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Turning a new leaf

Former ecoterrorist makes good in 'hoods

Former Earth Liberation Front member and current Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association Chair Jacob Sherman chats with neighbors during a break at a recent meeting.

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By JENNIFER ANDERSON
The Tribune

Jacob Sherman doesn't have the long, shaggy locks he did 14 years ago.

He isn't vegan, and he doesn't go barefoot as he did when following his former friend Tre Arrow, once described as the FBI's Most Wanted Environmental Terrorist.

In fact, Sherman — a clean-cut, meat-eating, 32-year-old Southeast Portland husband, father, marathon runner, gardener, neighborhood advocate and Portland State University employee — can hardly be described as "radical," except in the '80s sense.

Today, almost nine years since his release from federal prison — having served nearly three years in prison for two firebombings on behalf of the Earth Liberation Front — Sherman is a change-maker of a different kind, advocating within the system to affect change.

Since graduating from PSU he's worked for the university's Institute for Sustainable Solutions, helping to champion projects that strengthen neighborhoods across the city. He's helping to create a gathering space next to the PSU food carts, and a community orchard for Lents neighbors.

Separate from his PSU endeavors, he's leading the Brentwood-Darlington Neighborhood Association to help his neighbors be able to sell the produce they grow from their community



Jacob Sherman chats with Anita Yap, a candidate for Portland Community College board of directors. At PSU, Sherman coordinates sustainable curriculum for students in the neighborhoods.

learning garden.

And he's learning to navigate City Hall to find a stormwater solution for his neighbors in Errol Heights who get flooded in big rains.

It's not sexy stuff; there is no "direct action," as the ecoterrorists used to call it.

There are just painfully wonky city policies to wade through, grants to apply for, zoning changes to fight for, neighborhood meetings to speak at, and cases to articulate in the form of perfectly worded emails, rather than Molotov cocktails.

From protests to peer mentor

In fact, since Sherman's release from prison in 2006, he hasn't been lured by any political movements of

the day — environmental, race-related, Occupy Portland or otherwise.

At Occupy, "I sat in on some meetings, was at one of the protests, and decided it wasn't for me," he says.

His first step back to activism was as a student back at PSU — the same place he met ecoterror leader Arrow — for the "Take back the tap" campaign, advocating for water-bottle filling stations on campus to reduce disposable plastic bottles.

Sherman not only helped secure a \$38,000 grant to help fund several stations, but convinced campus leaders to form a task force to institutionalize water conservation, so it would live on past his involvement.

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Attorney General opens investigation into Hayes, Kitzhaber

By HILLARY BORRUD
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum has opened an investigation into questions surrounding first lady Cylvia Hayes and her dealings with the administration of Gov. John Kitzhaber.

Rosenblum confirmed the investigation in a letter to Kitzhaber Monday morning, shortly after the governor asked Rosenblum to investigate.

"My office has already opened an investigation into this matter," Rosenblum wrote. "I appreciate your intent to cooperate fully."

Although Rosenblum did not disclose the issues her office will investigate, the Department of Justice has pursued well-known Oregonians for tax evasion in recent years. Cases included conservative initiative sponsor Bill Sizemore, who pleaded guilty in 2011 to three counts of felony tax

consulting jobs and her unpaid work as policy adviser, as well as the role of Kitzhaber associates in helping Hayes obtain some of those jobs. Public records released Friday revealed that Hayes directed state employees' work to adopt an economic indicator called the Genuine Progress Indicator, at the same time she was paid by a New York-based group to advocate for governments to adopt that specific indicator.

Kitzhaber said he and Hayes are already cooperating with the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, which is conducting a preliminary civil investigation of complaints against the governor and Hayes.

"Nonetheless, it is increasingly clear that the statutory process established to review questions of this nature, to determine the facts and to arrive at conclusions concerning whether laws have been violated has in no way stemmed the rush to judgment

currently underway in the Oregon media," Kitzhaber wrote in the letter to Rosenblum.

Kitzhaber also wrote, "I deeply regret that this situation has become a distraction from the important work of our state and look forward to your review and its conclusion."

In related news on Monday, Oregon City resident Arin Marcus filed a petition with the Oregon Supreme Court seeking a review of secretary of state Kate Brown's decision to reject

prospective petitions to recall Kitzhaber.

Tony Green, a spokesman for the secretary of state, said she has sought legal advice on how to respond. Brown's office said on Friday evening that two prospective recall petitions filed against the governor — one by Marus, and the other by members of Re-

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SCANDAL IN SALEM

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"I deeply regret that this situation has become a distraction from the important work of our state and look forward to your review and its conclusion."

— Excerpt from letter from Gov. John Kitzhaber to Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum

Bob Ball finds his balance

Portland developer revels in spending time with his son, Parker, and his building of the same name

By JOSEPH GALLIVAN
The Tribune

Bob Ball walks around the apartment building named after his toddler son, Parker, and none of the tenants know who he is. They greet his adorable child with oohs and ahhs almost as enthusiastic as those they reserve for each other's pet dogs.

Ball seems to enjoy the anonymity, asking do they use the first-floor community room, the courtyard fire pits or the dog washing station?

The Parker represents a fortunate man's latest gamble. Ball got out of the market in 2008, selling The Wyatt, his condo building at Northwest 13th and Lovejoy, when he sensed the real estate market peaking. Six months later, the Lehman Brothers meltdown brought on the Great Recession. The group that bought the Wyatt had to turn it from condos to apartments. Ball watched the meltdown from a distance, with a mixture of fear

and relief.

The Parker apartments opened last November, ahead of a six-pack of buildings being built in contiguous blocks in the North end of the Pearl District. Ball gives a chuckle as he contemplates his advantage. After getting out early, he got back in early too. As of early February it is 70 percent full — a milestone that wasn't expected to be reached until May.

"We moved the model unit over to this side of the building," he says, bouncing baby Parker in his arms. "Because where else

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Portland real estate developer Bob Ball and his son Parker look from the model unit of The Parker apartment building in the Pearl District. The window overlooks the site of the Overton Apartments, which will block his view but have to play catch up when it comes to finding renters.

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Sherman: Continuing to live the sustainable life

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Sherman has been part of PSU's Peer Mentorship program, helping to counsel students about academic and personal issues like college loans and resume-building.

But he kept out of the trenches of the protest fray, even when it all but infiltrated downtown.

Which raises the question: In an activist hotbed like Portland, once an activist, always an activist?

"Occupy ... has made student debt an issue that universities and politicians are paying attention to," says Sherman, who turns 33 this month. "It's just that I personally think that I can have a greater impact by working with and within organizations and institutions to create change. In a way, both are needed, but I know the latter is where my skill sets and strengths lie."

Transcendental journey

How did Sherman transform from a 19-year-old convicted felon to a pillar of the community, not just a student but a scholar who delivered his 2012 PSU commencement speech, telling his graduating class to "Dare to fail"? (He got the words tattooed on his right forearm after prison).

When he thinks about his former life now, Sherman says, it's like watching himself in a movie, surreal.

His perspective didn't come just after serving his time, but during. One of the first packages he received in prison was a copy of Henry David Thoreau's "Walden Pond" — a tale of transcendentalist solitude — from his uncle, a literature professor.

"He said, Jake, you have the opportunity for this to be your Walden Pond; the choice is yours," Sherman says. "I spent a lot of that time thinking about myself, who I was, how I'd gotten to be that way, trying to use it as an opportunity for growth."

The first thing on his list when he got out was to further his education, knowing that he had a leg up in prison, having had a private high school education — La Salle High in Milwaukie — while many of the men he served with weren't as fortunate, and had much longer sentences.

While his undergraduate and graduate studies at PSU led him down the path of sustainability work, he says, "It's very much about people, the type of future we want to live in."

SUSTAINABLE SOLUTIONS

Next month, March 6-7, the work by Jacob Sherman and others at the PSU's Institute for Sustainable Solutions will be validated when 140 international Fulbright scholars visit Portland to learn about the engagement work in the neighborhoods.

They'll hear how Portland has become known not as a top-down sustainable city, but one where grassroots efforts rise up from individuals, businesses and organizations.

The PSU team will work with First Stop Portland — directed by First Lady Nancy Hales — to lead the scholars on a tour of the city's four ecodistricts, facilitate discussions and share information.

"I think it's validating of the innovative, cutting-edge applied research and teaching that's going on here at PSU," Sherman says.

Here's a glimpse at the four initiatives the Institute for Sustainable Solutions has been working on:

■ The SoMa (South of Market) Parklet project downtown is taking shape at a spot in front of the food carts on Southwest Fourth Avenue.

PSU students will soon build a small gathering space for people to sit and eat as part of the city's "Street Seats" program. As of Jan. 31, the project surpassed its crowdfunding goal

— \$15,640 with 141 donors. Students in a PSU design-build course will acquire the materials, finalize the design, build the structure on campus in modules, and do the final installation on site in May.

■ In Lents, PSU students worked with the nonprofit Green Lents group to turn a city-owned lot into a community orchard. The Malden Court Community Orchard is planned for the intersection of Southeast 87th Avenue, Malden Court and the Springwater Trail.

■ In the Lloyd Ecodistrict, PSU students have worked with business leaders on initiatives to improve the sustainability of the Rose Quarter. They did a study of waste management in the district last spring; did some work on energy efficiency and alternative transportation; and held "eco-swaps" during neighborhood nights out, collecting items like vinyl signs, office supplies and coats to be donated and repurposed.

■ In Northeast Portland's Cully neighborhood, a group of 15 PSU graduate students in community health just released a draft report examining the mental health effects of gentrification, working in collaboration with the nonprofit Verde.

For more: pdx.edu/sustainability/iss.

As a fifth-generation Portlander, Sherman says the work he's doing holds special meaning, and he feels a deep sense of place.

He lives with his wife, 11-year-old son and nine-month-old daughter in a 900-square-foot house, no TV and a garden nearly as big as the house.

It's not far from where he grew up, the oldest of three kids, to a loving mother who divorced Sherman's dad when he was in middle school.

When he's not working, Sherman is planning his next hiking or backpacking trip or trying to run around 25 miles per week, training for his first ultra-marathon after completing his first marathon last year.

Recently, he ran home past Ross Island Sand and Gravel, one of the two sites he fire-bombed in 2001, causing \$50,000 in damage to three cement trucks.

For that, Sherman has written a public apology to Dr. Robert Pamplin Jr. (also the owner of the Portland Tribune), asking that he be judged on his actions during the past 14 years, as they've demonstrated his life lessons. And he asks for forgiveness.

(See the full apology letter online.)

Two months after the Ross Island arson, Sherman damaged three trucks at a logging company in Estacada, along with two other activists who were arrested and convicted.

Arrow, meanwhile, evaded authorities for years before he was convicted of two counts of arson for both incidents, served his time, made a bid for Portland mayor, participated in the Occupy protests and was arrested on domestic violence charges in 2012.

Not looking for the same kind of attention (even delaying a Tribune request for an interview by four months), Sherman is quick to play down his history, saying it's part of who he is, but it doesn't define him. And that he by no means has done it alone.

"We all in some regards stand on the shoulders of giants," he says, quoting Sir Isaac Newton. "Maybe those are important people who helped us out, seemingly unimportant people. Most anybody can look at their own story and recognize we are who we are today because of those people behind us."



Portland developer Bob Ball and his son Parker outside The Parker apartment building in the Pearl District. The building was named after the child.

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Ball: If the mayor called, he would answer

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can you get to see a city being built before your eyes?"

The window of the model unit looks down into the pit of the Overton Apartments. Construction crews are working a Saturday, with cranes hefting the steelwork of what will be a 26-floor tower into place. By the time it blocks the Parker's view south (obscuring the Wyatt and downtown) The Parker will probably be full with a waiting list.

Ball takes a personal interest in how his developments look. He was inspired to add exterior lights to The Wyatt after sitting in New York's Central Park at dusk and seeing the city light up.

"There's always been a part of me that wished I'd gone to New York and taken on the big city, coming from a very rural background, Knappa outside Astoria."

For the Parker he chose the art deco styling to give Jazz Age classiness. The residents had a Great Gatsby-themed party where they each received a copper mug for their Moscow Mules. He programs the colored LEDs himself on his laptop. Original, local art hangs in the hallways, including paintings named for Parker and his deceased twin Wyatt. The artist read the boys' story on Facebook and felt moved to paint.

To protect his son's delicate lungs from colds and infections, Ball elbow bumps rather than shakes hands, and no one who has been on a plane in the last

three days can enter their home.

When Ball and his partner Grant Jones decided they wanted children they found a surrogate mother. After one miscarriage, she conceived twins, who were born dangerously early at 26 weeks.

"Parker was 1 pound, 10 ounces. I could fit my wedding ring totally around his arm." Over an hour, he tells the story of Parker and Wyatt's birth and Wyatt's death, referring to pictures on Facebook as he goes. Incubators, baptisms, funeral, brag book ... Ball wears his heart on his sleeve as he talks about his boys.

"In the middle of building this I'd get up at four in the morning, come here make sure everything got done with the building. Then go to the hospital in the afternoon and hold them on my chest with my shirt off." He did this for 80 straight days.

When it became clear Wyatt would not make it, the fathers took his air mask off, carried him to the hospital courtyard to see the flowers and sun for the first time, then back into the chapel where he died in their hands within 10 minutes.

The Sept. 11, 2013 funeral for the six-week-old baby was big. Despite being lapsed Catholics, they secured St. Mary's Cathedral. Mayor Hales came, as did many police and civic leaders. Police supplied a security detail in case Ball's stalker showed up.

Clearly Jones and Ball have a lot of friends, and Ball still has political capital. In 2008, Ball's hopes of being mayor were sunk when

he clashed with candidate Sam Adams over the Beau Breedlove affair.

Asked about his political ambitions, Ball answers emphatically, "Zero. Zero. I have zero desire. Never say never but it's the last thing in the world I'd want to do right now. I just wouldn't want that life." He is happy being a hands on co-parent to Parker, CEO of Astor Pacific and a reserve commander in the Portland Police reserves.

He qualifies this. "I've figured out I can still have an impact by taking on one issue and seeing it through," such as the future of the Portland Building or the Mounted Patrol Unit. "If the mayor calls and says 'Can you do this?' and I feel like I can do a good job, then I'm in."

He wishes he had held on to some of his rentals, like his hero, Joe Weston. "It's income, it's retirement," he says.

Astor Pacific just closed on a property near Caffé Mingo on Northwest 21st Avenue. He hasn't started "drawing" yet but he expects it'll be a four story, 35-unit apartment with corner retail. It might be done in 18 months. It's a small project by any standard, but he expects to bring his own special touch to it. During The Parker's construction he was all over the building, checking on quality control. Up on the roof one day, inside the capstone he took a black Sharpie and wrote "Bob and Grant forever" in a heart, before it was sealed up. "This is not the Taj Mahal, I get that, but I think it's beautiful."

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Bus stop Romance

Portland couples share their love stories

By JIM REDDEN
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In these days of online dating, is it still possible for love to grow under an umbrella at a bus stop, as the Hollies sang in 1966?

Silly but it's true, say Steve and Roberta McHatton, who celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary last December after first meeting on a TriMet bus. Not only that, but the couple also took TriMet to meet Steve's mother for the first time in Vancouver.

"Neither of us had a car when we met," says Roberta. "Riding the bus together became a romantic and vital part of our relationship. We had quality time together on those bus rides, free to focus on each other and let the bus driver do the driving."

Steve and Roberta are just one of many couples who first met on TriMet. Fifteen others shared their stories in the weeks leading up to Valentine's Day as part of the agency's Ultimate Date Night Package contest. The maximum 250-word TriMet-related love stories were posted on the transit agency's Facebook page.

True love probably isn't what most people think about when they hear the name TriMet. But the stories are sweet and touching, slices of life that we usually don't notice happening around us. Chance encounters, exchanged glances, short conversations leading to longer ones, sometimes leading to a vow.

Readers voted for their favorites through 5 p.m. on Feb. 9. The winning couple received a romantic in-town get-away that included a one-night stay at Hotel deLuxe, a \$100 gift card to Gracie's Restaurant, a \$50 gift certificate to Living Room Theaters, and a \$20 gift card to Ca-cao.

That's the way the whole thing started for the winners, Anna Brandstaetter and Tommy Rigsby.

Anna was a German exchange student attending Portland State



TRIBUNE PHOTO: JAIME VALDEZ

This is where the whole thing started for TriMet contest winners Anna and Tommy Rigsby.

University in January 2010 when she noticed the handsome man sitting across from her on the bus. They looked at each other, but didn't exchange a word. One stop before she had to get off, another guy walked past the stranger and said, "Good night, Tommy."

When it was her time to get off, Anna thought it was too late to meet him, but said "Good night, Tommy" as she walked past. Anna was already off the bus when she heard him yell "Back door" at the driver and turned to find him standing there, looking shocked. Today, they are married and she is a Portlander.

"People ask what brought me to Portland and I say 'TriMet,'" says Anna, who still has a slight German accent. "One single bus ride and a ton of courage is all that it took."

Andrea says she noticed the cute guy on the bus every morning in Northwest Portland for a

year. Their eyes would meet from time to time, but she couldn't figure out how to start a conversation. She began talking about the "bus guy" to her coworkers. Finally one day he sat down next to her, saying he was changing routes and wanted to ask her out before it was too late. When she arrived to work that morning, Andrea said, "Bus guy finally talked to me. I just met the man I am going to marry." That was 16 years ago. Andrea and Joel McCarroll have been married for the past 13 years, live in Bend, and have two boys, ages 8 and 11.

Or consider Andrew Williamson, who met his girlfriend when they both got off the bus together at the Japanese Gardens. He was seeing the sights after moving to Portland and Esther Brock hopped on the bus because it was passing by. As they were getting off, Andrew said hi, she said howdy-doo, they walked and talked through the gardens for hours, and they're still together a year and a half

later. "We were complete strangers and just happened to take the bus to the same place at the same time," says Andrew.

Sylvia Malan-Gonzalez was pumped up and looking good with her Bettie Page hairdo while coming home with friends from seeing a Denzel Washington movie on the Number 9 bus in 2007. She spotted a studious looking guy on a PlayStation a few rows down and, just to impress her friends, walked over to him and said, "You have really nice hands, may I have your number?"

To Sylvia's amazement, he said the number but she was too flustered to memorize it. After she disembarked in front of a Shari's restaurant and took her bike off the front rack, Sylvia noticed he was walking up a hill. She pedaled after him and they ended up having orange juice at the Shari's. Christopher Atkins said he loved her a month later and they were married seven years ago last July.

Robert Young and his wife met by taking the bus from work at Washington Square on Christmas Eve in 1975. Neither had a car so they took TriMet everywhere. He even bought her a bus pass for Valentine's Day. They married the next year, and she still has it.

This is the third time TriMet has done a Valentine's related contest for riders. The prior contests were in 2007 and 2011.

"Riding transit brings many benefits, such as saving money, reducing the stress of driving, and increasing physical activity, but it also brings social benefits like connecting with people in your community and, for some, making a love connection. To engage our riders who follow TriMet on Facebook we decided to bring back the contest," says TriMet public information officer Roberta Altstadt.

You can read all the stories on TriMet's Facebook page

Hayes lines up criminal defense

First lady, governor now represented by separate attorneys

By HILLARY BORRUD
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon first lady Sylvia Hayes has retained criminal defense lawyers to handle questions about her taxes, after media reports suggested she failed to report as much as \$118,000 in income during Gov. John Kitzhaber's third term.

Hayes has not responded to questions about the discrepancy. Meanwhile, the governor has referred all questions on the matter to Hayes, who has been traveling in Sweden and Germany recently to visit friends and attend events related to her consulting business.

The first lady's decision to hire criminal attorneys was confirmed Monday by one of the civil attorneys who has represented Kitzhaber and Hayes since early November. The decision also means Hayes and Kitzhaber are now represented by separate legal teams that can focus on their clients' potentially opposing interests.

"In light of Ms. Hayes' recent tax situation, Whitney Boise

(who is copied on this email) will be taking over the representation of Ms. Hayes," Jim McDermott of the firm Ball Janik LLP wrote in an email Monday. "My firm will no longer be representing Ms. Hayes. My firm will continue representing Gov. Kitzhaber."

The email was originally sent to Willamette Week, and later was forwarded to other news organizations.

