

# Airport Adds Concourse Connector

Portland International Airport celebrated the opening of a concourse connector between the north and south sides of the airport Monday that makes it easier to transfer to other flights without the need for an additional security check.

The connector features moving sidewalks for traveler comfort, plus abundant windows offering natural lighting. Leather-cushioned benches provide comfortable seating in the center of the corridor and outstanding views of the airfield.



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Sisters in Action for Power rally Thursday on the corner of Northeast Ainsworth Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to protest various changes within the Portland Public School District.

# Sisters In Action Rally for Schools

Fed up with growing pressures facing Portland's neighborhood schools, Sisters in Action for Power recently protested on the corner of Ainsworth Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to raise awareness.

Concerns of the community

based, youth-led organization include losing federal funding for low income schools, drops in enrollment as students transfer outside of their neighborhood, school closures, and the stress of the No Child Left Behind Act.

The group has spent the last year raising awareness and showing support for students and schools through pride rallies and other public events, including a large community meeting titled "Not In Our Name." It has also spoken out

and provided resolutions supporting academic achievement and against attacks on public education.

For more information, call Sisters in Action for Power at 503-331-1244 or e-mail sisters@hevanet.com.

# Coretta Scott King Healing From Stroke

## Right side of her body weakened, speech affected

(AP) - Coretta Scott King is slowly recovering from a stroke that had left her unable to walk and barely able to speak, and she has been singing with a speech therapist, her daughter said Sunday.

"It's not in the soprano voice that she has," Bernice King said of her mother, a trained classical

singer. "But it's in a voice that's good to hear."

Doctors say the 78-year-old widow of civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. suffered a stroke Tuesday that left her weakened on the right side of her body and mostly unable to speak.

At a prayer vigil at The King Center, Bernice King said her mother was able to lift her right leg Sunday.

About 400 people attended the vigil, including Christine King Farris, the sister of Martin Luther King Jr., and civil rights activist and comedian Dick Gregory.

The Rev. Joseph Roberts, senior pastor at Atlanta's Ebenezer Baptist Church, where Martin Luther King Jr. preached, noted Coretta



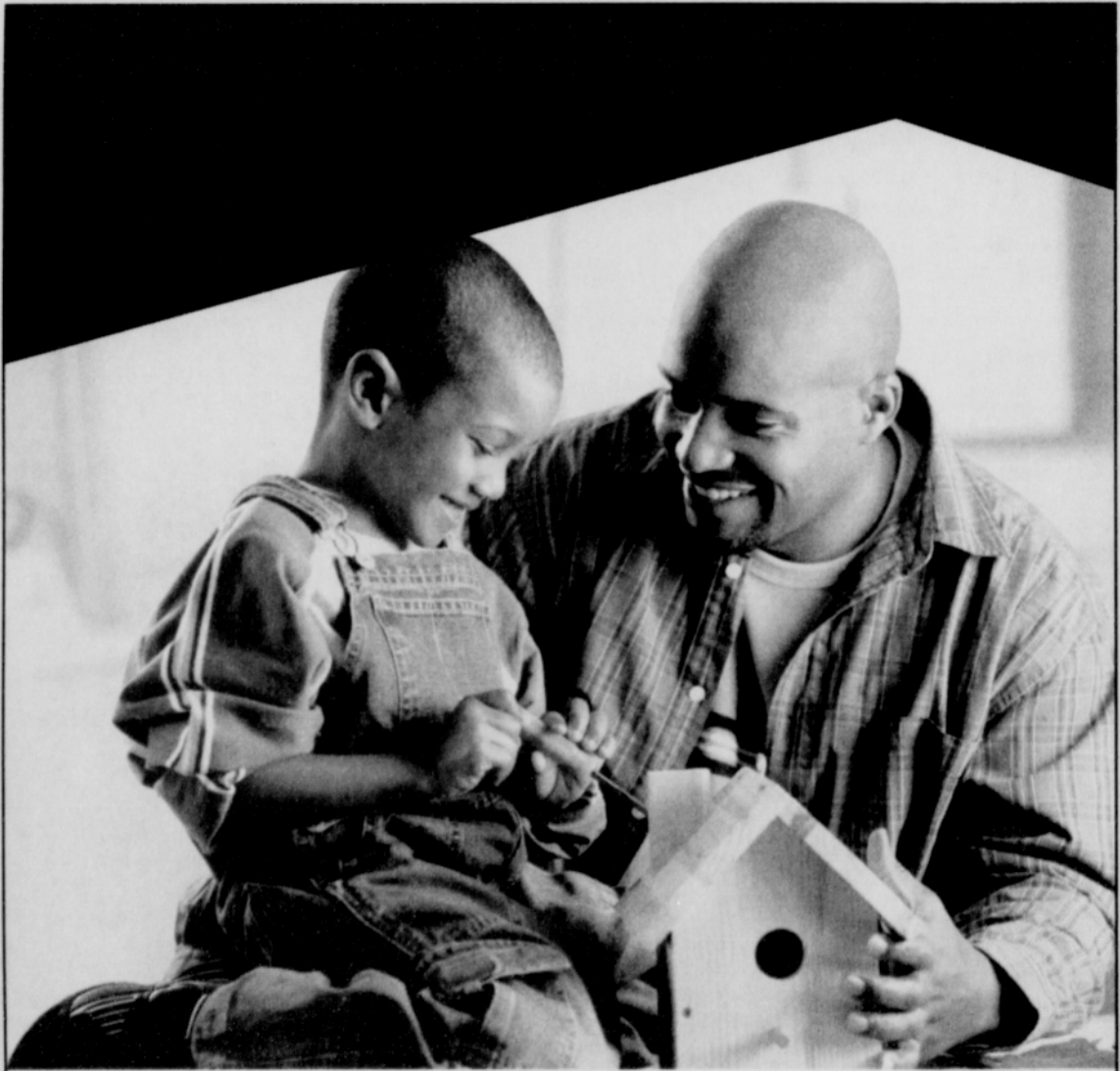
Coretta Scott King, widow of slain civil-rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., speaks during an interview at the King Center for Nonviolent Social Change on Jan. 13, 2004. (AP Photo)

