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Week in The Review

Rosa Parks School Named
A new school under construction in the New Columbia neighborhood of north Portland will be named Rosa Parks Elementary in honor of the civil rights leader after a 6-0 vote by the Portland School Board Monday. See story, page A2.

Local Service Honors Officer
Navy Petty Officer Marques Nettles was laid to rest at Willamette National Cemetery Sunday. Nettles, 22, a former Beaverton resident, died in Iraq last month. More than 200 family, friends and other well-wishers, including Gov. Ted Kulongoski, attended his funeral. See story, page A2.

Bomber Kills 17 in Iraq
A suicide truck bomber attacked a crowded market in Tal Afar, Iraq late Tuesday, killing at least 17 people and wounding 35 in a city cited by President Bush as a success story in battling insurgents. U.S. officials had predicted insurgents would step up attacks to try to block a new Iraqi administration.

Earl Woods Remembered



DEMANDS Adjusting to rising prices, Test TriMet expansion and alternative fuels

BY SARAH BLOUNT
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

With soaring gas prices, will TriMet fares increase again? Will we soon see more hybrid buses? And what's happening on the mass transit expansion front?

Our public transportation agency is making adjustments and planning for the future as it tries to meet economic and environmental demands and serve a growing population.

According to a 2003 agency customer profile, 42 percent of Portland area adults use TriMet at least twice a month. A goal of boosting that figure to 50 percent is unpredictable in many ways, but certainly the agency must accommodate new riders with better and broader service, while keeping the system attractive and affordable.

Tri-Met already has beefed up its general fare policy from 5-cent increases every other year, to the current practice of a nickel each September because of increased demands. But high diesel fuels last year meant an additional 10-cent increase last



John Clark, a TriMet employee for 30 years, drives one of the transit agency's new hybrid fuel buses.

January.

The agency is currently reviewing diesel prices, which shot up again last month, but they're subject to the same volatile market that keeps consumers guessing.

"We will talk to our board at the end of May, and have a better idea at where diesel prices are," said Carolyn Young, TriMet's executive director of programs and communication. "If it stays in this range," she said, "then we'd have to consider another increase beyond 5 cents."

TriMet's dependence on diesel may be on the wane. In 2002, TriMet rolled out two hybrid-electric buses, which look normal in appearance except for a giant battery pack on the roof.

These hybrids have a small diesel engine that powers an electrical generator, which in turn charges the battery pack. The batteries then power an electric motor that turns the wheels. Hybrids use smaller

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Veterans Build Giant Peace Symbol

Near high traffic Rose Quarter

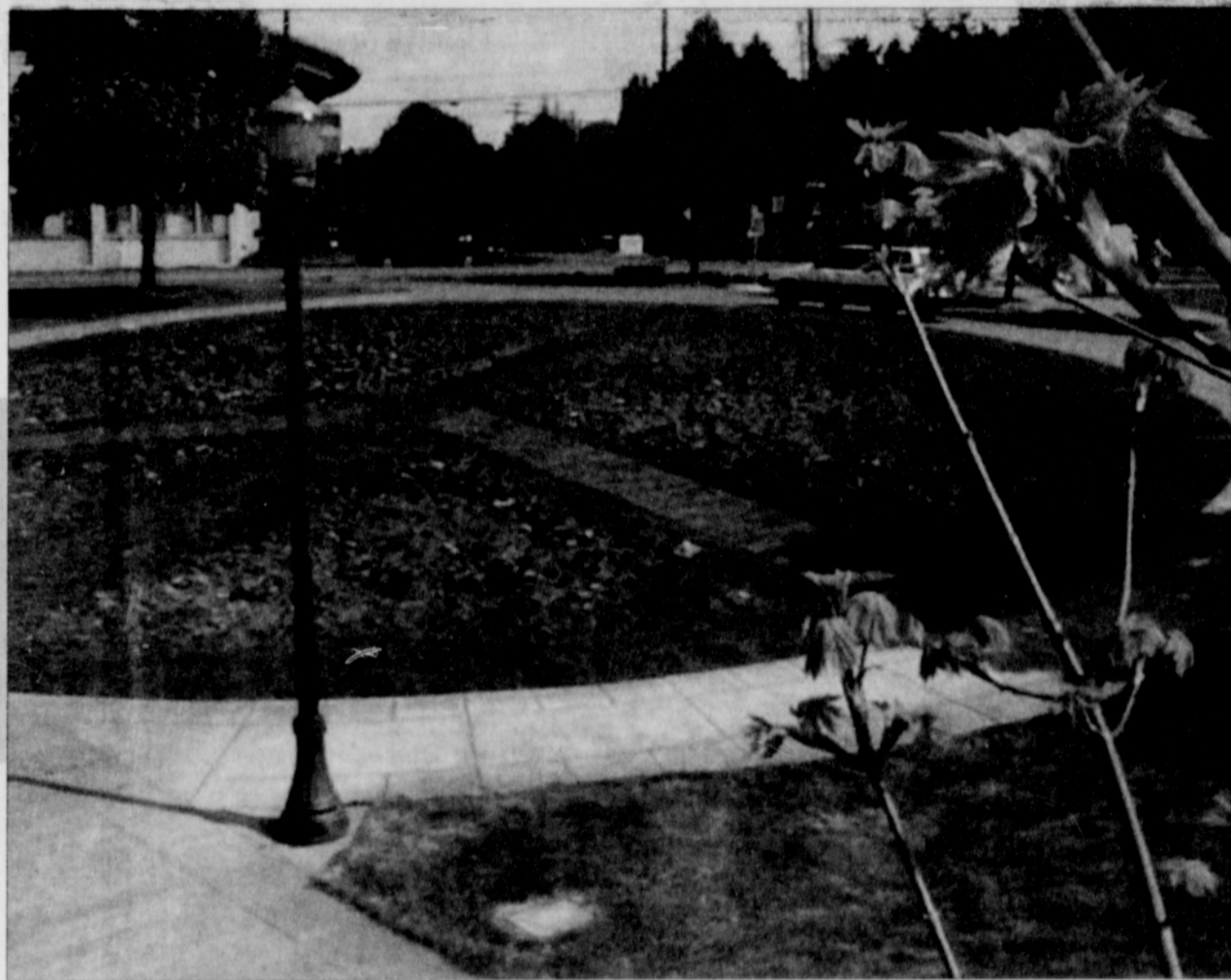
There is now a giant peace symbol in the middle of Portland. The Portland chapter of Veterans for Peace has adopted a site in Portland's high-traffic Rose Quarter for the new Portland Peace Memorial Park, situated on the east side of the Willamette River near the Steel Bridge.