The "recent tax situation" McDermott referenced became apparent after the EO Media Group/Pamplin Media Group Capital Bureau reported on Jan. 27 that Hayes was paid \$118,000 early in Kitzhaber's third term to serve as a fellow for a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit that has done political work in Oregon. Hayes had not included that income on tax returns she provided to other news organizations last fall, Willamette Week reported. Kitzhaber and Hayes originally hired Ball Janik LLP around the time of the November election to represent the couple during a preliminary inquiry by the Oregon Government Ethics Commission.

Hayes' new defense team ultimately could handle more than her tax issues. News reports also have revealed Hayes used state resources to benefit her private consulting business, such as by tasking an employee in the Governor's Office with arranging travel related to her business. Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum informed Kitzhaber in a letter on Monday that her office had opened an investigation into Hayes' activities.



HAYES

Investigation:

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publican Dennis Richardson's 2014 gubernatorial campaign — could not move forward because they were filed too early.

Under the Oregon Constitution, the governor or any other official must be in office for six months before anyone can launch a recall effort. In addition, the Secretary of State's office referred to a 1966 Oregon attorney general's opinion

that the constitution refers to the first six months of the official's current term, so a Kitzhaber recall could not proceed at this point despite his previous term.

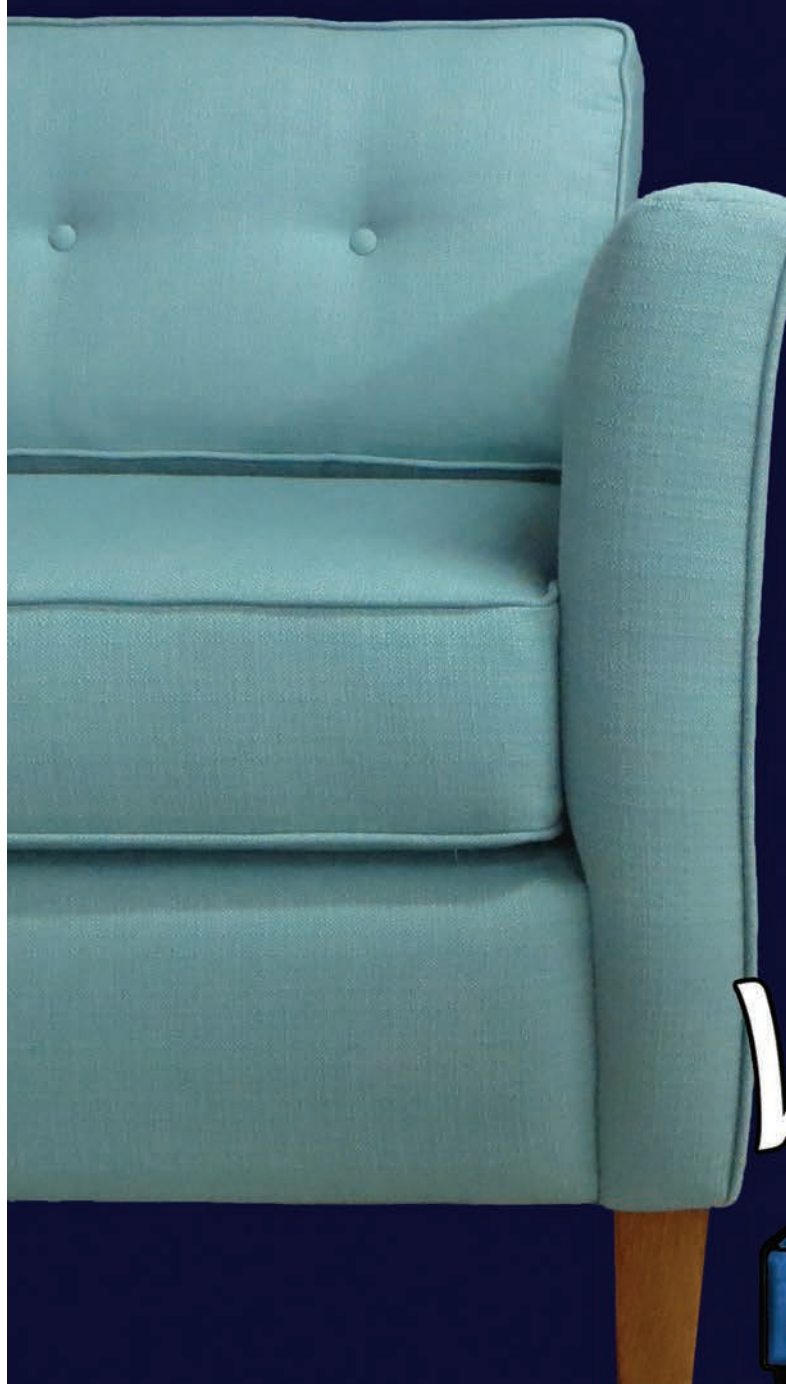
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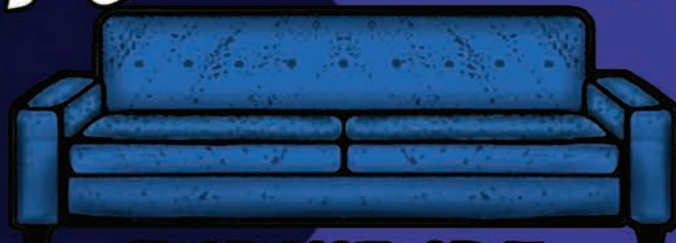
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Forget scarecrows — fireworks possible

Bill would allow for louder way of scaring off birds

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Legislation that would expand the use of fireworks to repel birds in Oregon will be voted on by the state House after key lawmakers recommended passing the bill.

House Bill 2432, which would broaden the use of fireworks beyond protecting crops and forest products, moved to the House floor with a unanimous “do pass” recommendation from the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources on Feb. 3.

The bill would allow the state fire marshal to issue permits for using fireworks at golf courses, landfills, airports, seafood facilities and other properties, in addition to farms and forests.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal stopped issuing fireworks permits for golf courses and landfills to scare off geese



House Bill 2432 would broaden the use of fireworks for repelling birds at places such as golf courses. TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

and other birds in 2010, after it was brought to the agency’s attention that such uses were limited by law to farms and forests, said Anita Phillips, license and permits manager for the agency.

The bill would clarify the law and allow the state agency to again issue such permits, she

said. The agency doesn’t expect more than 50 additional applications as a result of the change, Phillips said.

Representatives of the Oregon Farm Bureau, the Humane Society of the United States and the Oregon Humane Society all

urged committee members to support the legislation, though they mentioned some concerns.

Animal advocates said fireworks must be used responsibly because they can frighten pets, while the Oregon Farm Bureau noted only two wholesale fireworks dealers can sell to farmers and other property owners in the state.

During the Feb. 3 hearing, the committee also moved House Bill 2475, which would authorize penalties of up to \$100 for veterinarians who commit minor infractions, to the floor with a “do pass” recommendation.

The fines would be the equivalent of a “traffic ticket” for minor violations, such as failing to notify regulators of an address change, that would not reflect negatively on a veterinarian’s disciplinary record, said Lori Makinen, director of the Oregon Veterinary Medical Examining Board.

The committee held a hearing on another bill — House Bill 2474 — that would require the registration and regulation of veterinary facilities to ensure they meet state standards.

Currently, state regulators only have authority over veterinarians, not facilities. That could create problems if substandard conditions were found at a clinic owned by a corporation or non-veterinarian, Makinen said.

However, the committee held off on referring the bill to the House floor pending further discussion and possible amendments.

Hayes’ apology ‘possibly’ insincere

The news that first lady Cylvia Hayes failed to report \$118,000 in consulting fees to the IRS in 2011 and 2012 undermines her public apology last year for not previously reporting a much smaller amount of money on her taxes.

Hayes appeared at an Oct. 9 press conference to take responsibility for illegally marrying an immigrant for \$5,000 in 1997. Wilamette Week uncovered the short marriage while reporting that Hayes was exploiting her relationship with Gov. John Kitzhaber to boost her private consulting business last year.

At the press conference, a tearful Hayes admitted she had “possibly” not reported the \$5,000 to the IRS, and had hired an attorney to research the possible repercussions. “I’m here to accept responsibility and accept the consequences for what I’ve done,” she said.

That didn’t include confessing to doing the same thing with an even larger amount of money just a few years earlier, however. The previously undisclosed payment was first reported on Jan. 27 by the EO Media Group/Pamplin Media Group Capital Bureau.

Scandal? What scandal?

The scandal engulfing Kitzhaber and Hayes may be big news in Oregon, but it has received little national news coverage so far, especially compared to allegations over the years against other governors, such as New Jersey’s Chris Christie.

Newspapers such as the Washington Post and Los Angeles Times apparently only noticed the story when The Oregonian demanded Kitzhaber resign last week, many months after the first questions about Hayes mixing her public and private roles surfaced. And even

then, the out-of-state coverage has consisted mostly of summaries of stories from Oregon news outlets, with no original reporting.

That may change now that Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum has said she is investigating the situation. But the national coverage still is likely to remain below the level generated by former Toronto Mayor Rob Ford’s previous antics.

Battle of the press releases

Although the new session of Congress started just last month, Oregon U.S. Sens. Jeff Merkley and Ron Wyden seem to be on track to set some kind of record for the number of press releases they are going to issue this year. During January, Merkley’s office sent out 11 press releases and Wyden’s office sent out 14, for a total of 26, or nearly one a day.

Some of the press releases even overlapped, with Merkley and Wyden issuing two joint press releases on Jan. 8 — one about introducing bills to increase the timber harvest and another about introducing a bill to roll back hemp restrictions. And some were joint press releases with other members of Congress about bills or issues.

Most were single releases from each office, however, and the subjects hardly ever were the same, giving you some idea how many different issues their press aides can pick and choose from these days.

And, First District Oregon Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici isn’t far behind, with 10 press releases sent out in January.

In contrast, Oregon Third District Congressman Earl Blumenauer’s office only sent out three press releases.

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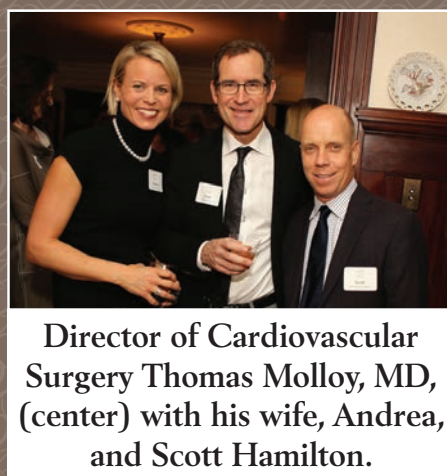
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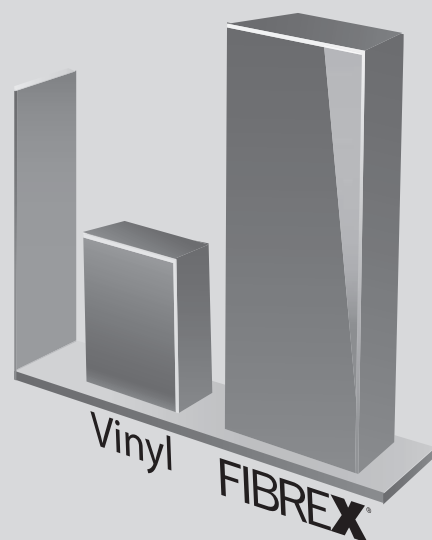
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Rape prosecutions shouldn't be limited

Victims of rape and sexual assault must cope with their emotional pain for life. Why, then, does Oregon law allow the people who perpetrate these crimes to be freed from the threat of prosecution in as little as six years?

As reported on Tuesday in the Portland Tribune, two courageous women are publicly telling their stories of horrifying sexual assaults in an attempt to alter the statute of limitations for rape in Oregon. For the state's legislators, this should not be a difficult issue at all. There are compelling reasons to lengthen the statute of limitations for such cases — or to abolish the limits altogether.

The experiences of Danielle Tudor and Brenda Tracy provide maddening examples of why Oregon's law needs to be changed. Tudor was raped by Richard Troy Gillmore in

1979. Her story came to light after the Portland Tribune and Gresham Outlook reported in 2007 that Gillmore — known as the “jogger rapist” — was scheduled to be released on parole after having served only a third of his 60-year sentence.

The subsequent public outcry halted Gillmore's release and brought victims such as Tudor forward, but the rapist probably wouldn't have been eligible for parole in the first place if he had been convicted of all the crimes he had committed.

Although Gillmore admitted to nine rapes, including the assault on Tudor, he was convicted of just one of his crimes. Many of his rapes could not be prosecuted because they fell outside the six-year statute of limitations.

Tracy was a 24-year-old waitress at a restaurant in Keizer back in 1998, when she reported being raped and sodomized by four men

after a night on the town with others in Corvallis. Three of them were football players at Oregon State University. Tracy says she was discouraged from proceeding to trial by the Benton County district attorney, who gave her the impression it would be a difficult case to prove.

Now, Tracy wishes she had pursued justice, but she has been stymied by the statute of limitations and the fact that DNA evidence was not preserved.

These two women are far from alone in having been assaulted by men and then abused by the justice system.

At least one of every six women in the United States is a survivor of rape or a target of attempted rape. (Three percent of men have been rape victims.) Too often, the victims choose not to prosecute immediately because they have been traumatized and aren't prepared for another ordeal.

With technological advances — such as DNA evidence — the opportunity to take years-old rape cases to trial is better today than in the past. Rapists should not be allowed to believe the threat of exposure and prosecution has been lifted after a mere six years.

Oregon has one of the nation's shortest statutes of limitations for rape, although it is longer for victims under age 18, and there is an exception if DNA evidence is involved. Tudor and Tracy are lobbying Oregon lawmakers to dramatically extend that time period.

Legislators should do just that, or even remove the statute of limitations altogether for rape.

Lawmakers may have many hard decisions to make in the 2015 legislative session, but this isn't one of them. It is only fair that rapists should have to deal with their crimes for just as long as their victims do.

READERS' LETTERS

Clinton problems come from Division restrictions

I live only a couple of blocks from this stretch of Clinton and Division streets. I walk a lot, bicycle occasionally and drive my car when I need to go more than just a few miles (Clinton Street rolls with unwelcome wave of traffic, conflict, Feb. 5).

More than a year ago or so, I saw this problem on Clinton developing acutely with the actual redesign of Division Street from SE 12th all the way to SE 39th (I even had a rather critical letter to the editor posted). Road capacity was effectively reduced substantially by the planned redesign.

Division Street is/was intended to be a main thoroughfare connecting the outer east side with downtown. It is this no more, particularly between 20th and 39th. In addition, mixed-use buildings and taller condominium high-rises were encouraged for the stretch of Division from 26th to 39th. This sharp increase in density did not include corresponding parking in commensurate quantity.

City and Metro planning have effectively caused this current frustration for bicyclists and automobile drivers on Clinton Street. One point of relief might be to have additional parking added to the stretch of Division between 26th and 39th, so lunch- and dinner-hour restaurant parking can be greatly reduced from spilling over on to Clinton Street (one street over).

Another idea would be to allow car traffic on the 26th to 39th stretch of Clinton to be local access only by those in the neighborhoods just north and south of Clinton (including those on Clinton themselves) during “rush” hours. But first it should be tried just getting the spill-over parking off Clinton by creating more parking on Division itself.

For the longer term, I would ask my neighbors to take a hard line against reducing nearby Powell Boulevard from its current lane alignment down to just one lane each way, as might occur based on the evolving Metro/City of Portland “Southeast Powell Rapid Transit and Development Plan.”

Moreover, although this is sacrilege, I would also ask my neighbors to ask their government leaders to ease the urban growth boundary and not cram us all together into ever tighter and tighter living spaces here in the inner city, all in the name of “smart growth.”

Bob Clark
Southeast Portland

Kitzhaber is failing to lead, should resign

This guy, Gov. John Kitzhaber, is an absolute disgrace and embarrassment to the people of the state of Oregon as a leader. It's time for him to resign and leave (Kitzhaber leaves many questions unanswered, Feb. 3). And I can't help but wonder what Dr. Laura, the former broadcaster, would call our “first lady.”

He's telling us, “If Sylvia wants to talk to the press, she will get in touch with you.” My advice: Don't wait up.

Bill Whiteman
McMinnville

Make sure to check out all the loopholes

The state Legislature also needs to review tax exemptions to make sure the



taxpayers are getting the desired result of such exemptions, rather than merely facilitating a free ride for some corporations and individuals (Lawmakers start review of tax credits, web story, Feb. 3).

Roger H. Kofler
Jennings Lodge

Hospital also contributed to diminished community

Legacy Emanuel Medical Center is another reason people got moved (Black history: Planting roots in Portland, Feb. 3).

It's somewhat misleading that you own property as an individual person in the U.S. If a large institution wants your property, kiss it goodbye. They will pay you what they decide to pay, but you will have to move.

Mary Saunders
Northeast Portland

Wouldn't you like relief from Highway 99W traffic?

As a former resident of both Portland and McMinnville, I am puzzled at the opposition to the idea of a transit corridor in Southwest Portland (Southwest transit plans delayed in name of public involvement, Feb. 3). Do people like driving through Tigard at a crawl on Highway 99W?

Last time I was in the area, about three years ago, I rented a car and drove to McMinnville. At that point, I had been gone for eight years, and the traffic was just as bad as before, if not worse.

Has there been a whispering campaign,

as there was the first time the South-North MAX line from Vancouver to Milwaukie was proposed in the 1990s, saying that “those people” will come and recruit children for gangs?”

Karen Sandness
Minneapolis, Minn.

Not everyone can catch a ride with Uber

Thank you, Jim Redden, for being the first local journalist to bring up the equity issue. I really appreciate it (Cabbies get in driver's seat, form alliance, Jan. 15).

There are lots of underserved, vulnerable people out there who don't have smart phones or credit cards, and do have transportation needs. Without cab companies — which comply with the city regulations about X no. of cars being handicap accessible and abide by federal Americans with Disabilities Act laws — some of these people are literally trapped in their homes.

As a medical transportation cabbie, I'm happy to serve them, even at discounted rates, even though I'm not paid in cash, and even though I can't accept gratuity. Uber isn't. In fact, organizations that represent the vision-impaired are suing Uber for refusing to service multiple clients with guide dogs, and one Uber driver put the guide dog of a blind individual in the trunk. Google it.

Wynde Dyer
Northeast Portland

Paid sick leave is critical for classrooms

I'm a teacher, so I see firsthand what a cold or the flu can do to a classroom full of kids. Andrea Paluso's

comments on paid sick days really hit home for me (Higher pay creates better future for all, guest column, Jan. 29).

And I know that when one of my students gets sick, what's best for them is to stay home and rest up. Unfortunately not every student is able to do that.

When a parent doesn't have paid sick days at work and their child gets sick, they're forced to make a choice between staying home with their child and losing pay, or sending their child to school anyway so that they can go to work and earn the money they need to provide for their family.

That's a hard choice, and many times, as I've seen over the years, when a parent doesn't have paid sick days, they'll decide that they have to send their child to school because there's no one at home to take care of their child. When these kids come into the classroom sick, the cycle just keeps repeating itself, with more sick kids and more sick parents, and more parents having to decide whether they can afford to stay home or if they have to send their child to school sick.

I don't blame these parents, and these are choices that no one likes to make. These parents are making the best of difficult and unfair circumstances. But Oregonians have got to know and understand that this is a real problem. Forcing hardworking parents to make a choice between taking care of their children and being able to provide for their children is impossible and unfair.

Every Oregonian should get paid sick days.

Kelly Nichols
Southeast Portland

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Black families are leaving PPS, with many going east

Hispanic student population continues to rise in Portland

By SHASTA KEARNS MOORE
The Tribune

Portland Public Schools is losing its black student population while neighboring school districts are growing theirs, according to data released recently from the Oregon Department of Education.

Black student enrollment at PPS is down to 4,861 students, a decrease of 2.84 percent over

last year. Compared to 2012 enrollment data, PPS has lost nearly 400 black students, a decrease of 7.6 percent over the last two years.

Meanwhile, black student enrollment in all surrounding districts has increased. For example, eastside Reynolds School District is up 5.96 percent and David Douglas School District is up 1.28 percent.

PPS, the largest district in Oregon, still has the largest total number of black students, who make up slightly more than 10 percent of its 47,647 students.

Enrollment figures across Oregon are painting a picture

of a state of a different hue as Hispanic students continue to be the fastest-growing student group, now at 22 percent.

