink.org, October 14, 2003.

- he mandated corporate accountability;
- he funded medical research;
- he played a major role in passage of many other laws, including those that established public television, gave 18-year-olds the right to vote and created Amtrak

Born in Moorhead, Minnesota he was adopted at birth by William and Emma Magnuson  
 he was nicknamed “Maggie” when he quarterbacked his Moorhead high school football team  
 Magnuson never particularly liked the nickname

his family and close friends always called him Warren

Warren Magnuson followed his high school sweetheart to Seattle [1925]

and enrolled at the University of Washington

he graduated a year later and entered law school

while in college, Magnuson worked delivering ice as a member of the Teamsters Union  
 legendary labor leader Dave Beck and Magnuson became close allies

Warren was active in the gubernatorial campaign of Democratic activist Scott Bullitt [1928]

Magnuson became secretary (director) of the Seattle Municipal League [1930-1931]

he served as special prosecutor investigating official misconduct for King County [1932]

Warren G. Magnuson was elected to the State House of Representatives [1933-1935]

he formed close alliances with other emerging Democratic leaders

especially newly elected U.S. Senator Homer T. Bone and his campaign manager Saul Haas

Magnuson supervised passage of a bill that created a \$10 million bond issue

to hire unemployed workers on public works projects

this was one of the nation’s first unemployment relief acts

Magnuson moved on to become King County Prosecutor [1934-1936]

he won the long-held Republican position with the support of his Seattle business contacts

Magnuson was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives and served four terms [1937-1945]

when his friend Democratic Congressman Marion Zioncheck leaped to his death

Magnuson received strong union backing and the endorsement

of the Washington Commonwealth Federation, a left-wing alliance of liberal Democrats  
 that included many Communist Party members

while in Congress during World War II he served for several months

on the aircraft carrier USS *Enterprise*

during World War II he secured millions of dollars in appropriations

for the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton -- then the state’s largest employer

he sponsored bills that created the National Cancer Institute

and the Alaska International Highway Commission

U.S. Representative Magnuson combined hard work with a flamboyant bachelor lifestyle

he was known for his hard drinking -- which rarely seemed to affect him,

he frequented racetracks and loved poker games,  
he lived in first-class hotels, the Olympic in Seattle and the Shoreham in Washington, D.C.,  
he spent time in Hollywood, Las Vegas, and New York City  
he enjoyed the company of many women  
and was linked in the press with various Hollywood starlets

When U.S. Senator Homer T. Bone was appointed to the U.S. Court of Appeals,  
Congressman Warren G. Magnuson ran for the open U.S. Senate seat [1944]

Senator Magnuson served six terms (thirty-six years)  
he chaired the Commerce Committee for many years  
he was a key member of the powerful Appropriations Committee  
which he eventually chaired  
he became President Pro Tempore of the U.S. Senate  
the highest office a U.S. Senator can attain

Magnuson's personality was a key to his remarkable ability to move legislation smoothly  
unlike many politicians, he lived by the rule "**Never hold a grudge.**"<sup>128</sup>  
as today's opponent could be a needed vote tomorrow

Magnuson's power in Washington, D.C., was enhanced by his close friendships  
with many of the eight presidents he served under:

- he regularly played poker with Roosevelt and his successor, Harry S. Truman,
- the night before John F. Kennedy was inaugurated, Magnuson was the only guest to stay at the home of the newly elected president,
- Magnuson was closest to Lyndon B. Johnson beginning from the time they served together on the House Naval Affairs Committee

President Johnson took the time from his duties to be Magnuson's best man [1964]  
when Maggy married Jermaine Peralta, a widow with a young daughter  
who worked at the Olympic Hotel jewelry store

Magnuson changed the face of Washington State with his U.S. Senate legislation:

- he supported construction of dams on the Columbia River  
to provide both public hydroelectric power and water to irrigate the arid Columbia Basin  
eight federally subsidized dams were built on the Columbia [by 1954],  
he reorganized the Northwest's electric power structure
- he was the individual most responsible for the Northwest economy and its quality of life:
  - he funded restoration of the Pike Place Market,
  - he insisted the route of Interstate-82 be shifted  
closer to the Tri-Cities of Richland, Kennewick, and Pasco,

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<sup>128</sup> Shelby Scates, *Warren G. Magnuson*. P. 6.

