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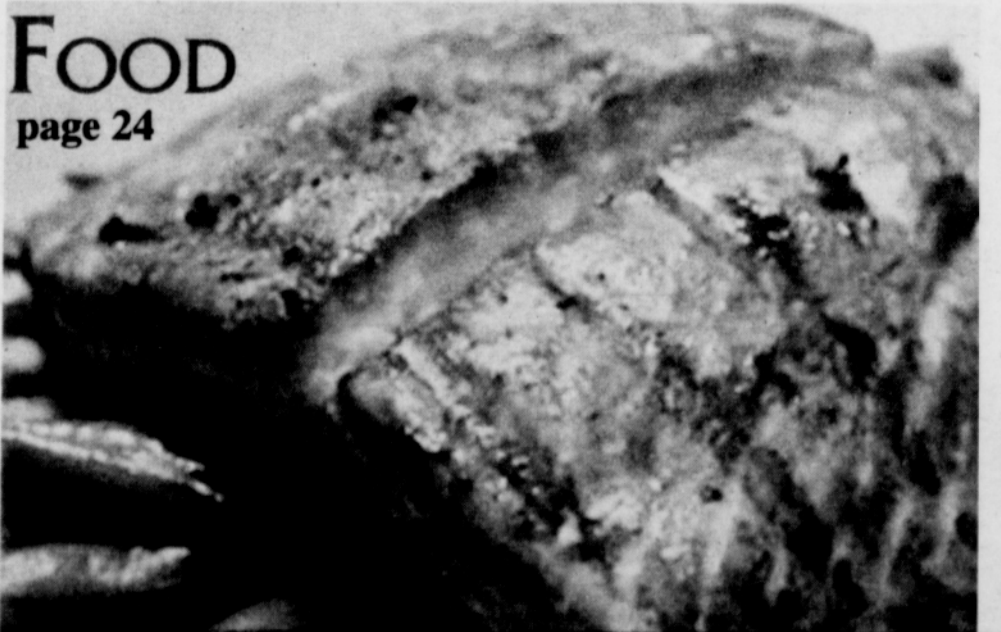
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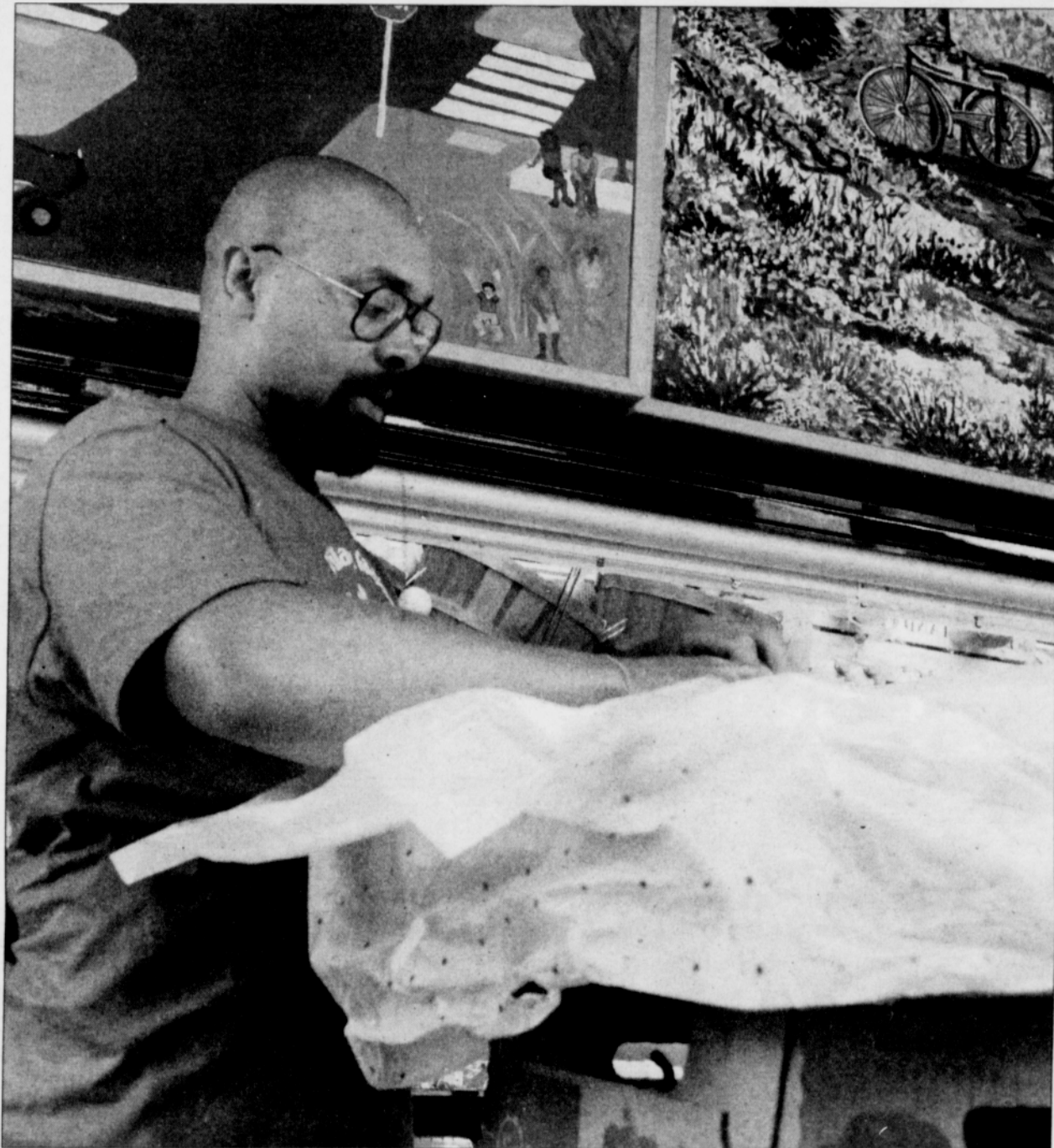


