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TriMet cuts take rough route

Agency says union health care costs are lynchpin in reductions

By JIM REDDEN The Tribune

TriMet General Manager Neil McFarlane had harsh words Wednesday morning for the transit agency's labor union, which he hopes will do its part to close a potential \$17 million budget gap.

Without changes in health care insurance costs for Amalgamated Transit Union Local 757 members, McFarlane says the agency would have to cut deeper into services and jobs.

"The embedded leadership of the union is not addressing the long-term stability of the workplace," McFarlane told TriMet Board members during the first public look at a proposed budget-cutting package that could reduce service on nearly four dozen bus lines and trim employment at the agency.

"TriMet's financial stability depends on a stable labor agreement," he added.

TriMet and the ATU are in arbitration on health care cost contribution proposals that the agency hopes would save \$5 million to \$10 million in cuts. An arbitrator's decision is expected this spring. If the union proposal is selected, TriMet would have to cut about \$17 million from its budget. If TriMet's plan is selected, the agency would

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A MAX train crosses the Steel Bridge on its way to Old Town. TRIBUNE PHOTO:

School choice is often less filling

Fewer transfers are allowed in name of more balanced schools

By JENNIFER ANDERSON The Tribune

Love your neighborhood

but not your neighborhood In the past, it's been as easy

as the click of a mouse to enroll in another Portland Public School across town — whether it's in search of a language immersion program, environmental or art focus program, a school with a

drama club, AP classes, or simply a better "vibe" or reputation.

No questions asked; were families simply entered the school choice lottery in Feb-



ruary and were randomly selected for enrollment at their first-, second- or third-choice school as long space was avail-

Last year, 3.518 students (7 percent of the district's enrollment) took advantage of the lottery and applied for a transfer.

That's all about to change. This fall, the district is clamping down on the transfer process in an effort to balance

enrollment at the neighborhood schools, "We're not one third of Supt. Carole Smith says are too crowded or underenrolled.

other In words, the unintended consequence of unfettered school choice has been a huge disparity in enrollment, staffing and programming that the school

Portland Public

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board is trying to remedy in the name of equity.

'We're not saying choice is horrible," says Judy Brennan, enrollment and transfer office director. "We just can't let

choice drive the system." This month, as the school transfer lottery kicks off, most of the district's families will get their first good look at the new

reality. Here are the major changes,

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VOLUNTEER CITY, USA

Actually, we're No. 2, but what else is there to do in Minneapolis in the winter?

Portlanders have consistently ranked among the most willing volunteers in the nation. PSU graduate student Steve Braun (above) helps plant native trees, shrubs and wildflowers at Tideman Johnson Park.

en years ago, Joy Cartier was one of three staff members at The Salvation Army's school for the homeless forced to close because of budget cutbacks. The three decided to start their own nonprofit to keep the work going. Within three months, they had nonprofit status. Within three weeks of opening p:ear, they had as many volunteers as

they needed. Getting volunteers has never been difficult in Portland, says Cartier, who has lived in San Francisco, London and Salt Lake City. P:ear has its home in Old Town, and 20 volunteers a week come in regularly to tutor children, play chess with them and cook meals. Some of those helpers come in durStory by Peter Korn Photos by Christopher Önstott

ing work hours because their bosses give them time off for volunteer

Once a year, p:ear needs about 75 people to help stage a fundraiser. A call goes out to Hands On Greater Portland, among others, and before long the program has its 75.

This is the most generous city

I've ever lived in," Cartier says. If you're counting time rather than money, Portland is the second-most generous city in the country. Only Minneapolis has a

higher volunteer rate than Portland among large cities.

It wasn't always that way, says Steven Johnson, who teaches classes on community engagement at Portland State University. Johnson has data on citizen activists who worked on local political issues, and until about 1980 Portlanders were pretty much the same as people elsewhere.

Then, groups of Portlanders came together to fight neighborhood battles. Eastside residents sued to stop the proposed Mount Hood Freeway. Others protested when urban renewal demolished what was the south edge of downtown. North Portland neighbors banded together to influence urban

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TRIBUNE PHOTO: CHRISTOPHER ONSTOTT

Portland Police Sgt. Catherine Kent sorts through prescription drugs brought by residents to the lock box at the North Precinct. The drugs will be incinerated to keep contaminants out of the water supply.

