

# Observing Vancouver

## City Seeks People with Cultural Interests

The City of Vancouver has extended the deadline for applications for five vacancies on the

Cultural Commission to Thursday, Sept. 30. This 11-member commission serves in an advisory capacity

events and activities. The Commission acts as a central clearinghouse for information on arts, cultural and international activities and provides guardianship of public art assets. Commissioners are appointed by the mayor, confirmed by the City Council and serve for a period of three years.

Interested applicants should contact Peggy Furno in the City Manager's Office at (360) 696-8484. Completed applications must be submitted to Vancouver City Hall, P.O. Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668-0195, or by Fax at 696-8049 by Thursday, Sept. 30.

## Spotlight on Local Salmon Recovery

As part of Washington Water Week, a statewide environmental awareness program,

Vancouver's Water Resources Education Center will offer Helping Salmon Tours. These free van tours will visit projects around Vancouver and Clark County that

protect streams for salmon.

Take this opportunity to see what citizens and groups are doing to stabilize stream banks, provide cooling shade and improve water quality.

Space is limited; call (360) 696-8478 for reservation.

## City Invites Applications for Planning Commission

The City of Vancouver is seeking applicants to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission serves as a citizen advisory body to the City Council. Commissioners work in a voluntary capacity to conduct studies and public hearings on subdivisions

comprehensive plan amendments, rezoning requests and zoning text amendments.

The commission makes recommendations to the City Council for review and final decisions.

Applicants must live within the city limits.

For applications or further information, contact Peggy Furno in the City Manager's Office at City Hall, 210 E. 13th St., P.O. Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668, or call (360) 696-8484 (fax (360) 696-8049). Applications must be submitted by Friday, Oct. 8.

## Hertz Opens New Location In Vancouver

Park Ridge, NJ. The Hertz Corporation (NYSE:HRZ), the world's largest car rental company announces the opening of a new car rental in Vancouver, Washington. The new facility, opened as Washington's first Local Edition site, will serve customers from its location at 2700 North East Andersen in Vancouver.

The new location offers customers a full range of rental vehicles and services.

In addition, as with all Hertz

corporate locations, vehicles are available to rent with free unlimited mileage and all rate structures are honored.

"We're excited to open our first Local Edition site in Washington. The facility, located in the heart of Vancouver and, quite accessible to Portland, Oregon, will provide customers with added convenience when renting from Hertz," commented Scott Sider, Regional Vice President, Western Regional for Hertz Corporation.

"Our Local Edition service has received a positive response from other areas of the country and we're expecting residents of Vancouver and Portland, to also be receptive to Hertz Local Edition."

For more information, customers can call their travel agent, or Hertz' Reservations toll-free at 1-800-704-4473. For more information on hertz, visit our website at hertz.com.

Hertz operates a fleet of 550,000 vehicles from 6,100 locations in over 140 countries.

## Meetings Focus on Updating Plan for Regional Parks and Open Space

Vancouver, WA - Clark County has scheduled a series of five public meetings to solicit comment about the update of the regional parks and open space element of its comprehensive land use plan. This planning focuses on regional parks, greenways, trails and other facilities that serve a countywide population. The plan also includes an urban wildlife habitat element. The plan is prerequisite to applying for state and federal grant monies through the Washington State interagency Committee for Outdoor Recreation and other granting agencies. The purpose of the meeting is to provide an opportunity for public comment regarding regional parks and open space services. Some of the things the county would like to know are: What recreation facilities do county residents currently use? What kinds of regional recreation facilities and service are most important to county residents? What should be the county's priorities for regional parks? Open space, and habitat lands over the next five years? Public comment will be a key element in developing the parks and open space plan, which will be submitted for consideration to the board of County Commissioners early next year. The meeting will be located in various sections of the county to encourage participation. The meetings are scheduled as follows:

**Tuesday, September 21**  
La Center Community Center, 1000 E. 4th Street, La Center

**Thursday, September 23**  
Camas Community Center, 1718 SE 7th Avenue, Camas.

**Tuesday, September 28**  
Battle Ground Senior Center, 116

NE 3rd Avenue, Battle Ground.

**Wednesday, September 29**  
Clark County Emergency Services Building, 710 W. 13th Street, Vancouver.

**Tuesday, October 5**  
Vancouver Police East Precinct, 1210 SE Tech Center Drive (off 164th Avenue), Vancouver.

All meetings will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. and will be hosted by the Vancouver-Clark Parks and

Recreation Commission. The program will include a presentation on the purpose and scope of the plan; opportunity for questions and answers and public comment; distribution of survey forms; and an explanation of the adoption schedule and other ways to provide comment. For more information, please contact Jeroen Kok, regional parks planner for the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Department, (360) 696-8171.