"Oregon's demographics are changing. As a state, we must achieve significantly better outcomes for students of color if we want to see our achievement results increase statewide," said Oregon Department of Education Deputy Superintendent Rob Saxton in a news release. "Our state is working to address these needs with the Governor's strategic initiatives designed to help close achievement gaps, better support students, and more actively involve historically un-

derstood communities and families."

Hispanic enrollment at PPS is up 1.4 percent this year to 7,516 students.

PPS is also the second-fastest growing school district in the state, according to the statistics released Wednesday, Feb. 4.

Bend-La Pine Schools grew the fastest at a rate of 1.75 percent, while PPS added 536 kids at a rate of 1.14 percent over last year.

Download the 2014-15 enrollment data, including statewide numbers for race and ethnicity, at ODE.state.or.us.

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Toys roll in, but families struggle with basic needs

Charity programs often find their hands are tied

By SHASTA KEARNS MOORE
The Tribune

Taran Dodge's mom thinks he has super powers. The 3-year-old has been through so much in his short life and still manages to bounce back with a smile.

"If he has another day like yesterday, they might let us out tomorrow!" Kelsey Smith wrote last week from Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel in North Portland.

But Taran didn't have another good day, and the family is stuck in medical limbo as the drama from the latest of more than two dozen surgeries in his young life plays out.

Families like the Dodges struggle every day in hospitals across the Portland area and the nation.

Charity drives often focus on the desires of children in hospitals — collecting and distributing toys, blankets or sweets. But many families, especially "frequent fliers" to the hospital, find that other needs are more pressing.

"My son has been in and out of the hospital (mostly in) for the past year, and every time we go in they give us a blanket, and a pillow case and usually a toy or 20," says Crissy Maurer, a Hillsboro resident whose 4-year-old son Elijah recently completed his last cancer treatment. "I'm grateful for them, it's a nice gesture, but, oh my gosh, after 100-plus hospital admissions I am running out of places to put this stuff, and my son brings his own blanket that he prefers and won't even use the ones they give us anyway."

Maurer says she declines these offerings in the hopes that another family can use them. But she also wishes other ideas for supporting families in crisis were more popular.

"The most practical gifts we get are gas station gift cards, gift cards to either the hospital food court or nearby food options, a pair of sweats or pajamas for the parent, travel-size bottles of hygiene stuff," Maurer says, adding, "My son's favorite thing to get are always pajamas, so he doesn't have to wear the itchy hospital gowns."

Hospitals' hands are tied

Gift certificates to restaurants and gas stations or deliveries of food were a popular request for many of the 17 parents of high-needs kids who responded to an informal survey by the Portland Tribune.

Parents said they quickly tire of hospital cafeteria food, feel bad eating vending machine junk and find it terribly expensive to eat out three meals a day, every day that their child is in the hospital. Child care for siblings still at home, distractions with hospital-certified therapy animals or music programs, and self-care options for parents were among the other responses.

But a spokeswoman for Shriners Hospital for Children in Portland says the hands of hospitals to provide or organize some of these services for families are tied by insurance regulations.

"We have to be really careful about what we say we want and what we say we don't want," says Kay Weber-Ekeya. While they see the — at times desperate — need of kids and their families for taxis or gas or food, Weber-



Taran Dodge, 3, endured a major abdominal surgery to correct issues with his digestive system on Jan. 30. Dodge was born with much of his intestine outside of his body.

COURTESY OF KELSEY SMITH



Justin Dodge of Northeast Portland cuddles with his son, Taran, at Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel. Taran's mom, Kelsey Smith, who is eight months pregnant, with a 17-year-old at home, says finding and affording healthy meals are a big issue during their repeat hospital stays.

COURTESY OF KELSEY SMITH

Ekeya says they don't request donations for these things because they are not allowed to give the appearance of incentivizing a hospital stay or offering rewards for choosing their medical program over another.

"It kind of puts us in a pickle," she says.

For donors interested in helping, Weber-Ekeya encourages philanthropists to call a hospital's donations coordinator to see what sort of items are needed

before organizing a campaign.

Stuffed animals, for example, are not always a sanitary choice and take up a lot of room, but Beanie Babies are a good alternative. Homemade blankets add a comforting touch to a sterile hospital room, but they need to be the right size and age-appropriate designs for infants to teenagers.

Weber-Ekeya says it can be difficult to talk about these issues because they don't want to

discourage donations or insult donors.

"It takes a village, really, around here to keep our kids in care," she says. "We never want to discourage anyone to follow their passion, to send something to the hospital."

Hospital wishlist

Sarah Porter, a pediatric social worker at Randall Children's Hospital at Legacy Emanuel, says she regularly sees families struggle with meal expenses during hospital stays.

"All too often the answer we have to give is we just can't give the resources because they're just not out there," Porter says, noting that Legacy's Pediatric Charity Care Fund sometimes can be used for these needs. "But we don't have enough to help with every family who is struggling with those needs, certainly."

Porter says this can make a stressful situation even more so.

Susan Sherwood, a Child Life specialist at Doernbecher Children's Hospital, says even families who consider themselves financially stable can struggle with the economic impact of a long-term illness or condition.

Sherwood says donations of any kind are needed and appreciated, but needs can change from month to month.

"We definitely appreciate people who call to ask what is needed," she says.

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Gary was born and raised in Medford, Ore., to Lucian and Marjorie Van Gordon. He attended Medford schools, and graduated from Oregon State University in 1977. A long awaited son, he was dearly loved and spoiled by his three older sisters. This is no doubt where he got his strong self-confidence, and amazing ability to win any argument.

Full of mischief and loving pranks, Gary first gained notoriety as a streaker at Oregon State, as documented on the front page of the school newspaper. Following graduation and work as an account executive for AT&T, he later turned this "naked ambition" into an innovative and thriving software solutions business with his friend and partner Chuck Van Meter, developing interactive voice response systems. His work at Interactive Northwest, Inc. has been widely praised within the industry.

In 2005, Gary married his childhood sweetheart, Lori DuBay Ratto. Being a great father and grandfather was just one of his many talents. He loved the fierce competition of racquetball, and played often. But his greatest passion, other than Lori, was fishing.

He spent countless hours on the river below his home, the ocean, or wherever there were "fish on!" His fishing stories were legendary among his cronies, particularly his hilarious "As the Impeller Turns" adventures of his alter ego, "Arnie." We can only imagine what he and Arnie are cooking up now.

Gary is survived by his wife, Lori Van Gordon, his children Matthew Van Gordon and Alisa (John) De Clerck; stepchildren Cara (Ryan) Caffall, John Ratto and Angela Ratto; grandchildren Krista and Kyle De Clerck; his mother, Marjorie M. Marks; his sisters Judith Alder, Leslie (Randy) Hall, and Linda (Tom) McKinney; his children's mother, Diane Van Gordon; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, close friends and racquetball and fishing buddies. No one was loved, or loved more.

A celebration of Gary's life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Gary's memory can be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), or the Coastal Conservation Association (CCA) 1006 West 11th Street, Vancouver, WA 98660

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Leo was born in Aberdeen, South Dakota in 1929 to Philipina Bitz, and Joseph Benfit, joining brother Sonny and sisters Lena and Jenny. Leo moved to Oregon with his family in 1941. He graduated from Washington High School. Leo met Colleen Ranger at Carver Park during an outing with friends. They were married at St Ignatius Catholic Church on July 23, 1949. They raised their family of eight children in St Peter's Parish, located in SE Portland. The clan of eight gave Leo 24 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Leo worked for 21 years at Rexall Drugs and retired in 1994 from a career in the hotel and restaurant supply business. He enjoyed spending time with his family, deer and elk hunting, fishing, camping, woodworking, gardening, reading, tinkering around the house and had a longstanding fascination with flashlights. He was quick with a joke. A great story teller and would strike up a conversation with anyone. He is survived by his loving wife of 65 years, Colleen, children Paul (Sue), Janet (Greg), Joe, Greg (Kathy), Pete (Sara), Diane (Mark), Steve (Karen), Carol (Shaun), grandkids, great grandkids, sister Lena Atherton and extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Sonny, sister Jenny and grandson Ethan. He has been a resident of Gresham since 1978 and a longtime member of St Henry Catholic Church. Rest in peace, Zeke. Your family will miss you terribly.

A Scriptural Rosary will be said at 10:30 a.m., Friday, February 13 at St. Henry Catholic Church followed by a funeral mass at 11 a.m. The family suggests contributions be made to St. Vincent DePaul.

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Lee Ann Gadilauskas

August 24, 1953 to January 2, 2015

Lee Ann was born in Washington, MO on August 24, 1953. After graduation from high school, Lee Ann moved to Northern California where she attended California State University at Humboldt, graduating with a degree in theater arts and a master's in theater direction. Lee Ann loved the Pacific Northwest she lived in West Linn since 1998.



Before founding her grant writing company, Tech Write, in 1999, Lee Ann worked as a manager for Job Corps, JPTA and Clackamas Mental Health. Being self-employed gave Lee Ann the freedom to pursue her passions of travel, reading, the theater arts and astrology. Lee Ann wrote grants for the Lakewood Center, Lake Oswego Arts Foundation, Clackamas Repertory Theater, Clackamas Arts, Rose Charter School, Marylhurst University and Clackamas Community College Arts Foundation.

Lee Ann loved to travel and give back to her community. She had visited all 50 states and traveled internationally. Lee Ann was First Lady of the Royal Rosarians in 2011 and traveled to all the Northwest Festivals. She was a member of the Lake Oswego Rotary, a Loaves and Fishes and YMCA volunteer. She served on the boards of Rose City Charter School and the Clackamas Repertory Theater.

Lee Ann is survived by her husband of 27 years, Ray Hanson; son Alan Hanson, daughter Lea Ann Hanson-Burr and grandsons Seth, Colton and Cody.

Lee Ann passed away Jan. 2 of pancreatic cancer after a very short illness. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

A celebration of life will be held at 2 p.m. Feb. 15 at Pure Space, 1315 N.W. Overton in Portland.

Remembrances may be made to Lakewood Center for the Arts or Lake Oswego Rotary Foundation.

In Loving Memory

Maxine L. (Manke) Jenovich

March 31, 1920 – January 15, 2015

Maxine Lucille (Manke) Jenovich was the first child born to Gussie (Wright) Manke and Max O. Manke on March 31, 1920. She was soon joined by two brothers Milton and Lyle (Deceased). The family lived in Rosthern, Sask., Canada before coming to the United States in 1923. Max was a barber and after the children were in school, Gussie worked at Sears Roebuck. Maxine attended Jefferson High School and graduated in 1936 at age sixteen. She went to work at Montgomery Ward and purchased her family an electric refrigerator with her first paycheck.



She knew Glynn Jenovich at Jefferson High School, but they did not begin dating until after graduation. While they were courting, their regular weekend activity was dancing to the Big Bands which came to Portland, including Glenn Miller and Tommy Dorsey. Maxine and Glynn were married May 20, 1939 and celebrated 67 years together before Glynn's death in 2006. When World War II began, Glynn enlisted in the Coast Guard, eventually becoming a cook and baker on the Navy Transport Carrier, U.S.S. Black. (Family and friends continued to enjoy his famous cinnamon rolls throughout his lifetime.) Maxine lived with her parents and worked as a long-distance telephone operator for Pacific NW Bell. She loved making connections on the old pull cord style boards between "couples from one end of the world to the other". Their oldest daughter, Lynn, was born in 1944. When Glynn was discharged from the service, Maxine and Glynn purchased their first home on North Michigan Avenue in Portland. Their second daughter, Sherry, was born in 1947. In 1949, they made a huge decision for that time, purchasing an acre of land on

Walnut Street in Tigard and settling their family into a new home in the suburbs. In this pre-I-5 era, their friends and family thought they had lost their minds moving so far from the city. They planted huge gardens and raised chickens. Today, third and fourth generations of the Jenovich family still inhabit the home built on that first acre on Walnut Street. In 1956 Maxine's parents, the Mankes, also built a home on Walnut Street where they lived until their deaths.

Maxine was a Mazama member prior to her marriage and climbed every major mountain in Oregon and Washington. After her children were settled in school, Maxine worked for 25 years in the Tigard School District. Her son-in-law, Mike Nelson, served two terms on the school board in the late 70's and she had a daughter retire from Tigard High where two grand-daughters, Donna Kerkering and Deanna Nihill, are now employees. (Her Grandson-in-law, Jerry Nihill is the Principal at Mary Woodward Elementary.) A firm commitment and tradition in education was established in Maxine's family. Maxine and Glynn attended Calvin Presbyterian Church and then Tualatin Presbyterian Church where both their daughters are also members. Maxine was an ordained Elder and both she and Glynn were trained Bethel Bible scholars. After Glynn died Maxine lived at Pacific Pointe where she led exercise classes for her neighbors. She continued to be active in PEO, Chapter C, and met regularly with other retired school district employees. Her final years were spent at The Blessing House, a most wonderful Foster Care Home where she was lovingly cared for until her death January 15, 2015.

Maxine is survived by her brother Milton Manke, her two daughters, Lynn Scroggin and Sherry Nelson (Mike), five grandchildren, Dan Scroggin (Summer), Deanna Nihill (Jerry), Donna Kerkering (Rod), Erin Nelson (Emily) and Paige Nelson. There are twelve great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Maxine was adored by her husband and cherished by all her family and friends. She will be greatly missed. A Memorial Service will celebrate Maxine's life on Saturday, February 21, at 2:00 PM at Tualatin Presbyterian Church, 9230 SW Siletz Dr. Tualatin, OR 97062. Memorial gifts may be given in Maxine's name to the church.

In Loving Memory

Jeane Elizabeth Safranski

January 26, 1935
to January 3, 2015



Jeane Elizabeth Safranski, age 79 of King City, Ore., passed away surrounded by her family on Saturday, January 3, 2015.

She was born into the loving family of the late Martin Francis Safranski and Claire Agnes Safranski on January 26, 1935, the fourth of seven children. Jeane attended Assumption Grade School and Immaculata High School, before attending Portland Community College, where she received an Associate degree in Communication.

Family and friends were Jeane's passion and delight. She traveled to California, Alaska, and Hawaii visiting her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She loved her beach house in Rockaway Beach, Oregon where we all spent many memorable days with her over the years.

Jeane was an active member of St. Francis Catholic Church, where she was a Eucharistic Minister, and performed several duties in and around the church.

Jeane is survived by her four children; Jim Brown, Debbie Seivers (Tony Seivers), Martin Brown (Kathy Brown), and Susie Wilkie; as well as nine grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. Jeane is also survived by all of her siblings; Jo Duke, Mickie Dinsmore, Dick Safranski, Annie Kuehl, Christy Bremer, and Jim Safranski.

Jeane requested a small private funeral, which was held at St. Francis Catholic Church in Sherwood, Oregon on January 8, 2015. Her ashes were scattered from the mountains to the sea, where she will always be with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved her. Jeane would love it if when spotting a rainbow you think of her in Heaven.

Auditor not happy with city's budget process

By JIM REDDEN
The Tribune

City Auditor Mary Hull Caballero is criticizing the city's budgeting process just as work begins on the annual budget that will take effect on July 1.

Among other things, an audit released by Caballero's office on Wednesday says the city does not have a clear set of budget priorities to follow. As a result, council members who oversee individual bureaus fight for them without enough regard for larger issues.

"Without improvements, the city will continue to spend substantial time to produce some information that ultimately has limited use, and the value of bureau and public effort in the budget process will remain questionable," says the audit, which noted that two audits released in 2013 said the same thing.

The audit also said the budget process is too time-consuming, with some bureaus spending up to 10 months developing a budget

that will be used for 12 months. "Several bureau directors told us that developing the budget requires too many resources, with one saying that time spent on the budget takes away from providing services," the audit says.

And the audit questioned the value of the extensive public involvement process that includes citizens serving on a variety of budget advisory committees. Although some committee members and bureau managers found their input helpful, others disagreed.

The audit includes several recommendations for improving the budget process, including:

- Establishing citywide priorities for use in budget and other strategic planning decisions.

- Providing priorities earlier in the budget process so the bureaus that start their budget work early — the larger bureaus — have the information as they begin the process.

- Adopting a two-year budget, which some local governments have done to reduce staff time

spent on budget preparation and analysis. Budget law allows a two-year budget.

In a letter of response, Mayor Charlie Hales said he agreed with the recommendations and noted that he led a council discussion about city priorities in November 2013. Hales admitted the council did not reach consensus, however, prompting him to issue his own set of priorities for bureaus to follow.

After years of budget cuts caused by the Great Recession that reduced revenue, the city is projected to have more money to spend next year. Although the ending balance is not yet known, \$14.4 million in additional one-time monies have so far been identified. The council has passed a measure to spend half that money on infrastructure maintenance projects. Bureau requests submitted to date already exceed the remaining \$7.2 million.

The audit can be read at <http://bit.ly/1Dy2T70>.

Democrats, Republicans, and now, Independents

Independent Party achieves major party status in Oregon

By PETER WONG
Capital Bureau

Oregon's newest major political party is the Independent Party, which, subject to another check this summer, will be able to choose its candidates in the same statewide primary election as Democrats and Republicans.

Secretary of State Kate Brown made the declaration Monday, one week after the party reported 108,742 voters registered with the party. The number was just above the threshold of 108,739, which is 5 percent of the total votes cast for governor Nov. 4.

The party was founded in 2007. Its co-leaders are Dan Meek and Linda Williams, both of Portland.

"The Independent Party of Oregon was created to provide ballot access to candidates who do not want to run as Democrats or Republicans, and to make our leaders more responsive to the concerns of our members," its website says.

Brown says the party's status is subject to recertification by Aug. 17, the legal deadline for a determination for the 2016 primary, which will be May 17.

Major-party status brings with it the ability to run a publicly funded primary, as

Democrats and Republicans have done since Oregon voters instituted primary elections in 1904.

But unlike its previous status, the Independent Party will have to run candidates who are registered with the party. In previous elections, the party has been able to cross-nominate candidates who already won Democratic and Republican nominations, as well as nominate candidates through its own process.

Independent Party nominee Chuck Lee of Keizer, who was not cross-nominated, failed in his bid Nov. 4 to win the open House District 25 seat won by Republican Bill Post of Keizer.

The Independent Party conducted the first Internet-only primary in 2010.

Although cross-nominated candidates have won, the Independent Party has yet to win a state office.

A sizable share of Oregon's registered voters apparently is up for grabs. Almost a quarter of registered voters are not affiliated with any party, a status that is not the same as registration in the Independent Party.

Oregon politics has not had a third force in about two decades, since Ross Perot's independent candidacy for president won 24 percent of the Oregon votes cast in 1992.

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Placing an obituary is a final keepsake of a loved one and provides a memorial tribute to their life.

In Loving Memory

A Dawn Rae Johnson

October 4, 1976 – January 26, 2015

On January 26th A Dawn Rae Johnson died of natural causes at the age of 38. Dawn was born in Portland on October 4, 1976.

She had a quirky sense of humor, deeply caring for those she called friends, and loved books and nature. She loved all animals, but had a particular fondness for cats. All the neighborhood cats knew her. Even though she was intellectually-gifted and talented in music and the arts, sensory-awareness issues made her life a struggle. She was just learning to deal with this and move forward when her body gave out.

She leaves behind her mother, Lily Johnson, and her brother, McCreary. A memorial service will be arranged at a future date. If you wish to honor her, please make a donation to the Humane Society or the Autism Program at OHSU. She touched many lives in her 38 years.

Nathan Lee McCoy

November 6, 1976 - January 30, 2015

Nathan was born in Portland, Oregon and raised in Boring, Oregon. He went to Boring Grade School, then Sandy High School. He worked at Oregon Wilbert Vault for 10 years. He loved sports and animals. His favorite teams were the Portland Trailblazers, Oregon State Beavers and the Seattle Seahawks.

Nathan made friends with everyone he met. He is survived by his parents Jay and Doretta McCoy, brother Jason McCoy, grandparents Bob and Donna Laws, grandmother Joan Morin, his aunts and uncles, cousins, and friends everywhere.

A memorial service has been held.

In Loving Remembrance

Thomas Fischer

February 6, 1988 to January 30, 2015

Thomas was taken from his family on Friday, January 30, 2015 at 9:30pm on his motorcycle on the overpass of 242nd and Hwy 26. He was born in Clackamas, Oregon, on February 6th, 1988. He attended Sandy High School and was always inspired by airplanes, cars and motorcycles. Thomas was a BMW enthusiast and found many hours of enjoyment with his cars. Most recently, he was working towards a new future with his love and fiancé Anna Merlo from Australia. She will miss him dearly.

