## Rosa Parks' Will in Family Dispute

## Relatives fight over rights to name, image

(AP)—Relatives of Rosa Parks and the people she appointed to handle her affairs have failed to reach an agreement in a dispute over her estate.

A trial is likely in the legal challenge to the civil rights icon's will, said Frederick Toca Jr., a lawyer representing Parks' 13 nieces and nephews.

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unable to reach an agreement Thursday with a mediator, who then sons and daughters of Parks' decided to step down from that brother Sylvester - say the will role, Toca said.

tired 36th District Judge Adam Parks. Shakoor should mediate, an unusual decision since he was one of two people Parks had appointed to that her legacy be continued handle her affairs. The other was through her organization will Elaine Steele, a longtime friend of be honored. Parks.

resentative of Parks' estate, Toca said. Telephone messages seeking comment were left at Parks to teach young people lead-Shakoor's law office and at the ership and character develop-Detroit office of Steele's attor- ment. Steele is the institute's vice

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The nieces and nephews — all should be voided because Steele Both sides had agreed that re- exerted undue influence over

Steele's lawyers have said the issue is whether Parks' wish

The main beneficiary of the will Shakoor also gave up co-rep- is the Rosa & Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development, a Detroit-based group founded by president.



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER Recently vacated Kenton Elementary in north Portland will become the future home of De La Salle North

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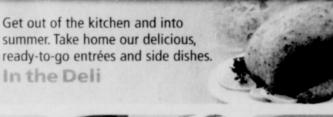
De La Salle North Catholic ing an empty shell and a quesnear North Lombard Street, tak-N. Fenwick Ave.

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Community input is wanted color, religion, creed, sex, marion a new Equal Employment tal status, national origin, disability, age, veteran status, onthe-job injury, or sexual orienta-

The plan includes informafloor hearing room of the tion on how EEO policies will be 1300 Franklin St., Vancouver. goals, and steps to encourage The purpose of the EEO plan women and minorities to apply is to ensure full and equal par- for jobs with the county. Writticipation of all qualified indi- ten comments on the EEO plan viduals in the county's must be received no later than 5



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