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## Portlanders invited to meet Police Chief candidates

### Mayor Vera Katz hosts open meeting to solicit community input

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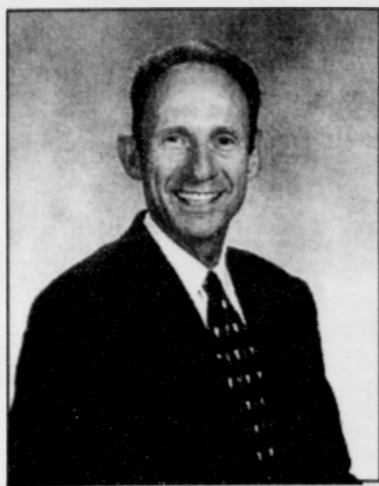
Community members get a chance to have their say on the candidates for



Finalist Ronald Monroe

Chief of Police at a public forum this Saturday. Mayor Vera Katz is inviting all interested people to come meet the two finalists, Mark Kroeker, a former United Nations International Police Deputy-Commissioner and former Los Angeles Deputy Chief, and Washington, D.C. Assistant Chief Ronald Monroe.

"This is your chance to meet our finalists, and tell me what you think," said Katz. "I want you to challenge them to address neighborhood issues, how they intend to be accountable to you, the public and then I want to hear back from you on their strengths and weaknesses." Two open meetings will be questioned and answer format, with each candidate responding to their own one-hour sessions. Feedback forms will be available for the public to fill out at the meeting, or they can also respond via e-mail through the Mayor's website at <http://www.ci.portland.or.us/mayor>.



Finalist Mark Kroeker

The East Portland Community Center is accessible by public transit. Bus lines 15, 26, and 27 stop nearby, and MAX stops at 102nd Ave. DATE: Saturday, December 4, 1999 TIME: 12:30-3 p.m. PLACE: East Portland Community Center 740 SE 106th Ave. (1 1/2 blocks south of Stark, and across from East Precinct)

## City invites applications for Parking Advisory Committee

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The City Of Vancouver is seeking applicants to fill four vacancies on newly formed Parking Advisory Committee. The Committee is a seven-member body that replaces the parking Commission and is appointed by the City Council. The Committee will advise the City Council on policy issues related to all on-street and off-street parking issues and city-owned facilities in the downtown area. The committee will also make recommendations on the development of additional facilities, parking regulations

and parking rates in downtown area. The Parking Advisory Committee meets once a month at 7:30 a.m. in Council Chambers at City Hall, 210 E. 13th St. A typical term is four years.

A member may serve a maximum of two terms. Members must be a Vancouver resident or own property in the city or be officed in a business or profession located in the downtown area.

For applications or further information, contact Peggy Furno in the city Manager's Office at City Hall, PO Box 1995, Vancouver, WA 98668 or call 696-8484 or FAX: 696-8049. The deadline for applications is Monday, Dec. 13.

## Citizen group to guide Public Square in Esther Short Park designs

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southeast corner of the park. George and Carolyn Propstra have contributed funds to make the public square a reality.

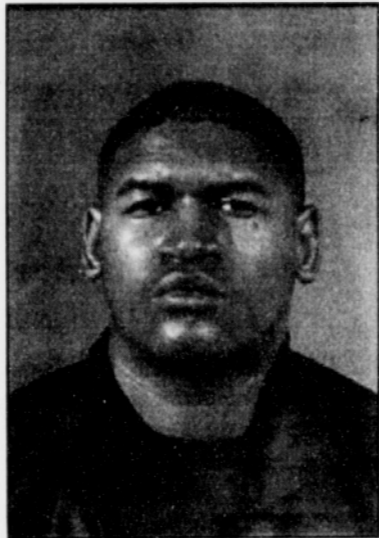
A citizen-member Esther Short Park Steering Group will work with the community and city staff assists with design of the new plaza at Esther Short Park. The group, appointed by the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, is made up of a cross section of citizens representing business, tourism, neighborhood and the general public. The group's first meeting is Dec. 2, from 4-5:30 p.m. at Marshall House, 1301 Officers Row. The meeting is open to the public. Steering Group meeting will be co-chaired by Florence Wager and Dale Erickson of the Vancouver-Clark Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. Steering Group members are: Charles W. Fromhold; Erik Runyan; Dan Heine; Helen Devery; Jim Johnson; Kim Bennett; Todd Horenstein; Deb Wallace; Mike Heywood; Larry Swatosh; and James Etkorn.

