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Locked chains seal a gate off Northeast 42nd Avenue to the landmark originally constructed as Adams High School, then turned into Whitaker Middle School, before being closed and abandoned by the Portland School District.

Whitaker-Adams Site Will Finally Fall

Demolition could start as early as November

The grounds of the abandoned Whitaker Middle School, originally John Adams High School, have turned into a bleak, concrete wasteland, with only a splash of color here and there provided by graffiti and tumbling, half crushed beer cans.

Now the once beautiful, 268,899-square-foot campus — at Northeast 42nd Avenue, north of Killingsworth Street — is about to disappear.

The Portland Public School Board last week approved \$2.1 million to demolish the building and wrecking crews will move in as early as November.

The district's property manager Kerry Hampton said the demolition could take up to three months to complete.

Construction of Adams started in 1966 and the school opened in the fall of 1969. It would be Portland's newest high school if it was still operating today. The school district closed the school in 2001 saying it was too expensive to repair after years of poor maintenance, including a leaky roof and lack of ventilation, an original design flaw that led to the growth of toxic mold and trapped radon gases.

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dents were moved across town to Tubman Middle School on North Flint Street.

The building has been costly even as it stands vacant; since 2002 the district has spent nearly \$700,000 of taxpayers' money in maintenance, utilities and insurance.

School district officials say there is now no money, therefore no plans, to build a replacement school, despite earlier promises made to the adjacent neighborhoods.

A Portland Public School's construction bond expired in 2005 and proceeds from the future sale of Washington High School will not cover the costs to rebuild at Whitaker.

Some neighboring Concordia residents, tired of witnessing drug and gang activity at the site, hope to see the district sell the property to developers, who would build affordable homes that fit in with the neighborhood.

Passionate Judge Remembered

Judge brought courtrooms to Portland neighborhoods

A memorial service was held Friday at the Highland Christian Center for Multnomah County Circuit Judge Clifford L. Freeman, who died Monday, Aug. 21 after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 62. Concluding services and vault entombment was at Rose City Cemetery.

Freeman was born June 2, 1944 in Portland. He attended Highland Elementary School (now Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary) and graduated from Benson High School in 1962.

He was a driving force behind the development of the Northeast Community Court at the King Neighborhood Facility in northeast Portland.

Court colleagues said Judge Freeman brought courtrooms into neighborhoods to handle quality-of-life crimes that weren't considered high-profile. Presiding Circuit Judge Dale Koch described him as "a very gentle man" who had a passion for connecting with the residents he served.

U.S. District Judge Ancer L. Haggerty first met Judge Freeman when the two were in high school. Haggerty attended Jefferson High. By the time the two were sophomores at the University of Oregon, they had become roommates.

"He was a straight shooter and very honest," Haggerty said. "He always did the right thing and was someone who was humble. Whenever you asked how he was doing, he'd always say, 'Better than I deserve.'"

Judge Freeman received an un-

dergraduate degree in economics, a master's degree in education, and a law degree from UO.

He served as a felony trial attorney for the Metropolitan Public Defender's Office from 1979 to 1988. For the next four years, he held a variety of state jobs, including an advocate for the Office of Minority, Women and Emerging Small Business Enterprises.

From 1993 to 1994, he worked as a consultant in diversity training, education and intergovernmental affairs before returning to the public defender's office as a civil commitment hearings attorney.

He also served as pro tem Juvenile Court referee for the county before then-Gov. John Kitzhaber appointed him to the bench in 1996.

It was in March 1998 that Judge Freeman began presiding over the Northeast Community Court. He found ways that defendants could aid the community as part of their sentences. The judge also presided over another court in Southeast Portland.

"He did a very good job across the board working with community leaders, residents and defendants," said Michael Schunk, Multnomah County district attorney.

