

Observing

Maas Sworn In As Police Chief

"Let's go to work," said Doug Maas after he was sworn-in as Vancouver's new Chief of Police on Monday, Oct. 7, in front of a room packed full of friends and co-workers. Maas now heads a 120-employee department which will grow as the city proceeds with annexation.

Maas was introduced by Mary Jo Briggs, deputy city manager. After listing Maas's previous experience in police work and budget, Briggs said she knew him to be "a man of integrity, a decision maker and a person who looks at the community with vision." City attorney Ted Gathe performed the swearing-in ceremony.

Maas thanked his family for its support. He commented that police department employees had been helpful, welcoming, and friendly as he prepared to step into the chief's role and he thanked Captain Terry Rosenquist for his service to the department as the interim police chief.

New development review manager

City Manager Vernon Stoner announced the selection of David DiCesare as the city's new Development Review Manager. DiCesare will manage a new division in Community Development designed to streamline the review process for planned developments in the city.

DiCesare has been employed by the city since July, 1993, as an assistant to the city manager. His background includes work on the Esther Short Redevelopment Plan and the One Place Across Time

heritage program.

Division goals include improvement in service delivery to the community and effective customer service with applicants and neighborhoods. The workgroup will be comprised of about 54 employees including some building, planning and fire code staff.

The division is part of the Community Development Department. DiCesare will report to Karen Haines, Community Development director, beginning Oct. 14.

Smith selected as parks director

City Manager Vernon E. Stoner has selected Larry J. Smith as director of the City of Vancouver's Parks and Recreation Department.

Smith, age 53, has worked as an assistant to the city manager for the past five years. His focus has been on expanding the city's service boundaries.

He was hired by the city in 1991 after he concluded a distinguished 26-year Army career with his last assignment as service advisor to the 104th Division Vancouver Barracks. During his military career, he was involved with parks and recreation at several military installations.

Smith assumed his new responsibilities Oct. 1. He will report to Deputy City Manager Mary Jo Briggs. The parks director salary range is \$59,832 to \$76,368.

Smith is a native of Virginia. He is active in Vancouver Rotary. He lives in the Cascade Park area with his wife and daughter, who is a student at Mountain View High School.

Parks and Recreation announces essay contest

Vancouver Parks and Recreation is launching the first "How Vancouver Parks and Recreation Enriched My Life" contest. People who feel their health, well-being, or life in general has been enhanced by participating in any parks and recreation program may enter by writing a brief essay describing their experience.

Winners will be chosen in 16 categories including youth program, teen program, adult enrichment, citizens of disability, senior enrichment, SNAP/Meals on Wheels,

Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, Foster Grandparents, Heritage Services, Fitness, Tennis, Special Events, Aquatics, Sports, Facilities and Parks and Trails.

Category winners will receive a \$25 gift certificate to apply toward registering in Parks and Recreation programs. There will also be a \$50 grand prize certificate winner.

Entry deadline is Jan. 15. Entry forms may be picked up at Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon or Marshall Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd., or by calling Toni Syverson, 735-8801.

Spirits entertain on Officers Row

The second annual Ghost Stories on Officers Row scares up spirited entertainment Saturday and Sunday, October 26 and 27. Ghost Stories takes visitors on a walk along Officers Row to meet the spirits of Vancouver's first neighborhood. Some are humorous, some are eerie. 75-minute tours start at 6 p.m. Maps are on the back of the tickets.

The tour includes performances by personalities who live on the Row including singing soldiers and a governess who lived herself.

"This is not a haunted house, and not suitable for children under age seven," cautions Jane Morrison, heritage services coordinator.

All tickets are \$3, available from: Grant House, 1101 Officers

Row, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday.

• Marshall Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

• Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Or call Bagley Center at 696-8219 and charge tickets to VISA or Mastercard.

Citizens and Agencies become Habitat Partners

Clark County citizens and public agencies have formed a private non-profit group to preserve, enhance, and support the acquisition of wildlife habitat in Clark County and the lower Columbia region. Through public/private partnerships and direct private sector support, the coalition is concentrating on the area's highest quality shore lands, floodplains, wetlands, forests, and other habitat and open space lands.