He is survived by his parents Peter and Helga Fischer, his brother and nephew Matthias and Luke Fischer and his little daughter Aspen, and his grandparents Willi and Erika Fischer. His memories and ashes will live with them forever.

The memorial service will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church on Langensand Road in Sandy on Friday, February 13, 2015, at 10:30am.

Psalm 34.18

The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

In Loving Memory

Kathleen Eldridge

November 9, 1929 - February 8, 2015



Kathleen Juanita Dunn was born Nov. 9, 1929. She grew up on her family's farm in Sandy, OR. She attended a two room schoolhouse in Kelso, OR and then graduated from Sandy Union High School. An avid student, Kathleen attended Linfield College and the brand new Vanport College.

At the age of 22, she married Ernest W. Eldridge. In this union, she was thrilled to acquire a step-daughter, Ginda. This was to be one of her dearest relationships. Later, she had a daughter, Connie and a son, Earl.

Kathleen was a woman of indefatigable spirits and energy. She had many interests and passions. She and Ernie drove trucks, had a plumbing business and then started a general construction company, E.W. Eldridge, Inc. This family business did heavy construction, primarily public works; building roads, river repair and dam construction. She relished being vice-president of the company and being a woman in the construction and heavy equipment industries.

She was also a Campfire and Cub Scout leader, a Sunday School teacher, an involved member of her church for over 55 years, a school board member and chairman, active in a 12 step program for 63 years, and a life-long student. She was active in Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) where she rose to prominence. She was the first woman to be chosen as president of this open-shop organization, and she was re-elected several times. She later became Executive Director of ABC. Kathleen loved to build houses and she earned her Realtor's license and then became a Broker, working for several companies. She ended her career at the age of 77 at Windermere in Sandy.

In "retirement" she was more active than many employed people. She was involved with the Sandy High Alumni organization, the Sandy Historical Society and the Christian Science church in Gresham. She started several clubs at Cherrywood Village where she lived for the last several years, with her beloved dog, Sugar.

Kathleen will be greatly missed by her children, Ginda Martin, Connie Eldridge-Pederson, Earl and Debi Eldridge, her niece Sue Glenn, grandchildren Lynnette Smith, Scott Basham, April and Eric Eldridge, great grandson, Scott Basham and great-great grandson, Brody. She also has three step-granddaughters.

A celebration of her life will be held at the Sandy Funeral Home at noon, Saturday, Feb. 14th. A private burial will be held at Cliffside Cemetery on Thursday.

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Water bureau told to restore and maintain reservoirs

Appeals possible, from city or even Mt. Tabor group

By JIM REDDEN
The Tribune

When the city disconnects the three open reservoirs on Mt. Tabor, the Water Bureau must restore them and maintain their historical appearance — including keeping them at least half-filled with water.

At least that's what the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission said when it approved the Water Bureau's application to decommission the reservoirs on Monday. State land use laws required the commission to approve the application because the reservoirs have been designated as historic landmarks.

Among other things, the commission approved conditions requiring the bureau to fully implement the recommendations in the 2009 Mount Tabor Reservoirs Historic Structures Report the bureau commissioned but did not implement.

But whether any of that will happen was anybody's guess after the vote. No one from the bureau told the commission it was willing to accept the conditions. Restoring and maintaining the appearance of the reservoirs could cost hun-



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO: JONATHAN HOUSE

The Portland Historic Landmarks Committee agreed to the Water Bureau's plan to decommission the Mt. Tabor reservoirs, but wants them to maintain and preserve them in their aesthetic state. That would cost hundreds of millions of dollars.

dreds of millions of dollars the bureau has not yet included in its budget — and that has not yet been approved by the City Council.

"The Water Bureau is committed to being a responsible steward of the environment and of the city's drinking water infrastructure. We appreciate the Historic Landmark Commission's thorough and thoughtful analysis of our proposal. At this point, we will wait to receive the written decision," bureau ad-

ministrator David Shaff said after the vote.

If the bureau is not willing to accept the conditions, it could appeal the approval to the council and ask that they be modified or repealed.

Mt. Tabor residents fighting the decommissioning of the reservoirs also could appeal the decision to the council as the first step towards appealing it to the state Land Use Board of Appeals and Oregon's appellate courts.

"We'll have to meet and talk about it," said Floy Jones, co-founder of the grassroots Friends of the Reservoir group, immediately after the vote.

Jones admitted that the group supports the conditions if the reservoirs are going to be disconnected. She said those fighting to save the reservoirs now have to decide how far to push their cause.

Council may choose to review

The commission's vote was greeted with jeers and shouts of "shame on you" by the standing-room-only crowd that attended the meeting. Most were opposed to disconnecting the reservoirs and felt approval of the application was a step in the wrong direction, even with the conditions.

The fate of the three reservoirs — and two others in Washington Park — has been controversial for many years. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has adopted rules to ban all open municipal

reservoirs in the country. The rule was adopted after at least 69 people — mostly children, the elderly and AIDS patients — died during a 1993 cryptosporidium outbreak that went undetected for weeks and sickened more than 400,000 in Milwaukee, Wis.

Many Portlanders pushed back against the idea of potentially spending hundreds of millions of ratepayer dollars to change the city's water distribution system, however. They note there has never been a documented case of anyone getting sick from drinking Bull Run water, even though it has only been lightly treated with chlorine at the dam in the watershed and stored in open reservoirs for more than 100 years at that point.

The council has approved replacing disconnecting the reservoirs by the end of the year, however. It has approved hundreds of millions of dollars for the construction of underground storage tanks to replace the lost capacity.

Several ideas have circulated about what to do with the land that currently holds the reservoirs once they are disconnected. Portland Parks & Recreation has explored demolishing them, reconfiguring the land, and building a more traditional park, perhaps with a water feature. The Historic Landmarks Commission vote would seem to preclude that option, which is another reason the council might want to review it.

Pot bills will get lots of attention

Committee already has 10 proposals for it to consider

By HILLARY BORRUD
Capital Bureau

SALEM — A joint legislative committee has begun work on bills to implement Oregon's legal marijuana system.

Lawmakers will consider bills that cover everything from technical fixes that regulators say are necessary for a successful program to proposals that would significantly alter Measure 91, which voters approved in November.

Their work will be closely watched by both supporters and critics of legalized pot.

Members of the committee say they hope to avoid problems such as pot candy and other edibles that appeal to kids in Colorado, and the initial shortage of legal recreational pot and accompanying high prices in Washington.

"I really want Oregon to be the model for what I see as a national trend in this direction," says Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland, co-chair of the joint legislative committee.

"I want people to look to Oregon and say, 'My gosh, that's a system that really works.'"

Burdick and the other committee co-chair, Rep. Ann Lininger, D-Lake Oswego, recently returned from a trip to Colorado to learn about the state's experience with legal recreational marijuana.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission already has set to work on rules to implement Measure 91, and the commission is looking to lawmakers to address issues that could affect those rules early in the legislative session.

Measure 91 gave the OLCC broad authority to regulate marijuana growers, processors, wholesalers and stores.

Under Measure 91, recreational marijuana will become legal for adults 21 and older on July 1.

Retail stores will begin to sell marijuana and cannabis products sometime in 2016, after the OLCC begins to accept applications for business

licenses Jan. 4, 2016.

Ten bills have been assigned to the legislative committee, and the marijuana industry is closely watching two in particular.

Sen. Jackie Winters, R-Salem, introduced SB 542 at the request of the League of Oregon Cities.

The bill would eliminate the ban under Measure 91 on local governments passing their own sales taxes on pot and adopting ordinances to regulate or prohibit marijuana businesses.

Dozens of cities and a couple of counties rushed to adopt local sales taxes on pot last year, under the theory that taxes passed before the Nov. 4 election would not be affected by the prohibition against such taxes in Measure 91. Nonetheless, some lawyers warned cities and counties could face lawsuits from the marijuana industry.

Measure 91 will send 40 percent of sales tax revenue to the Common School Fund, and 20 percent will be used to provide mental health, alcoholism and drug service.

The Oregon State Police will receive 15 percent, city police will receive 10 percent and county law enforcement will receive 10 percent.

The remaining 5 percent will go to the Oregon Health Authority to provide drug addiction treatment and prevention services.

Measure 91 also allows voters to approve bans on recreational marijuana at the city and county level through the citizen

initiative process, but they must wait until the November 2016 election. By then, many marijuana businesses already will be open.

The marijuana industry also is following HB 2676, sponsored by Rep. Peter Buckley, D-Ashland.

That bill would consolidate regulation of medical marijuana at the OLCC. The Oregon Health Authority currently regulates the medical program.

Some medical marijuana advocates want to keep the program separate, while others in the cannabis industry support the bill.

The committee did not vote on any legislation when it met on Feb. 4.

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— Sen. Ginny Burdick, D-Portland

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'Survivor' winner sets Portland visit

Ethan Zohn of 'Survivor: Africa' to speak at Mittleman

By KELSEY O'HALLORAN
Pamplin Media Group

For Ethan Zohn, the last 13 years have been a whirlwind of reality television, activism — and cancer.

After winning "Survivor: Africa" in 2002, the former professional soccer player co-founded a nonprofit called Grassroots Soccer, twice battled and beat cancer and took his story on the road to inspire others.

His next stop is Portland, where he's set to speak at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center's Friends of the Center Brunch on Feb. 22.

"I really believe the values that I learned growing up Jewish and playing soccer helped me on 'Survivor,' helped me get through cancer and help me in my life today," says Zohn, 41. Those values include selflessness, leadership and service, he says.

"I've been heavily involved in the Jewish community since very early in my life, so it's really cool to go back," he says.

Zohn, who lives in New York City, is no stranger to Portland. He visits each June with Grassroots Soccer, an organization that uses youth soccer to educate children around the world with the goal of stopping the spread of HIV. The nonprofit partners with the Portland Timbers every year for the Portland Barefoot 3v3 tournament.

Zohn says that on his first visit to the city, he happened to



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"Survivor: Africa" winner Ethan Zohn will visit the Mittleman Jewish Community Center on Sunday, Feb. 22.

arrive on the day of Portland's famous Naked Bike Ride.

"I was parking my car at the hotel and a bunch of naked people rode by me on bikes," he says. "I thought, this is the best city in the world!"

He won't be able to spend much time in Portland during his upcoming trip, he says, though "I might just have a nice dinner at one of your famous craft breweries."

Surviving cancer

Zohn recalls being scared and frustrated when he was first diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma in 2009, but he quickly decided to share his story with others.

"It was kind of a cathartic distraction from my situation," he says. "Helping others helped me heal better."

Thanks to a stem cell transplant from his brother, Zohn

says, he has been in remission for three years. He has since served as a spokesperson for several cancer-based organizations, and he encourages people to register on a stem cell donor database.

Zohn says he strives to "never let a crisis go to waste, because it's an opportunity to do some really important things." In the same way that losing soccer teammates to HIV eventually inspired him to start Grassroots Soccer, Zohn says surviving cancer has given him a new perspective on life and a passion for sharing his story.

"I'm grateful that I'm still here on this planet," he says. "To be able to just eat well, sleep, exercise and hang out with friends and family is a blessing that I don't take for granted anymore."

Zohn has competed in several reality shows since "Survivor: Africa," including "Survivor: All Stars," "The Amazing Race" and "Fear Factor." He says he has no plans for a future reality TV appearance, but if "Survivor" ever calls again, he admits he might be tempted to make another trip to the island.

"It's such a perfect game, because it touches on every part of being human — mental, social, emotional, spiritual and environmental," he says.

The Friends of the Mittleman Center Brunch is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Sunday, Feb. 22, at 6651 S.W. Capitol Hwy. Tickets are \$54, and child care is provided for children ages 6 months to 12 years. Visit oregonjcc.org/brunch to purchase tickets, or call 503-535-3532 for more information.

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Gay pastor: 'You are welcome here'

Webb-Mitchell says he's grateful for 'marvelous' welcome

By KELSEY O'HALLORAN
Pamplin Media Group

Brett Webb-Mitchell is grateful for the opportunity to simply preach without fear when he joined St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Hillsdale in November.

However, the welcome he has received as an openly gay pastor there has been "nothing less than marvelous."

Webb-Mitchell, 59, was in his early 40s and teaching at a North Carolina seminary when he felt compelled to come out. The decision, which he said was not well received at work, meant putting his job on the line and separating from his wife.

But "it was a heavier burden to lie to God and self," Webb-Mitchell said. "I didn't know who I was fooling."

While he chose to be open about his sexuality, Webb-Mitchell said that since that time, he lived in fear of being censured — until the Presbytery of the Cascades allowed for the ordination of gay pastors a few years ago.

And, on his first Sunday at St. Andrew's, Webb-Mitchell said he was moved when the staff member introducing him also introduced Webb-Mitchell's partner of 19 years, who was visiting from North Carolina.

"It would be normal to point to the spouse or partner from a heterosexual marriage," Webb-Mitchell said, though it had



PAMPLIN MEDIA GROUP: KELSEY O'HALLORAN
Brett Webb-Mitchell is the new interim pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Hillsdale.

never happened to him in the past. "That was a huge gesture."

Webb-Mitchell is taking over as interim pastor as the church looks to replace pastors Tom and Patty Campbell-Schmidt, who led the church for the past 11 years. His interim position will last up to two years, though he would be open to staying in the Portland area — he attended Whitford Middle School in Beaverton and said his mother still lives in Tigard.

Webb-Mitchell said his partner, who is still working in North Carolina, may eventual-

ly join him in Portland. He said they're considering getting married this year, for their 20th anniversary.

During his time at St. Andrew's, Webb-Mitchell hopes to extend the same warm welcome that he received from the congregation.

"You are welcome here, regardless of if you are single or married or partnered, regardless of if you know your faith really well or are doubting and seeking, regardless of if you have children or choose not to," he said.

The church recently hired an American Sign Language interpreter for a couple who needed translation. Webb-Mitchell said he plans to incorporate gender-sensitive language and both traditional and modern music into worship services. He said he also hopes to partner with "brother and sister congregations" to work through issues of culture and inequality.

"We all need to work on hospitality, but I think the hospitality here is genuine and sincere," he said. "I think this church has really taken it upon itself to reach outward."

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Rain helps 2015 Auto Show attendance to flourish

By JOHN M. VINCENT
For Pamplin Media Group

Rain. After the snowstorm that hit the 2014 Portland International Auto Show, organizers were overjoyed to see just rain pouring from the skies as the 2015 show opened to the public.

When those doors opened, visitors were treated to the widest variety of vehicles that the show has ever put on display.

"Perfect weather for the Auto Show," says Greg Remensperger, Executive Vice President of the Metro Portland New Car Dealers Association. "It's raining, so you don't mind going outside, but you don't want to stay outside."

"It's a nice kick start to the year for us, it creates a certain amount of interest that parlays into sales in the first quarter," says Remensperger. The first quarter tends to be more challenging than other times of the year for auto dealers.

There were a few surprises during the weekend, including the unexpected arrival of rally driver Ken Block's race car, Nissan, presenting sponsor of the Heisman Trophy, displayed a replica of the award in their area.

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The show began with the Sneak Peak Charity Preview Party that supported local charities including the Boys and Girls Club of Portland, Brain Injury Alliance of Oregon, Meals on Wheels People, JDRF, Providence Portland Medical Foundation and Victory Academy.

"It was fabulous," says Remensperger, "We nearly doubled our attendance this year." More than 3500 tickets were sold for the event. Remensperger predicts that the Preview Party revenue along with other proceeds from the show will support a donation of more than \$400,000 to the six charities.

Battery-electric vehicles once took up just a few spaces in the Oregon Convention Center, but for 2015 they took up an entire room and included brand new models such as the Kia Soul, Volkswa-



TRIBUNE PHOTO: JOHN M. VINCENT
Shad Balch, Manager of New Product and Public Policy Communications for General Motors introduced the 2016 Volt to local journalists during the Auto Show's media day. The new Volt features increased power, range and now seats five passengers.



TRIBUNE PHOTO: JOHN M. VINCENT
Lary Coppola of Port Orchard, Wash. tries out a 2015 Mustang on a full-motion simulator at the Ford display. Several manufacturers brought simulators to the show.

gen e-Golf and Mercedes-Benz B-Class Electric Drive. Chevy brought the 2016 Volt to Portland for its West coast debut, fresh off its global introduction at the North American International Auto Show.

The Auto Show is no longer just a place to look at cars. Thousands of attendees took the opportunities to test drive vehicles during "ride and drive" programs during the show. There was even a chance to race a few cars, using sophisticated full-motion

simulators. Dreamers were treated with a huge array of luxury vehicles to explore. Only a few years ago, it was hard to find but a handful of high-end luxury cars at the show. For 2015, the show featured two Luxury Lofts that were packed wall-to-wall with the most exotic and opulent cars the industry offers. Sports car manufacturer Porsche was back in the show after an absence of several years.

GM reinvigorates midsize truck segment with Canyon, Chevy Colorado

REVIEW
By JOHN M. VINCENT
For Pamplin Media Group

GM is bringing new life to the midsize truck market with the introduction of the Chevy Colorado and GMC Canyon pickups.

During the last decade, full-size pickups have grown larger and larger. At the same time, the compact and midsize truck market has languished, with fewer products and others late in their product cycles.

The definition of midsize has changed, with the new GM trucks measuring as large as the full-size trucks from a decade ago. It's a size that's large enough to carry plenty of cargo while being



TRIBUNE PHOTO: JOHN M. VINCENT
The Chevy Colorado pickup is available in extended and crew cab models with short and long boxes available on the crew cab.

small enough to park in a standard garage or shopping mall parking lot. When properly equipped, they can tow up to 7,000 pounds.

The Colorado and Canyon share a common platform but are intended for slightly different markets, with the Canyon featuring a slightly more technical, upscale persona than the Chevy. Each is available in extended and crew cab models. The extended cab trucks are equipped with a six-foot, two-inch bed, and the crew cab with a five-foot, two-inch or six-foot, two-inch bed.

Two engine choices are available, starting with a 2.5-liter inline-4 that produces 200 horsepower and 191 ft.-lbs. of torque. Buyers who really want to use the truck for hauling will want to opt for the much stronger 305-horsepower 3.6-liter V-6. The trucks are available in two- or four-wheel drive models.

A six-speed manual is available with the 2.5-liter 2WD extended cab, while all other models come equipped with a

smooth-shifting six-speed automatic. Both the GMC and Chevy bring comfort, See CANYON/COLORADO / Next page



TRIBUNE PHOTO: JOHN M. VINCENT
Interiors of the GMC Canyon and Chevrolet Colorado blend car-like comfort with a center-console mounted shifter, and truck-like utility with large switchgear and multiple storage options.

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Museum to feature speed record cars

By JIM REDDEN
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The World of Speed museum in Wilsonville will feature a special exhibit about land speed record cars when it opens on April 24.

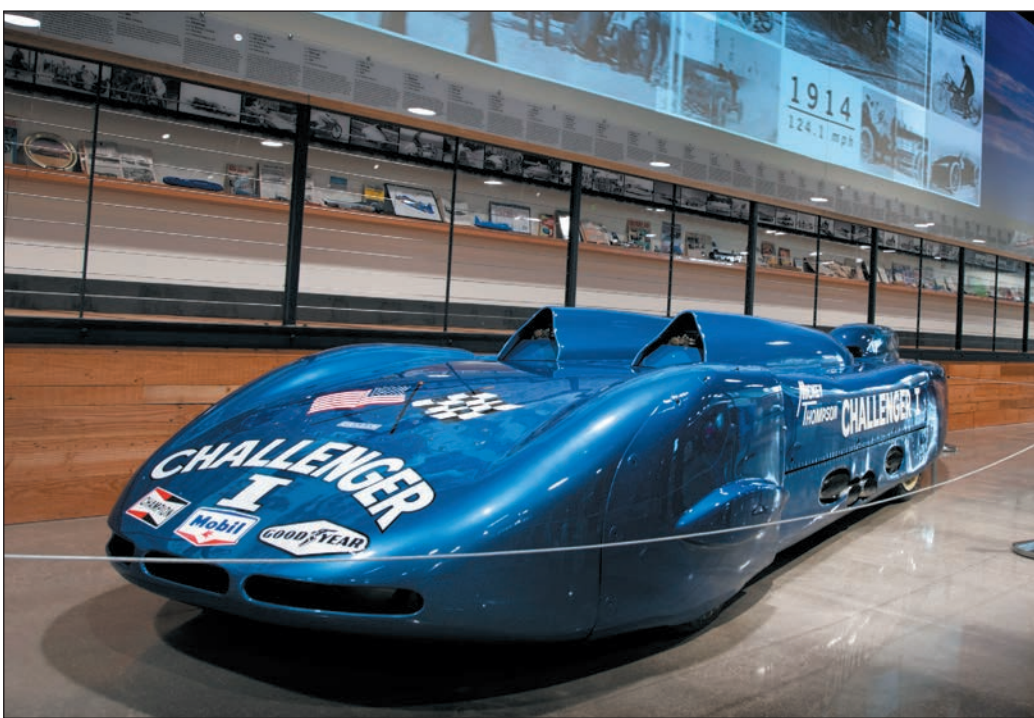
The exhibit — called Zero to 1,000 mph — will explain the history of land speed record cars and feature five that race car legend Mickey Thompson drove in the 1950s and 1960s. They are:

■ **Challenger 1** — Mickey Thompson became the first American to break the 400 mph barrier driving the Challenger 1 at the Bonneville Salt Flats in September 1960. The streamlined body covered four supercharged Pontiac V8 engines that each produced 750 horsepower for that run.