Drug disposal advice often down the toilet

Groups, agencies at crosspurposes on takeback plans *The Tribune*

Alyson Huntting recently injured her back after falling down some steps, and a doctor at Kaiser Permanente's emergency room prescribed oxycodone.

It's a potent narcotic, and Huntting didn't like the side effects. She soon stopped using it, but was shocked to read this instruction in the pamphlet Kaiser issued with the pills: "If this medicine is no longer needed, dispose of the unused tablets by flushing them down the toilet."

"It just blew me away," Hunt-ting says. "This is something that should not be put in any-

body's water supply. Huntting is well aware of community programs that encourage residents to bring back unused prescription drugs, to keep

them out of our rivers, where

"It just blew me away. This is something that should not be put in anybody's water

supply." - Alyson Huntting

treated sewage winds up. There are several drop boxes in the Portland area for people to bring surplus medicines all located in police stations because some of the targeted drugs are controlled substances that might fall into the wrong hands. There are people who will

"beg, borrow and steal to get this stuff," Huntting says, but she has no intention of flushing it down her toilet.

On this issue, it appears that regulators, government agencies, police, pharmacies and environmentalists are working at cross-purposes, and giving contradictory messages to the

public. Increasingly, Portland-area police and crime prevention

groups are teaming with water

and sewer authorities and

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■ NEWS — Police look into 'inappropriate touching' of Skyline

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■ SPORTS — PIL swim teams head to district

meets — Grant, Cleveland among the top squads. (Posted Wednesday, Feb. 8) Search: PIL.

Volunteers: Help woven into civic fabric

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renewal poverty boards that advised the federal government on allocating urban renewal funds.

Rather than fight back, the city government, led by then-Mayor Neil Goldschmidt among others, embraced the civic activism, Johnson says. Neighborhood associations were formed to encourage citizens to advise government on what to do. In some cases, the city took up the very causes that began with the objections of volunteer activists.

A spirit of activism and citizens taking responsibility took root here, Johnson says, that is unlike anywhere else in the country. One of his favorite examples is the City Repair Project, which began with volunteers painting a Southeast Portland intersection (without permits) to slow traffic and turn it into an occasional public square. At first, Johnson says, the city objected. Now, there are 200 City Repair projects and many are funded and permitted by the city itself.

In other cities, Johnson says, volunteerism is church-based, but not here. Political activism has morphed into different types of volunteering, but they all have in common the idea that citizens take responsibility for their city.

"Portland is this bubble of a very different kind of activism," he says. "If everybody's doing it, then you tend to do it. When you move in here, it's almost like you're told a story by the Welcome Wagon. This is what we do in Portland. Government is open. You do it yourself."

In 2000, Harvard University professor Robert Putnam published "Bowling Alone," which talked about how many Americans were becoming increasingly isolated from one another. But there's a contradictory Portland piece to that story, according to Johnson, who says Putnam emailed him in 2002 something to the effect of, "Oh my God, we're trying to figure out what happened in Portland."

Putnam's data showed that while the rest of the country had been seeing a steep drop-off in citizen volunteer involvement through the '70s, '80s and '90s, Portland's civic engagement rates had been climbing. A chapter in Putnam's follow-up book, "Better Together," focuses on the Portland anomaly.

An extra leap

Carrie Hoops, executive director of the Nonprofit Association of Oregon, moved to Portland three years ago after 20 years working for nonprofits in Chica- interests. civically involved most people were. And she agrees with Johnson that Portland's history of volunteerism is connected to its history of political activism.

lot of input in terms of city gov- teers rebuild and give away or

ernment, how does that make you feel "Your social in terms of a sense of responsibility in network is going creating a good quality of life, and to ride you contributing to the through rough quality of life?" Hoops asks. "It times better may take an extra leap for people to than your job. make that connec-People in

Victoria Eggleston, co-president of the Northwest Oregon Volunteer Administrators Association, says professionalism has a lot to do with

Portland's sustained level of volunteerism. Her organization trains certified volunteer administrators, and according to national data, there are more of those in the Portland area per capita than in any other city in the country. In fact, only Texas has more total certified volunteer administrators than Ore-

Portland

that."

understand

- Steven Johnson,

Eggleston says there is a science to retaining volunteers: make it easy for them to get involved and help them feel their time is valued. For example, she says that anyone calling in to an organization about possibly volunteering must get a return call within 48 hours.

Local organizations such as Hands On Greater Portland have seen the value of trained administrators, Eggleston says.

