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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Yugoslavia Peace Plan

While NATO pounded military sites for a 70<sup>th</sup> day in Kosovo, Yugoslavia signaled acceptance of Kosovo peace principles set down by the G-7 and Russia. Military officials in alliance with more than 30 nations met in Belgium to draft a plan for an international security force in Kosovo that would ensure ethnic Albanians return to their homes safely.

### Columbine High School

Students returned to Columbine School to retrieve their belongings that were left behind during the deadly April 20 attack on the school. The Columbine students were allowed to finish out their school year at nearby Chatfield School. During this summer, Columbine School will be renovated, especially the rooms that were damaged by bombs, bullets and water.

### South African Vote

Nelson Mandela, president of South Africa called for a vote without bloodshed in a second all-race election and his successor Thabo Mbeki told whites that they had nothing to fear. Mbeki is a trained economist who was released from an apartheid jail in 1990 to lead his country to democracy. He will formally take over from Mandela on June 16.

### Kosovar Refugees Portland-Bound

Fifteen Kosovar refugees from three related families are being flown to Portland in the next few days where they will live until they can return to their embattled homeland. Eleven other Kosovar refugees are headed for Portland within the next two weeks. The refugees are being housed and supported by a variety of Portland-area charity groups.

### Portland Schools Get Budget

The Portland School Board has voted to adopt the budget proposal of Superintendent Ben Canada. The document calls for cutting almost the entire school-to-work program in an effort to prevent further increases in classroom sizes. The plan calls for spending 346-Million dollars for the 1999-2000 school year. The decision is not final. It requires a second vote and depends on what the state decides to give the district. The most controversial part of the budget calls for cutting four-and-a-half desegregation linked teaching at Irvington Elementary and moving them to low-income Whitaker Middle School. The board also approved the transfer.

### Toll Roads Recommended

A Metro task force says toll roads could help handle some of the traffic congestion in the Portland area. It's recommending that tolls be set up on fast lanes on parts of the Sunset Highway, Highway 217, and SE McLoughlin. Tolls would be more expensive during rush hour. The recommendation comes after an extensive study.

## Chief Moose Accepts Position In Montgomery County, Maryland

On May 27, 1999, Chief Charles Moose announced that he is accepting a position with the Montgomery County, Maryland Police Department, as their Chief of Police. Chief Moose will be leaving the Portland Police Bureau in August 1999. Chief Moose states, "My decision to leave the Portland Police Bureau and the City of Portland was very painful and a difficult one, however, I am looking forward to new challenges."

Montgomery County Maryland is approximately 500 square miles, with a population of 850,000. The Montgomery County Maryland Police Department employs approximately 1030 sworn officers.

Chief Moose has been with the Portland Police Bureau for 24 years and has been the Chief of Police for 6 years. Chief Moose has received more than 25 awards during his tenure as Portland's Chief of Police, including the US General Services Administration, Federal Protective Services "Quality Service Through Partnership Award," the Oregon Association Chiefs of Police Service Award, the FBI Director's "Community Leadership Award," the Toastmasters International "Communication and Leadership Award," and the Oregon Association of Chiefs of Police President's Award. In 1998, Chief Moose received the William French Smith Award for Outstanding Contributions to Cooperative Law Enforcement, presented by US Attorney General Janet Reno.



Photos by M. Washington

An emotional Chief Charles Moose fights back tears as he announces his resignation as Portland's Police Chief. Mr. Moose will accept a position as Police Chief of Montgomery County, Maryland. Chief Moose will be leaving The Portland Police Bureau in August 1999.

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As the Mayor expounds on the many accomplishments of the departing Chief of Police, Chief Charles Moose flanked by his commander, Derrick Foxworth, loyal supporters Margret Carter former Legislator, Bishop Wells of Emmanuel Temple C.O.G.I.C. along with family and close friends, all listen of his plans to leave the "City of Roses" for a comparable position in Maryland.

STATEMENT BY MAYOR  
VERA KATZ



## Resignation Of Chief Charles Moose

Mayor Vera Katz released the following statement on May 27, 1999, regarding the decision of Portland Police Chief Charles Moose to accept a position with the Montgomery County, Maryland Police Department, as their Chief of Police.

"When I hired Chief Moose to lead the Portland Police Bureau I asked him to pursue four objectives: reinforce community-oriented policing in the community and within the organization; develop a strong workforce which represents the diversity in our community; provide the Bureau fiscally responsible management; and make Portland safer and make the citizens of Portland feel safe in their community.

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"Chief Moose has succeeded, and he leaves the Portland Police Bureau in the best shape it has ever been in recent memory. Under Chief Moose, our crime rate is down 18 percent, and Portland is nationally recognized as the leading agency in fostering and implementing the values of community policing. Seventy-three new officers have been hired in the last eight months. Despite the financial challenges of Ballot Measures 5 and 47, Chief Moose has managed the financial resources of the bureau in a manner which has maximized our ability to maintain a force of two officers per every 1000 citizens in our community. I am very proud of his accomplishments and wish him well.

"I will immediately began a national and local search to hire the best Police Chief this Country has to offer. Portlanders deserve no less. As with Chief Moose's hire, I will again use the services of the International Association of Chiefs of Police along with a local search firm to lead the process. The process will take approximately three months, and an interim "Acting Chief" will be appointed during this period. As part of the hiring process, I will also seek advice from the community, including police advisory groups, neighborhood associations representatives, business organizations, and labor."

## Portland Rose Festival

World-Class Events June 3-27, 1999

The Rose Festival, Oregon's premier civic celebration, has been a Northwest tradition for 91 years. This unique 25-day Festival bursts into bloom each June to celebrate the City of Roses with action, excitement and entertainment for all ages and interests.

The Portland Rose Festival's cornerstone event, the Southwest Airlines Grand Floral Parade is the 2<sup>nd</sup>-largest all-floral parade in the nation and just one of three colorful parades. Add to the mix a fantastic Airshow, the high speed thrills of CART Indy car racing, one of the highest ranked fine arts festivals in the nation, a ten-day waterfront festival and nation's oldest rose show, and you have just the tip of the rosebud. There are more than 70 action-packed, exciting events for the whole family to enjoy in and around Portland each June.

More than 2 million spectators are in the know. Now here's your chance to get in on the fun! You are invited to explore and use the event information, professional quality photos, parade maps and schedules provided by your Rose Festival Association.



Quyona Anderson Grant



The Portland Observer would like to offer a sincere apology to the participants whose names were inadvertently omitted in last week's edition (May 26, 1999). We extend our apologies to the parents as well.



Kirstin Wirta Roosevelt