■ **Assault 1** — A modified dragster with a fabricated body designed for three different engines that Thompson used to set 12 new records at March Air Force Base in May 1960.

■ **Attempt 1** — Another modified dragster powered by a supercharged four-cylinder Pontiac Tempest engine that ran the kilo at 96.368 mph and the mile at 114.349 mph.

■ **Two Cylinder Dragster** — Another modified dragster powered by a Tempest engine cut in half and supercharged that produced more than 250 horsepower



Race car legend Mickey Thompson drove the Challenger 1 to more than 400 miles per hour at the Bonneville Salt Flats in 1959.

er and ran the kilo in 91.37 mph and the mile in 106.78 mph.

■ **1961 Pontiac Catalina** — With a 421 tri-powered Super Duty V8, Thompson ran the kilo in 81.497 mph and the mile in 95.571 mph.

The World of Speed is a nonprofit, interactive museum that will appeal to young and old alike. It currently has 30 race cars, 21 street cars, and three simulators in its permanent collection. Cars include those driven by Dale Earnhardt Jr., Terry Labonte, Danica Patrick, Richard Petty, Cale Yarborough, and many other famous racers.

Among other things, the mu-

seum will use post-World War II American performance cars to interest and educate young people about career opportunities in the automotive industry. Located just off I-5 in an 80,000 square foot former Dodge dealership, it will have both permanent and rotating displays, and will also feature special events. Memberships will soon be available.

The Zero to 1,000 mph exhibit is sponsored by Castrol, a leading lubricant manufacturer with a long history of involvement with performance cars. The company is currently involved in the Bloodhound Supersonic

Car project which is constructing a car designed to go 1,000 mph in England.

The Challenger 1, Assault 1 and Attempt are original cars. The Two Cylinder Dragster and Catalina are authentic tributes. The Challenger 1 is on loan from the Thompson family and the others are part of the World of Speed collection.

World of Speed coming

What: World of Speed museum and education center
Where: 27490 S.W. 95th Ave., Wilsonville
When: Opens April 24
Website: worldofspeed.org

GM trucks: Canyon and Colorado

From previous page
technology and safety features not previously found in this category.

Unlike full-size pickups, even 4WD Colorado and Canyon models have a ride height that doesn't require acrobatics to climb in and out of the cabin. The interiors are comfortable and carlike, but with somewhat bulkier switchgear that can be operated with gloves on. Both feature available CornerStep rear bumpers for easy

access to the bed. The trucks feature GM's latest information and entertainment technology with the Chevrolet MyLink and GMC IntelliLink app-based interfaces. Using an onboard cellular connection, owners can turn their vehicles into 4G LTE mobile hotspots.

Standard safety equipment on the trucks includes six airbags, a rear-view camera, plus advanced stability control with rollover mitigation, trailer sway management, hill start assist and hill de-

scent control. Available on both trucks is an electronic driver assist package that adds forward collision alert and lane departure warning.

GMC backs Canyon buyers with its ProGrade protection package, featuring two years of scheduled maintenance.

2015 GMC Canyon

Base price: \$20,955
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Type: Extended or Crew-cab, 2- or 4-wheel drive pickup truck

Engine: 2.5-liter inline 4-cylinder, 3.6-liter V-6 (as tested)

EPA estimated mileage: 17 city/24 highway (as tested)

Length: 224.6 inches (crew cab, as tested)

Curb weight: 4,500 pounds (crew cab, as tested)

Final assembly: Wentzville, Missouri

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AUTOEVENTS

Cascade Cars & Coffee

Every Saturday, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., Cascade Station Starbucks, 9911 Northeast Cascades Parkway, Portland. No entry fee, all cars welcome.

Dubs & Donuts

Saturday, Feb. 21, 9 a.m., Sesame Donuts, 11945 Pacific Hwy., Tigard. Casual gathering hosted by Rose City Volksters, but all makes and models welcome. Regular event continues third Saturday of every month.

9th Annual Salem Roadster Show

Saturday and Sunday, March 7-8, Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem. Invitation-only show with hundreds of vehicles coming everywhere from Canada to California.

59th Annual Portland Roadster Show

Friday through Sunday, March 20-22, Portland Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Dr. Hundreds of vehicles, displays, special guests and vendors. Presented by the Multnomah Hot Rod Council. For more information, visit: portlandroadstershow.com

Eugene Roadster Show

Saturday, 28 and Sunday, March 29, Willamalane Center for Sports and Recreation, 250 S. 32nd St., Springfield. Hundreds of vehicles on display, discount admission for Blood Drive, cans of food collected for Food for Lane County. For more information, visit: roadstershows.com

PIR Auto Swap Meet

Thursday, April 9, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Portland International Raceway, 1940 Victory Blvd. Five miles of vendors booths lines the raceway. Admission \$5, parking \$10.

51st Annual Portland Swap Meet

Friday, April 10 through Sunday, April 12, Portland Expo Center, 2060 N. Marine Dr., Portland. Hosted annually by six area antique car clubs, the largest auto parts swap meet on the West Coast with approximately 3,500 vendor stalls. For more information, visit: portlandswapmeet.com.

World of Speed opening

Friday, April 24, 27490 SW 95th Ave., Wilsonville. New nonprofit performance car museum and education center feature over 100 cars in permanent collection and rotating exhibits. For more information, visit worldofspeed.org.

Jim Dandy's Cruise In

Saturday, May 16, Jim Dandy's Drive-In, N.E. 97th and Sandy, Portland. Hosted by Road Knights, all cars welcome.

AUTONEWS

KUNI CEO honored

Greg Goodwin, CEO of Kuni Automotive, which includes Kuni Lexus of Portland in Portland, Ore., was named one of four regional finalists for the 2015 TIME Dealer of the Year award at the 98th annual National Automobile Dealers Association Convention & Exposition in San Francisco last month.

The TIME Dealer of the Year award is one of the automobile industry's most prestigious and highly coveted honors. It recognizes the nation's most successful auto dealers who also demonstrate a long-standing commitment to community service.

"With the help of my wonderful wife, Michele, the Kuni family, our manufacturer partners, my board, my dealership general managers/partners and Kuni's 1,450 dedicated team members, I have been given more blessings than one person can possibly count," Goodwin said.

Well-known auto dealer dies

Greg Wentworth, a member of the well-known family of local Wentworth auto dealers, died unexpectedly of an apparent heart attack while on vacation overseas on Jan. 26.

Wentworth managed Wilsonville Chevrolet, one of several family-owned dealerships that include the oldest in Oregon. They have been operated by five generations of the family since 1903.

Other dealerships include Wentworth Subaru and Wentworth Chevrolet in Southeast Portland. It started in the building in Northwest Portland that now houses Powell's Books.

Mustangs boost port jobs

Around 100 new jobs were created at the Port of Portland when Ford began shipping its new Mustang around the world last month. The 2015 version of the venerable pony car is the first designed for global sales. That's one reason it offers a turbocharged inline four-cylinder engine. Foreign buyers are used to that kind of engine in their performance cars.

Portland is one of eight ports in five states

where the logistics arm of Ford has vehicle centers. It is a primary hub for shipments of Ford and Lincoln vehicles to China and Korea. Other states where Mustangs are being shipped include Florida, Maryland, New Jersey, and California.

Committing to global sales also means producing Mustang with right-hand drive for about 25 new markets, including Britain, Australia and South Africa. Other changes include lowering the front fenders to meet European safety standards and upgrading the air conditioner to handle temperatures in Saudi Arabia.



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Car sales predicted to increase

Auto sales were predicted to continue growing at the recent American Financial Service Association's Vehicle Finance Conference in San Francisco. Panelists said total sales could reach 17 million in 2015, which would be the sixth year of continued growth as the economy recovers from the Great Recession.

Sales are being boosted by the drop in gas prices, which is giving consumers more spending money and reducing the cost of owning a new car or truck. Interest rates on new car loans are also staying low.

However, some panelists said both gas prices and interest rates are bound to go up, which could slow sales if the increase are abrupt and large instead of slow and steady.

Clean diesel vehicles win awards

Three clean diesel vehicles with impressive fuel efficiency and long-term value were among

the vehicles honored for environmental and high-value accomplishments at the Washington Auto Show held in January in Washington, DC.

The Jeep Grand Cherokee EcoDiesel was named the "2015 Green SUV of the Year" by the Green Car Journal, and the 2015 Volkswagen Golf TDI clean diesel and 2015 Volkswagen Passat TDI clean diesel received Kiplinger's Personal Finance "Best Value Awards" in their respective categories.

These latest awards are a reflection of the impressive real-world fuel efficiency, advanced diesel engine and emission technology, and cleaner diesel fuel that is now the standard for today's clean diesel cars, SUVs and pickup trucks," said Allen Schaeffer, the Executive Director of the Diesel Technology Forum (dieselforum.org).

Classic Wines Auction to raffle BMW i8

If vintage wine wasn't enough to attract people to the 31st annual Classic Wines Auction, the organization is also raffling off a 2015 BMW i8 plug-in hybrid sports car.

The black-tie gala celebrates regional and international wines while raising money for Portland-area nonprofits. This year's event, takes place at the Oregon Convention Center's Portland Ballroom, 777 N.E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., Portland, on Saturday, March 7. The evening begins at 5 p.m. with wine tasting, chef presentations and a silent auction. The live auction starts at 7 p.m., along with a five-course menu pairing internationally renowned wines with regional cuisine.

The 2015 live auction centerpiece will be the much-coveted 2015 BMW i8 plug-in hybrid sports car, courtesy of presenting sponsor Kuni Automotive. With a suggested retail value starting at \$136,500, the i8 features 357 horsepower, a 0-to-60 acceleration in 4.2 seconds, and a top speed of 155 MPH. The car's lightweight composite exterior is made from carbon fiber threads manufactured in Moses Lake, Wash.

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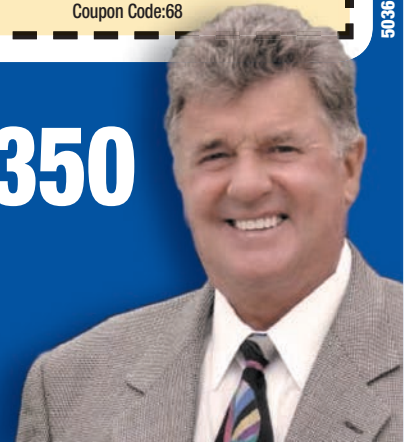
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PORTLAND JAZZ FESTIVAL SHINES WITH BANDS OF GOLD

Annual event features Freda Payne, Stanley Jordan and others

By ROB CULLIVAN
Pamplin Media Group

Freda Payne laughs when asked about her No. 1 1970 hit “Band of Gold.” “People love to hear that song,” she says with a chuckle. “I will do ‘Band of Gold’ to satisfy the band of golders!”

However, as serious music fans know, Payne is far from a one-hit wonder — she’s a tremendously gifted singer whose jazz singing holds it own when compared to any of the greats, including Ella Fitzgerald — an “icon” to Payne, who has portrayed her on stage. In particular, Payne has mastered the art of scatting and makes it sound



The venerable Mel Brown (left) and his Quintet team with Freda Payne (far left) for “My Town is Motown” during Portland Jazz Festival.

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effortless.

“With scatting, you have to have the ear for it, the musicality and the imagination,” she says. “It’s like dancing around the notes, you’re dancing around the melody. It’s almost like being a great basketball player, you have to take chances.”

Payne is one of several artists who will appear at the Portland Jazz Festival, which kicks off Tuesday, Feb. 17, and runs

through Sunday, March 1. Designed to coincide with Black History Month, the festival features performances all over town, as well as workshops, the schedules of which can be found at portlandjazzfestival.org.

Performers include Stanley Jordan, Eddie Parente, Ron Steen, Vijay Iyer, Greta Matassa, Shelly Rudolf Wildbird, Karla

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Get your snuggle on at Cuddle Con

Organizers hope ‘platonic touching’ becomes the norm

By JASON VONDERSMITH
The Tribune

C’mon, come on over, come to Portland, the unofficial mecca of cuddle wants to give you some hugs.

The city that served as the birthplace of the first certified professional cuddler, Samantha Hess, now brings you the first Cuddle Convention, Valentine’s Day, Saturday, Feb. 14 at The Bossanova Ballroom, Om Movement Studio and Jupiter Hotel DreamBox, short walks each from Cuddle Con headquarters, Hess’ Cuddle Up To Me, 1015 E.

Burnside.

It’s the first Cuddle Con, which focuses on many things associated with “platonic touching,” but spokesperson Hess says it’s only the beginning.

“People are absolutely ready for it,” says Hess, who made local and national headlines last year when she opened Cuddle Up To Me. “People are flying in from around the world. This is just a start.

“It’ll end up being in every major city in the world. Portland gets to be the first. I’m so excited. This industry is about to explode.”

But, just as Hess would say to a client who just needs a hug and a cuddle, let’s relax. Enjoy the first one. Info can be acquired at cuddlecon.com and cuddleuptome.com. Events go all day, with dancing into the

early hours of Feb. 15. There’ll be a map and a schedule to use for the day’s activities and, as the event website says, “You might even get a piggyback ride if you need help finding anything!” Some events: Snuggle party; close embrace dancing; partner yoga; breathing and posture classes, piggyback rides and pillow fights; “Poetry For Passion” competition; massage classes with The Love Lab’s Meagan Holub; fusion dance.

Going back to her news-making days, “it’s been the year of cuddle,” Hess says, and she expects a modest crowd of up to 300 people to attend Cuddle Con. And, she expects platonic touching to become the norm,

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COURTESY OF SAMANTHA HESS

Cuddle queen Samantha Hess has helped organize the first Cuddle Convention, scheduled for Valentine’s Day, Feb. 14, and she recently released a book, “Touch: The Power of Human Connection.”

THE SHORT LIST

MISC.

Zwickelmania

It’s time for the seventh annual statewide tour of Oregon breweries, put on by Oregon Brewers Guild. Last year, nearly 37,000 people toured 105 participating breweries. This year, the breweries will offer tours from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14. Complete information can be found at Oregoncraftbeer.org/zwickelmania.

Monster Jam

The monster truck series returns with more trucks than ever (10), highlighted by world champion Northern Nightmare making its Portland debut and Scooby-Doo and powerhouses Grave Digger, El Toro Loco and Metal Mulisha.

2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Moda Center, rosequarter.com, starting at \$20/\$10 kids

Mardi Gras Ball

The fifth annual Mysti Krewe of Nimbus event falls on Valentine’s Day, since the ball always falls on the Saturday before the real Mardi Gras in New Orleans. But there’ll be plenty of love in the air, with the theme “Voodoo Valentine.” Charmaine Neville, a New Orleans R&B powerhouse, performs, along with Reggie Hous-

ton, Crescent City Connection and Too Loose Zydeco Band and others.

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Wonder Ballroom, 128 N.E. Russell St., portlandmardigras.com, \$25-\$40.95

MUSIC

Smokey Robinson

The legend, in music for 50 years, released a new album (“Smokey & Friends”) last September, partnering with an all-star slate of guests that included Elton John and James Taylor. He’ll appear with the Oregon Symphony, conducted by Paul Ghun Kim, on Valentine’s Day, singing some of his classics, including “The Tracks of My Tears,” “Oo, Baby Baby” and “You’ve Really Got a Hold on Me.”

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Arlene Schmitzer Concert Hall, 1037 S.W. Broadway, orsymphony.org, starting at \$35

STAGE

‘Dr. Ruth’

Triangle Productions’ play continues about Karola Ruth Siegel, aka Dr. Ruth Westheimer, the pioneering radio and television sex therapist, who fled the regime of the Nazis, joining a spy organization in Israel and struggling as a single mother in America



before hitting it big.

7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, through Feb. 28, The Sanctuary at Sandy Plaza, 1785 N.E. Sandy Blvd., trianglepro.org (check for tickets)

skinner/kirk Dance Ensemble

Eric Skinner and Daniel Kirk of BodyVox stage the Martha’s Vineyard-inspired “Nat’s Farm,” as well as “Urban Sprawled.”

7:30 p.m. Feb. 12-14, Feb. 19-21, 2 p.m. Feb. 21, BodyVox Dance Center, 1201 N.W. 17th Ave., bodyvox.com, \$25-\$59

‘Romeo and Juliet’

Portland Actors Conservatory takes an edgy approach to the Shakespeare classic, with guest art-

ists Jeff Gorham, Andrew Bray and Jackson Walker and original composed music led by musical director Hal Logan to augment the tension between love and hate. Paul Angelo of Staged! directs.

7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 13-March 1, Firehouse Theatre, 1436 S.W. Montgomery St., actorsconservatory.com, \$5-\$25

Live Wire! Radio

The new Revolution Hall, located at the former Washington High School, serves as the venue for the first event of the spring season, featuring comedy from Moz Jobrani (“Axis of Evil Comedy Tour”), writer Lindy West, author Kelly Williams Brown, comic/musician Ahamefula Oluo and music by Lost Lander.

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, Revolution Hall, 1300 S.E. Stark St., No. 110, livewireradio.org, \$20, \$25 day of show, \$35 VIP, \$15 students

Mortified Portland

Valentine’s Day and love stories are the topics as the annual storytellers event returns to Portland.

7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14, 7 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St., albertarosetheatre.com, \$15, \$20 at door

‘Cinderella’

The 2013 Tony Award-winning Broadway musical comes to Portland. It’s a fresh take on the Rodgers & Hammerstein classic about a young woman who is transformed from a chambermaid into a princess. This Cinderella is a contemporary figure living in a fairytale setting, a spirited young woman with savvy and soul who doesn’t let her status in life get in the way of kindness, compassion and forgiveness. A new book by Douglas Carter Beane blends with the original by Oscar Hammerstein II and timeless music.

7:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Feb. 17-20, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 1 and 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 22, Keller Auditorium, 222 S.W. Clay St., BroadwayInPortland.com (check for prices)

Cuddle: No creeps

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not the exception. "A lot of people don't know options to incorporate platonic touching into their normal lives," she says. "As singles or couples or whatever, there are so many different levels of touch."

Hess still claims to be the only certified professional cuddler in the United States, but she has three women finishing certification in February — Heather, Kira and Ray "Cuddles" (real last names not provided for security reasons). Hess has been working on establishing solid and effective training and criteria to be considered professional in the cuddle arena. Training comes with an 80-page reference manual.

Certification, she says, remains paramount to making the profession legitimate and trustworthy. She knows it could be rife with abuse. Translation: There could be creeps among providers or patients.

"I've done all the groundwork, and I know what it takes and to keep people safe," Hess says. "There have been security measures put in place by myself and assistants. We've had to turn some people away; we've

never had to end a session early or kick anybody out. But we've had to turn people away because they're drunk or not meeting the hygiene requirements. Safety is my specialty."

The cuddle business could take off, Cuddle Con could pop up in other cities. Who knows? It's uncharted territory, only that it's a culture of consent.

"When I went into it, I had to create a waiver from scratch," Hess says. "I had to get a lawyer to make sure we had a legal service. Through trial and error, I've had to discover what's appropriate and what's right for this. Tickling should not be allowed in this service, for example. I've learned how to pick out who would be appropriate clients, and turned others down. It's important that we take on clients that can benefit from our service. We do have to be somewhat selective of our clients."

