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E & M Sentry Market Scene Of Vicious Attack



Robert Malone co-owner of E&M Sentry Market

E & M SENTRY MARKET LOCATED AT 909 N. KILLINGSWORTH ST. WAS THE SCENE OF A VICIOUS ATTACK THAT SENT SEVERAL PEOPLE TO THE HOSPITAL AND MANY MORE HAD TO RECEIVE EMERGENCY TREATMENT. THE MARQUEE IN THE WINDOW NOTED - "TODAY'S SPECIAL".

On Wednesday April 13, 1994, a white male, about 30 or 35 years old entered the E & M Sentry Market and began going through the store aisles spraying a substance from a can that resembled "Pepper Mace". Robert Malone co-owner of the market stated there were 17 or 18 customers and eight employees in the store at the time of the incident.

Malone said, "My eyes started to water and burn and tears started to run down my face. I turned to the next checker and asked if he was alright and he said, 'My eyes are burning and full of water too.' Then Malone and the other checker observed the man going through aisles of the store spraying and then leaving the store and entering a red car and heading west in the direction of Swan Island.

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stated Malone

When The Portland Observer arrived on the scene there were ten emergency vehicles at the store, and some of the



Geneva Sturnes

customers were outside being administered oxygen, to help with their breathing. Some were still coughing and choking. Some were even sneezing and having a difficult time with their breathing. The chemical had evidently affected their respiratory systems. Most were given blankets; one young customer who really needed one because she was shaking so badly that the blanket didn't seem to help.

Geneva Sturnes, one of the older customers, who was using a oxygen mask stated to us that she

had a bad heart. One other customer had just moved to Portland from Louisiana, and was in the store with her small baby. She had to be placed in one of the ambulances.

Unfortunately one of the customers had lung surgery and was still in the recovery process.

Thee only apparent provocation for the incident was disruption of business, which lasted for two hours. Malone stated, "We're here to serve the community and outsiders come in and tried to destroy it. It was really an act of terrorism."

Student Assaulted

A 14 YEAR OLD BOY WAS TREATED AND RELEASED FROM EMMANUEL HOSPITAL AFTER BEING BEATEN, A 14 YEAR OLD GIRL IS IN POLICE CUSTODY CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY, RIOT, AND ASSAULT IN THE 3RD DEGREE. HER MOTHER, 30 YEAR OLD JOURANNA LOGAN, IS CHARGED WITH THE SAME VIOLATIONS. THE TWO COULD FACE OTHER CHARGES. SCHOOL POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR TWO MORE PEOPLE REGARDING THE INCIDENT.

Officials say the situation began early Thursday morning before classes started. Words were exchanged and a fight took place between a boy and a girl. There are varied reports about who pushed who and how far the fight escalated. Other Benson High school students reportedly broke it up.

The girl and a friend left the school and made their way to her home.

The two later returned to Benson with three adults. They did not check in at the office. The five went to the classroom where the boy was located. One or two of the adults attacked him. (The police investigation continues to question witnesses.)

The teacher in the classroom tried to intervene. She was hit by one of the women.

Another Benson staff member arrived and the five people left the school (two girls, two women, and one man).

The school nurse briefly treated the boy and the teacher. The youngster left school and went to Emanuel Hospital.. He was treated and released.

The girl involved in the original incident returned to the school with her father. She was questioned.

The questions continued through the evening.

Eventually she and her mom were charged with three violations. The search continues for the other two people involved.

Mayor Vera Katz Outlines Agenda For Portland's Downtown

SAYING THAT "THE KEY TO ADDRESSING OUR CHALLENGES IS FOUND IN PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS," MAYOR VERA KATZ TODAY IN AN ADDRESS TO THE ASSOCIATION FOR PORTLAND PROGRESS (APP) OFFERED AN AMBITIOUS AGENDA FOR DOWNTOWN PORTLAND THAT INCLUDES NEW INITIATIVES TO ATTRACT BUSINESS AND HOUSING.

The Mayor offered a holistic vision for downtown, striving for "a complete urban ecosystem, with homes and schools, child care and grocery stores, transportation and entertainment."

Katz unveiled three major public/private partnership initiatives to meet this challenge.

First, the Mayor unveiled the Livable City Housing Initiative, a public/private venture to increase the amount of housing available in the City of Portland.