"We make it easy for people to



Volunteers with Portland Parks & Recreation provide the equivalent of 218 full-time employees each year — while some cities discourage volunteers in their parks.

volunteer," she says, "All of these other cities and metro areas are trying to get people involved because they see the value in it and they go through all these hoops and all these incentives and it doesn't work because when people hit the ground they don't have a good

Entrepreneurial volunteers

Google "volunteer Portland" and Hands On Greater Portland pops up first.

Hands On, which specializes in matching willing volunteers with needy organizations for one-time opportunities, connected 25,700 volunteers with more than 400 nonprofits last year, and that number has been steadily increasing, according to Executive Director Andy Nel-

Nelson suspects that what distinguishes Portland is what he calls "entrepreneurial volunteers," people who have specific interests and start their own nonprofit or gather neighborhood volunteers around those

He points to organizations ly struck by how much more such as the Portland Rebuilding Center, which developed a store where people can donate house parts to be sustainably re-used, and the Community Cycling Center in North Portland, which "If you don't feel you have a takes donated bikes that volun-

sell, as distinctively Portland en-

deavors. Southeast Portland resident Mark Verna doesn't necessarily think of himself as an entrepreneur, he's exactly the type of Portlander Nelson has

The 47-year-old flooring company estimator doesn't even think of himself as classic volunteer material.

Portland State University "This is the most group oriented I've ever been in my life," he says. "I

usually did my own thing.' Verna's own thing is soccer. He plays and coaches.

Five years ago he took a call asking if he could take three Somali Bantu immigrant boys on the neighborhood team of tenyear-olds he coached, which included his own son. He said yes.

Next came a call asking him to help out for an afternoon neighborhood soccer event at Powell Park. He arrived and found 75 kids running around in "total chaos." So he pitched in.

In time, Verna found himself driving the Somali kids to practices and games, then recruiting other parents to do the same. The children lived at Kateri Apartments near Cleveland High School, along with hundreds of other immigrant and low-income families.



Mark Verna encourages Kyle Guerra to come back for the next soccer camp at Concordia University. Verna has started a nonprofit to match immigrant kids with local soccer clubs.

■ Volunteer rate for U.S. cities

RANK	CITY	2010 RATE
1	Minneapolis-St. Paul	37.1%
2	Portland	36.2
2 3	Salt Lake City	34.1
4	Seattle	33.9
5	Rochester (NY)	33.8
16	San Francisco	29.7
46	Los Angeles	21.5
50	New York	17.2
51	Miami	15.2

Number of Portland volunteers

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2008	2009	2010
653,000	653,000	585,000

Volunteer hours per resident (annual)

	2008	2009	2010	
U.S.	34.2	34.2	33.9	
Portland	44.7	53.5	31.6	

Source: Corporation for National Community Service

Verna and the other parents became more involved in the lives of the kids, watching the boys on long tournament weekends, in some cases becoming trusted by the childrens' parents in a way no one else outside their immigrant group had been.

The Somali kids, it turned out, were excellent soccer players, so Verna helped place them on high-level classic teams. And he started thinking about all the other housing projects and tight-knit immigrant neighborhoods in Portland full of immigrant kids who might be able to user soccer as their entrée to the wider world of the city.

The need, Verna says, was for

an organization to connect those kids to the city's numerous neighborhood and classic teams. So three months ago he formed his own nonprofit, 4 World United Soccer Alliance, to connect children with teams and provide donated equipment and volunteer drivers so they can get to practices and games.

Verna envisions a small staff of paid administrators for the nonprofit that could start with him. But for now, he's coaching four nights a week during the summer and running those weekly soccer outings at Powell Park, for which Hands On Greater Portland sends him 10 to 15 volunteers to practice with the kids or watch younger siblings play on the nearby swing

Part of the civic fabric

While Portland embraces neighborhood volunteers, some cities discourage them. Isabel Wade, who founded the non-Neighborhood Parks Council in San Francisco, was astounded last year when she came to see how Portland Parks & Recreation deals with its vol-

Wade attended a gathering where parks and recreation staff and volunteers were sitting at ta-

bles together, exchanging ideas. Everybody knew each other and was part of the team," Wade says, adding that you won't see

that in San Francisco. Wade has been fighting to get the San Francisco parks department to allow volunteers into parks. More than 15,000 volunteers help Portland Parks & Recreation maintain neighborhood parks and coach youth teams each year. In San Francisco, the city government discourages that scale of civic involvement, Wade says.

