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LOCAL NEWS



Vancouver's Simone Corbett, 16, has qualified for the National American Pageant.

Focusing on the Positive

Vancouver teen qualifies for national pageant

After months of hard work and preparation, Simone Corbett, 16, placed in the top-10 at the National American Miss Washington Teen contest, which is a scholarship-based pageant that focuses on a positive self image for young girls

throughout the country.

Although this was her first pageant, the Vancouver teenager has qualified for the upcoming pageant in Anaheim, Calif., where she will be competing in the National American Pageant and the Actress Optionals Court.

"Competing in National American Miss Washington Teen wasn't about who had the prettiest dress to win the pageant," said Corbett. "It was about developing lifelong skills and creat-

ing friendships that will last a lifetime, which made this one of the best experiences I've ever had."

Corbett, a varsity cheerleader and member of the drama club at her high school, has a number of pursuits and ambitions, including her dream to become a TV and film actress.

"I am very thankful for my family and everyone who has supported me," she said. "I now plan to grow my experience in pageantry and give back to my community."

Hayden Meadows Walmart Planned

After nearly two-years since the first announcement of a potential development, Walmart is on the verge of seeking a building permit for a 90,000 square-foot retail store in north Portland's Hayden Meadows shopping district.

The store would offer a full-service grocery department and a pharmacy, with 140,000 spare feet of parking.

The building would be located north and across the street from other large company stores, including Dick's Sporting Goods and Lowes. The new store would be considered "small" by Walmart standards.

In the past, Walmart received resistance to plans to grow inside the Portland market, but the company, which is currently asking for

a land-use variance, is merely one-step away from a building permit to make store's construction closer to a reality.

The store's lead developers, Washington's Pacland and Portland-based TMT Development, met with neighbors this spring and summer, and who have said the new grocery options will be a positive for the surrounding neighborhood.

Postal Workers Rally to Avert Crisis

Portland-area letter carriers are stepping up efforts to save the U.S. Postal Service from going to five-day delivery and keep a high quality

of services.

"Many have heard reports about the USPS's financial crisis, but few know there are solutions that don't

cost the taxpayer a dime," said Jim Cook, president of the National

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