Yes, some people have ulterior motives, she admits, thinking platonic touching could lead to something else.

"We only offer one service," Hess says. "If you're here for unconditional loving and kindness, we can provide that. If not, let's see where we can send you ...," as in out the door.

New Oregon wine club 'not for wine snobs'

Carrie Wynkoop wants Cellar 503 to promote industry

By JENNIFER ANDERSON
The Tribune

Carrie Wynkoop knows about a former firefighter in Medford who decided to become a winemaker.

In a part of town that actually is the "middle of nowhere," she says, he planted his own grapes, built his own winery, makes his own wine and sells it in his tasting room and at one local restaurant.

The winery — LaBrasseur Vineyard in Eagle Point — produces a rosé pinot noir that's unusual for its region and "just delicious," Wynkoop says.

Which to her, makes it a perfect wine to feature in her new curated Oregon-only wine club, Cellar 503.

"There's great wine being made all over the state that is



Wine club Cellar 503 supports Oregon wineries, as well as the state's grape growers. "It's just more true to what Oregon is," founder Carrie Wynkoop (left) says.

COURTESY OF CARRIE WYNKOOP

not just pinot," says Wynkoop, 37, a Northeast Portland mom and business owner who started the wine club in November. "We focus on the small places without huge distribution."

Specifically, her club — which has attracted about 50 members in three months — features wineries that produce less than 10,000 cases each year.

That means the big grocery store labels aren't likely to be among the two bottles sent to members every month.

For \$50 per month plus shipping, members sign up for two bottles of red, two bottles of white, or one of each.

Wynkoop includes her own tasting notes and detailed stories about the winemakers, careful to stay away from bizarre taste descriptors like having the aroma of pencil shavings or plastic shower curtains.

"We try to make them brief and approachable," she says, noting that she also wanted to keep the price point down so Oregon wines can be accessible to all.

With two-thirds of its members from Oregon, the club's local focus appeals to those who "like Oregon wine but have no time or energy to do the research," she says. "They value the exploration."

She does the legwork for them — exploring the up-and-coming Southern Oregon wine scene, finding an obscure winery in Bend that pushes the boundaries with its styles, and



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discovering a Reisling that is drinkable and "bone dry," not syrupy sweet.

In her December shipment, Wynkoop included that Rallison Reisling from Sherwood with a note that said "You must try!" she says.

"I don't expect that everyone will love it. Just that they'll try every bottle. Trying stuff you don't like will help you figure out what you do like."

Solo employee

At Oso Market for lunch one day, Wynkoop scans the wine list and finds an Oregon wine she hasn't heard of before.

At \$10 per glass or \$28 per bottle, it's Matzinger Davies Sauvignon Blanc 2013, from the Columbia Gorge.

"It's grassy, light and crisp," Wynkoop says. "Good for lunch."

Originally from Olympia, Wash., Wynkoop studied international affairs at Lewis & Clark and got her first job in wine before she was of legal drinking

age, as a wine seller at CostPlus. While this month's focus is on Valentine's Day, March's theme is urban winemakers; April is biodynamic and organic wines, and May is all about women winemakers, in celebration of Mother's Day.

In their first year, her club will be using a strict definition of "Oregon wine" — those that not just locate their winery in Oregon but also produce their grapes in Oregon.

Strict federal standards require all wines to label where their grapes are from.

However, many Oregon wineries source their warm-weather grapes from Washington or elsewhere when making tempranillo or syrah, because they're cheaper or because it's easier to get to the Gorge than Southern or Eastern Oregon, where those grapes are also grown.

After Cellar 503 has been around for a while, Wynkoop says, she'll have a conversation with her members about the "What is made-in-Oregon" question, and use it as a learning opportunity.

By sticking with Oregon-grown grapes for now, "It's just more true to what Oregon is," Wynkoop says. "We're doing such amazing things; we should be celebrating and sharing it."

Not for snobs

As oenophiles know, there's no lack of Oregon wine clubs. Yet none take on the mission of Cellar 503 exactly, Wynkoop says.

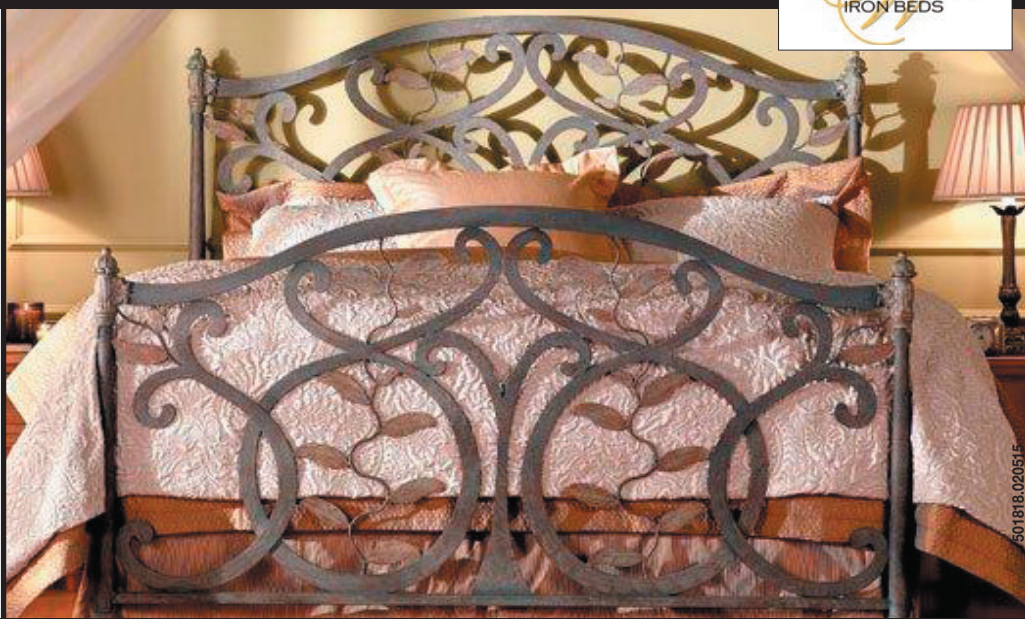
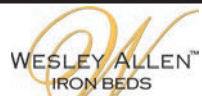
The Made in Oregon Wine Club focuses on well-known producers; the Oregon Wine Merchants' Founders Club ships both Oregon and Washington wines; the Oregon Pinot Noir Club specializes in pinots; and the Backroads Wine Club — an offshoot a private wine tour organizer — offers rare, boutique Oregon wine but at half-case or full-case quantities, at higher cost.

Wynkoop says she wanted to make it as easy as possible for anyone to play. "This is not a wine club for snobs — just for people who want to learn something and enjoy," she says.

For more: cellar503.com

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Bits&Pieces

By JASON VONDERSMITH
The Tribune

New Bible

A cool exhibit opened this week at the University of Portland's Buckley Center, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd. — 10 large prints of the The Saint John's Bible, on display through March 6.

In 1998, the Saint John's Abbey of Minnesota monks commissioned calligrapher Donald Jackson to produce the first hand-written and illuminated Bible in 500 years. The college received a heritage edition as a gift from Allen and Kathleen Lund, housed in UP's Clark Library.

An opening reception will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 17.

Mural artist?

If you want to be a mural artist, it might behoove you to attend the Regional Arts & Culture Council's information session, 10 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at RACC, 411 N.W. Park Ave. Community members can learn how to organize, fund and navigate approaches to creating murals in Portland. It's free and open to artists, property owners, business owners and community/neighborhood association members. To sign up, email publicartmurals@racc.org with the email heading "Public Mural Workshop" and contact information.

'Extreme Weight Loss'

There's a Portland casting call coming up for the ABC show. It'll be held 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at Moda Center.

The show documents the makeovers of obese people in 365 days, led by trainers and transformation specialists Chris and Heidi Powell. Producers are searching in 10 cities for participants for the next season.

For info: extremeweightloss casting.com.

You a clown?

The Rose Festival has begun its recruitment for the eighth annual Character Clown Corps.

Applications are due March 6 — see rosefestival.org, or email "Boss Clown" Angelo Ocasio at angelo@rosefestival.org. Auditions will be held March 10, 12 and 14.

No experience is required, and participants are trained by Ocasio, April 17 through 19, and perform in the Grand Florale Parade, June 6.

LiveMusic!

By ROB CULLIVAN
Pamplin Media Group

Feb. 15

Slim jam

Tim "Too Slim" Langford, leader of the band Too Slim and the Taildraggers, was recently diagnosed with cancer and needs help paying his medical bills. Too Slim has been on Billboard's Top Blues Album Chart — Heat Seekers Albums numerous times, and his Blues Music Association awards include Best Guitarist, Best Band, Best Album and Best Slide Guitarist. He is a Hall of Fame member in three blues societies and has received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Washington Blues Society.

Performers at this benefit include Curtis Salgado, DK Stewart, Peter Dammann, Boyd Small, John Mazzocco, Big Monty, Robbie Laws, Henry Cooper, Jim Mesi, Ty Curtis, Lloyd Jones, Sonny Hess, Vicky Stevens, Lisa Mann, Rae Gordon, Norman Sylvester, Tevis Hodge,

Jr., Mary Flower, Joe McMurrian, Pin and the Hornits, and Terry Robb.

Too Slim Benefit, 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Crystal Ballroom, 1332 W. Burnside St. \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. Info: 503-225-0047, mcmenamins.com/crystalballroom.

Quick hits

■ Bluegrass-meets-Americana mavens The Stray Birds join Cahalen Morrison & Eli West for a night of pickin' and grinnin' at Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St., starting at 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12. \$15. Info: 503-719-6055, albertarosetheatre.com.

■ All the Apparatus, Portland's favorite avant-garde dirty gypsy klezmer jazz indie anti-folk rock band, is releasing a new EP and will celebrate their latest effort in a show with Brownish Black and LoveBomb Go Go, at Star Theater, 13 N.W. Sixth Ave., at 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13. \$8 in advance, \$10 at the door. Info: 503-345-7893, startheaterportland.com.

■ Joining Judy Collins on stage next week is singer-songwriter Rachael Sage, who combines pop, rock, folk and touch-

es of chamber in her tunes, and has released a critically acclaimed album, "Blue Roses." Check out her video for "Wax," which features theremin master Armen Ra, in an artsy PJ Harvey meets Tori Amos via Sarah McLachlan kind of way. 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, Aladdin Theater, 3017 S.E. Milwaukie Ave. \$42 in advance, \$45 day of show. Info: 503-234-9694, aladdin-theater.com.

■ Punk rockers Divers celebrate their debut LP with Pageripper, also set to release a record, at this show with Thin Coat and Marriage and Cancer, 8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 15, at Highwater Mark, 6800 N.E. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. \$5. Info: 503-286-6513.

■ Electro-art-rockers Hundred Waters hit the stage at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, in The Brax, 320 S.E. Second Ave. \$12. Info: 503-234-5683, branxpx.com.

■ It'll be a raucous night of danceable rock 'n' soul music when Houston's The Suffers take the stage with Portland's own funky, hip-hoppin' Dirty Revival at 9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 18, in Mississippi Studios, 3939 N. Mississippi Ave. \$10. Info: 503-288-3895, mississippistudios.com.

Jazz: Music fills city venues

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Harris & Mark Simon, the Tony Pacini Trio, Ron Carter & Benny Green Trio, the Devin Phillips Quartet, Ben Darwish, Bleu Phonk, Trio Subtonic, Tahirah Memory & Jarrod Lawson and Lucky Peterson.

Payne will be backed by The Mel Brown Quintet in 7 and 9:30 p.m. shows titled "My Town is Motown" Thursday, Feb. 19, at Jimmy Mak's, 221 N.W. 10th Ave. She also will participate in a free "Jazz Conversation" at noon, Friday, Feb. 20, at Lincoln Hall in Portland State University.

An actress and prolific recording artist, who's been taking stages since the mid 1950s, Payne is here to promote her latest 14-song album, "Come Back to Me Love." She put the record together with the help of pianist/arranger/producer Bill Cunliffe. "He is a fantastic jazz player," she says. "He respects my opinion, and he will listen to my ideas and execute them."

Payne has worked with all kinds of musicians and producers, including, of course, Motown's Berry Gordy.

"He would make you rehearse and rehearse till you couldn't rehearse anymore," she says with a laugh. "He didn't get to where he was for nothing."

Among her personal fave cuts on "Come Back to Me Love" is "The Island," composed by Brazil's Ivan Lins and Vitor Martins, with English lyrics by husband- and wife-team Alan and Marilyn Bergman.

"It just sends me to another place," she says of the Latin-tinged romantic ballad. "It literally just transported me to another place musically and otherwise. It's like you're with someone you really have a chemistry with."

Other performers

Among the shows to check out in the festival's first few days:

Feb. 17: St. Paul and The Broken Bones, Sean Rowe, 8 p.m. Roseland Theater, 8 N.W. Sixth Ave.

The Bones are a seven-piece band from Alabama that traffics in classic soul and gospel and has become known for their rollicking shows.

Feb. 18: Bebel Gilberto, Somali, 7 p.m. Newmark Theater,

1111 S.W. Broadway St.

Gilberto is a Grammy nominated vocalist who combines various Brazilian musical styles with touches of electronica. Meanwhile, Somali is a much acclaimed East African vocalist and songwriter mentored by Hugh Masekela, and she knits together jazz and African music, which you can hear on her latest album "The Lagos Music Salon." The record debuted at No. 1 on the U.S. jazz charts.

Feb. 20: The Bill Charlap Trio Swings Sinatra: "In The Wee Small Hours." 10 p.m. Winningstad Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway St.

This show features Charlap on piano, Peter Washington on bass and Kenny Washington on drums. Charlap has backed Tony Bennett, Phil Woods, Benny Carter and Wynton Marsalis and served as the musical director for the Blue Note 7, a super group septet, and is in his 11th year as artistic director for Jazz in July Festival at the 92nd Street Y in New York City. His trio instrumentally celebrates Ole Blue Eyes' 1950s catalog.

KISN cruisin' back to airwaves?

KISN "Good Guy" radio is a step closer to returning to the airwaves.

Organizers launched a month-long Kickstarter campaign this week to raise funds to put the station on the FM dial and back on the Internet, after its 2 1/2-year run at good guyradio.com ended last year.

The new station will be listener-supported, nonprofit and noncommercial. The Kickstarter campaign hopes to raise the \$10,000, with the goal to put the station on the air and Internet by March 21, live from the Port-

land Roadster Show, where organizers plan to have a presence.

The original KISN aired from 1959 to 1976, and it has seen various iterations, most recently on the Internet. This time, organizers such as Scott Young, Tom Hopkins and Dirty Dave The Record Slave, the curator whose 91,000-plus records serve as the station library, have partnered with Western Oregon Radio Club for access to a low-power FM transmitter on Mount Scott.

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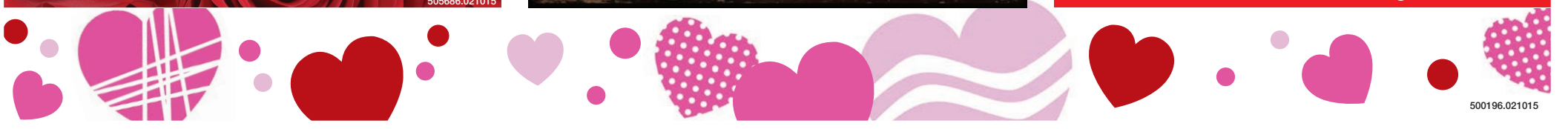
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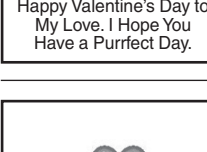


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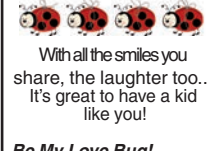
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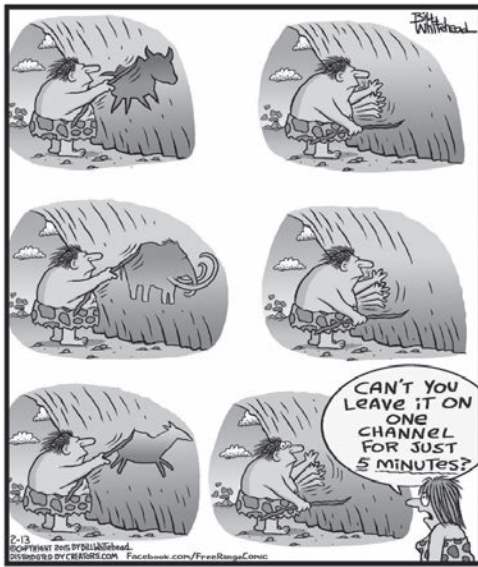


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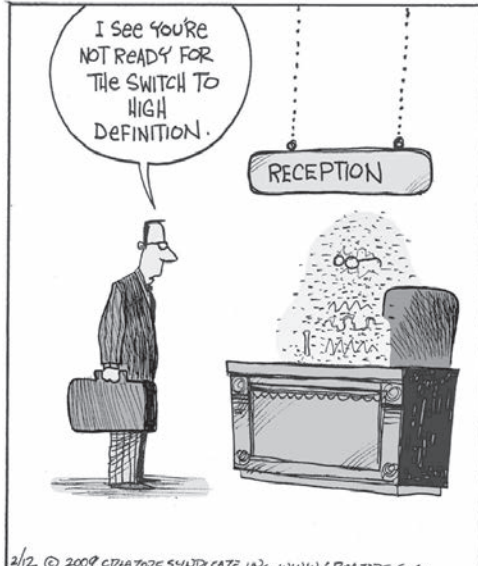
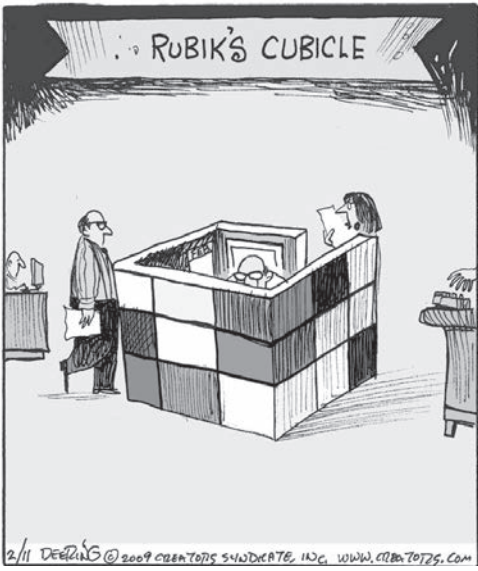


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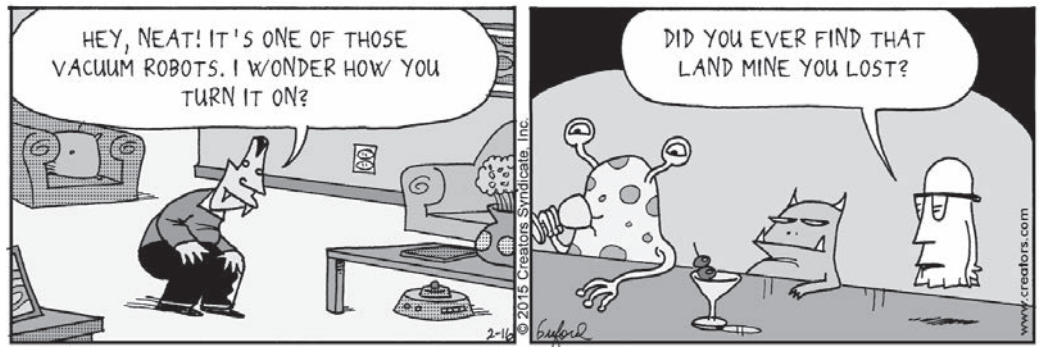
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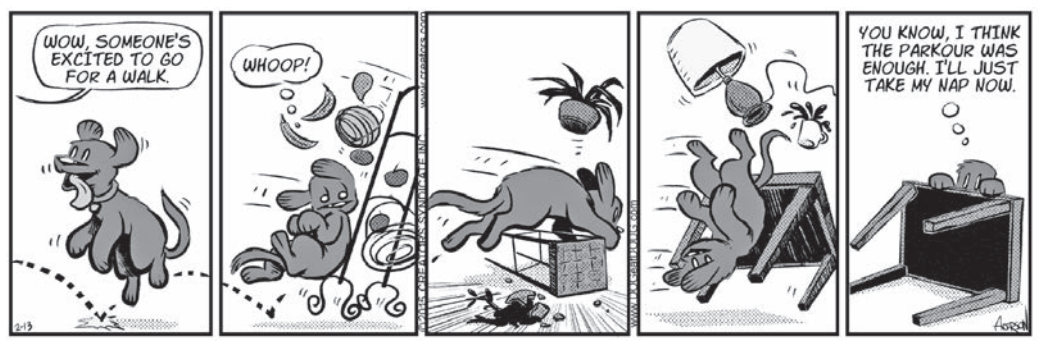
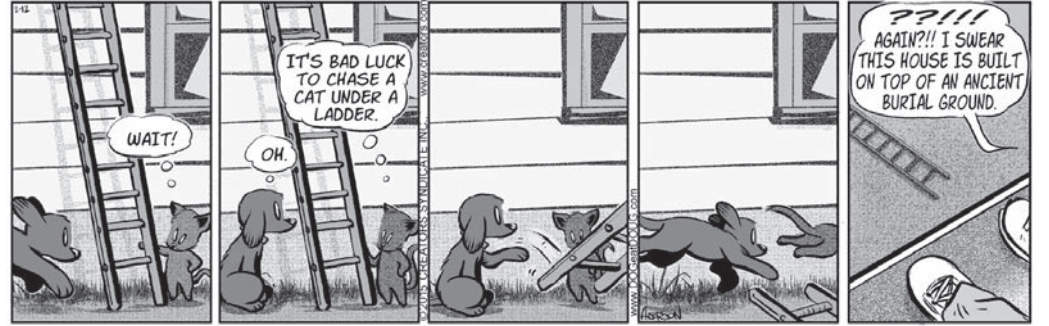
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CCC: Vets lead Concordia

From page 12

Brad Barbarick had high expectations for the Cavaliers, and they have not disappointed him. The Cavs are ranked 12th in the nation.