Historically, Wade says, parks employees and their unions have worried that volunteers helping maintain parks would cost them jobs. Now, she says, budget cutbacks mean there isn't enough paid staff to maintain the parks, and there isn't a group of parks volunteers to help out or rally support for parks budgets and bond measures.

'There really are different cultures in these cities," Wade says. Leach Botanical Garden and Crystal Springs Rhododendron Gardens were built by volun-

teers and are still maintained by them, says Steve Pixley, volunteer coordinator for Portland Parks & Recreation.

According to Pixley, his job parks volunteer coordinator doesn't exist in other West Coast

Portland Parks & Recreation calculates that its volunteers contribute the equivalent of 218 full-time employees. Lost jobs have been a topic of conversation, Pixley says, but not a major one. Some of those paid positions are, like his, overseeing hordes of volunteers. For example, the 800 volunteer coaches require 12 paid, part-time gym managers and two full-time program managers.

Nathan Dietz, associate director of research and evaluation for the Corporation for National & Community Service, says that Portland has ranked second only to Minneapolis for years, but that 2010 data shows a dramatic dip on the number of volunteer hours here, from an average of 53.5 hours in 2009 to 31.6 hours in

Dietz says he can't explain the drop, which may be a statistical aberration or may represent a reaction to a big increase in Portland volunteerism that took place in 2009.

PSU's Johnson doesn't think Portland's commitment to volunteering is going away any time soon. It's become part of the city's fabric, he says, and it attracts new residents who want to be involved.

"Your social network is going to ride you through rough times better than your job," Johnson says. "People in Portland understand that.'

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Reports call for independence Smith's cash in future redistricting process dash is stuck

City Club's proposal hopes to find traction in the Legislature

By STEVE LAW The Tribune

State lawmakers redrew Oregon political boundaries last year without a major partisan blowup. Don't expect it to happen again.

So say Common Cause Oregon and a Portland City Club committee that's been studying redistricting for the past year. Both government-reform-minded groups issued reports this week calling for major changes in the way Oregon redraws political boundaries after each Census.

'Partisanship, real or perceived, is inherent in redistricting when it is under the control of a partisan legislature," the City Club committee concludes.

Instead, the committee calls for Oregon to join six other states that use independent commissions to redraw maps after the U.S. Census revises population figures every decade. The City Club committee is hoping the Legislature can be persuaded to put the idea of an independent commission before voters as a constitutional amendment.

Legislative leaders would choose the first four members of the independent commission, and those four would select another five members. None of the members could be officeholders, and they'd have to agree not to seek elected office for the next five

The full City Club votes on its committee's recommendations on Feb. 17.

Common Cause argues that an independent redistricting commission may be the best solution, but it focuses on ways to improve the process no matter who is in charge.

Perhaps its main recommendation is to provide the public with the vot-



er registration data that is always the secretary of state. For congresused — but rarely acknowledged or shared with the public — when legislators redraw House, Senate and congressional district lines. Common Cause refers to that as a "wink and a nod" approach.

Common Cause argues that the public can more easily respond to subtle and not-so-subtle attempts to redraw political boundaries for partisan gain if the voter registration data is easily available, and not just held by those with the money to pay for specialized software.

Reflecting diversity

One reason Common Cause and the City Club committee released the reports this week was to get the discussion going while the Oregon Legislature is meeting in Salem. Though neither group expects any redistricting bills to pass during the onemonth session, both groups say now is the time to start planning changes to avoid problems in 2021, the next time redistricting will occur.

Since 1961 in Oregon, the Legislature gets the first crack at drawing the new House and Senate boundaries, and if both chambers can't agree on the new maps, or the governor won't concur, the job goes to the diversity of Oregon.

sional districts, appeals go to the Oregon Supreme Court.

As the City Club report notes, last year was the first time in a century when the Legislature completed a redistricting plan without the intervention of the secretary of state or the courts.

Common Cause, to complement the work of the City Club, argues for several technical changes, including requiring at least 10 hearings around the state. The group also proposes to change the system whereby prison populations are deemed residents of the district where the prison sits, rather than where the inmates lived before. Common Cause argues that it distorts a community's population when drawing districts where prisons are located.

If the Legislature doesn't act, other political operatives may.