"We will conduct a number of public sessions to ensure broad public involvement in the planning and design process," Wager said. "We look forward to much input from the steering Group, park stakeholders and the community."

Wager said the Steering Group's final design recommendation would go to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission. The Commission will then forward the recommendation to City Council, which has final review and approval of the design and construction process. The project timeline sees construction on the new plaza under way in summer of 2000 and completed by December 2000. This is the second phase of a major construction project on Esther Short Park. Phase One, which includes the addition of an outdoor performance pavilion, landscaping, new walkways, lighting and a restroom, is under way. Phase Two involves the addition of a new plaza area in the

## Crime Stoppers

Portland Police is again 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 6, 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, which leads to an arrest in this case of up to \$1,000 for information, reported to Crime Stoppers, which leads to an arrest in this case or any unsolved felony crime (503) 823-HELP.



## Police briefs

### Search For New Chief Narrows

The search for a new Portland Police Bureau Chief is actively underway. The list of candidates, which numbered 37 in all after nationwide recruiting, recently was narrowed to eight (8). Of those eight candidates, three (3) will pass on to the final selection process.

### Academy Starts For Explorer Candidates

Northeast Precinct Explorers started the Explorer Academy on November 11, 1999. The candidates will be trained in many aspects of police work including defensive driving, defensive tactics, and radio codes and procedures. The candidates must pass both a mid-term and a final in order to be accepted into the Explorer Program. Though Law Enforcement Explorers have no police powers, they are a uniform position involved in police ride-a-longs, special holiday events, parades, abandoned auto notification, vacation house checks, traffic speed watches, assisting police officers with traffic accidents and with building security.

### New Drug Free Zones Up And Running

Officers throughout North and Northeast Portland have now received updated training on the new and expanded Drug Free Zones (DFZ). Although the zones officially became effective 30 days from the City Counsel's passing of the new ordinance on August 8, 1999, it was not put into effect at the precincts until the proper training could be conducted. Now that the training has been completed, the officers are now excluding from all the DFZ's. Prior to that training, officers enforced only the existing zones. The way the zones were determined depended on the number of incidents of drug crimes in

a particular area and the comparison of these crimes to other areas within the city.

