



## New Vision for Killingsworth Corridor

City hears ideas for upgrading street from Interstate to Williams.

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## THE WEEK IN REVIEW

### Jerusalem Bus

#### Bomber Kills 19

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian man detonated nail-studded explosives on a Jerusalem bus crowded with high school students and office workers, killing himself and 19 passengers in the city's deadliest suicide attack in six years.

### Economy Shows Signs of Life

WASHINGTON — In statistics that surprised analysts, housing starts surged 11.6% in May, the biggest gain in almost seven years, the government said. Meantime, consumer prices were flat last month in the best showing in five months.

### Judge Tosses

#### Dog-Maul Conviction

SAN FRANCISCO — Citing a lack of evidence, a judge tossed out Marjorie Knoller's murder conviction in last year's dog mauling death of a neighbor. He also sentenced Knoller's husband to the maximum four years in prison.

### Man Shoots 3 in NYC,

#### Witnesses Say

NEW YORK — A black man shot three people and tried to set patrons at a Manhattan bar on fire before being wounded by officers and arrested, according to eyewitnesses. Police said it was a racially motivated attack.

### Bush Widens

#### Anti-Saddam Effort

WASHINGTON — Prominent Democrats in Congress called for removing Saddam Hussein from power, endorsing a classified Bush administration plan that gives the CIA broader power to take action against the Iraqi leader.

### Worker Charged in Colorado Fire

LAKE GEORGE, Colo. — A 38-year-old forestry technician was charged with starting the fire that scorched more than 100,000 acres in the Pike National Forest. Authorities said Terry Barton initially said she discovered an illegal campfire; an investigation cast doubt on her story.

### U.S. Bishops Open Conference

DALLAS — The president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops opened an extraordinary meeting on clerical sex abuse Thursday, calling the crisis "perhaps the gravest we have faced." Scheduled speakers included three people who said they were molested by priests.

### Karzai Elected Afghan Head of State

KABUL, Afghanistan — Hamid Karzai, the U.S.-backed leader of the interim Afghan administration, was overwhelmingly elected head of state Thursday by a grand council, or *loya jirga*.

## Adams High Awaits Wrecking Ball

Plans advance to build smaller middle school and sell lots for housing

BY LEE PERLMAN  
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The Portland School District has proclaimed that there will be a new Whitaker Middle School to replace the empty and former Adams High School at 5700 N.E. 39th Ave. Of course the new building will look very different and will bring new housing with it—something that makes nearby existing neighbors a little nervous.

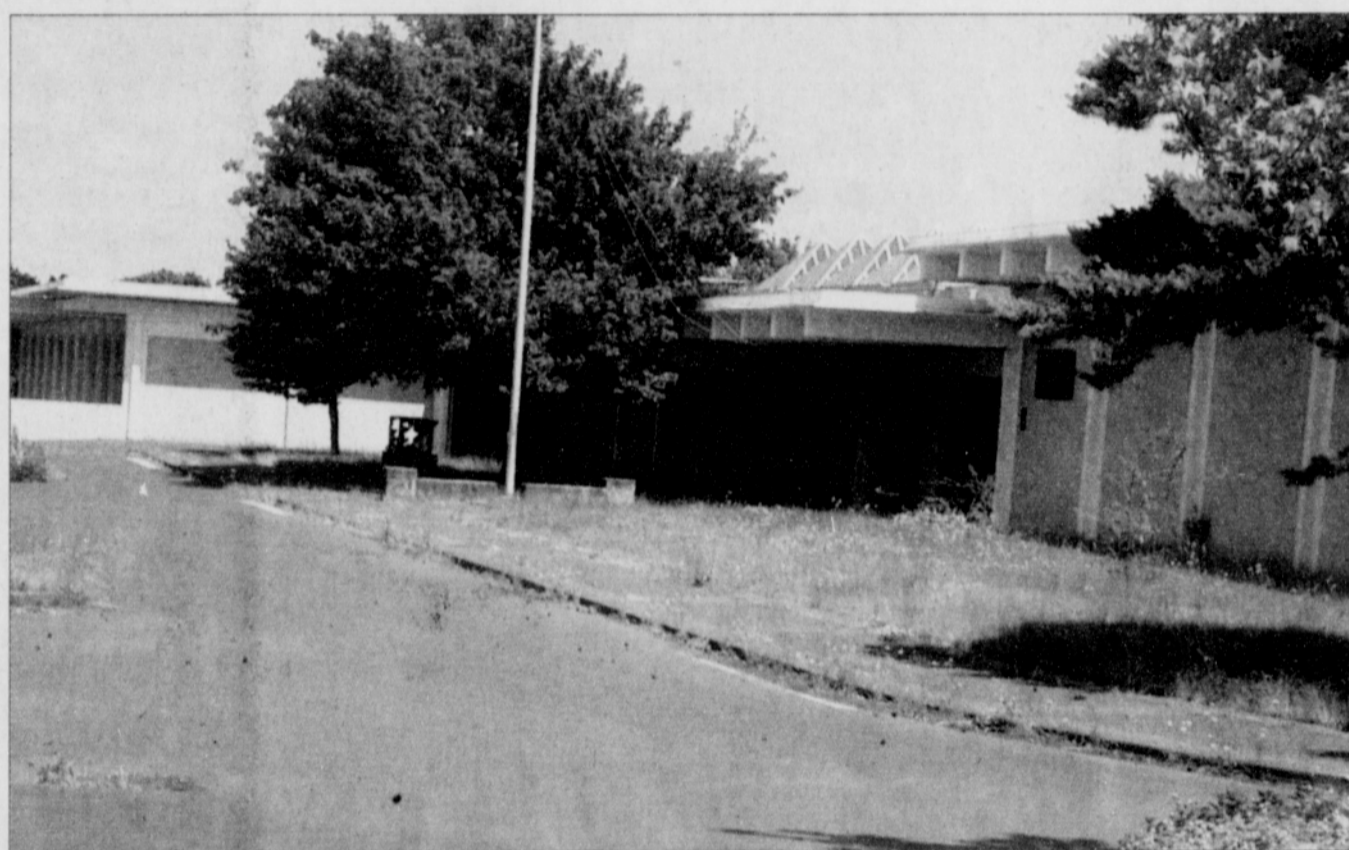
The building was built as Adams High School, Portland's newest high school, opening in the fall of 1969.