During the past few years, Republican initiative activists have proposed ballot measures that would hand the redistricting process over to a panel of judges, rather than let the Legislature remain in charge.

Common Cause argues that a panel of judges is unlikely to represent

dash is stuck

gon legislative session couldn't come fast enough for Portland mayoral candidates Eileen Brady and Charlie Hales. Both have raised far less money than state Rep. Jefferson Smith this

By the beginning of this week, Smith had reported raising nearly \$129,000 in 2012 compared to about \$80,000 by Brady and a little more than \$39,000 by Hales.

But Oregon House rules prevent Smith from raising campaign funds during the session, which is scheduled to end early next month.

Brady is still the overall fundraising leader, however. The New Seasons co-founder passed the \$551,000 mark this week.

Hales, a former city commissioner, is second at almost \$316,000. Smith is third — where he will remain for at least a few more weeks — at slightly less than \$296,000.

Pressing for the paper industry

A Portland Tribune story about the shrinking Northwest paper industry inspired Working Families Party policy adviser Barbara Dudley to do something about it.

Dudley, who also is an adjunct professor at Portland State University, helped bring labor leaders and environmentalists together to craft solutions. One outcome is House Bill 4142, a bill before the Oregon Legislature this session that has won bipartisan sup-

The bill, which had its first hearing Wednesday, would grant a preference for government purchases of recycled paper made in Oregon, as long as it doesn't exceed the cost of other supplies by more than 10 per-

China has been bidding up the price of recycled paper. As a result, much of the paper collected at the curbside in the United States is being shipped to China. That has deprived some Northwest mills of the

he start of the 2012 Ore-gon logiclative seesier raw material they use to make

Dudley says the bill has the support of labor, the recycling industry, environmentalists and management. The one exception, she says, is Georgia Pacific, owned by the Koch brothers, and its lobbyist Mark Nelson.

Truth gets hazed

Like the classic Japanese film "Rashomon," there are many versions of the truth regarding what happened nearly a month ago in the boys' locker room at Grant High School.

As demonstrated by the case of the Feb. 1 fraudulent inter-

view subject broadcast

on KGW (8), who claimed to be an aunt to one of the victims, public interest in the

scandal is ram-

pant. Willamette

Week first reported the story Monday about the TV interview with a person pretending to be a relative

of a hazing victim. Portland Public Schools officials confirmed this week that families of the two hazing victims contacted the school district and said the KGW interview was false. The district made that information available to KGW, which agreed to pull the story from its website, but apparently was reluctant to is-

Officials said details in the woman's story were not only untrue, she also "provided graphic details of things that didn't happen.'

sue a correction or an apology.

Even within the Grant community, the truth has diverged into wild rumors. Students and teachers are beginning to separate fact from fiction, using the situation as a springboard for discussion. Many ask: Why has the me-

dia continued to call it hazing? First, no one but the boys in the locker room knows exactly what happened that day, or the circumstances surrounding it. Terms have been tossed about in the media, but it's all hearsay.

Police sex crime detectives are investigating alleged incidents that "go beyond simple hazing.'

Portland students on rise, state's drop

New enrollment data from Oregon Department of Education confirms that Portland Public Schools is the state's second largest growing district in 2011-12, next to Medford's school district.

Wednesday report, which follows preliminary data

from October, shows a gain of 472 students (1.03 percent) for

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Medford public schools grew by 1.14 percent.

Statewide enrollment, however, continues its five-year decrease; this year, the loss was 382 students (0.07 percent).

The number of low-income, special education and English Language Learners continues to rise across the board.

The largest PPS class is kindergartners, with 4,037 stuthrough ninth grade, at 3,081 multi-racial. students, then pick up again.

The latest racial demographics for PPS: 56 percent white, 15.5 percent Hispanic, 12 percent black, 8 percent Asian, 1 percent American Indian/ Alaskan Native, 0.96 percent Padents. The class sizes shrink cific Islander, and 6 percent

— Jennifer Anderson





INSIGHT

Fairness must drive TriMet budget plan

takes toward a balanced budget for its next fiscal year, it risks ending up at an in downtown Portland. undesirable destination.

As the transit agency attempts to close a \$17 million budget gap, its major choices are limited: It can cut service, raise fares or do a little of both. Regardless of which alternatives are

chosen, TriMet will hurt ridership, and potentially place an

additional burden on the working poor who are most sensitive to fare hikes and most dependent on frequent transit service.

