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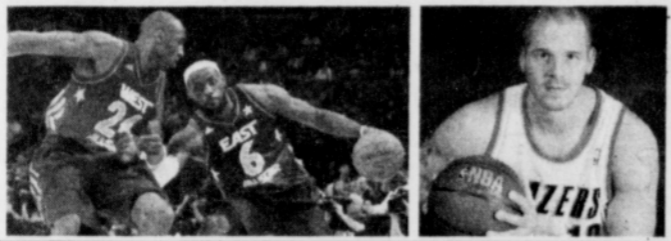


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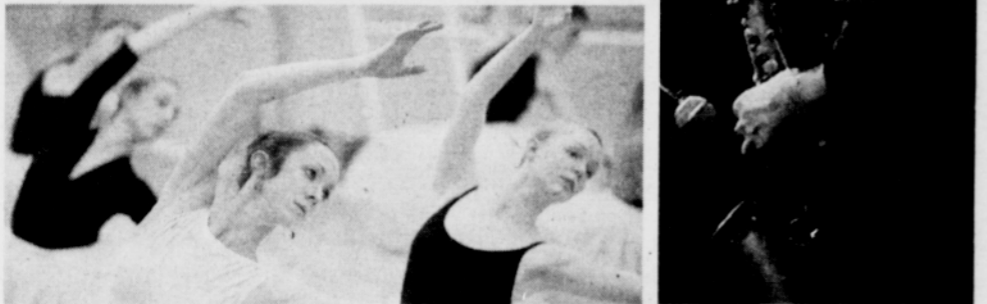
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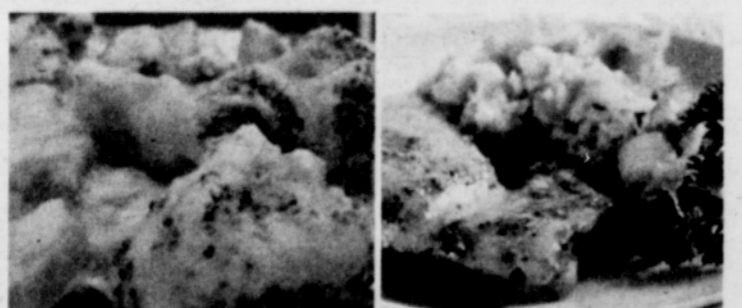


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## LOCAL NEWS



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A new 7-Eleven store is proposed on the southeast corner of Northeast Killingsworth Street and 15th Avenue, drawing opposition from nearby residents and the operators of two local convenience stores in the same vicinity.

### Cold Shoulder for 7-Eleven Portland expansion plans draw opponents

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THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

As 7-Eleven plans to open more stores throughout the Portland area, residents and small business owners in north and northeast Portland have begun to show concerns surrounding the impact of the proposed new locations.

The national convenience store chain has run into opposition on its plans to build on a vacant lot at Northeast 15th Avenue and Killingsworth Street, which is situated in between two local conve-

nience marts, both minority-owned, and located less than a block away on either side.

Portland is one of several markets where 7-Eleven is implementing what they call an accelerated growth plan.

After residents in the Vernon Neighborhood began to express their opposition to the 15th Avenue location, the Vernon Neighborhood Association decided to oppose the expansion.

According to Renuka Narayan, the owner of Islands, a small conve-

nience store, which rests in between 15th and 16th on Killingsworth, representatives of the neighborhood association visited her store with a long list of signed names against the 7-Eleven location.

"It is also going to bring a lot of traffic and different kinds of people into the neighborhood," said Narayan, who has lived in northeast Portland with her husband for 30-years. "And except for a few people here and there, it seems like the

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### Walgreens to Pay for Strip Search

A Multnomah County Jury has awarded \$35,000 in damages to a Portland man who was falsely accused of shoplifting and forced to strip down to his pants in the middle of a Portland Walgreens on the busy shopping day following the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Henry Peth, an immigrant from Ghana, said he went to the Walgreens at 2829 N. Lombard St. to buy Christmas lights to surprise his wife.

He said the store assistant manager accused him of stealing batteries and hiding them in his clothes. He was ordered him to take off everything but his pants in the middle of a crowded store, but no merchan-



Henry Peth (KOIN photo)

dise was found.

The jury ruled last week that the Walgreens employees unreasonably confined Peth.

Peth said the incident was extremely embarrassing and he had stolen nothing. He said his whole family would have been disgraced if he were caught stealing, which is considered one of the worst crimes in the small Ghana farming town where he grew up.

According to Perth's attorney, the incident would not have been as bad if store officials had merely taken him behind closed doors before conducting the strip search, which should send a strong message to other retailers.