

Killingsworth Bar Shut Down

OLCC ties closure to drug deals

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission has issued an immediate liquor license suspension to The Table Restaurant and Lounge, 6815 N.E. Killingsworth, for alleged unlawful cocaine and methamphetamine sales.

The order was issued Friday under an Oregon law that allows the closure of liquor businesses considered a serious danger to public health and safety.

Richard J. Ballantine, the restaurant owner, was ordered to stop selling alcoholic beverages at the facility until further notice. The Table holds a full on-premises license for the sale of distilled spirits, beer and wine.

The OLCC's immediate suspension was requested in a May 9 letter from Portland Police Chief Mark Kroeker.

"We put an immediate stop to liquor sales at The Table because we don't allow licensees to permit illegal activity at their premises," said, Karen Gregory, OLCC interim director. "Police reported many instances of unlawful drug sales at the restaurant."

According to the OLCC suspension notice, the licensee permitted repeated illegal drug activity at the site. The OLCC also alleged that on



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The Table Restaurant and Lounge at 6815 N.E. Killingsworth stands closed Tuesday after being shut down for complaints of cocaine and methamphetamine sales.

seven different occasions from March through May 8, Ballantine was aware of methamphetamine and cocaine sales by employees, but "failed to take immediate and effective action to prevent drug sales or use on the licensed premises."

OLCC staff members said they counseled The Table employees

regarding the illegal drug activity on several occasions, most recently March 20.

"These efforts to assist the licensee have failed to prevent unlawful drug activity at The Table, which has become a haven for illegal drug activity," the OLCC notice said. "At least two employees, including

the restaurant manager and cook, participated in the unlawful drug activity."

Under Oregon law, the licensee is responsible for illegal acts committed by employees.

The Table has the right to an administrative hearing on the suspension.

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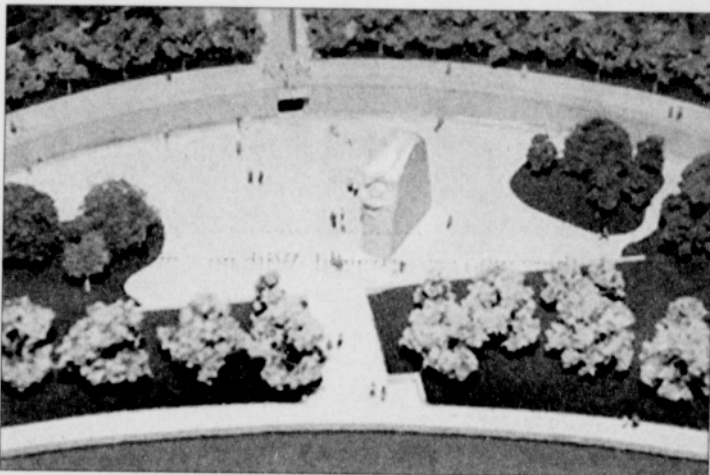
Campaign Launched to Honor King

Halle Berry and Al Roker Support National Mall Memorial

(AP) — Halle Berry is escorted to a "colored section" at the back of a restaurant and TV weatherman Al Roker can't find a treadmill that isn't marked "white guests only" in a new ad campaign to raise money for a memorial to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

The public service ads using modern celebrities to portray times past were unveiled last Wednesday. They are part of an effort over the next year and a half to raise \$40 million needed to break ground on the national memorial to the civil rights leader. The advertisements will be placed on radio and TV as well as in newspapers and magazines.

The memorial "will highlight for people of all ages and from all backgrounds the struggle and sacrifice of Dr. King and so many others from the civil rights movement," said Harry Johnson, president of the Martin Luther King Jr. National Memorial Project Foundation. The foundation hopes to raise \$100 million to complete the project, Johnson said, and already has \$20



An artist's model shows the proposed Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial on the shore of Washington, D.C.'s Tidal Basin.

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—Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

The landscaped memorial would cover a four-acre triangle

on the shore of Washington's Tidal Basin, between the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials and next to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial.

"The time has come for Dr. King to take his rightful place on our National Mall alongside so many other great Americans," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn. King was assassinated in 1968.

Johnson said the foundation hopes to break ground in late 2004 — a year after the original deadline set by Congress when it approved a King memorial in 1998. Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., and Rep. Diane

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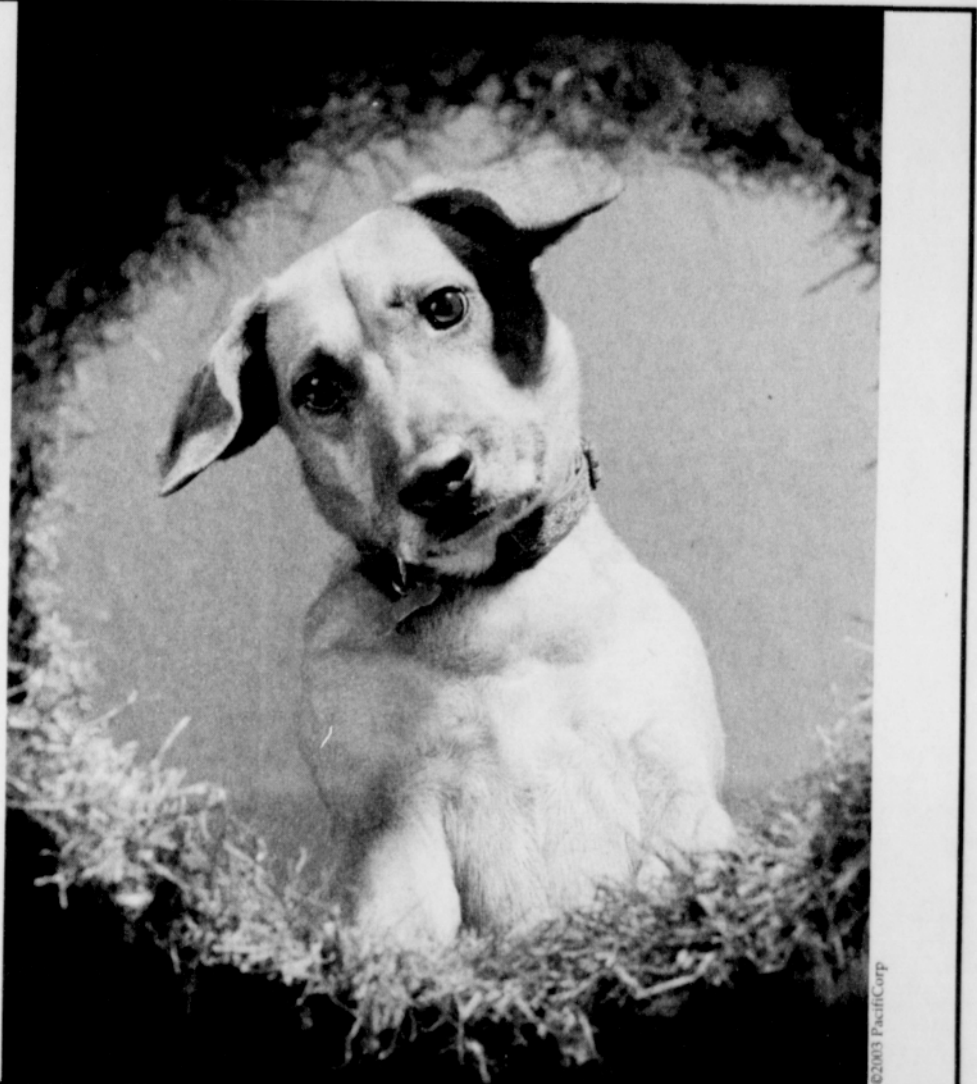
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