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New program centers on affordable housing stock

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## A Passion for Hats

Alberta shop is the 'only place' to find church hats

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## Week in The Review

### ImClone Systems Founder Ordered to Pay

Sam Waksal, ImClone Systems founder, received a sentence of seven years and three months in prison and was ordered to pay about \$4.3 million in fines and back taxes to New York, Tuesday. Waksal tipped his daughter last fall to dump ImClone stock in December. Martha Stewart also dumped ImClone stock on an insider-trading tip.

### Bye-Bye Pulitzer

No Pulitzer Prizes have been revoked before, but that might change in New York. In 1932, a New York Times correspondent seemed to fail in reporting truthfully a famine in the Ukraine. The review of Walter Duranty's articles began in April.

### Mass Destruction Weapons Not Found

President Bush switches the focus of current speeches away from weapons of mass destruction not found to the Iraqis' new freedom. War critics point to lapses in intelligence and exaggeration for no weapons of mass destruction found.

### Devils beat Ducks, Win the Stanley Cup

The Devils won the Stanley Cup in New Jersey with a 3-0 victory Monday night. The Anaheim Mighty Ducks, however, go home with feathers between their knees ending a surreal season.

### Monkeypox for Mother's Day

Two new prairie dogs from a Mother's Day event seemed safe and furry additions to the Kautzers' hobby farm in Wisconsin. But the rodents passed on the monkeypox virus to the family of three, quarantined after a suspected bout of the illness on their farm.

### Conviction for Deaths of Virginia Couple

A jury on Tuesday convicted Erika Sifrit, a waiflike former honor student, of murdering a Virginia couple she and her young husband met during a night of bar-hopping in Ocean City. Jurors deliberated four hours before finding the Duncansville, Pa. woman guilty of first-degree murder for the death of Joshua E. Ford, 32, and second-degree murder for the death of his girlfriend, Martha M. "Genie" Crutchley, 51. Parts of the dismembered bodies of the Fairfax, Va., couple were found in a Delaware landfill nine days after their May 26, 2002, slayings.

# School's Out: Forever



PHOTOS BY JAYMEE R. CUTI/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER  
Meek Elementary School sixth grader Shané Gill hugs school secretary Sharon "Nana" Williamson on Friday, the last day of operation for the school at 4039 N.E. Alberta Ct. The school is being closed permanently because of school district budget cuts.

## Meek Elementary packs up for good

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While schools throughout the Portland Public School district are finishing up standardized testing, and celebrating with end-of-the-year barbecues and awards assemblies, one northeast school is packing

up for good.

Meek Elementary School, 4039 N.E. Alberta Court, closed for the last time on Friday, after a controversial school board vote closed the school because of declining enrollment and as an effort to relieve the district's strapped budget.

Meek marks the fifth school to close in this northeast Portland neighborhood over the past 30 years.

Ron Hanlon, the school's interim principal, said that Meek practiced business as usual on its last week of school, with normal end-of-the-



Brenda Jackson packs up books and empties the shelves at the Meek Elementary School Library. The 26-year employee with the district is awaiting transfer to another school.

year events.

"We're just trying to end the year and move on," said Hanlon, who took over as principal 10 weeks ago after Ken Berry, Meek's former principal, took a medical leave of absence.

For some teachers and staff, however, packing and moving has been a hassle, aside from ending the school year.

"I have mixed emotions. It's hard to move and close

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## Supporting the Community

A special performance by the Martin Luther King Jr. Early Childhood Education Center choir caps a community celebration at the Nike Factory Outlet Store at 2650 NE Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. The event paid tribute to Nike's long history of supporting non-profit and community-based organizations that serve the north and northeast Portland. See story on Page A5.

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## Review Takes More Time

James' shooting report will be disclosed at community forum

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Officials at the Portland Police Bureau are taking more time than expected to finish an internal investigation into the May 5 shooting death of Kendra James, a 21-year-old African-American mother who was killed during a traffic stop in north Portland.

A Multnomah County Grand Jury decided last month that North Precinct Officer, Scott McCollister, did not violate criminal law when he shot and killed James.

Since the decision, the community, including religious leaders and civil rights groups, have held vigils and rallies in James' name, calling for justice.

"This is not the first time the Portland police has killed a citizen," said Robert Larry, president of the Portland chapter of the NAACP.

A community forum, called for by the Albina Ministerial Alliance, has been pushed back two weeks to allow the police department to finish their internal investigation.

Officials with the police department and mayor's office said the forum is now tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, July 1, from 5 to 10 p.m. with a location yet to be decided.

So far, the community leaders planning

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