Survivors include his stepmother, Fannie Freeman; cousins, Cherron Papillion, Paul Lewis and Trudie Reid; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests remembrances to Self-Enhancement, Inc. (*The Oregonian contributed to this story.*)



Clifford L. Freeman

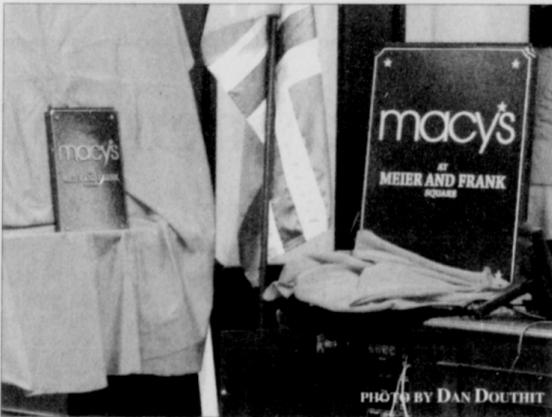
Macy's at Meier & Frank Square

Past won't be forgotten

By unanimous vote, Mayor Tom Potter and the Portland City Council have declared that the downtown city block between 5th and 6th Avenues and Alder and Morrison Streets will now be called "Meier & Frank Square."

"I couldn't think of a better way to pay tribute to Meier & Frank's service to our community than to memorialize the name of its founding families and the cherished traditions that Meier & Frank represents to generations of loyal customers," R.B. Harrison, president and chief operating officer of Macy's Northwest, said after the vote last week.

Harrison thanked Potter and the Portland Development Commission for their partnership with Macy's and for actively advocating for the redevelopment of the downtown building, a landmark for generations. He unveiled two of the brass plaques that will be placed on the corners of the building as well as at each entrance to the



Commemorative plaques are unveiled for the newly dedicated Meier & Frank Square.

store, a Portland landmark for generations.

PDC Executive Director Bruce Warner said Macy's has been very mindful of the role the store has played in the past.

"The plaques are one way in which they honor this history, while also preparing the store for its future," he said.

All Meier & Frank stores will become Macy's stores on Sept. 9.

Red Carpet Celebrations at all Oregon stores will include a ribbon cutting ceremony with a live band, gift bags with \$10 or \$500 electronic Macy's gift cards and red foil chocolate stars, cake, cider, and children's entertainment.

Macy's is a division of Federated Department Stores with corporate offices in Cincinnati and New York.

2006 fall service update

Minor service changes effective September 3

There will be schedule adjustments and/or route changes on the following bus lines, effective Sunday, September 3, 2006.

- 4-Fessenden** Schedule & route changes in St. Johns (Safeway)
- 6-Martin Luther King Jr Blvd** Schedule changes
- 9-Powell** Route change at The Village (near SE 182nd & Powell)
- 10-Harold** Schedule changes
- 10-NE 33rd Ave** Schedule changes
- 17-Holgate** Schedule changes
- 31-Estacada** Schedule changes
- 39-Lewis & Clark** Schedule changes

Fares go up a nickel September 1

On Friday, September 1, 2006, TriMet cash/ticket fares will increase 5 cents to help cover the cost of inflation. Monthly Passes will increase \$2.



For more information, visit trimet.org or call 503-238-RIDE (7433).

Effective	2-Hour Tickets	7-Day Pass	Monthly Pass	Annual Pass
September 1, 2006	1 Ticket 10 Tickets			
Adult • All Zones	\$2.00 \$20.00	\$19.50	\$74.00	\$814.00
Adult • 2 Zones	\$1.70 \$17.00	\$16.50	\$63.00	\$693.00
Adult • 1 Zone	— \$16.50	—	—	—
Honored Citizen All Zones	\$0.85 \$ 8.50	—	\$23.00	\$253.00
Youth/Student All Zones	\$1.35 \$13.50	—	\$23.00	—
LIFT Paratransit All Zones	\$1.65 \$16.50	—	\$46.00	\$552.00
All-Day Ticket				
	All Riders • All Zones \$4.25			

Minority Contracting Meeting Set

The Oregon Association of Minority Entrepreneurs (OAME) hosts its next networking meeting to discuss contracting opportunities for minorities, women and emerging small businesses on Friday, Sept. 8 at 7:30 a.m. at the OAME Cascade Plaza, 4134 N. Vancouver Ave.

The free and open-to-the-public session provides time for small businesses to build relationships with key contacts from private and public organizations including the City of Portland, TriMet, Hoffman Construction, Stacy & Witbeck and many more.

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