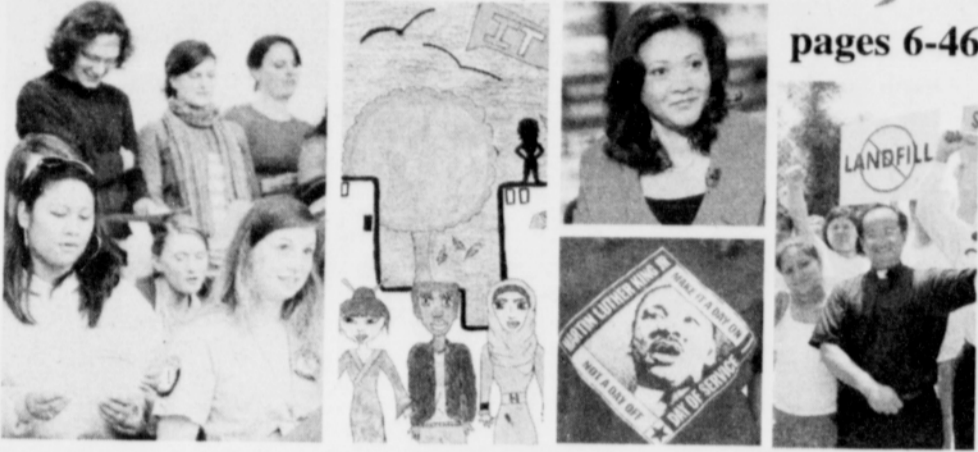


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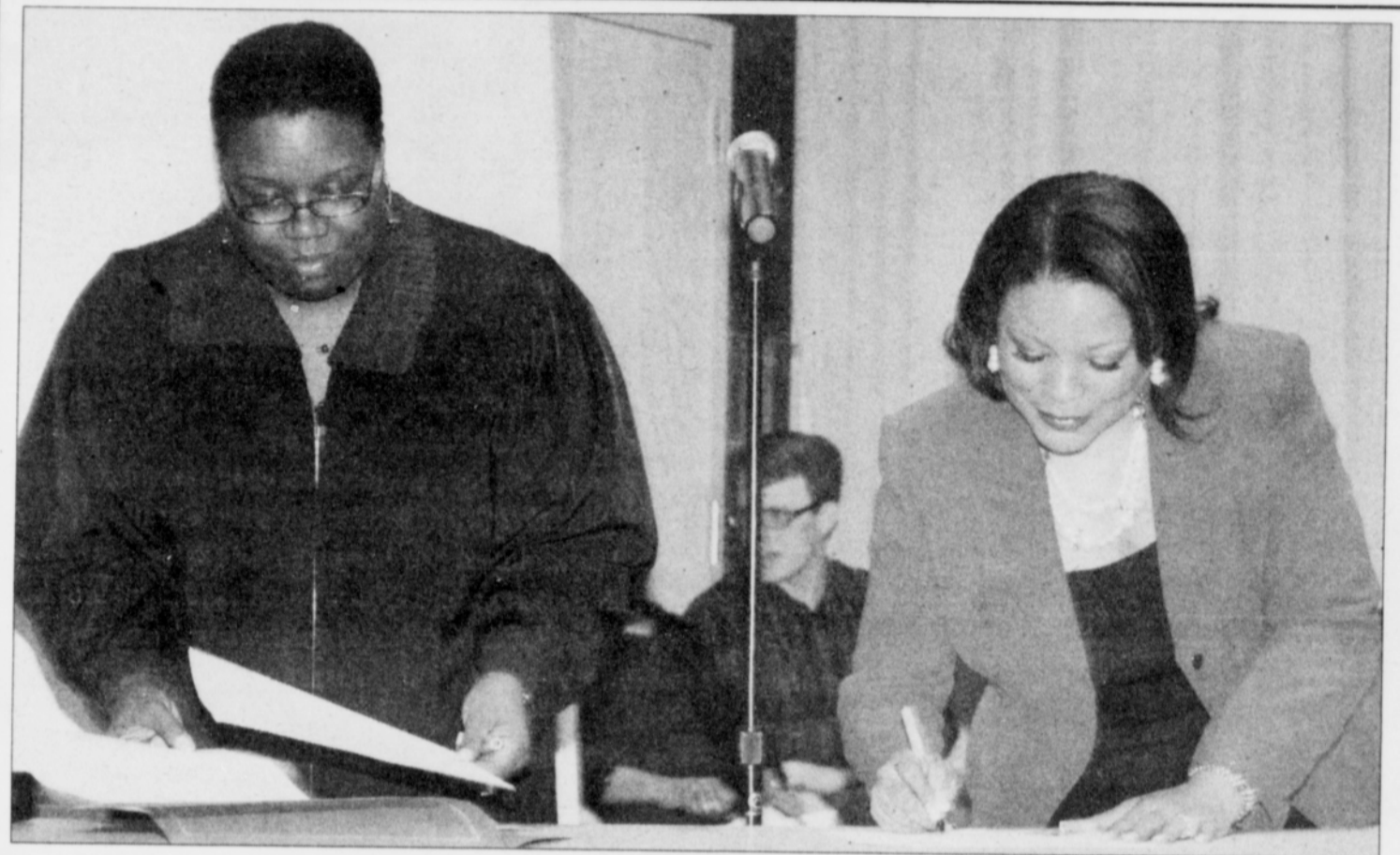


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# LOCAL NEWS



## Smith Seated in Office

Judge Adrienne Nelson officially swears in new Multnomah County Commissioner Loretta Smith (right) at Portland Community College's Cascade Campus in north Portland. Smith, a long-time representative of U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden's Portland office, was elected in November. Her inauguration on Friday attracted 200 community members and public officials, including Mayor Sam Adams. (Photo courtesy PCC)

## Dance Club Loses Liquor License

### Suspension follows fatal shooting

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission Friday issued an immediate suspension of the liquor license for Club 915, a popular hip-hop dance venue, downtown.

The suspension was supported by the City of Portland and Police Bureau which submitted a request for an emergency suspension based on a history of serious and persistent problems at the business, located at 915 S.W. Second Ave.

OLCC officials said 19 serious incidents including shootings, fights, altercations and drugs led to the suspension. The most recent



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The Club 915 dance bar had its liquor license suspended Friday because of a fatal New Year's shooting and earlier problems at the downtown establishment.

incident involved a shooting early New Year's Day resulting in the death of Ruben Mata, a bouncer who was working at the club.

"There's a pattern of people getting hurt at this business," said Linda Ignowski, OLCC regulatory services director. "We, along with Portland Police, have worked closely with the owner to try to increase the safety of customers, employees and members of the public. Club 915 had a compliance plan to address these problems, but was not following the steps in the plan. At this point, we believe that an immediate suspension of their liquor license is necessary to keep the public from further harm."

The liquor license is held by Jin's International Entertainment, LLC; Frank Chin is the managing member.

## Chief's Memorial at Childs Center Friday

A police procession and memorial service for a police chief who was shot and killed while investigating a car theft in the small town of Rainier, northwest of Portland, will make its way through the streets of north Portland on Friday.

The funeral service for Chief

Ralph Painter is set to begin at 1 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 14 at the Childs Center on the University of Portland Campus, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd.

The 55-year-old law enforcement official was shot in the head while responding to a report of an attempted car theft at an auto stereo

store. Painter struggled with the suspect, 21-year-old Daniel Butts, inside the business garage, until Butts disarmed Painter and fatally shot him.

Butts is in the Columbia County Jail in St. Helens, facing charges of aggravated murder.