

PCC Expansion Goes to Public Hearings

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ter, west of Jefferson High School; a new humanities building on Killingsworth at Albina; and a sciences building and an emergency services training building, both on Albina.

A block of housing between Albina and Mississippi would be torn out for a parking lot.

Long term, the college wants to expand another two blocks to the west, taking out a swath of housing and the Renaissance Market at 909 N. Killingsworth St., mostly for

parking and later new buildings.

The college envisions tearing down the existing store and developing a joint retail/college venture that could include a new market. So far, no agreement has been reached with the store operators, the Emmanuel Temple Full Gospel Pentecostal Church, another mostly African American congregation.

Representatives of the Humboldt Association are generally supportive of the college's plans, although they say it has not always pursued them in the

best way.

"PCC really underestimated the amount of outreach they needed to do," former Humboldt chair Susan Erickson told the design commission.

The neighborhood group has called for creation of a parking structure, rather than surface lots, and other strategies to reduce student parking in the neighborhood. They also called for "more extensive and appropriate" community outreach, and "a greater sense of civic responsibility" in participating in neighborhood revitalization

work.

Commission member Mike McCullough said that placing the parking lots on the edge of the campus, where they would be next to private homes, was perhaps not the best idea.

Architect John Blumthal said that the process is "intended to establish a framework for expansion without that level of specificity, but giving enough certainty to provide a comfort level for neighbors."

He added that the surface lots are "all future building sites."

Nurses, OHSU Settle Strike

(AP) — Striking nurses approved a contract agreement with Oregon Health & Sciences University on Sunday, bringing an end to a 56-day walkout.

The nurses voted 736-118 in favor of the new contract, and will return to work Wednesday, according to Oregon Nurses Association spokesman Jim Berialet.

"I'm very comfortable with this," said Dominga Lopez, president of OHSU's association of registered nurses. "It's a good compromise, but there is a lot of work to do."

"We're excited that finally the end is here," said hospital spokeswoman Christine Pashley. "We can now move forward and start rebuilding those relationships that have been bruised, and get our team back together."

The strike, which began in December, included loud union rallies and picketing, as well as charges and countercharges over the use of replacement

workers and the quality of patient care.

The agreement provides for a 7 percent pay raise the first year of a new contract, a 7 percent raise the second year and a minimum 6.5 percent raise in the third year, OHSU officials said.

The third year increase "and a variety of differentials" would be tied to an index of five large Portland area hospitals, officials said.

The new contract also includes payments to full-time employees to offset the costs of medical insurance and other portions of the benefit package. Full-time nurses now receive \$415 per month; they will receive \$445 per month in the first year of the new contract, \$475 per month in the second year and \$505 per month in the third, officials said.

The nurses had been demanding a nearly 19 percent wage increase over two years and improved health insurance options. OHSU had said it would not offer more than a 14 percent wage increase.

Night of Negro Spirituals Feb. 24

The "Negro Spiritual," as we all know, comes from the great body of Christian slave songs handed to us by our ancestors through "oral tradition."

This year, the Bethel A.M.E. Cathedral Choir, under the direction of Rochelle McElroy, presents its annual contribution to Black History Month with "Comfort Ye My People, an Evening of Negro Spirituals."

This special event will be held Sunday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m. at the church, located at 5828 N.E. 8th Ave.

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Miracle Theatre Introduces a Spanish Classic Play



Kimberly Howard plays "Yerma," a distraught young woman who's torn between two loves.

The Miracle Theater Group continues its season with a powerful production of "Yerma," a modern masterpiece by Spanish playwright Federico García Lorca. "Yerma" is Spanish for barren, yet this lush tragedy is anything but barren. Rich with symbolism and velvet to the senses, the intensity of Lorca's poetry and prose will rouse your pulse and thicken your blood.

"Yerma" debuted in 1938. Though extremely popular, it faced much criticism for its risqué subject matter and erotic prose. Since then, a classic emerged.

Yerma's quest for intimacy drives her to isolation, imprisoned within the walls of her imagination. What is real becomes surreal, what is surreal is shattered. Torn between two men, one who "dries" her soul; the other untouchable due to her bounded morals, she sacrifices her chance for happiness. Full of tender, delicate, and harsh reality; images of fertile landscapes and desolate circumstances infuse Yerma's dance for life. Chant, music and rhythm flavor Lorca's poetic ballad, "Yerma."

Performances of "Yerma" will be given from February 8 until March 9 at El Centro Milagro, 525 SE. Stark. For more information or to make reservations, call 236-7253.

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