

## **Blazers' idea is a yawn**

Regarding the Blazers' latest proposal for the Rose Quarter, I can't think of anything less interesting than another shopping venue, with or without a Nike museum. In essence, the Blazers are proposing another mall sandwiched between Pioneer Place downtown and Lloyd Center.

It's neither necessary nor desirable. A centrally located recreation center for high school participants, on the other hand, would attract fans from around the state. People would come to watch their own kids and stay to take advantage of all Portland has to offer. Further, the idea of a center that would stay open during off-peak hours enhances its appeal. I hope the Portland City Council recognizes the benefits of the one despite the glitz of the other.

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