Organization president Bill Dygert said anyone can belong to Habitat Partners and he urged citizens to get involved in upcoming projects. In addition to individuals, the following organizations have representatives participating: Fish First, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, Columbia Land Trust, State Fish and Wildlife, Pacific Rock Products, Clark County Conservation District/Natural Resource Conservation Service, Educational Service District

112, Clark Public Utilities, the city of Ridgefield, Clark County, the Sierra Club, Audubon Society, Cannard King and Associates, Pioneer Printing, and Loomis, Inc.

"Interagency and community cooperation are an essential part of habitat management and enhancement," Dygert said. "The group especially wants to encourage public/private partnerships and direct private sector support."

October 12 Tree Planting Event

The group's first major project involves restoring vegetation to river banks along the south shore of the East fork of the Lewis River, Dygert said. Volunteers plan to plant willows, Oregon ash, red oiser dogwood and other trees at a spot that is about 1/4 mile east of Paradise Point State Park. The property is owned by Clark County and is part of the lower Lewis River Urban Wildlife Habitat and Greenway System.

The Saturday planting project is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Participants will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the State Highway Department's 269th Street park and ride parking lot east of Interstate 5. Drive north on I-5 to the Ridgefield (269th Street) junction. Turn east on 269th Street and drive about 100 yards to the park and ride lot on the north side of the street. Car pooling and caravanning will occur from this point.

Dygert said anyone who wants to participate is asked to RSVP by calling Kathe Thomas, Clark County Community Development, 699-2375, ext. 4936.

If they have them, volunteers are asked to bring shovels, hand pruners, gloves and buckets for watering trees. Coffee, juice, pastry, and other light refreshments will be provided. A barbecue lunch will also be provided at no cost.

Kids learn to dribble

Learn to dribble without a bib. Beginning October 15, boys and girls at age 9-14 years can improve offense and defense, maneuvering skills, coordination and fundamentals of basketball. Participants will learn through drills and scrimmages and have fun learning from coach Kim Spaulding, Tuesdays, October

15 through November 12, 6:30-8 p.m.

Fees are \$34, \$30 for city residents. Register at Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon.

This course is presented by the City of Vancouver's Parks and Recreation Department. Call 696-8006 for more information.

Seniors secret destination trip

A special Halloween Mystery Trip is set Thursday, October 31 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. It is sponsored by the Vancouver Parks and Recreation Department Senior Trips Program.

Planners will only disclose that the trip is along the Columbia River to an unknown destination.

Lunch is included. The afternoon will be spent visiting a ghostly factory. The \$46 fee includes transportation and lunch. Call 696-8236 to register. The city's Senior Trip Program offers over 225 trips a year to local, regional, national and foreign destinations.

Over 2,500 people participated in the program in 1995, including 50-plus singles and couples.

Police News

Stop playing that tune

Bond was set Saturday for a 17-year-old student who stabbed his father in the neck with a carving knife because the man's piano-playing was disturbing him, police said.

Michael Grossman, a high school senior, was charged with attempted murder and aggravated battery and ordered held on \$250,000 bond for Thursday night's attack on his father, Richard, 44.

A policeman called to the home in the affluent Chicago suburb of Highland Park, Illinois, was credited with saving the life of the elder Grossman by stopping the heavy flow of blood from his neck wound.

Highland Park Police Chief Daniel Dahlberg was quoted in Saturday's Chicago Sun-Times that Michael Grossman "was doing his homework and didn't want his father to play the piano."

Bus Collision suspect arrested

Joseph Paul Keys, Jr. was arrested at approximately 11:00 PM Wednesday October 9, 1996, at the Montavilla Motel in SE Portland. Key had been a suspect in a case involving erratic driving that led to a collision with a special education bus at SE 32nd Ave and SE Couch Street, Monday afternoon.

Key, along with Fawn A. Haskins and Duane Coburn were injured when attempting to flee from police contact. Keys had been in the care of OSHU hospital when another sub-

ject assisted him in leaving the hospital without checking out.