Over time it suffered water damage and mold, due to a leaking roof. It was closed last summer, and the district later decided that attempting to preserve the existing structure was "not cost-effective."

Instead, they have determined to build a new school and other "income-generating" developments on the 12.5-acre site. They have also hired the consultant firm, Parametrix, to create a development plan acceptable to area residents.

Parametrix representative Sumner Sharpe said current plans call for building a middle school and perhaps some other uses on a scaled down, four acre site. The district has already agreed to sell the school track, comprising two acres on the north end of the property, to the Portland Parks Bureau to be incorporated into the adjacent Fernhill Park.

The remaining six acres would be sold



A look of desolation blankets the abandoned former Adams High School in northeast Portland. The building, most recently used as Whitaker Middle School, will be torn down and replaced with a smaller middle school if the Portland School District is successful with redevelopment plans. PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

for single family and row house development, a venture that could create anywhere from 83 to 102 housing units under current zoning.

Several neighbors at a recent meeting were concerned about the disposal of property "on a wing and a prayer," as neighbor Harold Hickok put it. As a result, consultants have adopted the principle that no property should be sold until all

financing is in place.

Another neighbor and a project advisory committee member, Nell Simian, said, "My initial reaction was not to sell off any land, but the alternative was no school at all. We have no money, nothing. We can't wait until the next levy."

Cyndi Walther said that traffic on Northeast Simpson Street is already a problem.

Two groups of residents have proposed two different locations for a new school. One proposed that it be built adjacent to the southern edge of Fernhill Park to let students have the full advantage of the open space, and keep the area to the south fully residential. Another group proposed putting it along North-east 39th Avenue to remove it from the

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A helicopter carries a container of pesticides in the form of dry granules to kill mosquito larvae along waterways in the Portland area.

## Spraying Makes Progress in Mosquito Fight

BY MICHAEL LEIGHTON  
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Take a sigh of relief. Multnomah County health officials are reporting success in the fight to rid your backyard of mosquitoes.

Aerial applications in recent days have killed mosquito larvae where they hatch along Columbia River waterways.

The battle progress is welcome relief to the thousands of people irritated by biting insects, but also reduces a public health threat from mosquito-borne disease.

Mosquitoes in our area have the potential to carry the West Nile virus, a sometimes-lethal disease that has affected humans on the East Coast and is moving west. Local mosquitoes also have the ability to transmit heartworm to canines.

Nineteen species of mosquitoes have been identified in the Portland area.

"These groups of mosquitoes include species that are vicious day and nighttime biters and will fly up to 20 miles in search of a blood meal," said Lillian Shirley, the director of the Multnomah County health department.