"Adam Herman was an extraordinary player," Barbarick says, "but at times last year we relied on him, and I knew we would be more balanced this year. I felt like we had the pieces to have a very successful season."

Concordia may be the most veteran team in the nation. "I have five fifth-year seniors, and all five of them start," Barbarick says. "We might be the only college basketball team in the country with that. They all bring a different skill set, and that has made it a really enjoyable year so far. We've got some size, we've got some quickness and we have really good leadership, as well."

The Cavs are able to play defense end-line to end-line. Concordia is allowing 69.7 points per game and holding opponents to .427 percent

shooting from the field.

"Our calling card has been our ability to defend you in the full court and pressure you," Barbarick says. "We've won some close games because we can extend and cause you some problems in the full court."

Concordia's Esvan Middleton, a 6-7, 225-pounder from Culver City, Calif., is leading the nation in rebounding with 11.4 per game.

"He's very, very quick, and we can put him on the top of the press," Barbarick says.

Next to Middleton is 5-11 point guard Tyler Velasquez, who is leading the nation in steals, with 3.2 per game.

Thomas Pierce, a 6-5 forward, has 1.9 steals per game, "and at the back of the press you have 6-10 Justyn Searle, who led the conference in blocked shots last year and is currently third (1.7 per game)," Barbarick says.

"Then you have Anthony Holton, at 6-3, who can defend any position. He's the most versatile defender I've ever coached. We can do some things that other teams in our league can't. That's been one of the keys to our success."

The Cavs are scoring 78.6 points

per game and shooting .459 percent from the field. They lead the CCC in steals with 10.6 per game. Velasquez leads them in scoring with 15.8 points per game. Pierce (11.9), Holton (11.7), Searle (11.4) and Middleton (9.5) add to the mix.

"Offensively, we're up and down," Barbarick says. "Last year, we were one of the top field-goal shooting teams in the country. This year, we're about the middle of our conference. It's been interesting."

Concordia swept the inner-city series, taking both hotly contested games. The Cavs won at home 89-86 in overtime, then edged the Knights at WPC 70-65.

The final regular-season home games for both teams are this weekend. Warner Pacific will play host to Evergreen State (1-13 CCC) on Friday night and Northwest on Saturday night. Concordia welcomes Northwest on Friday and Evergreen State on Saturday. All games start at 7:30 p.m.

The regular season ends the following weekend. Concordia will be at Oregon Tech (6-9) on Friday, Feb. 20 and at Southern Oregon (10-5) on Feb. 21. Warner Pacific plays at SOU on Feb. 20 and at OIT on Feb. 21.



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Birthdays

Feb. 13, 1981

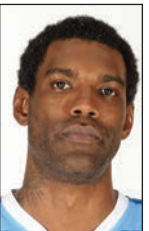
Luke Ridnour (age 34)

The Oregon Ducks point guard of 2000-03 was born on this day in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and grew up in Blaine, Wash. He is in his 12th NBA season, and on the Orlando Magic, his fifth team.

Feb. 16, 1981

Qyntel Woods (age 34)

The former Trail Blazers guard-forward, born and raised in Memphis, Tenn., left Portland in 2005 and has been playing pro basketball overseas since 2007.



WOODS

StatusReport

Timbers: Portland is coming off two preseason draws (1-1 Saturday with Houston and 0-0 Tuesday versus San Jose) that wrapped up the team's training at Tucson, Ariz.

Portland's opening lineups in its first two exhibition tests (Houston and a 2-0 win against Sporting Kansas City) could closely resemble the likely starting group when the Timbers' MLS regular season kicks off at Providence Park on March 7 against Real Salt Lake. The Timbers went with new goalie Adam Kwarasey, a back line of Nat Borchers, Jorge Villafaria, Norberto Papparatto and Alvas Powell, a midfield of Darlington Nagbe, Diego Chara, Ben Zemanski and Rodney Wallace, and forwards Gason Fernandez and Fanendo Adi.

Second-half subs for the Timbers of note have included forward Maximiliano Urruti and midfielder/defender Jack Jewsbury.

Thorns: Portland's third National Women's Soccer League season starts at home with a 7 p.m. match Saturday, April 11, against the Boston Breakers. The regular-season finale for Portland is Sept. 4 at the Western New York Flash. The top four of nine teams in the final standings after 20 regular-season games will qualify for the league playoffs.

Thunder: Portland's players will report to camp on March 4 for the team's second season of Arena Football League play. Practices start March 6 at the Oregon Soccer Center in Clackamas. Thirty-five players, plus invitees, will compete for 24 roster spots, to be determined by March 20. All training camp practices are open to the public. Portland's opener is March 27 at Moda Center against the Los Angeles KISS.



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Tribune's ATHLETES of the WEEK

PRO

Blazers



ROBIN LOPEZ — The 7-footer's return from injury (broken hand) sparked Portland to victories against Utah, Phoenix and Houston in a 3-1 week. In his 1st 4 games after a 23-game absence, he averaged 31.0 minutes, 11.8 points (21-33 FGs) and 7.3 rebounds.

Winterhawks



ADAM HENRY — The 6-0, 195-pounder from Winnipeg has been a key D-man in Portland's recent 8-game win streak. He also had 2 assists in an OT loss Sunday at Everett, giving him 6 in the past 6 games.

COLLEGE

Portland



THOMAS VAN DER MARS, basketball — The 6-11 senior C from the Netherlands became UP's all-time leader in blocked shots (104) and totaled 23 points (9-15 FGs), 25 rebounds and 4 blocks as the Pilots swept on the road against USF and Santa Clara.

Oregon State



JARMAL REID, basketball — The Beavers swept the visiting Washington schools, with Reid, a 6-7 junior F from Decatur, Ga., totaling 32 points and shooting 11 of 16 from the floor.

Portland State



GENNA SETTLE, track and field — A sophomore from Estacada, she became the 2nd Viking ever to break 24 seconds in the indoor 200 meters. She ran a Big Sky-leading 23.92 seconds and was 3rd at the Scarlet & White Invitational at Boston University.

Oregon

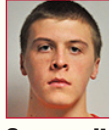


JOSEPH YOUNG, basketball — The 6-2 senior G from Houston led the Ducks to home wins over UW and WSU, pouring in 32 points (12-21 FGs) vs. the Huskies and getting 29 points (10-16), 10 rebounds and 8 assists against Ernie Kent's Cougars.

Lewis & Clark



HANNAH DAL PRA, softball — The junior 2B from Phoenix, Ariz., hit a pair of 2-run home runs, including the winner in the bottom of the 7th of the season opener, a 6-4 win over Northwest.



JASON LUHNOW, basketball — His game-high 24 points and 7 rebounds led the Pioneers to a 59-54 win over Pacific. The 6-2 G, a junior from Lake Oswego High, was 9 of 15 from the field in 31 minutes.

Concordia



JARREN GODDARD, baseball — The 6-1, 215-pound junior DH from Thurston High, making his Cavaliers debut, went 4 for 4 with a double, 2 RBIs and 2 runs in a 13-6 season-opening win over No. 2-ranked Lewis-Clark State.

Warner Pacific



RYAN PARKS, basketball — He scored a team-high 14 points off the bench to lead the Knights past Northwest Christian 57-50. The 6-1 senior G from Las Vegas, Nev., was 7-15 on 3-pointers in two weekend games.

HIGH SCHOOL



ZHARIE HALE, Central Catholic basketball — With 3 Rams on retreat, the 5-11 junior shifted from her usual PG spot to PF and came through with 16 points, 7 steals, 5 assists and 3 blocks in a victory at Reynolds.



JAVARY CHRISTMAS, De La Salle North Catholic basketball — The 5-10 junior PG rang up 43 points (25 in the 1st quarter) in a 78-57 win vs. Clatskanie and 22 as the Knights beat Warrenton 73-30. He totaled 13 3-pointers.



EBONY BOYD, De La Salle North Catholic basketball — A 5-3 sophomore G, she averaged 10 points, 5 steals and 3.5 assists and hit 43 percent from 3-point range in wins over Warrenton and Clatskanie.



EMI OGDEN-FUNG, Oregon Episcopal School basketball — A 5-7 senior W/G and emotional leader in games and at practice, she averaged 16 points, 8 rebounds and 4 assists in victories over Rainier and Catlin Gabel.



HUGH HALVORSON, Riverdale basketball — The 5-10 point guard/captain has 10 points, 7 rebounds and 4 rebounds per game and helped the Mavericks defeat Portland Christian and Warrenton last week with his overall play.



DARREN KENNEDY, Grant basketball — The Generals used the 5-11 senior PG/W's 28 points, 6 rebounds, 3 steals and 3 assists to beat Benson. He made 11 FTs in the 4th quarter and 16-22 overall. He also had 10 points, 5 rebounds, 5 assists and 4 steals as Grant topped Cleveland.



ISAAC MBUYAMBA, Parkrose basketball — A 6-6 junior P, he exceeded his season averages (15 points, 12 rebounds, 3 blocks per game) with 17, 13 and 4 as the Broncos beat St. Helens 84-60.



EVAN HARVEY, Grant basketball — A 6-0 junior W/F, she hit 3 of 4 from 3-point range, scored 13 points and had 5 rebounds in a win vs. Cleveland, then supplied key defense as the Generals beat Benson.

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MainEvents

Thursday, Feb. 12

Prep boys basketball: La Salle Prep at Parkrose, 7:15 p.m. ... Rainier-De La Salle North Catholic at Moore Street Community Center, Portland Christian at Portland Adventist Academy, Riverdale at Catlin Gabel, Portland Waldorf at North Clackamas Christian, 7:30 p.m.

Prep girls basketball: Riverdale at Catlin Gabel, Rainier-De La Salle North Catholic at Moore Street Community Center, Portland Christian at Portland Adventist Academy, Portland Waldorf at North Clackamas Christian, 6 p.m. ... Parkrose at La Salle Prep, 7:15 p.m.

College men's basketball: Pepperdine at Portland, 7 p.m. ... Portland State at Idaho, 7 p.m. PT.

College women's basketball: Idaho at Portland State, 7 p.m. ... Portland at Pepperdine, 7 p.m.

College softball: Oregon State-North Dakota State at San Diego State, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 13

Winterhawks: Tri-City at Portland, Memorial Coliseum, 7 p.m.

Prep boys basketball: Jesuit at Aloha, 7 p.m. ... Central Catholic at Clackamas, Faith Bible at City Christian, Portland Lutheran at Open Door Christian Academy, 7:30 p.m. ... Lincoln at Wilson, Grant at Madison, Franklin at Roosevelt, Benson at Cleveland, Columbia Christian at Southwest Christian, 8 p.m.

Prep girls basketball: Central Catholic at Clackamas, Faith Bible at City Christian, Columbia Christian at Southwest Christian, 6 p.m. ... Grant at Madison, Lincoln at Wilson, Benson at Cleveland, Franklin at Roosevelt, 6:30 p.m. ... West Linn at St. Mary's Academy, 7 p.m. ... Aloha at Jesuit, 7:15 p.m. ... David Douglas at Reynolds, 7:30 p.m.

NBA: The All-Star celebrity game includes guard Shoni Schimmel, former Franklin High star now with the WNBA Atlanta Dream. At Madison Square Garden, 4 p.m. PT (ESPN).

Prep swimming: PIL prelims, Matt Dishman Pool, 4 p.m. ... College men's basketball: Northwest at Concordia, 7:30 p.m. ... Evergreen State at Warner Pacific, 7:30 p.m.

College women's basketball: Arizona at Oregon, 6 p.m. ... Arizona State at Oregon State, 6 p.m. (Pac-12 Networks) ... Northwest at Concordia, 5:30 p.m. ... Evergreen State at Warner Pacific, 5:30 p.m.

College track and field: Oregon at Don Kirby Elite, Albuquerque, N.M.; Millrose Games, New York City, and Husky Classic, Seattle ... Portland at Husky Classic.

College baseball: Oregon State-Northwestern at Surprise, Ariz., 1 p.m. ... Oregon at Hawaii, 8:30 p.m. PT ... Portland at Cal Riverside, 6 p.m. ... Concordia at Puget Sound, 11 a.m. doubleheader.

College softball: Oregon State-Central Michigan at San Diego State, 11:30 a.m. ... Oregon State at San Diego State, 7 p.m. ... Concordia at Simpson Tournament, Redding, Calif.

College wrestling: Oregon State at Wyoming, 6 p.m. PT ... Warner Pacific women at WCWA nationals, St. Louis, Mo.

College swimming: Lewis & Clark at Northwest Conference championships, Corvallis, 10 a.m.

College women's tennis: Montana at Oregon, noon.

College lacrosse: Oregon-Presbyterian, Clinton, S.C., 1 p.m. PT.

Roller derby: Wreckers-Hillsboro's Air Raid Roller Girls, Oaks Amusement Park, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 14

NBA: All-Star Saturday night, Madison Square Garden, 5:30 p.m. PT (TNT).

Prep swimming: PIL finals, Matt

Dishman Pool, 1 p.m.

College men's basketball: Oregon at UCLA, noon (FOX 12) ... Oregon State at USC, 2 p.m. (Pac-12 Networks) ... Loyola Marymount at Portland, 7 p.m. (Root) ... Portland State at Eastern Washington, 2 p.m. ... Puget Sound at Lewis & Clark, 6 p.m. ... Evergreen State at Concordia, 7:30 p.m. ... Northwest at Warner Pacific, 7:30 p.m. ... Portland CC at Linn-Benton, 4 p.m.

College women's basketball: Eastern Washington at Portland State, 2 p.m. ... Portland at Loyola Marymount, 2 p.m. ... Puget Sound at Lewis & Clark, 4 p.m. ... Evergreen State at Concordia, 5:30 p.m. ... Northwest at Warner Pacific, 5:30 p.m.

College gymnastics: Oregon State at Cal, 7 p.m.

College swimming: Lewis & Clark at Northwest Conference championships, Corvallis, 10 a.m.

College wrestling: Warner Pacific women at WCWA nationals, St. Louis, Mo.

College track and field: Oregon at Don Kirby Elite, Albuquerque, N.M.; Millrose Games, New York City, and Husky Classic, Seattle ... Portland, Portland State at Husky Classic ... Concordia at Boise State Team Challenge and Husky Classic. ... Millrose Games

College baseball: Oregon at Hawaii, 3 p.m. PT ... Oregon State-

Michigan State at Surprise, Ariz., 1 p.m. ... Portland at Cal Riverside, noon doubleheader ... Lewis & Clark-Willamette at Wilsonville High, 11 a.m. doubleheader ... Pacific Lutheran at Concordia, 5 p.m.

College softball: ... Oregon State-Seton Hall at San Diego State, 1 p.m. ... Oregon State-North Dakota State at San Diego State, 6 p.m. ... Concordia at Simpson Tournament, Redding, Calif.

College women's golf: Oregon at Peg Barnard Invitational, Stanford (Calif.) Golf Course.

College men's tennis: Portland State-Portland at West Hills Racquet Club, 5:30 p.m.

College women's tennis: Portland at Lewis & Clark, 10 a.m.

Hall of Fame: The Warner Pacific Hall of Honor noon luncheon will honor new inductees Bill

Edwardson (Class of 1988) and Matt Segrin (2003), both former Knights basketball players.

Roller derby: High Rollers-Guns N Rollers, Oaks Amusement Park, 7 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 15

NBA: All-Star Game, Madison Square Garden, 5:30 p.m. PT (TNT).

College women's basketball: Arizona at Oregon State, 11 a.m. (Pac-12 Networks) ... Arizona State at Oregon, 4:30 p.m. (Pac-12 Networks).

College wrestling: Oregon State at Air Force, 1 p.m. PT.

College swimming: Lewis & Clark at Northwest Conference championships, Corvallis, 10 a.m.

College baseball: Oregon at Hawaii, 3 p.m. PT ... Oregon State-New Mexico at Surprise, Ariz., 4 p.m. ... Portland at Cal Riverside, 1 p.m. ... Lewis & Clark-Willamette at Wilsonville High, noon ... George Fox at Concordia, 2 p.m.

College track and field: Lewis & Clark at University of Washington Indoor Preview, 9 a.m.

College women's golf: Oregon at Peg Barnard Invitational, Stanford (Calif.) Golf Course.

College lacrosse: Oregon at High Point (N.C.), 9 a.m. PT.

College women's tennis: Iowa at Oregon, noon.

Monday, Feb. 16

Prep girls basketball: Milwaukie at Parkrose, 7:15 p.m. ... Cleveland at Wilson, Jefferson at Grant, Benson at Roosevelt, Franklin at Lincoln, 7:30 p.m.

College baseball: Oregon State-New Mexico at Surprise, Ariz., 1 p.m. ... Oregon at Hawaii, 3 p.m. PT.

College softball: Oregon at Houston, 2 p.m. PT doubleheader.

College men's golf: Oregon at The Prestige, PGA West-Norma, LaQuinta, Calif.

History

Feb. 15, 1984

With an all-out style and swag-ger, Bill Johnson, 23, of Brightwood, wins the Olympics downhill at Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. He is the first American man to capture a gold medal in alpine skiing. Johnson grew up as a competitive skier on Mount Hood. One month earlier, in Switzerland, he became the first U.S. man to win a World Cup downhill. He predicted a win at the Olympics, and edged silver medalist Peter Muller of Switzerland by 0.27 seconds.