Given the tricky ground they must navigate, we believe TriMet's General Manager Neil McFarlane and other administrators are doing a commendable job of defining possible ways to balance a budget that's been hammered already by four years of economic difficulties.

McFarlane this week unveiled his proposals for a budget that must be adopted prior to July 1. His recom-

o matter which route TriMet mendations contain ideas that we reluctantly endorse, including:

■ Elimination of the Free Rail Zone

This zone, formerly known as Fareless Square, is an innovation that helped define Portland a few decades ago, and we will be sorry to see to go. However, the fare-free zone isn't what it used to be — it no longer includes free bus service. Plus, the opening of the eastside Portland Streetcar line forces TriMet's hand on the issue of east-west equity. How can free rides be justified downtown, if they are not allowed east of the river?

We agree with McFarlane that conventioneers in Portland should be provided free passes to get around town for a few days, but for everyone else, it's time to bring equity back into the system. Unfortunately, that means no more free rides downtown — but this change also is projected to produce additional revenue for TriMet as people are forced to buy tickets throughout the city center.

■ Abolishing the three-zone system for one-time fares.

The zoned tickets are another vestige of a time when downtown Portland was the primary destination for transit users. The idea was to charge people for the distance traveled, and the zones were measured from the center of town, akin to circles on a dartboard.

Nowadays, train and bus riders travel across town as well as toward it, and the zone system no longer makes sense. Beyond that, TriMet will increase revenue if it eliminates the zone system and charges a flat \$2.50 per ride, as McFarlane recommends.

Our concern with this suggestion is the impact on low-income riders who are buying single tickets to travel short distances. Their costs will jump 19 percent — from \$2.10 to \$2.50 each way. To help these low-income riders, we'd like to see a more aggressive effort to encourage employers to make pre-tax transit passes available to their workers. Plus, TriMet should explore providing discounted passes to people who are collecting unemployment insurance. After all, the sooner they get back to work using transit,

the quicker that TriMet's payroll tax revenue will rebound.

■ Making various cuts to both bus and MAX service.

This is where nearly everyone's mass transit ox gets slightly gored. If you are a regular MAX rider, you'll see trains arriving less frequently during non-rush hours (the gaps will be 20 minutes instead of 15 to 18 minutes). For bus riders, the cutbacks are spread throughout the system and will touch 42 bus lines with reduced trips, eliminated weekend service, modified routes or some combination of the those three things.

TriMet will hear a lot of complaints about these service cutbacks — as it will for its changes in fares. But given the agency's financial situation and the uncertainties it faces with health care costs, labor contracts and federal funding, McFarlane's recommendations are a good starting point. His ideas must spark a wider community discussion about fares, fairness and the future of transportation in a region that's staked its reputation on moving people in different ways.

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TWOVIEWS • Independent group must keep city bureaus in line

Give voters a say on utility commission

By Dave Johnson

ortland's city government lacks meaningful checks and balances for running the utility bureaus. Today, each utility bureau is led by a city commissioner who makes spending and project choices by him or herself with only rare and superficial review and oversight by the other members of the City Council.

Whether it is using water customer payments to remodel the Rose Festival building or paying \$800 to each policeman for a finger pin prick "fitness ex am," the commissioner in charge of a bureau can do pretty much anything he or she wants without public assessment of the value of the plan.

The Independent Utility Commission being considered by the city's Charter Review Commission would establish an independent group of five people, backed by a professional staff, to provide diligent, public oversight of the spending and rate making for the water and sewer utilities. Budget decisions and tradeoffs would move from behind closed doors to public meetings. All spending and rate proposals would need to be approved by the utility commis-

Portland water and sewer utilities are large bureaus, spending roughly \$600 million each year. The lack of checks and balances for these bureaus has led to three major problems:

■ First, utility rates that are among

the highest in the nation. For sewer and stormwater alone, a typical Portland customer pays \$420 more a year for service than a similar customer in Denver or Salt Lake City.

■ Second, growing abuses of rate revenue by the city council that were identified in a City Auditor's report ("Spending utility ratepayer money: Not always linked to services, decision process inconsistent," March 2011). Because the City Council can raise utility rates without limit, it is very tempting to siphon off rate revenue for other city projects. In response to a pending lawsuit, the city of Portland has estimated that \$50 million in questionable spending is in

■ Finally, citizens have low confidence in the fairness of utility rates and the efficiency of the utility bureaus.