-he saw that highway spurs were built to the Tri-cities and to downtown Tacoma,  
-he assured that federal highway funds were appropriated for roads serving the submarine base  
that U.S. Senator Henry Jackson convinced the Pentagon to locate at Bangor,  
U.S. Senators Magnuson and Jackson served together for twenty-eight years  
they gave Washington State one of the most powerful Senate duos in American history  
“Scoop and Maggie” brought a steady stream of contracts for leading state employers  
especially Boeing  
together they used their legislative skill and seniority to win Washington State  
an unprecedented share of federal funds

U.S. Senator Warren Grant Magnuson is credited with an amazing array of Congressional legislation  
he secured appropriations for two World’s Fairs, preserved the Pike Place Market,  
replaced the West Seattle Bridge and provided disaster relief after Mt. St. Helens erupted  
he funded Health Care and Research which resulted in creating the National Cancer Institute  
and the National Institutes of Health -- the world’s largest medical research facilities  
he established the National Health Service Corps which provided funds  
for doctors to serve communities lacking medical care

as Chairman of the Senate Commerce Committee, he is known for consumer protection including:

- Safe Drinking Water Act, Fair Credit Advertising Act, Door-to-Door Sales Act  
and laws that required warnings on cigarettes,
- he regulated automobile safety and required manufacturers to live up to their warranties,
- he set standards for children’s toys,
- Flammable Fabrics Act protected children by requiring that sleepwear be flame resistant,
- Magnuson guided through the Commerce Committee the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act  
which originated the requirement that all food products be accurately labeled  
with their ingredients and quantity

at the request of President Lyndon Johnson, Senator Magnuson shepherded through  
a deeply divided Congress the most controversial section of the 1964 Civil Rights Act  
Title II outlawed racial discrimination in public accommodations such as hotels,  
restaurants, transportation facilities and theaters

Senator Magnuson was able to eliminate the “Chinese exclusion” provisions of U.S. immigration laws  
that dated back to the anti-Chinese agitation in the [1880s] -- 1965

he was also the leading, and at times almost the only, Congressional advocate  
of normalized relations and trade with Communist China

he argued that hundreds of millions of people could not be written off  
simply because of their form of government -- trade and contact, not isolation,  
was the best means to influence China

Senator Magnuson derived personal satisfaction from his work to protect the marine environment

Maggy and his staff drafted and got Congress to pass the Marine Mammal Protection Act [1972]  
MMPA played a central role in preserving local seal, sea lion, sea otter and whale populations  
when the MMPA came up for reauthorization [1977] he attached an amendment to it  
that prohibited construction of new oil ports in state waters east of Port Angeles  
effectively banning supertankers from Washington waters

U.S. Senator Warren G. Magnuson's achievements are commemorated in Warren G. Magnuson Park  
located along Lake Washington on the former Sand Point Naval Air Station property  
that the senator acquired for Seattle  
and Warren G. Magnuson Health Sciences Center at the University of Washington Medical Center  
that he did so much to fund

however, his most lasting legacy lives on in the laws that continue to promote health care,  
prohibit discrimination, make products safer, protect the marine environment and much more

Senator Magnuson explained his success in a television interview: **“I had no trouble explaining my case to other senators. I didn't have any feuds. It was never a matter of wheeling and dealing. When you are through with an issue you don't hold a grudge. There's always another day. If you play it that way, they [colleagues] respect you. You must be courteous. After all, you're among people who have to live together ten months out of the year. But, so many hold grudges.”**<sup>129</sup>

