

Mayor to Undergo **Cancer Therapy**

Mayor Vera Katz announced Monday that she will undergo further treatment following her surgery and hysterectomy in April that removed a fibroid tumor.

Last week, during a follow-up examination, the surgeon who had performed the hysterectomy discovered a polyp that contained cancer cells.

The Mayor was advised by her medical team to begin a course of chemotherapy. She expects to continue her duties as Mayor either from home or in the office during the next 12 weeks of expected treatment.

"I am blessed to have been born with an abundance of energy," Katz said. "This will allow me to continue to lead this city while completing my treatment."

Mayor Katz intends to serve out her term in office, which expires at the end of December.

Albertsons Eyes Vanport Project

Retailer considers site for new store

BY LEE PERLMAN THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard's long-delayed Vanport Project is not only still alive, but

cery store to Northeast Portland. The Portland Development Commission announced that the food chain has signed a "letter of interest" about locating a 50,000 square foot market on Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard north of Alberta Street as part of the project. According to the PDC, Albertson's officials will negotiate with Vanport's African-American partners Ray Leary, Jeana Woolley and the Gerding-Edlen Corp. over the next 90 days.

PDC staffer Abe Farkas said the commission will purchase four single family homes along Northeast Garfield to make room for the project. Two other adjacent homeowners have refused to sell. As a result, if an Albertson's is built, it will be built around the two remaining structures, Farkas said.

Conceived in 2001, the project was originally intended to cover three square blocks between North



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Albertsons has an interest in opening a new store on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard north of Alberta Street

on the east side of MLK, and to and PDC abandoned plans to puras structured parking.

Over time, as the partners were unable to secure an anchor, the project was cut back in scope. The

include 250,000 square feet of hous- chase the northernmost block from ing and commercial activity as well Multnomah County, the site of the Multicultural Senior Center.

> PDC Director Don Mazziotti said Albertson's could serve as a magnet to attract additional investment.

will decide what's built there."

Commission members Noelle Webb and Janice Wilson made the case for retail over housing inter-

"This is our last chance for a commercial node on this street," Alberta and Killingsworth streets parking structure was abandoned But the reality is the marketplace Noelle, an African-American com- we're closer than ever."

munity leader said. "There's always money for housing; PDC is here to do the difficult stuff. I would be absolutely opposed to housing on

Leary said the Vanport project has been a trying effort, but "I feel

Minority Parking Bid Expands

The Alliance of Minority Chambers and Star Park has received two thumbs up for the management portion of a multi-million dollar contract to manage Portland's Smart Park garages.

The recommendation moves to the Portland City Council for final

African American Chamber of Commerce President Roy Jay said his group's bid included proactive management and innovative business concepts.

Jay promises a new attitude and a new level of public parking service with ticket booth attendants assigned as concierge level representatives to ping, tourism and employment the Chamber alliance. destination. Several private garage owners are also consid-



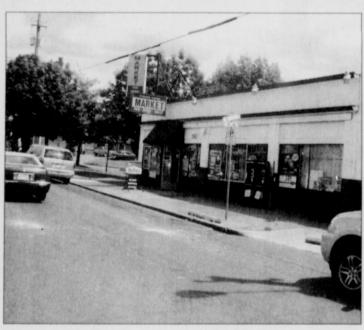
The Alliance of Minority Chambers and Star Park is poised to take over complete management of Portland's Smart Park

enhance downtown as a shop- ering moving their contracts to ropolitan Chamber, Philippine Chamber of Commerce and the The Alliance of Minority Cham- African American Chamber of bers includes the Hispanic Met- Commerce of Oregon.



Former President Clinton and former first lady Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., stand by their portraits during a ceremony unveiling of the Clinton portraits, Monday, in the East Room of the White House. (AP photo)

Police Investigate Weekend Shootings



Myesha Hammick, 28, was shot in the leg in a drive-by shooting at Northeast Prescott and 14th Place on Sunday.

Two separate shooting incidents over the weekend leave police looking for suspects, motives and evidence.

Myesha Hammick, 28, narrowly escaped life-threatening injuries when she was shot in the leg shortly before 11:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 13, police said.

The motive was not immediately known but Gang Enforcement Team officers said they did not believe Hammick had gang relations.

Also on Sunday, approximately half an hour later, police responded to another shooting several blocks away. No one was injured but a parked car was hit with bullets near the Texas Club at North Vancouver Avenue and Fremont Street.

Investigators urge anyone with information about the shootings to call 503-823-3333.

White House Portraits Make History

Simmie Knox felt connected to Clinton

(AP) - An artist whose official portraits of former President Clinton and Hillary Rodham Clinton was unveiled at the White House Monday says he felt a special connection to Clinton because the two men grew up poor in the South.

Simmie Knox is self-taught and was born in 1935 in Aliceville, Ala., to a family of black sharecroppers. Clinton

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of such celebrities as baseball I meet with you and talk to you, it legend Hank Aaron and come- really registers, and all I need is dian Bill Cosby, Knox was cho- one good exposure." sen to paint Clinton because the former president and first dents and first ladies often are tice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, a rarely by the same artist. Hillary Clinton appointee to the Su- Clinton asked Knox to paint her

preme Court. Knox took dozens of photo- her husband's portrait.

graphs and discussed what He is the first black painter to Clinton, 57, would like to see in

"You need to get your mind's-"I knew the day he came into eye image," Knox said. "Once I is the one. Somehow I felt that." work from an image in a photo I'm Best known for his portraits really feeling in the dark, but when

Official portraits of presilady liked his depiction of Jus- unveiled at the same time, but after seeing some mock-ups of

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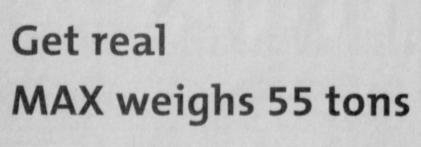
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