The checks and balances are missing because of a flaw in our structure of government, not because of poor performance by our current city commissioners. Each city commissioner is so busy running their own bureaus that none of them have the time or staff to provide consistent oversight of the water and sewer bureaus.

The only way to establish checks and balances is to reform the weaknesses in our existing structure of utility governance.

The proposed Independent Utility Commission charter amendment is a small change that can fix Portland's ineffective system for utility governance. The amendment is about reframing util-



A variety of sedums plants cover the residential ecoroof of the Harpoon House. Some people have concerns that funds from city utility bureaus are being used for projects that have nothing to do with delivering services.

ity governance to promote transparency, effectiveness, good judgment and iong-term tninking. The five commission members would

be selected by the City Auditor and approved by the City Council to serve three-year terms. The utility commission will be funded solely by water and sewer rate payers, with the cost capped at a tiny fraction of utility rate revenue (approximately 10 cents per month for a typical rate payer).

Changing our government means taking risks and facing unknowns. Portland prides itself on being a progressive city. We have a wonderful history of bold action such as the creation of Bull Run, Waterfront Park, and urban growth boundaries. We cannot continue this progressive legacy if we stick our head in the sand and ignore major problems with our current form of utility gover-

The utility commission charter amendment includes a rare "sunset" clause to minimize the risk of this

change. After five years of operation, the residents of Portland must reapprove the independent Utility Commis sion for it to continue. This clause was specifically put into the amendment to give Portland voters time to evaluate the utility commission and confirm that it is a significant improvement in government before the change is permanently placed in the city charter.

I strongly encourage Charter Review Commission members to refer the utility commission proposal on to Portland voters. I ask that the Charter Commission not bow to pressure from narrow special interest groups to kill the proposal.

Please let all the residents of Portland have the opportunity to be heard on this important issue in city governance.

Dave Johnson is a 32-year resident of Portland and a former member of the Portland Utility Review Board. He is the person who requested that the Charter Review Commission consider an amendment to address utility governance

Utility commission chills public process

By Mike Houck, Travis Williams, Bob Sallinger and Ron Carley

ortland's Charter Review Commission is on the verge of referring an amendment to the city charter that would create an unelected utility commission with the power to establish fees and recommend budgets and rates for the Bureau of Environmental Services and the Water Bureau.

The utility commission's decisions could be overturned solely by an unanimous vote of the City Council. While wellintentioned, we believe the proposed amendment would reduce accountability, transparency, public participation and protection of the public trust in the budget-making process.

Our political system is not perfect, but the most powerful mechanism that citizens have to address concerns is the ability to participate in the public decisionmaking process and to hold politicians directly accountable for their decisions. The

proposed amendment to the city charter would dramatically increase the distance between citizens and key decision points in the budget-making process.

Why do we oppose the commission's proposal? It is anti-democratic. An unelected body would make budget decisions, an action every Portlander should expect to come from their elected mayor and city council, all of whom are accountable to the electorate.

An Independent Utility Commission would add extra layers of complexity to an already complex budget process. An Independent Utility Commission would not remove the politics from the budget making process. Rather, it would make political decisions far less transparent than the status quo.

Utility commission members would be appointed by the city auditor — the least visible, least understood and least accessible of the city's elected positions. The commission appointment process is ripe for a coup by well-connected special in-

Most important from an environmental perspective, it would chill innovative sus-

tainability strategies such as the city's "grey to green" initiative, which achieves multiple benefits and cuts costs for stormwater management.

Many cutting-edge green stormwater

strategies for which Portland is recognized nationally and internationally are in place today only because City Council and bureau managers had the courage to move beyond traditional, engineered grey infrastructure approaches to managing stormwater.

This proposal would stifle the visionary political leadership needed to improve the economy and environment. It also could prevent some elected officials from trying new, innovative environmen-

An Independent Utility Commission would increase inequity in our communities. The commission would be a significantly more complex, inaccessible and prolonged budgeting process that would further disenfranchise underserved com-

The single greatest irony of this process is that, while purportedly a populist proposal, it would—intentionally or

not — benefit the Water Users Coalition, a group of industrial scale water users that has chosen to sue the city, while remaining mostly anonymous. This "Trojan Horse" will be positioned to manipulate the appointment and activities of the commission, resulting in negative environmental and social impacts.