The small park holding a 75-foot peace symbol made of turf is part of the city's "adopt a landscape" program, allowing groups to adopt untended green spaces within the city to landscape and maintain.

The peace symbol will be surrounded with colorful flowers, and a peace pole will be placed at the top of the circle. A dedication ceremony is scheduled for Memorial Day, May 29.

Veterans for Peace Chapter 29 said the purpose of the park is to memorialize all victims of every war. This includes civilians of all sides, as well as military pawns of foreign policy. It includes the people of Dresden, the citizens of Hiroshima, as well as the Vietnamese and American victims of Agent Orange poisoning, and the people living with radiation sickness in Iraq and

A peace symbol is fashioned into the early construction of Peace Memorial Park on the east side of the Willamette River near the Steel Bridge.



the United States.

The group said the memorial park is called a "peace memorial" instead of a "war memorial" because war memorials remember only the soldiers of "our side" of a war, ignoring all others, glorifies their

deaths, and thus glorifies the war they fought in along with the "nobility" of war itself.

A peace memorial, on the other hand, represents the true human cost of war: military, civilian, and future generations

of all sides. It sees no glory in these deaths, but only sorrow. The peace memorial brings to bear the nobility and courage of peace work as opposed to militarism, and endeavors to inspire visitors to pick up the mantle of working for peace.

Domestic Violence Response: Too Little Too Late

Warning signs were there

BY SARAH BLOUNT
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Looking back on the murder of Claudia Rhone, it's not hard to wonder why more wasn't done to prevent her violent death.

Rhone, 54, died on the front lawn of her Iris Court apartment on May 2, her north Portland home for more than a decade. She was well known in the close-knit community, and neighbors were aware of a situation between Rhone and her ex-boyfriend, Gilberto Pedroso, 63.

The police had visited the complex just off North Vancouver Avenue and Sumner Street twice the day of her death,



Claudia Rhone in front of her Iris Court home last month, just weeks before her murder on the front lawn of her apartment.

once in the late afternoon, when Rhone told officers Pedroso held a knife to her throat. Then again when neighbors called to say Pedroso was trying to break in through her window.

Pedroso eluded the police during the first two calls, and by the time he confronted Rhone in front of her apartment she only had the safety of a friend, Phyllis Jacob. According to Jacob, Pedroso ran after Rhone, screaming "I'm gonna kill you now" and then stabbed her several times.

The police captured Pedroso on the third call, shortly before 11 p.m. But Rhone was dead. They charged her ex-boyfriend with the murder. People who knew the couple said Pedroso had a history of harassing, assaulting and stalking Rhone.

Her devastated neighbors said they wished they could have done more, but her

death raises the question: Why wasn't she removed from the situation that night, and taken into safe custody?

Portland Police declined to comment on the ongoing investigation, but Capt. Ron Schwartz, commander of the bureau's family services division, said his unit did not respond to Tuesday's calls. By the time Rhone's situation had escalated, Schwartz' officers were wrapping up the workday.

"My unit only works 100-hour shifts, 7-5 Monday through Friday," Schwartz said. "The best case is we get it the next morning."

The Domestic Violence Reduction Unit's eight officers and six shelter advocates handle 10,000 to 12,000 domestic violence reports each year. Multnomah County also runs a response team for high-risk cases in

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