

**Straight Talk With
Derek McGint**

Derek McGinty hosts a look at the science of romance in *Chemistry of Love*.

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**Negro Leagues
'Living Legends'**

The event demonstrated ongoing support for contributions to the African American community.

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THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Clinton seeks liquor TV ad ban

President Clinton is asking federal regulators to examine ways to prevent advertisements for hard liquor from appearing on television. Clinton decision to ask the Federal Communications Commission to look into the matter follows the distilled spirits industry's decision to end its nearly half-century-long voluntary ban on such advertising.

Mutual accusations in mideast

Rather than resolving their differences, Israel and the Palestinians are drifting farther apart amid escalating violence. Two Palestinians were killed in blasts today in the Gaza Strip. Israel says the blasts were botched suicide bombings by Arab extremists aimed at Jewish school children. The Palestinians concede that one of the dead men blew himself up, but say the other man was killed by a bomb or grenade thrown from an Israeli jeep.

Are banks gouging consumers?

A consumer watchdog group says U.S. banks are gouging consumers with extra fees for using automated teller machines. At issue are controversial fees averaging \$1.15 charged to consumers using an ATM at a bank other than their own. That fee is added to the fee most consumers already pay their own banks for using another bank's machine. Banks defend the fees, claiming the money helps pay for ATMs in new locations.

US immigration law takes effect

A federal appeals court ruling today has allowed a new law cracking down on illegal immigration to go into effect. This comes one day after a federal judge in Washington issued an order delaying implementation until Saturday because the government had failed to give adequate notice of new rules.