# POLICE NEWS

## CRIMESTOPPERS

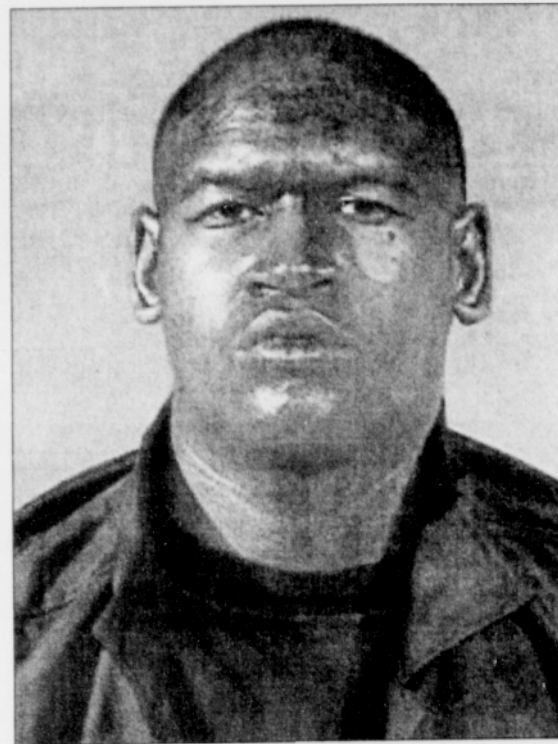
### HOMICIDE

Portland Police Bureau Homicide Investigators, in cooperation with Crime Stoppers, are asking for your help in locating and apprehending Thearone Giles.

A felony arrest warrant is on file in Multnomah County, charging Giles with Murder in the shooting death of 32-year-old Ronald Anthony Johnson. The shooting took place at 1:30 in the morning of Thursday, August 26, 1999, at Cisco and Poncho's Restaurant, located at 107 Northwest Fifth Avenue. According to investigators, Giles and Johnson were in the bar area when a verbal argument between the two escalated into a fistfight. Giles pulled a handgun and fired several shots at the victim who was struck in the torso. Johnson was transported to OHSU Hospital where he later died.

Thearone Giles is a 25-year-old black male, with a date of birth of November 11, 1973. He is described as 5'8" tall, weighing 160 pounds with black hair and brown eyes. Giles has "CVC" tattooed on both arms, and should be considered armed and dangerous.

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



## Twenty-Four Of Forty-Seven Wanted Drug Suspects Arrested

At just after noon, on Tuesday, September 7, 1999, in Northeast Precinct, officers began looking for, and arresting, forty-seven individuals wanted on drug related indictments. As of 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 9, 1999 twenty-four of the individuals have been taken into custody.

The indictments were obtained with information gathered over the past several months by Northeast Precinct Officers, assisted by the Tactical Operations Detail and Drugs and Vice Division, in an anti-drug mission.

The mission, dubbed "Operation Home Improvement," targeted street

level drug dealing, because street level drug dealing directly affects the livability of a neighborhood.

Of the forty-seven indictments, thirty-four were for adults and thirteen were for juveniles. Of the subjects arrested so far, fifteen have been adults and nine have been juveniles.

## Man Arrested with Weapons Outside High School

(Lebanon-AP) — A 19-year-old man has been arrested outside Lebanon High School with an empty assault rifle, a Kevlar bulletproof vest and a bayonet. No ammunition was found.

The weapons were found in Kenneth Maham's car yesterday afternoon after a road rage incident in the high school parking lot. Police say Maham became angry

at another person, chased that person into the school and then kicked in the door of the person's car.

