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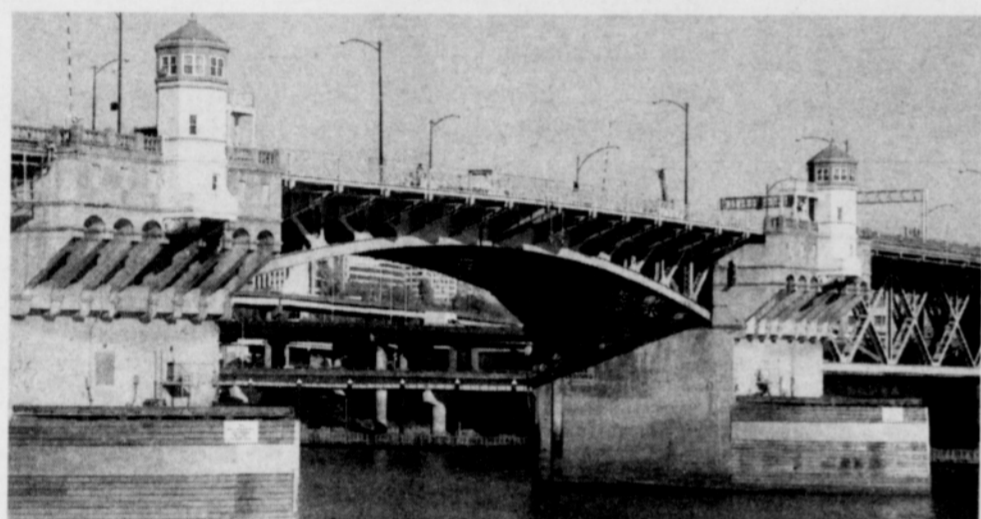
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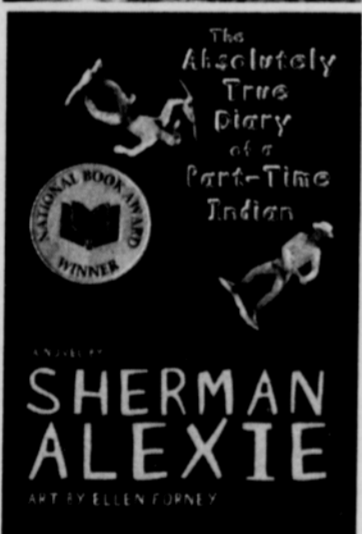
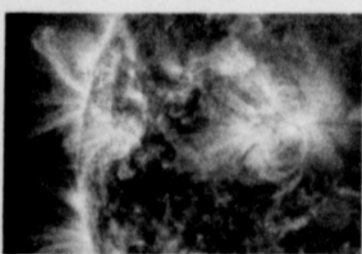
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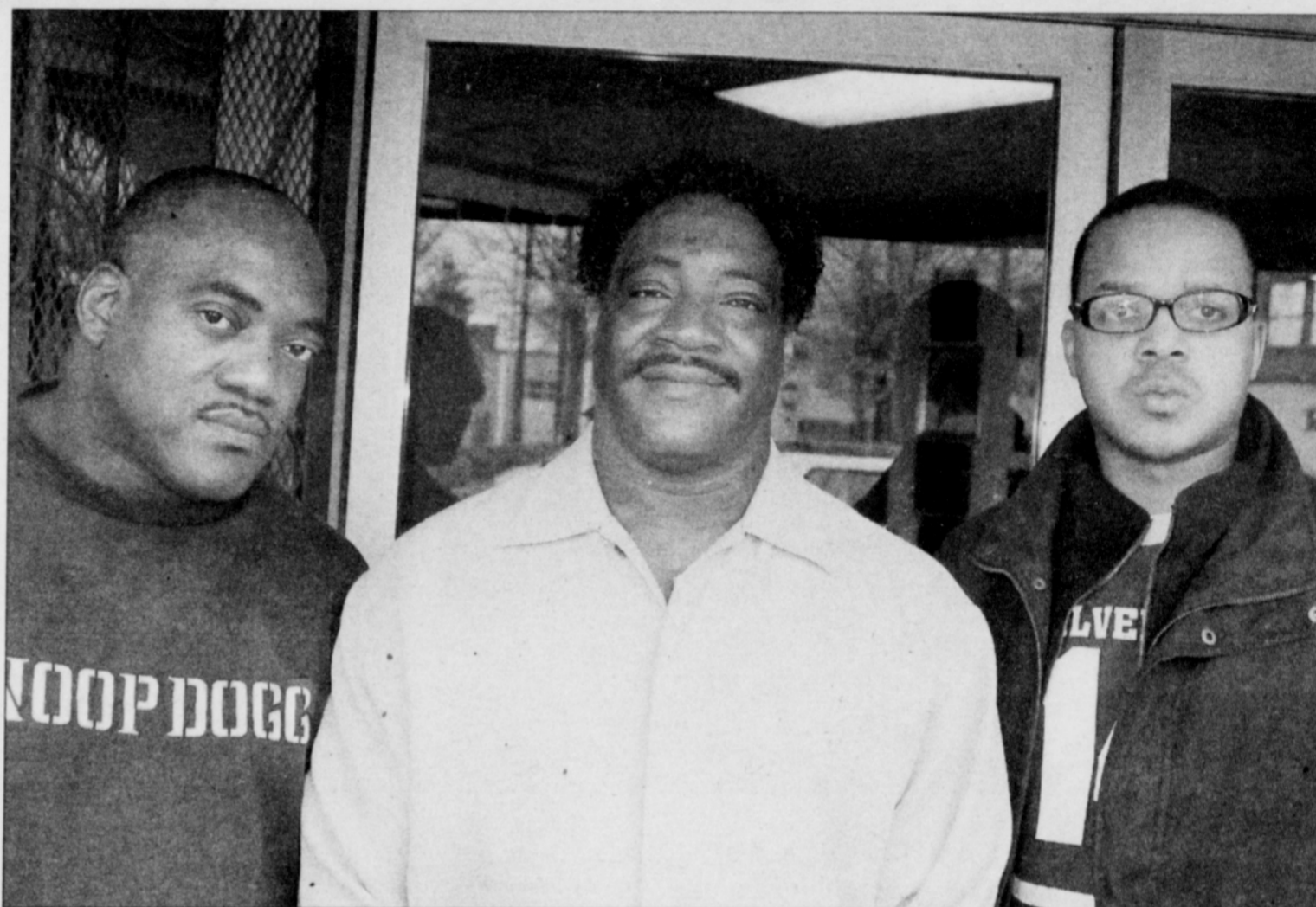


