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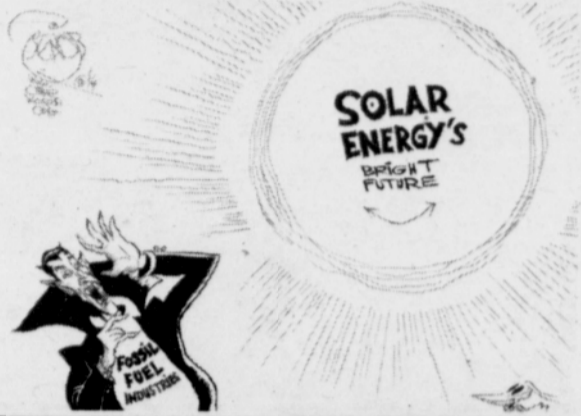
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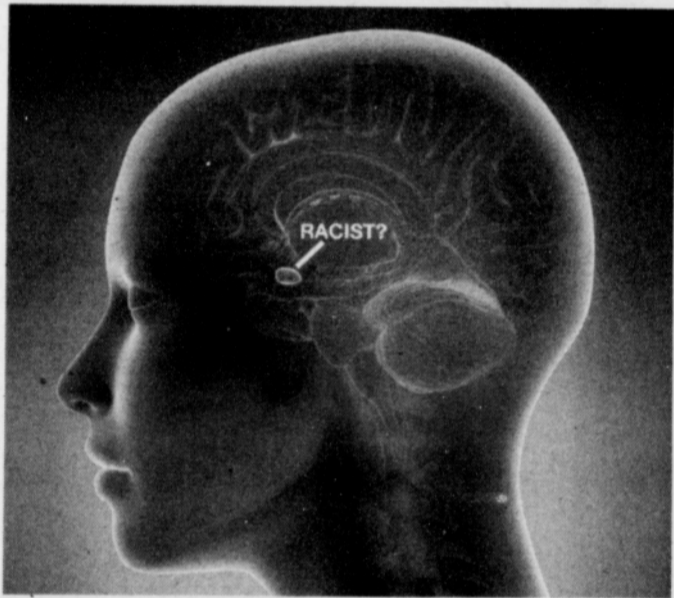
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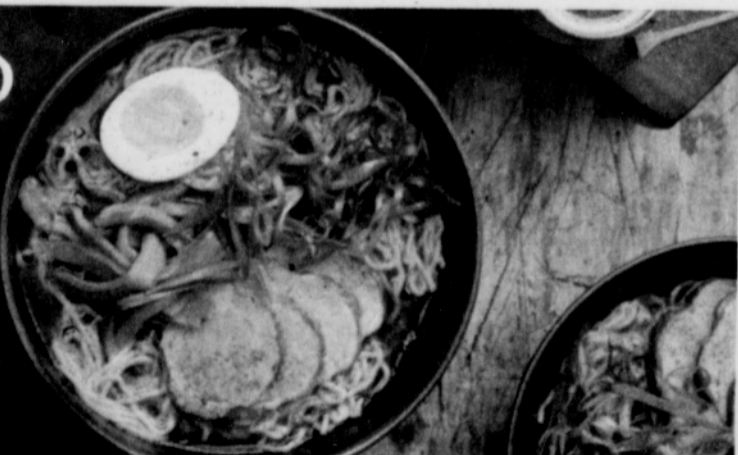
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LOCAL NEWS

Use of Force Settlement

Judge paves way for police reforms

A federal judge accepted a settlement on Friday between the U.S. Department of Justice and the city of Portland on reforms intended to improve the way police deal with mentally ill people.

U.S. District Court Judge Michael Simon said he wants annual progress reports and set the first such hearing for September 2015.

Simon's decision drew a positive response from the Albina Ministerial Alliance for Justice and Police Reform, who said it should lead to better treatment of all Portlanders.

The Justice Department began an investigation three years ago to determine whether Portland police engaged in a pattern or practice of excessive force when dealing with

the mentally ill.

Agency officials concluded such a pattern exists and began negotiating with city leaders on reforms.

U.S. Attorney for Oregon Amanda Marshall called the settlement a groundbreaking resolution for the citizens of Portland.

Mayor Charlie Hales said Simon's order allows Portland to move forward.

"We're serious about having a police force that appreciates the issues around mental illness and that utilizes de-escalation tactics," he said.

The agreement revises police rules on the use of stun guns. It also requires the city to create a crisis-intervention team, expand its mo-

bile crisis units from a single vehicle to one vehicle per precinct, and to complete investigations of officer misconduct within 180 days. Some reforms have already been put in place.

The city agreed to hire a compliance officer to ensure the reforms are followed and to form a Community Oversight Advisory Board.

"This ruling is a major step to creating a true community policing culture within the Portland Police Bureau in light of the national attention on deadly force and excessive force by the police department in the Michael Brown death in Ferguson, Missouri," the Albina Ministerial Alliance Coalition for Justice and Police Reform said in a statement.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.



'Natural Grocers,' a grocery store chain based in Colorado, announced Friday that it has worked out a deal with the city of Portland and the Portland Development Commission to open a store on the long vacant site at Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Alberta Street. The construction will be headed by Colas Construction, a local African-American firm.

Good with MLK and Alberta

'Natural Grocers' to construct store on vacant site

Mayor Charlie Hales and the co-president of Natural Grocers announced Friday that property owned by the Portland Development Commission at Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Alberta Street will be the site for a new community-centric grocery store that focuses on free nutrition education and healthy food.

Three months ago, Hales and PDC staff urged the project developer, Majestic Realty Co., to remain committed to the project and to find another anchor tenant for the 1.79-acre property, following the deci-

sion by Trader Joe's not to locate a store on the site.

"The challenges this development has faced have been well documented," Hales said. "But thanks to the determination of the public and private partners involved, we're now able to present a development that will benefit the residents of northeast Portland, support neighboring businesses, introduce Portlanders to a high-quality, affordable grocer and revitalize a parcel of land that has sat dormant for 15 years."

In March, the mayor committed

an additional \$20 million in urban renewal funds to affordable housing in north and northeast Portland to complement commercial development efforts on MLK. The Portland Housing Bureau, led by Commissioner Dan Saltzman, is conducting a community involvement process to develop a housing strategy to help direct that investment.

Natural Grocers is a Colorado-based chain with stores in 14 states. The company has seven locations in Oregon, including four in the

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