Maham is facing criminal mischief and weapons charges

## Window of At Least Forty Sellwood Area Businesses Etched with Graffiti

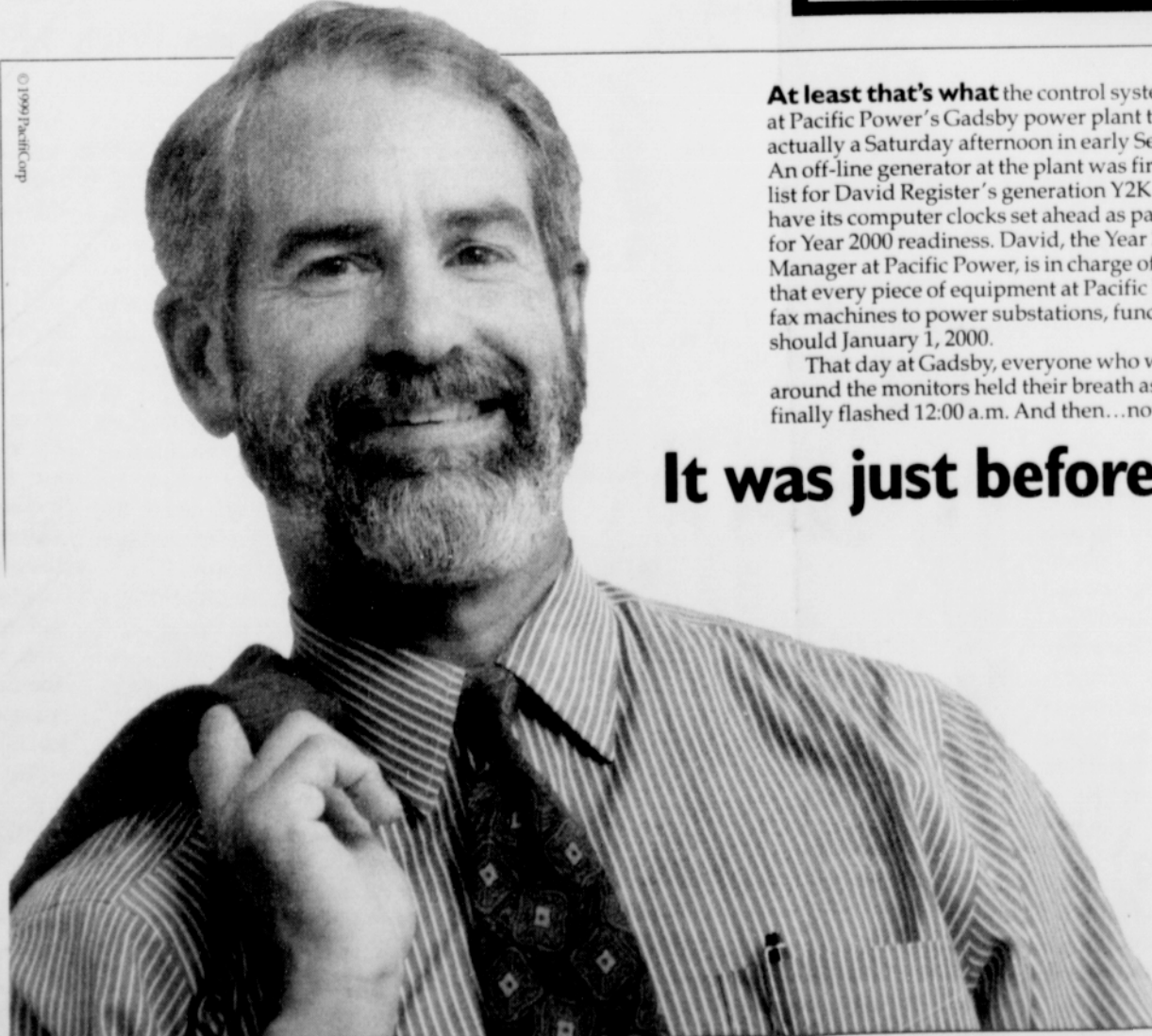
### Two Seventeen-Year Old Males Charged

Two 17-year-old juveniles have been taken into custody in connection with a vandalism spree in Southeast Portland. On Saturday, September 4, 1999, at about 4:30 in the morning, a witness saw two individuals vandalizing a business on Southeast Tacoma Street, in the Sellwood Neighborhood, by etching graffiti "tags" into the glass windows. Officers found that rocks had been used to inscribe

the names or "tags" of "REVOLT" and "ADEMON" into the glass. A short time later, at Southeast 13th Avenue and Southeast Bidwell Street, officers located and took into custody the two suspects. The two 17-year old subjects, identified as Evan Douglas Lowe and Nicholas Wade Sprague, were charged with Criminal Mischief in the First Degree and transported to the Multnomah County

Juvenile Detention Facility. Businesses struck include numerous restaurants and antique stores on and around Southeast 13th and 17th Avenues. The dollar amount of damage reported thus far is over \$42,000. For more information, please contact Southeast Precinct Neighborhood Response Team Officer Dan Liu by calling 823-5043, or paging 795-0963

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At least that's what the control system computers at Pacific Power's Gadsby power plant thought. It was actually a Saturday afternoon in early September 1998. An off-line generator at the plant was first on the list for David Register's generation Y2K team to have its computer clocks set ahead as part of testing for Year 2000 readiness. David, the Year 2000 Project Manager at Pacific Power, is in charge of ensuring that every piece of equipment at Pacific Power, from fax machines to power substations, functions as it should January 1, 2000.

That day at Gadsby, everyone who was gathered around the monitors held their breath as the hour finally flashed 12:00 a.m. And then...nothing

happened. The unit was working exactly as it should. Smiles quickly replaced the serious expressions of the test team.

In the weeks that followed, the generator continued to operate without a hitch, even as its clock was set to other year 2000 test dates. So there was no need to test the other identical power units at Gadsby, right? Wrong, the team decided. They continued to test everything. Minor problems were found on the other two generators, but they were quickly corrected, as retesting verified. All systems passed the tests with flying colors.

"Here is a success story in two folds," says David. "First, we verified that systems will perform as

## It was just before midnight, Dec. 31, 1999.

expected in the year 2000 and second, by finding small glitches, we confirmed that our testing strategy is the right one."

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