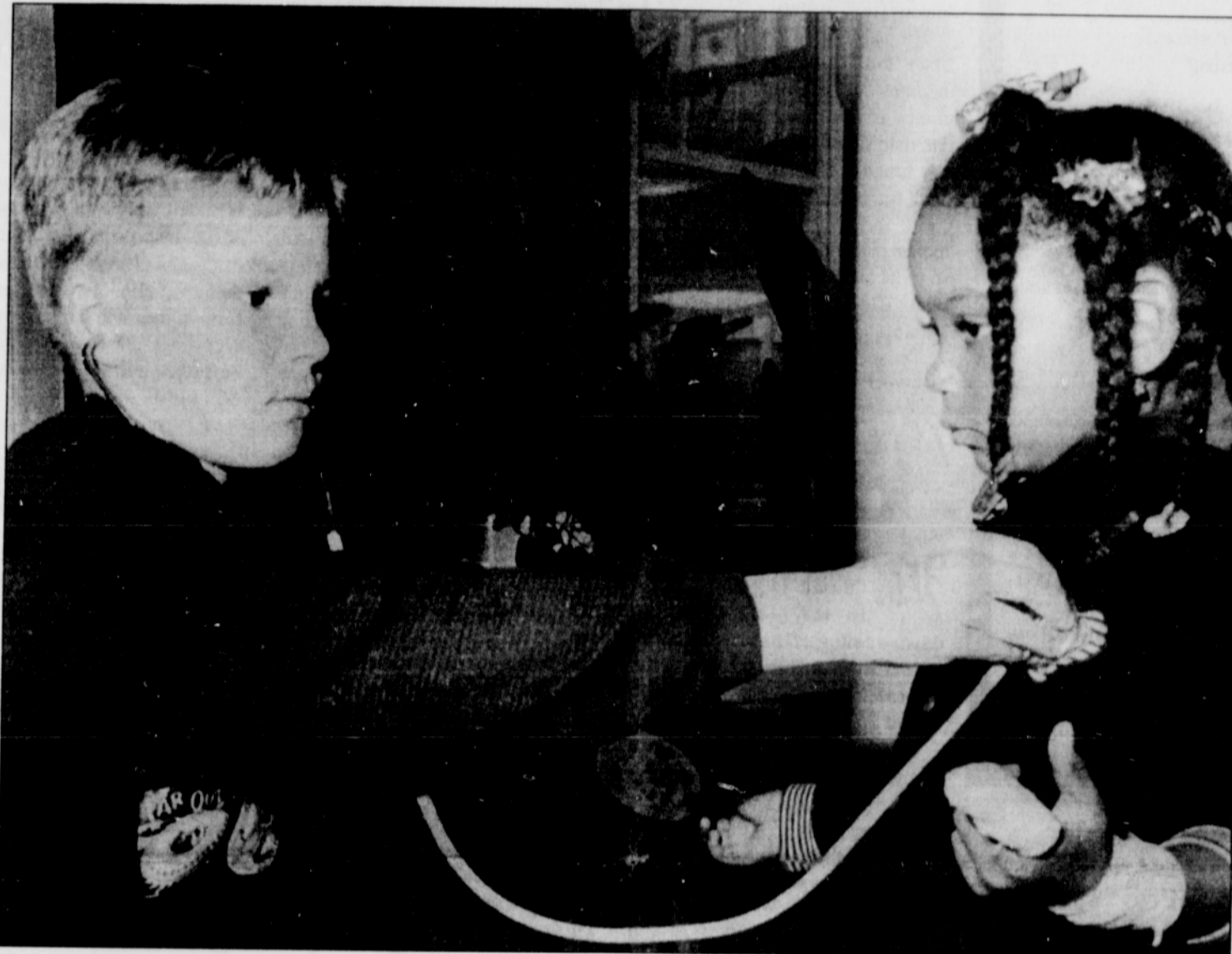
Cronkite Has Heart Surgery

Legendary U.S. newsmen Walter Cronkite underwent quadruple bypass heart surgery today in New York. An assistant to Cronkite says the surgery on the 80-year-old former CBS anchorman was successful and he is recovering at New York Hospital Cornell Medical Center.

HIV Prevention Act opposed

The National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC), a national HIV/AIDS organization for communities of color, opposes the "HIV Prevention Act of 1997," introduced on March 13, 1997 by U.S. Representative Tim Coburn, (R-OK), in a press conference held on Capitol Hill. The provisions of the bill include: The establishment of a national HIV reporting program, partner notification, HIV testing of sexual offenders, and non-consensual HIV testing.

Healthy kids go to hospital



Vancouver, listens to heart of Ashley Long, 4 1/2, of Northeast Portland at Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital's Healthy Kids Fair Saturday, March 29, 1997.

BY NEIL HEILPERN

Hundreds of children went to the hospital Saturday, but they were all healthy.

Legacy Emanuel Children's Hospital conducted a "Healthy Kids' Fair," a time to celebrate Easter and to become familiar with the hospital as a friendly place -- before they ever have the need to be there as a patient.

The children scurried from one display to another, and then to special locations for various events.

Some youngsters brought their favorite teddy bears in need of "medical attention." The friendly experts at the Teddy Bear Clinic sat at several tables in one room, mending worn seams and replacing missing noses and eyes.

Other children enjoyed watching the gooey plaster strips of cloth being wrapped around their fingers, then proudly walked around a large lobby sporting their personal finger casts.

Scales were climbed upon for height and weight measurements.

Stethoscopes were lifted to ears and to each other's chests for a listen to thumping heartbeats.

Several children decorated Easter bags, hunted for eggs in special planters and had photos taken with the Easter bunny.

Some hopped aboard a Life Flight helicopter to learn how patients are rapidly taken from accident scenes and other places to the hospital.

Other stops included poison prevention information, baby basics, and anesthesia equipment.

The meters are coming, the meters are coming!

BY LEE PERLMAN

Coming this summer to the Lloyd Center area together with new transit service that may include a Fareless Square for MAX, restricted parking for Northeast Broadway and Weidler streets, permit parking for the neighborhoods to the north and east and some apartments in the area, and special nighttime permit-parking-only areas near the Rose Quarter and Lloyd Cinemas.

And, to top it all off, \$375,000 in new revenues for interest groups to fight over. The meter district proposal will go to City Council for a public hearing sometime in May, for implementation in August or September.

Why?

City policies and zoning designate the Lloyd District as part of the Central City, an extension of downtown. As such, city goals call for it to absorb major new development that would bring 15,000 new employees and 5,000 new residents into the area in the next 20 years; the 16-story Liberty Mutual tower now under construction at Northeast Seventh Avenue and Holladay Street, and the 202-unit Lloyd Place Apartments at Northeast 15th Avenue and Weidler Street, are just the tip of the iceberg.

