

TriMet Secures Support for 'Yellow Line'

Federal Transit Administrator Jennifer Dorn visited Portland to announce a \$37 million grant to Tri Met for the Interstate MAX, otherwise known as the Yellow Line.

Dorn toured the north Portland route Sept. 22 to see how the line is contributing to the ongoing revitalization of the neighborhood, including new businesses and homes.

She visited stores that have opened since completion of the line. It is estimated that about 50 new businesses and hundreds of new jobs have been attracted to the area as a result of the increased traffic from the transit line.

One business Dorn visited is the Fred Meyer store, which is investing \$20 million to renovate its existing property to take advantage of the grow-



TriMet General Manager Fred Hansen takes Federal Transit Administrator Jennifer Dorn on a tour of the new Max transit station at the intersection of Lombard and Interstate Avenue.

ing customer traffic coming from the Interstate MAX line. The renovated complex will employ almost 240 people and is expected to open before the end of the year.

Other major developments to come include a New Seasons Market at North Interstate and Portland Boulevard and a 36,000 square foot transit-oriented village at North

Interstate and Killingsworth Street that will include affordable apartments, condos, town homes and street-level retail.

The \$37 million grant to the Interstate MAX will be used for continued activities related to the development and general operation of the line. The investment will fund the purchase of new signs, train control signals and new equipment for the line.

Killer of Girls Pleads Guilty

Crimes matched conduct of Weaver's father

(AP) — An Oregon City man accused of killing two of his daughter's friends, then hiding their bodies on his property pleaded guilty Sept. 22 to murder charges and received two life sentences in prison.

Ward Weaver, 41, avoided the death penalty by pleading guilty in the deaths of the girls, classmates and friends who disappeared within two months of each other.

Weaver's father, also named Ward Weaver, is on death row in California after he was convicted of killing a woman and burying her body in his back yard beneath concrete.

In the Oregon City case, investi-



Ward Weaver

interviews on top of the concrete slab in his back yard under which investigators later found the body of 12-year-old Ashley, who disappeared in January 2002.

Weaver was arrested on Aug. 13, 2002, after his son's girlfriend ran from his home, naked except for a tarp, screaming that he had tried to

gators focused on the younger Weaver whose rental home was just steps from the school bus stop where Ashley Pond and Miranda Gaddis were last seen. He responded by inviting television crews into his home to film him proclaiming his innocence, giving

rape her. After that arrest, FBI investigators cordoned off his back yard and searched for the girls' bodies. They found Ashley's in a barrel under the concrete slab. The body of 13-year-old Miranda was in a box in Weaver's tool shed.

Minorities Lag in State Appointments

Advocates want to revive state commissions

(AP) — Oregon minority advocates are calling for Gov. Ted Kulongoski to revive state commissions for blacks, Hispanics and Asian-Americans, saying they need more representation in state government.

"When we don't have those commissions, we don't have anyone to advocate for us with the governor and the Legislature," said Eduardo Angulo, chairman of the Salem-Keizer

Coalition for Equality. "We feel outraged."

A recent news analysis in the Statesman Journal of Salem showed that of Kulongoski's 236 appointments to state boards and commissions, nine percent are minorities or of mixed race. That's about half their share of Oregon's population.

The state used to have commissions for blacks, Hispanics and Asians, but the 2003 Legislature

stripped their funding.

A group of minority commission members has been lobbying Kulongoski to reinstate funding for the commissions in his next budget, but so far have heard nothing concrete, according to Carol Suzuki, chairwoman of the Commission on Asian Affairs.

Suzuki said one lower-cost alternative would be to combine the three minority commissions into a multicultural panel.

Four Killed in Shooting

(AP) — A 15-year-old student drew a handgun and opened fire in a school classroom in southern Argentina on Tuesday, killing four classmates and wounding five, authorities said.

Police said the shooting came minutes before the start of classes in the Islas Malvinas public school in Carmen

de Patagones, a city some 600 miles south of Buenos Aires.

Mario Oporto, education minister for the vast Buenos Aires province where the shooting occurred, said two teenage girls and a boy were killed instantly and a fourth student died soon after at a hospital.



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