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LOCAL NEWS



Mychal Tetteh, project manager of the Village Market in the New Columbia neighborhood in north Portland, works diligently with the community to help provide residents with affordable and healthy food options.

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Village Market Success New Columbia store strives for health

BY MINDY COOPER
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Inside Village Market in north Portland's New Columbia community, fresh and local produce greets

residents as they walk through the doors of the city's one and only non-profit grocery store. The store, located at 4632 N Trenton St., is the only retail merchant

with a cash register within one mile of the neighborhood, which is home to nearly 3,000 individuals—half
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East Portland Teachers Strike

Reynolds District schools close for labor dispute

Talks between the Reynolds School District and teachers union ended without an agreement Monday. The Reynolds Education Association started picketing at schools in the east Portland suburbs at 6 a.m. as a last-ditch, 21-hour negotiating session failed to break the impasse over salary and working conditions. Union president Joyce Rosenau told reporters that the district backed away from what had appeared to be progress during the all-night negotiations. Meanwhile, Superintendent Joyce Henstrand said the dispute appears to be about money, and the sides are "at least \$4 million apart." The district had already canceled classes for Monday because of the strike threat. There are three weeks of classes remaining in the school year. Tensions were high outside the negotiating room

as two middle school teachers complained that they had been struck by cars leaving the district property. Gordy Smith, 40, a Reynolds Middle School reading teacher, said he was picketing near an entrance to the school when a woman in a minivan drove quickly through, sideswiping him near his knee. The incident happened about 15 minutes after another one involving a different middle school teacher and two parties to the negotiation talks. A car allegedly driven by a school-district lawyer — with Assistant Superintendent Tony Mann in the passenger seat — may have bumped into a female teacher who was looking into the car as it passed by picketers. Fairview Police Chief Ken Johnson said no police reports were filed, only informal complaints to a school resource officer. "Our bigger concern is that they're illegally blocking the driveways, creating these risks," he said. --Associated Press