The area can't absorb all this if everyone drives to the area and parks on the street. Already, merchants complain that commuters leave no place for their customers to park.

Accordingly, the Portland Office of Transportation plans to install about 1600 parking meters this summer in the area bounded by Northeast 15th Avenue and Weidler Street, the Willamette River and the Banfield Freeway.

Most will be for five hours, making it possible (though inconvenient and expensive) for people who have to continue to park on the street all day. Some will be for two hours, to ensure "turnover."

A few will be for 15 minutes, near businesses such as cleaners that want such spaces

available for short transactions.

The Broadway-Weidler Corridor will not receive meters for now because merchants fear they will drive customers away. However, all spaces that do not have time limits will receive them, and there will be two parking deputies who will patrol the area full time. (Right now, two deputies patrol

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everything on the east side from St. Johns to Lent.)

The Lloyd District Transportation Management Association, a non-profit organization, is working with Tri-Met to get better transit service to the area. Several lines that now go to the Rose Quarter will have a stop at Northeast Seventh Avenue and Multnomah Street, according to TMA's Rick Williams.

A new Annual Pass will give employees unlimited transit service for \$100 a year, or \$8.50 a month, provided that employers buy one for all their workers. If Tri-Met sells 3,000 such passes they will add two new bus routes to Southwest Portland, according to Williams; if they sell 9,000 they'll add a

direct route to southeast.

Even so, the city fears many workers will try to park in the adjacent Eliot, Irvington and Sullivan's Gulch neighborhoods. Therefore, the city is proposing to set up permit parking districts in parts of these areas. Residents and workers within the district will be allowed to buy permits for \$15 a year that will let them park on the street all day; everyone else will be limited to two hours.

Many of these same residents have for years complained about Rose Quarter patrons parking in front of their homes. For this reason, the city is looking at a special permit district operating from 6 to 11 p.m. every night, during which time non-permit holders could not park on the street at all.

A third permit program would allow tenants in Lloyd District apartments with no off-street parking to park for free at meters within two blocks of their homes.

All this was put together by a committee consisting of representatives of city bureaus, large and small businesses, and neighborhood associations. After a year of discussions they have agreed on most issues with one predictable exception: money.

After paying off the initial cost, the meters are expected to generate \$375,000 a year in profits. The Irvington Community Association takes the position that only because of the meters would they need permit parking, and that therefore they should be offered to residents free, with meter revenues paying the cost. Business and city representatives feel the best use for the money, and the area of greatest impact, is the Lloyd District. They also argue that if permits are too easy to get, they'll be sold on the black market.

Will people try to park all day at Lloyd Center's new lot.

Steve Barnhouse of Lloyd Center says the mall will step up its security, put warning notices on cars that park in the lot for more than four hours and, as a last resort, tow away chronic violators. They will not charge for use of the lot, he said, because the equipment involved along would cost about \$1 million.

Meters not well recieved

BY LEE PERLMAN

How is the public reacting to news of the Lloyd District parking meters? So far, not very well.

The Portland Office of Transportation recently conducted a mail survey of residents and workers in and near the Lloyd Center. 252 people responded to the 7500 surveys mailed out.

Of these a large majority said they didn't like meters, complaining that they would "destroy the character of the area" and "make it too much like downtown." On the other hand, there was strong support for permit parking districts, as there has been at meetings of the Eliot and Sullivan's Gulch neighborhoods. Those who responded were sharply divided over whether the area's new bike lanes were a good or bad thing.

At a pair of meetings the city held on March 20 there seemed to be vague disgruntlement with the proposal, although not strong opposition to it. Only about a dozen of the 60 people who attended offered testimony.

State representative Joanne Bowman said the area now is a "perfect community. You can walk to any kind of activity you want to - or drive." She added, "Every time I go to a meeting people who live here are vocal about not wanting to have to pay to park in front of their house, or to go to the store, yet I keep hearing that the plan is moving forward. I keep hearing that the decisions are being driven by the city and big business."

In contrast, Otis Perry said he favored meters, but that they should operate only five days a week. "Even though this is the central business district, it's still not downtown," he said. "I'd like to think I come to visit and shop on weekends."

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