Presidential candidate (then Senator) Eugene McCarthy summed up the senator:

**“Maggie is the most loved man in the Senate.”**<sup>130</sup>

#### McNEIL ISLAND PENITENTIARY PROVES VERY EXPENSIVE TO OPERATE

Department of Corrections performed a study -- 1989

which revealed that McNeil Island was one of the most expensive prisons in the state to operate<sup>131</sup>  
its island location added to the cost, but the main reason was the prison's small size

#### McCaw Cellular Becomes One of the Best Known Brands in the Business

Craig McCaw bid \$3.5 billion to purchase LIN Broadcasting, a national cell phone network -- 1989

McCaw had previously acquired licenses in the markets he needed to consolidate his system  
Wall Street looked with horror at the company's gargantuan debt,

but Craig McCaw knew he could resell individual cellular licenses at a profit to any regional buyer  
McCaw Cellular now dwarfed its competitors making it almost impossible  
for a serious competitor to enter the field

McCaw also entered the fields of television broadcasting and specialty publishing

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<sup>129</sup> Scates, Shelby. *Warren G. Magnuson*. P. 217.

<sup>130</sup> Scates, Shelby. *Warren G. Magnuson*. P. 217.

<sup>131</sup> Daryl C. McClary, HistoryLink.org, April 24, 2003.

## NORTHERN SPOTTED OWL IS PLACED ON THE ENDANGERED SPECIES LIST<sup>132</sup>

(Fish and Wildlife Service had declined to list the Northern Spotted Owl as an endangered species [1987] and was sued by environmental groups during litigation it was disclosed that the agency had used economic and political considerations in making its decision -- a situation specifically prohibited by law thus the decision was ordered to be reconsidered)

Fish and Wildlife Service agency announced the bird would be listed -- June 1989  
(northern spotted owl was officially listed as an endangered species [June 23, 1990])

## SEATTLE SCHOOL DISTRICT INTEGRATION PROGRAM REMAINS CONTROVERSIAL

Seattle School District's "Controlled Choice" system was attacked by anti-busing city leaders who filed Initiative-34 -- June 15, 1989

I-34 was authored by City Attorney Doug Jewett who opposed student busing for integration purposes I-34 proposed that six percent of the city's revenue be used to improve neighborhood schools in exchange for an end to mandatory desegregation busing in the Seattle School District (enough signatures were gathered to place anti-busing initiative on the [November] ballot)

## SEATTLE CITY COUNCILMAN NORM RICE ENTERS THE SEATTLE MAYOR'S RACE

Norm Rice had three times been elected to the Seattle City Council [1979], [1983], and [1987] he was the second African American councilman after Sam Smith (first elected [1967])

Rice filed as a mayoral candidate in the last twenty minutes of the last day filing day -- July 28, 1989 he had been motivated to run by the anti-busing initiative, I -34, filed in Seattle which had been written by City Attorney and mayoral candidate Doug Jewett

## THREE HISTORIC JAPANESE CASTAWAYS ARE REMEMBERED<sup>133</sup>

Japanese Boy Scouts financed a memorial to three nineteenth-century Japanese sailors believed to be the first Japanese to arrive in what is now Washington State [1833] this seven foot tall two-ton granite monument bears a likeness of three sailors it is located at Fort Vancouver National Historic Site just west of the visitor's center this monument was dedicated -- August 1, 1989

Sailors of the fifty-foot *Hojun Maru* left their home port of Onoura, Japan [October 11, 1832] bound for Edo (Tokyo) with a cargo of rice and porcelain sometime after making a call at the port of Toba south and east of Tokyo [early November 1832] *Hojun Maru* was hit by a typhoon, stripped of its rudder and mast and driven off to sea

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<sup>132</sup> David Wilma, HistoryLink.org, February 28, 2003.

