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The 2003 Mercedes-Benz 500SL Coupe/Roadster is all new and improved. In spite of the change the 2002 SL500 still had record sales last year. The design has not changed for 12 years, however the new SL is packed with all the comforts and technology of the automotive industry for complete enjoyment. In those 12 years Mercedes-Benz has improved on excellence. The one item that does not follow suit with the rest of the vehicle is the command navigation/audio system does not operate by the touch of a finger. The moment eyes are laid on this vehicle the awe begins from the one-touch retractable roof to the dramatic roadster style of the body. The V8 engine offers performance that is quick, smooth and quiet. For those that like automatic but at times wish that it was manual the 5-speed electronic touch shift will provide the driver with an option of either leaving the vehicle in drive or shifting gears. The driver has an option of selecting the sport suspension. The SL500 dominates features of electronics like throttle control, brake force distribution, traction and stability control. The SL500 broke ground with the first fully electronic braking system. The SL active suspension system's interplay of hydraulic, electronic and mechanical parts reduce body roll over by 68 percent, but wait change to the sport suspension and increase it to 95 percent. The active suspension eliminates the tradeoff between comfort and handling precision. It comes with authority. Today's luxury sport cars are more class, sports and luxury options not just a sporty vehicle. The trunk space is limited so don't plan on an extend vacation for two or pack light. There is an option for turning off the airbag on the passenger side if needed. The SL500 driving experiences will provide sophistication, technology and ride of a lifetime all in one.

Progress on King Inches Ahead

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square foot production plant, with a 2,000 square foot retail store. Another partnership consisting of Stephen Foust, Dennis Hadley, Howard Loucks, Barry Pappenheim, Eric Wentland and Jeana Woolley have proposed a redesign of the old Weimers Hardware building at 3934 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. for new stores and office space.

The group is seeking a restaurant as an anchor tenant and possibly a copy center or other business-related services.

"There are no business services on MLK until you get to Lloyd Center," Woolley told the Portland Observer. "Anything else that walked through the door we would consider."

There has been less progress on the Vanport Project, a joint venture by Woolley, Ray Leary and the Gerding-Edlen Co. to redevelop the west side of the boulevard between Alberta and Killingsworth Street. The project is originally conceived called for a 60,000 square foot grocery, other retail, more than 100 units of rental and row house units and a public plaza.

Negotiations with potential anchor tenants and property owners whose holdings are needed for the venture to continue, but



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Financing issues still need to be resolved before developers move forward with plans to transform the King Food Mart, a former McDonald's Restaurant at Fremont and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, into a two-story office and storefront, with adjacent new housing.

have yet to bear fruit. At this time it appears unlikely that Multnomah County will give up its senior center and other services on the north end of the site.

McDonald's Corp. tried for 18 months to develop the former Raven Creamery at 3303 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. as a restaurant, but ran afoul of oppo-

sition from local residents and the city's design review regulations. McDonald's withdrew their application in March and the property is once again on the market.

Consultant Peter Fry says an out of state client has expressed interest in housing a restaurant, health food store and day care in the existing 12,000 square foot

building. Sales representative Ed Meaney said the official asking price is \$1.1 million, but the owner would entertain lower offers.

"The owner is not under any compulsion to sell at this time. If we received an offer for as little as \$500,000, there would be no reason to respond," Meaney said.

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Celebrities Bring Peace Message to SEI

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N. Kerby. Youth from all over the city will display their talents before a panel of celebrity

judges.

Several celebrities will address kids about channeling negative energy into their own talents and away from street

violence.

Festivities will culminate with a Celebrity Basketball Shootout on Saturday, May 31 at 1 p.m. in the Jefferson High School gymnasium. Proceeds from the game will benefit SEI's summer violence prevention program.

In light of the recent increase in gang related violence in north and northeast Portland, and predictions of a particularly tense summer, community leaders believe the SEI summer program for inner city kids is needed now more than ever.

Strong Ties Inc. has been successful in sponsoring these types of games in major West Coast cities.

The group believes that the destructive barriers young people face can be replaced with constructive tools, helping them to succeed mentally and physically.

"There is an African proverb that says, 'When you take a knife away from a child, replace it with a stick of wood instead,'" said Leyland Johnson, Strong Ties president. "We believe this is what SEI is doing on a daily basis with youth and we are pleased to be partnering with them in this venture."

Self Enhancement Inc. is an award winning non-profit organization that has succeeded in helping over 1,200 youth in the northeast Portland area.

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