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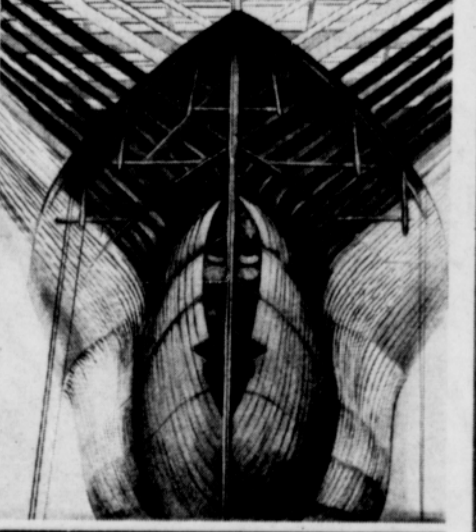
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## LOCAL NEWS



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Plans are being made to install a statue art installation in honor of Rosa Parks at Peninsula Park, located along Rosa Parks Way in north Portland.

### In Honor of Rosa Parks Planning takes form for statue in Peninsula Park

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THE PORTLAND OBSERVER  
In honor of the civil rights activist Rosa Parks, best known for refusing to give up her seat on a bus in Alabama because of the color of her skin, the city will fund a statue art installation at Peninsula Park to be finished in 2013.  
A planning committee, made up of eight individuals from different walks of life, has begun taking strides to erect the statue of Parks, often re-

ferred to as the 'mother of the freedom movement', in hopes to inspire the community of what it means to take a stand for justice.  
"This is important to our community because there are a lot of us who would not have the freedom that we have today if not for her refusing to give up her seat and having African Americans be second class citizens," said Vera Pool, a member of the planning committee.  
According to Pool, the freedom

experienced on public transportation is due to Rosa Park's bravery.  
"I think a statue will enable folks to know what a wonderful position she took and how much it impacted all of our lives," she said. "Not just African Americans, but all others, by being courageous and standing against injustice."  
The committee plans to erect the statue where Peninsula Park inter-

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