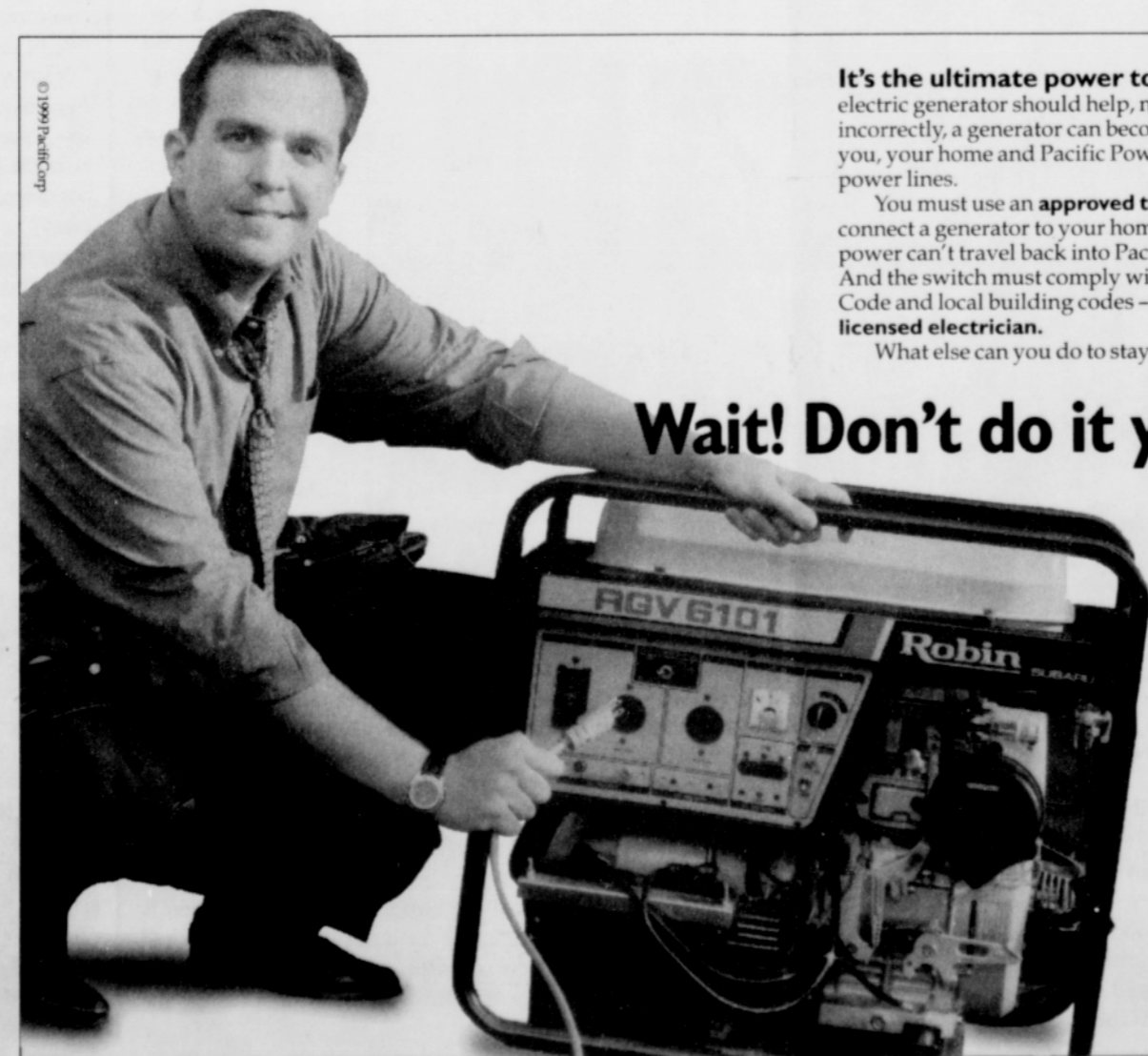
### Increased Patrols Planned For Holiday Season

Northeast Precinct is hard at work planning increased patrols during the holiday season. There will be increases patrols especially in the Jantzen Beach area and the Lloyd Center area. Besides regular vehicle patrol, there will be increased foot patrol during this time. The Portland Police Bureau is moving into the final planning stages for all the anticipated New Year's Eve events as well. This includes extensive planning for the

Millennium Party that is to be held in Pioneer Square on New Year's Eve.

### Smart Wagon Available For Neighborhood Use

Are there traffic speeding issues in your neighborhood? If so, the SMART Wagon might be what is needed to get people to slow down in your area. The Smart Wagon is used to show drivers their speed as they pass the wagon. Northeast Precinct's Neighborhood Response Team (NRT) maintains control of the precinct's SMART Wagon. To find out more on the SMART Wagon and if it could benefit your neighborhood, contact Officer Kristi Gustafson at 823-5790.



It's the ultimate power tool. But a portable electric generator should help, not hurt you. Installed incorrectly, a generator can become a serious hazard to you, your home and Pacific Power crews who work on power lines.

You must use an approved transfer switch to connect a generator to your home's wiring, so the power can't travel back into Pacific Power's system. And the switch must comply with the National Safety Code and local building codes - have it installed by a licensed electrician.

What else can you do to stay safe? A lot, actually.

## Wait! Don't do it yourself.

Never plug your generator into an outlet and don't connect a generator to your home's main fuse box or circuit panel.

A generator connected to main power lines can cause power from the generator to backfeed into electric lines. This can overload and damage the generator as well as create a hazard for our line crews.

To power an appliance temporarily, plug it directly into the generator.

Use heavy-duty, properly grounded extension cords and position them so they won't be tripped over - especially in the dark.

Always properly ventilate a portable generator.

Gasoline-powered generators produce carbon monoxide and the fumes can be deadly.

Don't overload your generator.

Be sure the total electric load on your generator doesn't exceed its rating.

Follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Be careful using your generator. You'll want to be around to get some other things done.

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