Scott King's courage in the days after her husband was assassinated.

"That kind of person can never be put down," he said. "We know the same spirit that carried her

through the moments of sorrow ... is available to her even now."

Dr. Maggie Mermin, King's personal physician, said she is expected to remain at Atlanta's Piedmont Hospital for another week or so.



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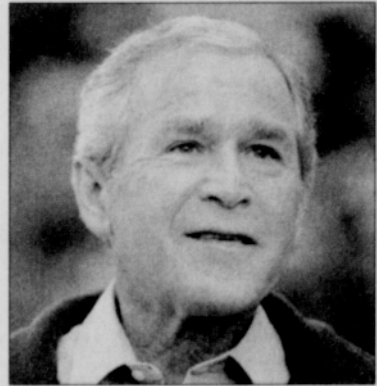


# Iraq Gamble Builds Pressure on Bush

## Lacks hard evidence war is paying off

(AP) — President Bush needs hard evidence to show that his gamble on a democratic future for Iraq is paying off, but deep sectarian and religious divisions, paired with rising violence, make his task far harder than he or his advisers had banked on.

The negotiations over a national constitution are the latest case in point. With public support eroding for a war with no front lines and no end in sight, the Bush administration has prodded and pleaded and back-room arm-twisted for a deal. Iraqi leaders embarrassed Bush



President Bush vacationing Tuesday in Idaho. (AP Photo)

by blowing a second deadline Monday to complete the charter, a critical first step toward political stability and independence in Iraq and a marker on the path to an eventual U.S. exit.

Earlier Monday, Bush sounded optimistic about the constitution

deadline, and about the larger U.S. undertaking.

"Our military strategy is straightforward: As Iraqis stand up, Americans will stand down," Bush said during a speech to veterans.

It's a line he uses often, and it applies to the Bush administration's goals for Iraq's political future as well. On both counts, however, Bush's meaning is imprecise.

It is not clear how the administration would regard a constitution that cuts Sunni Arabs out of the political mainstream, as some said the draft document would do.

Bush calls Iraq a cornerstone of democratic expansion in the Middle East, leaving open the question of what to do with an Iraq that is less than a democracy, or that rellegates women to legal second class.

# Broadcaster Accused of Terrorism

## After call to assassinate Venezuela leader

(AP) — Venezuela's vice president accused religious broadcaster Pat Robertson on Tuesday of making "terrorist statements" by suggesting that American agents assassinate President Hugo Chavez.

Vice President Jose Vicente Rangel said Venezuela was studying its legal options, adding that how Washington responds to Robertson's comments would put its anti-terrorism policy to the test.

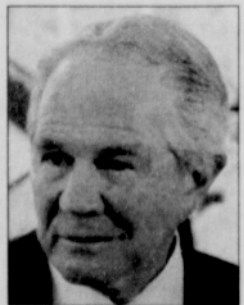
"The ball is in the U.S. court, after this criminal statement by a

citizen of that country," Rangel told reporters. "It's huge hypocrisy to maintain this discourse against terrorism and at the same time, in the heart of that country, there are entirely terrorist statements like those."

The State Department distanced itself from Robertson's comments.

"We do not share his view, and his comments are inappropriate," spokesman Sean McCormack said.

On Monday, Robertson said on the Christian Broadcast Network's "The 700 Club" that Chavez should be assassinated to stop his coun-



Pat Robertson

try from becoming "a launching pad for communist infiltration and Muslim extremism."

"We have the ability to take him out, and I think the time has come that we exercise that ability," he said. "We don't need another \$200 billion war

to get rid of one, you know, strong-arm dictator."

Chavez was democratically elected. He has emerged as one of the most outspoken critics of President Bush, accusing the United States of conspiring to topple his government and possibly backing plots to assassinate him.