Katz said in the next 60 days she will be calling together leaders from the fields of finance, development, design, real estate and government, along with neighborhood leaders and housing activists to finalize the initiative's concept.

The initiative's goal is to help Portland manage the projected growth during the next 20 years.

"This is the heart of our efforts to plan for our growth, strengthen our sense of community, and prevent urban sprawl from destroying the precious natural wonders of this region," Katz said.

Second, the Mayor announced she will name a subcommittee to the Mayor's Business

Roundtable to establish an International Council for Portland.

The subcommittee will use Seattle's highly successful version as a model for the Council. The Council, the Mayor explained, "will connect Portland to the world, from business to education and research to cultural exchanges."

Third, the Mayor moved to bring additional retail attractions to downtown, announcing plans to "call together downtown's key retail experts to develop a proactive campaign to add exciting new retail attractions to downtown."

The Mayor began her address to the general membership of APP by declaring, "Downtown is a symbol of our city."

She stated that the well-being of downtown is tightly linked to the health of the entire city. "We cannot have healthy neighborhoods without a vibrant central city, just as we risk the decline of downtown if Portland's neighborhoods are not thriving."

Katz addressed critics of further action downtown, "Some day that we should not bother anymore with the central city. We have done enough there, they say." The Mayor responded, "To this I say, resolutely, no."

Katz declared that her definition of downtown includes Old Town and the River District, extends south to the South Waterfront/North Macadam area, and crosses the Willamette River to include the Lloyd Districts and the Central Eastside. Her action agenda addresses each of these districts.

She reported on the status of downtown. "Measured by jobs or by income, our downtown is healthy -- at this moment. But there is a lot of work still to do."

"We know how to pour concrete and build buildings. The challenge before us, downtown and in every neighborhood, is to combine infrastructure and people so that we build communities..."

Vera Katz, Mayor

Katz recounted some of the work her administration has done to lay the groundwork for new agenda.

She spoke of the new customer service ethic in the Bureaus of Planning and Buildings. She formed the Mayor's Business Roundtable, a group of local business leaders that developed the city's new economic development strategy.

Katz then spoke of specific goals for downtown that her agenda addresses:

- **Jobs:** a significant share of the new jobs coming to the region have to locate downtown;
- **Housing:** a growing proportion of the region's residents must make downtown home;
- **Societal Ills:** downtown must provide services for the social problems that while present throughout society, cluster downtown; and,
- **Cultural and Civic Life:** the qualities of downtown that make it the center of our region's cultural life, as well as the place where citizens come face-to-face with one another to realize their common civic identity, must be preserved.

The Mayor then described a variety of projects and initiatives to meet these goals for each of the districts of downtown: the traditional core, Old Town/Chinatown, South Waterfront/North Macadam, the Central Eastside, and the Lloyd District.

Admitting she was proposing an ambitious agenda, the Mayor reviewed with the audience the new fiscal constraints now facing the city. Given these new realities, the Mayor said, "To make things happen, we have to find a new way of doing business."

"The key to addressing our challenges is found in public/private partnerships." The Mayor indicated that the newly renewed Portland Development Commission would play a lead role facilitating the formation of these partnerships. "We need an independent commission, above the day-to-day fray of local politics, to bring together our partners who would make things happen."

Katz concluded by pledging that she would be a "cheerleader for those who act in the interests of the people of Portland."

"By working together, we will propel downtown into the next decades of prosperity."

Food Stamp Benefits Decrease

Food stamp recipients in Oregon are seeing a slight drop in their benefits beginning this month, because of adjustments made in the way food stamp allotments are calculated.

Each April, a change in benefit computations is made because of lower utility bills that come with warmer weather. During winter months, additional food stamps are provided because recipients must pay higher heating costs. In the spring, that additional benefit is discontinued.

The exact amount of the decrease will vary from family to family, because food stamp grants depend on a number of factors, including income, expenses and family size. The change will only affect recipients who use a "standard utility allowance" rather than actual utility costs in computations.

In Oregon, more than 126,000 families -- many of them low-income working families -- receive food stamps. The average amount of food stamps per family is just over \$160 per month. The program is administered by the Adult and Family Services Division of the Oregon Department of Human Resources.

The cost of the food stamps is paid by federal funds, with the costs of administering the program shared by the state and federal governments.

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