<sup>133</sup> Cassandra Tate, HistoryLink.org, July 6, 2009.

crew had rice from the cargo and fish from the sea to eat  
they were able to collect rainwater and to desalinate seawater for drinking  
but they had no access to Vitamin C  
by the time the ship ran aground near Cape Flattery [January 1834]  
all but three of the crew had died -- probably of scurvy  
Survivors were three young men, Iwakichi, 28; Kyukichi, 15, and Otokichi, 14,  
“Three kichis” as they were called all were from the village of Onoura in the township of Mihama  
on the opposite side of the island of Honshu from Tokyo  
they were found by a group of Makah Indian seal hunters and briefly held as slaves  
when word of their capture reached Hudson’s Bay Company Chief Factor John McLoughlin  
he had them ransomed and brought to Fort Vancouver  
“Three kichis” stayed at Fort Vancouver for about five months where they learned a little English  
McLoughlin arranged to send them to Hudson’s Bay headquarters in London [November 1834]  
he thought the British government could use the men to establish trade relations with Japan  
After a brief stay in London, all but one day was confined to their ship, all three sailors  
were sent the rest of the way around the world to the southern China port city of Macao  
after a six-month journey from London they arrived [June 1835]  
they were handed over to a German missionary and linguist in Macao  
Two years later in the hope of opening trade with Japan an American merchant, Charles W. King,  
attempted to return the “Three kichis” to Japan on one of his ships  
but his ship was twice greeted with cannon fire,  
first when it sailed into Edo Bay  
then when it approached Kagoshima Bay  
he gave up and returned to Macao  
“Three kichis” lived the rest of their lives as exiles

## TWO SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN WASHINGTON STATE EXPERIENCE STRIKES

Washington Education Association (WEA) led two teacher strikes -- 1989  
Bellingham teachers (BEA) struck for twelve days before school opened  
no court injunction was sought by district administrators  
Moses Lake Education Association (MLEA) members were locked out of their classrooms  
by school district administration for two days before school opened

## U.W. PROFESSOR HANS G. DELUNELT RECEIVES THE NOBEL PRIZE FOR PHYSICS<sup>134</sup>

University of Washington Professor Hans G. Dehmelt and Wolfgang Paul of Bonn University

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<sup>134</sup> Dave Wilma, HistoryLink.org, December 27, 2001.

received the Nobel Prize for Physics for their work on isolating individual electrons and ions  
and making exact measurements of them -- October 12, 1989  
German-born Dehmelt became a University of Washington professor [1955]  
and a United States citizen [1961]  
he said his interest in atomic particles went back to the age of ten  
when he was an amateur radio operator

#### SEATTLE ELECTS ITS FIRST AFRICAN AMERICAN MAYOR<sup>135</sup>

Norm Rice, a ten-year member of the Seattle City Council,  
defeated Seattle City Attorney Doug Jewett  
in a hotly contested campaign for mayor -- November 7, 1989  
by a vote of: 99,699 to 75,446  
Rice was motivated to run for the position by the successful signature gathering campaign of I-34  
which was an effort to stop mandatory desegregation school busing  
Ironically, in the same election, I-34 narrowly passed: 71,286 - 70,159  
(Norm Rice devoted much of his first term to strengthening city support for Seattle Public Schools,  
promoting human rights, and to revitalizing the downtown economy  
(he easily won re-election [1993])

#### TWO MORE GUILTY PLEAS ARE RECEIVED IN THE IRAN-CONTRA AFFAIR

Air Force General Richard Secord entered a plea bargain of guilty  
to making false statements to Congress regarding the Iran-Contra Affair  
this was one of the twenty-three counts brought against him in an indictment  
he received two years of probation -- November 8, 1989  
Businessman Albert Hakim plead guilty to stealing government property -- November 21, 1989  
this was one of twenty-three counts regarding the Iran-Contra Affair  
he will receive two years of probation and a \$5,000 fine

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<sup>135</sup> Walt Crowley, HistoryLink.org, January 1, 2000.