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The owners of Reo's Ribs, brothers Ricky Varnado (from left) and Reo Varnado, get some moral support from Tim Causey, co-owner of the Arlington Mart in Gladstone.

Forced into Closure

Reo's Ribs gives up on Johns Landing

BY CARI HACHMANN
THE PORTLAND OBSERVER

Co-owner of Reo's Ribs, also known as uncle to rapper Snoop Lion, Reo Varnado will no longer be cooking up his famous thick and juicy-sweet Mississippi-style meats in Johns Landing.

Varnado was forced to close his barbeque restaurant after escalating complaints from neighbors about smoke from his outdoor cookers pressured his landlord to cut his five-year lease short.

"I cried for so many days,"

said Varnado a big, curly-haired man dressed in a yellow suit and sitting in the Portland Observer office along with his brother, Ricky.

A native of Magnolia, Miss., Varnado first opened his southern-style barbeque joint on Tualatin Valley Highway in 1999. He served customers there for 13 years before moving his restaurant to a strip mall on Southwest Macadam Avenue hoping for better business.

Since his arrival to the 2,200-square-foot space between

downtown Portland and Lake Oswego two years ago, Varnado said he's felt unwelcome.

In February 2011, a neighbor living in a rowhouse behind the retail complex, Gerriann Fox, sued Varnado and the strip mall's owners for damages by smoke from the restaurant's barbeque smokers pouring into her home. She claims the smoke caused her headaches and other health issues.

While too much smoke has

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College Fair at Concordia

Thinking about college as a high school student can be an overwhelming experience. To help get senior and junior students prepare for the life of higher education, the Black United Fund will host its third annual College Fair at Concordia University at 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Students will have the opportunity to speak with representatives from public and private institutions, as well as attend informative breakout sessions that will cover getting ready for college, college life, financial aid and scholarships, and a tour of the northeast Portland campus.

The first 100 students to register will be entered into a drawing for iTunes gift cards, and attending students will also be able to apply for a \$500 scholarship.

To register for the college fair and apply for other scholarships, visit bufor.org. Registration closes on Friday, Nov. 30.