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TV&Radio

Thursday, Feb. 12

College men's basketball: Pepperdine at Portland, 7 p.m., KMTT (910 AM) ... Mississippi at Florida, 4 p.m., ESPN ... Tulsa at Connecticut, 4 p.m., ESPN2 ... American at Lehigh, 4 p.m., CBS Sports ... Stanford at Utah, 6 p.m., Pac-12 Networks ... Saint Mary's at BYU, 6 p.m., ESPN2 ... Cal at Colorado, 6 p.m., FS1 ... Michigan at Illinois, 6 p.m., ESPN ... Tennessee-Martin at SE Missouri State, 6 p.m., CBS Sports

College women's basketball: UCLA at Cal, 8 p.m., Pac-12 Networks

NBA: Cleveland at Chicago, 5 p.m., TNT

PGA Tour: AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, noon, Golf Channel

Friday, Feb. 13

Winterhawks: Tri-City at Portland, Memorial Coliseum, 7 p.m., KPAM (860 AM)

NBA: The All-Star celebrity game

includes guard Shoni Schimmel, former Franklin High star now with the WNBA Atlanta Dream. At Madison Square Garden, 4 p.m., ESPN, KMTT (910 AM) or KFX (1080 AM)

College men's basketball: Arizona at Washington, 6 p.m., ESPN ... Arizona State at Washington State, 8 p.m., Pac-12 Networks ... Green Bay at Valparaiso, 4 p.m., ESPN2

College women's basketball: Arizona at Oregon, 6 p.m., KUFO (970 AM) ... Arizona State at Oregon State, 6 p.m., Pac-12 Networks

College baseball: Oregon State-Northwestern at Surprise, Ariz., 1 p.m., KPOJ (620 AM) ... Oregon at Hawaii, 8:30 p.m., KUJK (1360 AM)

NHL: Boston at Vancouver, 7 p.m., CSNNW

PGA Tour: AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, 10 a.m., Golf Channel

Saturday, Feb. 14

NBA: All-Star Saturday night, Madison Square Garden, 5:30 p.m., TNT, KFX (1080 AM)

College men's basketball: Oregon at UCLA, noon FOX (12),

KXTG (750 AM), KKRZ (102.9 FM) ... Oregon State at USC, 2 p.m., Pac-12 Networks, KEX (1190 AM) ... Loyola Marymount at Portland, 7 p.m., Root, KMTT (910 AM) ... Ohio State at Michigan State, 9 a.m., ESPN ... Georgia State at Texas State, 9 a.m., ESPN2 ... St. Bonaventure at Dayton, 9:30 a.m., NBC Sports ... Baylor at Kansas, 10 a.m., KOIN (6) ... Marquette at Creighton, 10 a.m., FS1 ... South Carolina at Kentucky, 11 a.m., ESPN ... Virginia Commonwealth at George Washington, 11 a.m., ESPN2 ... East Carolina at Temple, 11 a.m., CBS Sports ... North Carolina State at Louisville, 1 p.m., ESPN ... West Virginia at Iowa State, 1 p.m., ESPN2 ... Duke at Syracuse, 3 p.m., ESPN ... Villanova at Butler, 3 p.m., CBS Sports ... Wichita State at Illinois State, 3 p.m., ESPN2 ... Oklahoma at Kansas State, 5 p.m., ESPN2 ... Colorado State at San Diego State, 5 p.m., CBS Sports ... Connecticut at SMU, 6 p.m., ESPN ... New Mexico at Nevada, 7 p.m., ESPN2

College women's basketball: Tulane at Connecticut, 1 p.m., CBS Sports

College baseball: Oregon at Hawaii, 3 p.m., KUJK (1360 AM) ... Oregon State-Michigan State at Surprise, Ariz., 1 p.m., KPOJ (620 AM)

Millrose Games: The track and

field meet, in its 108th year, at the Armory in New York City features Portland-based Mary Cain and three Oregon Project teammates (Jordan Hasay, Shannon Rowbury and Treniere Moser) in the women's Wanamaker Mile; Bernard Lagat, 40, going after the masters indoor mile world record (3:58.15, Eamonn Coghlan), in the men's mile against defending champ Will Leer, Matthew Centrowitz, Edward Cheserek, Evan Jager, Leo Manzano, Nick Willis and others, 3-5 p.m., NBC Sports

NHL: Washington at Los Angeles, 7 p.m., CSNNW

PGA Tour: AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, noon, KOIN (6)

Sunday, Feb. 15

NBA: All-Star Game, Madison Square Garden, 5:30 p.m., TNT, KFX (1080 AM)

College men's basketball: Illinois at Wisconsin, 10 a.m., KOIN (6) ... Saint Joseph's at Fordham, 11:30 a.m., NBC Sports ... Bucknell at Army, 1 p.m., CBS Sports ... Stanford at Colorado, 1 p.m., FS1 ... Arizona State at Washington, 2:30 p.m., Pac-12 Networks ... Arizona at Washington State, 3:30 p.m., FS1 ...

College women's basketball: Arizona at Oregon State, 11 a.m., Pac-12 Networks ... Arizona State at

Oregon, 4:30 p.m., Pac-12 Networks, KXTG (750 AM), KKRZ (102.9 FM) ... North Carolina at Louisville, 10 a.m., ESPN2 ... Washington State at Utah, 11 a.m., Pac-12 Networks ... Kentucky at Tennessee, noon, ESPN2 ... West Virginia at Baylor, 2 p.m., ESPN2 ... USC at Cal, 6:30 p.m., Pac-12 Networks

College baseball: Oregon at Hawaii, 3 p.m., KUJK (1360 AM) ... Oregon State-New Mexico at Surprise, Ariz., 4 p.m., KPOJ (620 AM)

NHL: Pittsburgh at Chicago, KGW (8)

PGA Tour: AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am, noon, KOIN (6)

College men's basketball: Pittsburgh at Virginia, 4 p.m., ESPN ... Seton Hall at Villanova, 4 p.m., FS1 ... Kansas at West Virginia, 6 p.m., ESPN ... Butler at Creighton, 6 p.m., FS1

College women's basketball: Maryland at Michigan State, 4 p.m., ESPN2 ... Duke at Notre Dame, 6 p.m., ESPN2

College baseball: Oregon State-New Mexico at Surprise, Ariz., 1 p.m., KEX (1190 AM) ... Oregon at Hawaii, 3 p.m., KUFO (970 AM)

NHL: Minnesota at Vancouver, 7 p.m., CSNNW

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Eggers: Gomis makes impact with Beavers

From page 12

Oregon State. The meeting with Pomeday — then coaching at Wake Forest — would plant the seed for Gomis to become a Beaver.

A program called “One Dream Foundation” sent Gomis to Sun Valley, where he attended the Community School and lived with the Flanagans, Chris and Jackie, and their three sons.

The Flanagans had been considering taking on an exchange student for five years. Gomis was their first.

“It was absolutely fabulous,” says Chris Flanagan, who works in ranching and real estate. “We lucked out with Daniel. I’ve heard stories where you can get not a good exchange student. He has become like our fourth child.”

“Our three boys are his brothers now,” Jackie says. “I’m his American mom, and I love him to death.”

“Daniel came to us as a real shy boy from Senegal. He is very comfortable in his skin now. He has a strong constitution. He won the hearts of the entire school. He is respected by everybody. He left an impact on every person he met up with.”

“Daniel is a very kindhearted person,” Chris Flanagan says. “He’d do anything for you. When he first got to our house, he didn’t know how to speak English. My wife talks a mile a minute, and he’d say, ‘Yeah, yeah,’ but didn’t understand a word she said. As time went on, he learned the language, and he got along quickly with our boys. This is his U.S. home, and we’re his U.S. family.”

The Flanagan parents have come to Corvallis for basketball weekends two or three times in each of the last two seasons and will fly to Las Vegas for the Pac-12 tournament. For holiday breaks and in the summers, Gomis returns to Sun Valley to stay with them.

“They’re like my family,” Gomis says. “They do everything for me. They’re really good people, always taking care of me. They’re wonderful people. I can’t thank them enough.”

During his time in Sun Valley, Gomis volunteered to teach French and basketball to a fifth-grade class.

“He was a superstar to those kids, and not because he was so talented in basketball,” Jackie Flanagan says. “It was because



Oregon State’s Daniel Gomis has overcome an assortment of injuries to be a key player, especially on defense, for the Beavers.

of who he is. He embraced them, and they embraced him.”

After the season, the fifth-graders held a fundraiser to raise finances for Gomis to return home to Senegal. Those fifth-graders, who are now juniors in high school, haven’t forgotten him.

“They still talk about Daniel,” Jackie says. “Everyone watches the Oregon State games on TV.”

In 2009, Gomis played in the Jordan Brand Classic at New York and caught the eye of coach Steve Smith of Oak Hill Academy, a nationally acclaimed landing spot for the nation’s top prep stars in Mouth of Wilson, Va. Over the years, the Warriors have fielded dozens of future NBA players, including Carmelo Anthony, Rod Strickland, Brandon Jennings, Rajon Rondo, Steve Blake, Josh Smith and Jerry Stackhouse.

Gomis attended Oak Hill Academy as a senior and was the team’s starting center. But toward the end of the season, injury problems that would plague him for the next three years cropped up.

He developed a stress fracture in his left leg. While playing pickup ball after returning to Senegal in the summer, he suffered a full fracture of the leg. By that time, Gomis had

signed with Oregon State, borrowing on a relationship with Pomeday.

“The recruiting process was hard,” he says. “I was getting calls from USC, UCLA, Washington State — a lot of schools. It was overwhelming. I couldn’t really speak English, and communication was tough.”

“But I knew Coach Pomeday. He had coached some of my former teammates from Senegal. I met some of the Oregon State staff. They were all nice. I thought, ‘Why not come here?’”

After undergoing surgery in Senegal that summer, Gomis flew to Corvallis in August 2011 and began practicing with the Beavers. One day, he fell, and the rod that had been inserted in his leg bent and shifted. It required another surgery. He was lost for that season and the next.

Gomis was finally able to play

during the 2013-14 season as a redshirt sophomore, but was rusty and still not 100 percent physically. During the pre-season, he began feeling something in both legs.

“It was really painful,” he says. “I was icing, doing everything I could to help it, and I played through it. But it was hard.”

After the season, X-rays showed stress fractures in both legs.

“The first time (he returned from surgery), I was stubborn,” Gomis says. “I came back too soon. I was really excited and wanted to help my teammates out. This time, I was patient with it. I rested and didn’t do anything for almost two months. I wore air casts on both legs — it was one of the ugliest things you could imagine — but it finally got better. Now, I’m grateful to be healthy.”

Gomis believes diet and vitamin deficiency played a part in his leg injuries.

“I wasn’t eating vegetables,” he says. “I wasn’t getting enough Vitamin D.”

Gomis has had to almost re-learn how to run.

“When practice started this season, my running was weird,” he says, smiling. “Coach Tinkle was always yelling at me, ‘Pick up your feet!’ You sort of lose your touch. I just prayed, and now I’m eating more vegetables, and I’m drinking more milk. I finally realized you have to help yourself.”

“Last year after games, I could barely walk. This year, I’m feeling great.”

Gomis missed four games early this season with a shoulder injury, but has otherwise held up physically. Even so, his game has its deficiencies, especially at the offensive end. After a 71-59 loss to Oregon at Eugene on Jan. 3, Oregon State’s coaches were worried about him.

“Daniel was very frustrated by his physical limitations,” Tim-

kle says. “He felt like he was letting us down. He was starting to think about next year and his future. We told him, ‘Let’s just commit to these next three months. Give us what you have. We’ll control practice time and days off if you need them, but sell out, because we’ll need you. We’ll talk about next year in the spring.’”

“It seemed like that was a relief. He has been vital to our success since that game, especially with his maturity and the way he carries himself. It’s exactly what we want this program to be about.”

“We just want him to play his tail off and keep things simple.” Gomis’ teammates appreciate him. Forward Olaf Schaftenaar, a junior from the Netherlands, lives in an apartment adjacent to Gomis’. They’ve waged a rivalry playing soccer video games.

“Daniel is very aggressive on the court — he plays so hard — but he’s friendly off the court,” Schaftenaar says. “He cares about people. He’s a great guy to be around.”

“He’s such a hardworking guy,” sophomore guard Malcolm Duvivier says. “He brings intensity and energy every single day. It motivates us. He’s the best teammate you could ask for.”

Gomis enjoyed playing for Robinson, lamenting only that he couldn’t have given more to his former coach due to injuries. The experience playing for Tinkle has been a step up.

“Every practice is a learning process,” Gomis says. “We’ve learned a lot this year. Everything is so different from what we used to do. People didn’t expect us to do anything. Everyone on this team is so dedicated, works so hard, and it is paying off. We’re enjoying the time. The coaches are always saying, ‘Enjoy the moment, because it can get taken away from you.’”

Nobody knows that better

than Gomis. “I’m just praying to stay healthy, because you never know what’s going to happen,” he says.

There is another dilemma Gomis will soon face. He will have just one class to complete in order to graduate spring term. He has another year of eligibility in basketball. He is not sure if he will return.

“I really don’t know yet,” he says. “This team is great. I love my teammates. I would do anything for them. I don’t want to think about it until this season ends.”

“You have to know what your body can handle. Right now, my body is feeling great. We’ll see how the body feels and make a quick evaluation about how the season went and decide from there.”

Tinkle knows how he will vote on the issue.

“We’re telling Daniel he is really going to enjoy next year,” the OSU mentor says. “With the players we have coming in and the momentum we can take from this year, he can be a great mentor and a leader to the young guys. It’s going to be a fun group.”

“We’re going to talk about it. I know he is concerned about his health, but we think his leadership alone is invaluable. He can go a long way toward sending this program in the right direction. He already has.”

Gomis doesn’t want to get nostalgic, not yet. With what he has gone through, it’s hard not to. “I’m so thankful for this opportunity to go to Oregon State, every single moment of it,” he says. “People are so nice here. It’s nice that people are praying for you and encouraging you. I do not regret coming here. I’ve loved every single moment of it.”

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LEADERS IN THEIR CLASS

Knights, Cavaliers chase top seeds

By **STEPHEN ALEXANDER**
The Tribune

With just four conference games left, the men's basketball teams at Warner Pacific College and Concordia University are tied for second in the Cascade Collegiate Conference.

Concordia (20-5 overall, 10-4 league) and Warner Pacific (20-6, 10-4) trail College of Idaho (22-4, 11-3), but are likely to finish with good seeding for the eight-team conference tournament, Feb. 25-March 3.

Warner Pacific, ranked 16th in NAIA Division II, has been a surprise to many after being picked to finish seventh in the CCC.

"We were undervalued a little," Knights coach Jared Valentine says. "But I'm not surprised (by how well we've done). We've done a really nice job of making the most of what we have. We have a lot of good pieces that fit well together, and we maximize that."

"We've done that mostly by being excellent on the defensive end and making enough plays on the offensive end to win games."

Warner Pacific is allowing a conference-low 62.7 points per game and holding teams to .382 percent from the field, also best in the CCC. The No. 2 teams in those departments are Northwest Christian (67.6 points allowed, 9-6 CCC record) and C of I (.403 field-goal shooting allowed).

"We're doing a great job of challenging all shots," Valentine says. "We play all zone, similar to a Syracuse system. Our style can be difficult for teams to attack."

"We have really good quickness and length. We have a bunch of players who are tough with their defensive mindset. We're a little bit undersized around the basket, but Mike



Esvan Middleton (right), 6-7, gives the Concordia Cavaliers a strong rebounder who can be part of the scoring mix, as well.

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Hall, our big kid (6-5, 200 pounds) inside, is a really good athlete. He's done a tremendous job. And we have nice length on the perimeter."

The Knights are averaging 76.4 points per game and shooting .470 percent from the field. Their plus-13.8-point scoring differential leads the league (C of I is second at plus-10.8).

"We're quick, and we have a lot of players who have good skills," Valentine says. "We shoot it pretty well. We're not an exceptional shooting team, but we're a good shooting team."

"We have real nice pieces that fit together well as long as we're attack-

ing. We have to be an attacking team all the time because we don't have anyone we can just dump the ball down to inside, get a basket, put pressure on the defense. We'll put teams under pressure by attacking the rim, spacing the floor, making a move side-to-side, getting around the basket, getting to the free-throw line."

Senior forward Doug Thomas, 6-5 and from Aloha High, leads the Knights with 15.3 points per game. Junior guard Earl Jones, a 5-8 product of Mt. Hood Community College, is at 15.2 points. Senior forward Coletun Tarr, 6-5 and from Milwaukie High and MHCC, is averaging 14.6. But the strength of Warner Pacific comes from its depth.

"We're really well-rounded," Valentine says. "We're eight deep with players who can do a lot of good things in



Doug Thomas leads the Warner Pacific Knights in scoring this season with 15.3 points per game.

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a lot of different positions. We're not reliant on one or two guys."

Warner Pacific knocked off College of Idaho, then ranked third in the nation (now fifth), 81-62 on Jan. 31 at WPC.

Concordia came into the season having graduated Adam Herman, the CCC player of the year last season and a first-team All-American. Still, coach

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From Senegal to team leader at OSU

Kerry Eggers



ON SPORTS

CORVALLIS — Daniel Gomis isn't sure what he wants to do with his life after basketball.

Maybe he'll be a coach and a teacher. Perhaps he'll start his own business.

Whether Gomis remains in the United States or returns to his native Senegal — a nation of 13 million people in West Africa — he'll have the latter in mind.

"I want to make life better back home," Oregon State's 6-10 junior center says. "I don't know what I'm going to do, but everything I do will involve Senegal."

Gomis doesn't want to be a politician.

"I don't like politics," he says. "I don't like African leaders. They always prove me wrong. They can start out to be really good people, but once they get to power, it's a whole different story. They're corrupt."

"We need better leaders, people who can help our country move forward."

I'm thinking diplomat, then. A position where Gomis can put his personality and command of four languages to full advantage.

"Working in an embassy would be nice," he says with a smile.

All of this is in the future, of course.

For now, Gomis' focus is on earning his degree in anthropology and helping the Beavers



Daniel Gomis of Oregon State collects a rebound in a game this season at the University of Portland.

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continue to be one of the true success stories in college basketball this season.

Gomis, 23 and a team co-captain, may be the most valuable player in America averaging 4.0 points, 3.7 rebounds and 1.3 blocked shots per game.

"A lot of what Daniel does doesn't show up on the stat sheet," says Wayne Tinkle, Oregon State's first-year coach. "He has been instrumental to our defense. Earlier in the year, we talked long and hard about hav-

ing somebody who would be our defender of the basket."

"Daniel has been that guy. He's hard to score over, he's hard to get around. He can close out on perimeter players in the zone. He gives all-out effort."

Tinkle singled out a moment in the second half of the Beavers' Sunday win over Washington that spruced their record up to 14-0 at Gill Coliseum this season.

"In one possession, he played all five positions of our zone," Tinkle says. "He was every-

where. He was making up for everybody else. That spills over to the rest of the group."

Then there are the intangibles.

"He's a great leader," Tinkle says. "The guys love him because of his personality. He plays the right way. They're starting to feed off of that. He is becoming more receptive to their response to his leadership. And he probably does a lot more for us behind the scenes, in the locker room, than we know about."

That's because of who Daniel Gomis is, the hurdles he has cleared and the type of person he has become.

"Daniel has brought way more to our lives than we have brought to his," says Jackie Flanagan, the matriarch of the host family in Sun Valley, Idaho, with whom Gomis lived during his junior year in high school. "He's an incredible, authentic person. He has the biggest heart. So kind, so considerate, one of the most thoughtful human beings we know. And he has so much integrity."

Gomis is the fifth of seven children — five boys, two girls — born to Vincent and Therese Gomis. Through his childhood, his father worked servicing naval boats in France for nine months every year while his mother tended to the children in Thies, Senegal. Vincent Gomis died in 2009, when Daniel was in high school.

It was a disciplined environment in a Catholic household.

"My dad didn't let us kids go out a lot," Gomis says. "And even when he wasn't at home, my mom wouldn't let us go. When he was home, every Sunday my dad would knock on our doors and say, 'Get ready for church.'"

"We're a real close family. Every holiday is a big celebration. Cousins, grandparents, everyone comes. I miss having those family-bonding experiences."

Senegal is predominantly Sunni Muslim.

"We were surrounded by Muslim people, but we get along well," says Gomis, who remains true to his Catholic faith. "We have so much mutual respect. When Muslims have their holidays, they cook food and bring it

to our house. We do the same for them. I learned a lot about the Muslim faith and their beliefs."

French is Senegal's official language, but Gomis also fluently speaks Mandjak, a family dialect, and Wolof, the native language of the Wolof people of Senegal.

Gomis took English in middle school but was lost when he arrived in Sun Valley, Idaho, as an exchange student at age 17.

"It was challenging," says Gomis, who now speaks English superbly. "I couldn't understand people at all."

Gomis understood the language of soccer, though, from the time he was a young boy.

"Loved it," he says. "Still do. I'd wake up every morning and play soccer."

Gomis added basketball to his repertoire at age 11, but didn't get serious until he was 15 and approaching 6-6.

"I got to a point where people were looking at me and saying, 'You should be playing basketball,'" he says. "One guy from my hometown was playing

for Valparaiso. Everyone was comparing him to me. They said, 'If you focus on basketball, you might end up going to the United States and getting an education and maybe playing in the NBA.' That's when I said, 'Why not?'"

Gomis left home to attend school and play basketball for the SEEDS Academy in Thies.

"I said, 'Mom, I want to try to do my own thing,'" he says. "I had that vision. I wanted to be independent."

It was during a summer tournament with the SEEDS Academy that Gomis met Nate Pome-day, who would become an assistant coach for Craig Robinson at

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