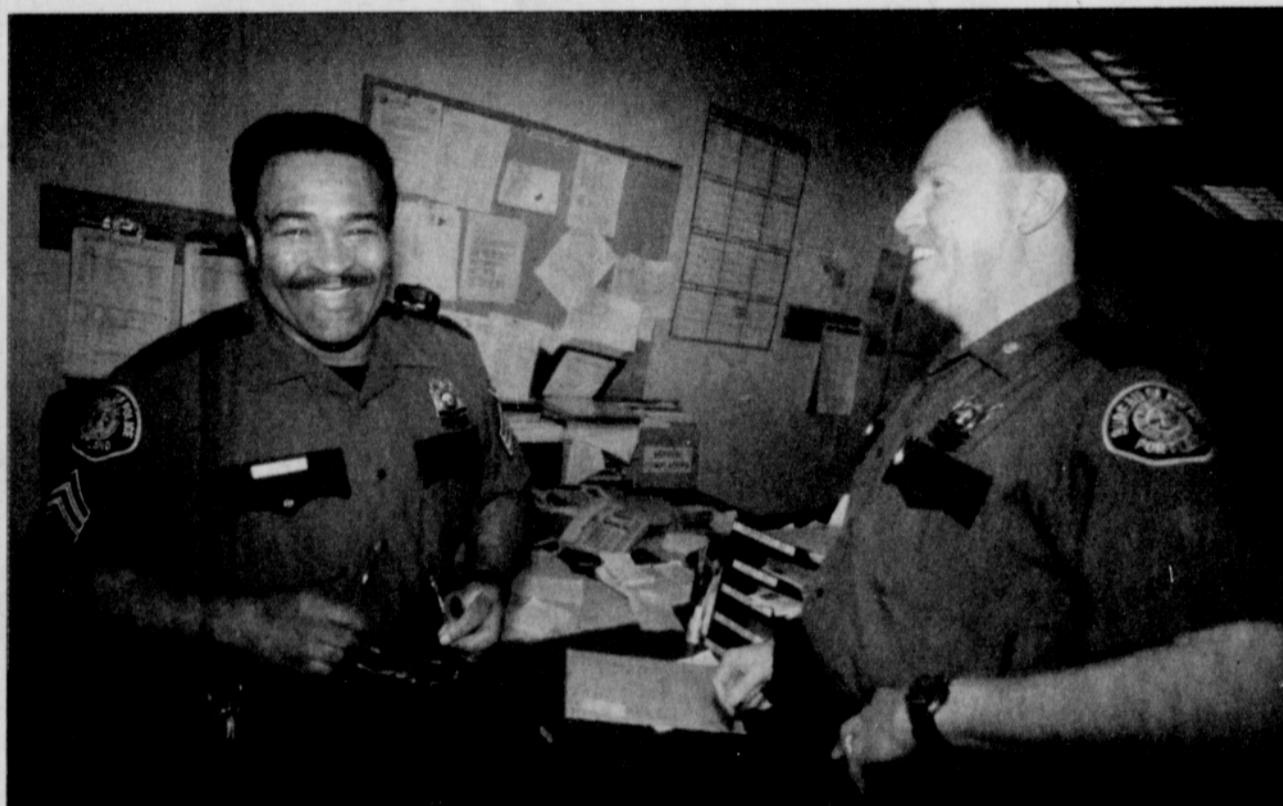
In 1999, the county's vector and nuisance control office shifted from ground level applications to aerial applications by helicopter to make suppression of mosquitoes more efficient and effective.

A pesticide that comes in the form of a dry granule is used to specifically target the mosquitoes in their water-borne larvae stage.

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## Keeping a Close Eye On Crime

Bruce Prunk returns home to head Northeast Precinct



Police Officer Harry Jackson (left) shares a laugh with Bruce Prunk in his first week back as Northeast Precinct Commander. Prunk originally held the position in 1994. PHOTO BY DAVID PLECHL/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

BY DAVID PLECHL  
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Despite program cuts and budget shortfalls, returning Northeast Police Precinct Commander Bruce Prunk is positive the community he calls home will continue to make strides.

The 25-year veteran of the Portland Police Bureau was the original commander when the precinct opened its doors in 1994. After serving seven years as assistant chief downtown, Prunk is inspired by the progress the Northeast precinct and local neighborhoods have made.

"People are using the parks. People are out walking. That is a big measure for me," he said.

Still, Prunk intends to keep a watchful eye on trouble spots as criminal activity moves from indoors, onto the streets during the summer months.

He is impressed with a core group of dedicated Northeast officers like Harry Jackson, a department veteran who is happy with Prunk's return.

"We need someone with his experience," Jackson said.

Prunk is hopeful the precinct will continue to nurture its relationship with the black community. He credits former Commander Derrick Foxworth with helping bridge the gap.

"I will do everything I can to maintain that dialogue," he said.

Prunk says officers are doing their best to address neighborhood concerns with fewer resources for the department. With budget cuts looming, he will likely see his officers lose more tools than they gain.

"Criminals get more and more bold when they realize the sanctions are not there," he said.

One issue frustrating local officers is the current state of the drug free zones.

When the zones were first established, if someone was arrested in the zone and later showed back up, officers could prosecute for trespassing.

But since the zones have been challenged in court, officers no longer have

this privilege, making it harder to keep troublemaking criminals out of problem areas.

With this in mind, Prunk is realistic about the shortfalls his agency is facing and is intent on keeping his guys focused on the issues that bother the community most: robberies, guns and gang activity top his list.

"First and foremost, we're concerned with community livability," he said.

One of the tools officers will be counting on is the Friday Gang Group, an anti-gang coalition that meets every other Friday at the Northeast Precinct to address problems in the community and discuss possible solutions.

Mayor Katz mediates the forum that's regularly attended by precinct commanders, patrol officers and community advocates.

At last Friday's meeting, Katz told the group that her budget for Portland Police had not yet been finalized, but promised that "no officers or firefighters

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