Traffic Division investigators feel that Keys actions, and the completion of evidence gathering, have led them to believe that there is enough evidence to charge him with the listed crimes.

Police received a tip that he was staying at the motel located at 320 SE 99th ave. Officers went to the motel and discovered Keys. He was placed into custody and transported to Traffic Division.

Fugitive alert

Fugitive: Christopher Allen, age 43, 5'11", 150 lbs., black hair/brown eyes
Area of last residence: NE Rodney

Convicted in 1983 for Assault I, after Allen beat a man with a tire iron, causing severe facial injuries and ongoing disabilities. Sentenced to 10 years in prison, he was paroled in March of 1987, but has been returned to custody many times for parole violations. He has another conviction for Burglary II.

Supervision Status: The Of Parole issued a warrant for Allen's arrest on 8/5/96 for failing to report to his parole officer and drug use. If you



have any information on his whereabouts, contact local police, or Parole Officer Bill Davis at 248-5056.

Crime Stoppers: Assault

Portland Police Bureau investigators, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in identifying and apprehending the person or persons responsible for an assault.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1996, Zelma Yvette Smith, a 37-year-old Northeast Portland resident, was found lying naked and unconscious in Alberta Park, located at NE Killingsworth Street. Smith had been severely beaten and was hospitalized with head injuries.

Investigators would like to lo-



Assault Victim: Zelma Yvette Smith

cate a subject or subjects Smith may have been with prior to the assault.

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

Investigator: Investigative Sergeant Wayne Svilar, Portland Police Bureau;

Alternate Crime Stoppers Coordinator: Officer John Wrigley, Portland Police Bureau; (503) 823-HELP (503) 823-0830

Free deadbolt locks for seniors

The Portland Police Bureau manages a Senior Locks program which installs, at absolutely no cost, deadbolt locks and other security hardware on the houses of eligible Senior homeowners.

The program is funded through the Bureau of Housing and Community Development. A trained Locks Crew is sent to eligible homes to perform a variety of security procedures. They install deadbolt locks on exterior doors, drill and pin windows on the first floor and attach metal screening to basement windows and windows in doors, as needed.

To qualify a person must:
1) Be 55 years or older.
2) Own or buying the house you are living in. Renters are not eligible.
3) Live in the Portland City limits.
4) Meet federal income guidelines.

The income and age limits can be waived in case of an emergency. These are considered on a case by case basis.

Senior citizens, who want to apply for the program, should call the Portland Police Bureau's Family Service Division at (503) 823-0284.

Officer Henry Groepper Acting PIO

(Lieutenant C. Madison) will be away from the office, starting at 5:00PM, Thursday, October 10, 1996 and will be returning Monday, October 21, 1996 at 8:00 AM.

In my absence, Officer Henry Groepper will be the Acting PIO. His pager number is 323-6036.

Drug agent charged with bribery

A Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) agent has been arrested for allegedly seeking a bribe from a doctor under investigation for diverting controlled substances for his personal use, prosecutors said on Monday.

Neal Ebrus, 33, a diversion/compliance investigator with the DEA, is charged in a complaint filed in White Plains, New York federal court, alleging he demanded the \$25,000 bribe in return for ending the investigation of the doctor.

The one-count complaint alleges Ebrus told the doctor the \$25,000 would be a charitable donation to a fund established for a friend who was paralyzed in a sporting accident.

Ebrus allegedly told the doctor to make the payment in cash so it could not be traced and in return Ebrus allegedly promised to send the doctor official government documents showing the case against him had been dropped.

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Old house renovation workshop offered

Local remodeling specialist Art Patrick will lead participants in planning rehabilitation of older houses Saturday, October 19 at the Grant House, 1101 Officers Row.

The workshop is 9 a.m. to noon on the second floor of Grant House.

Class will cover an assessment of goals and planning projects that are cost-effective and realistic.

Register at Bagley Center, 4100 Plomondon, 696-8219 or Marshall Center, 1009 E. McLoughlin Blvd., 696-8236. Fee is \$7. Due to limited space, pre-registration is encouraged.