The best way to deal with concerns about current sewer, stormwater and water rates and budget decisions is not to abandon the democratic process but rather to broaden public engagement and understanding of the programs in question. The creation of an unelected, appointed Independent Utility Commission would not prevent bad decisions or eliminate politics from the decision-making process. What it would do is reduce the public's ability to participate and hold decision-makers accountable.

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INSIGHT

'Genius' grant doesn't measure city's livability

READERS'LETTERS

ortland's genius probably won't see a MacArthur grant, because Portland's genius is a collective genius that makes the city a place others can only envy (Where are all of Portland's bright ideas?, Jan. 5).

Portland needn't take a back seat or second place to anywhere else — and I write that as a Seattle native.

After 20 years of working and living here, I moved to rural Kitsap County, across Puget Sound from Seattle. Frequent visits to the city — an easy ferry ride away — were initially exciting, but the noise, the crowding, the traffic and the downtown canyons between sky-scraping buildings became oppressive. And the hue and cry over any action to improve these oppressive conditions breeds total political paralysis.

A year ago, I returned to the Portland area and couldn't be happier. I can cite many reasons: the MAX, buses and bikefriendly roads made it possible to live without a car; the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera, Chamber Music NW offer first-class music (witness reviews of the symphony's recent Carnegie Hall appearance); and though I don't partake, the indie music scene seems vitally active; our highlyvaried dining scene is lauded by critics nationwide; the Hoodto-Coast shows you can actually run from ski slopes to ocean breakers on foot (OK, that's a bit of a stretch); OMSI; a multiplicity of colleges and universities, and a variety of elementary and secondary schools provide excellent education opportunities.

Best of all, the people of Portland are friendly and obviously enjoy living here.

So let's not decry the dearth of MacArthur grants. They don't measure livability. Let's celebrate, instead, the collective genius of Portland, that prospective grantees may have chosen a way of life over fame and fortune, that Portland is a spawning ground for geniuses who go on to attain fame and

fortune in other venues.

Let's keep the Portland Spirit alive. After all, it's been said that "growth for the sake of growth is the ideology of the cancer cell."

Douglas W. Kinnaird Beaverton

Add to local MacArthur nominees

Thank you for Peter Korn's fine article on the way MacArthur Fellows are selected (*Where are all of Portland's bright ideas?*, Jan. 5).

This is one form of wealth redistribution that is commendable and is a hallmark of many in the U.S. who establish or contribute to foundations and citizenship enhancement programs that encourage and recognize people of potential or merit.

To your list of worthies I would add Tony Hopson, Duncan Campbell and Larry Colton in recognition of the work they are doing to enhance public education and personal development opportunities for kids who might otherwise find adult encouragement lacking.

Gus Miller Southwest Portland

Art doesn't build a thriving city

Cities do not exist only to "identify and cultivate talent" (Portland grows into a capital of conscience, Jan. 12). Sorry, no they don't. Cities exist because there was a reason for them to exist and maybe even grow. Water ports, trains, roads—those are the reasons that cities exist.

So you like the arts, good for you. However, the bottom line is that your art isn't necessary. A doctor is necessary to do heart surgery to save a life, but your art isn't necessary. A cop is necessary to stop crooks, but your art isn't necessary. A wastewater treatment operator is necessary to help ensure that our wastes are taken care of in

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No Portland resident has ever been awarded a MacArthur "genius grant." Now, how could that be in a city which prides itself on its surplus of creative people? Letter writers weigh in on the controversial issue.

a way that keeps us healthy, but your art isn't necessary.

Wake up, smell the coffee. Glad you do art, glad you enjoy your art, even glad that others enjoy your art — but it isn't necessary and the world doesn't need you (not even the city of Portland) or your art to continue to survive and even thrive.

Michael C. Wagoner Hillsboro

Portland trails behind Seattle

I look around at stuff Portland needs to do better, and "producing MacArthur winners" is nowhere on the list (Where are all of Portland's bright ideas?, Jan. 5). That said, it would be in the city's economic and cultural interest to find a way to invest a lot of money in building up Portland State University to an academic powerhouse comparable to the University of Washington.

But we have a long way to go to catch up. A couple of years back, both PSU and UW embarked on new campaigns to build their endowments. If I remember correctly, PSU set a target of \$100 million. UW's target was \$2 billion. That's one indication of how far Portland has to go to catch up with Seat-

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tle in that respect.

We also need to figure out why our large, successful companies keep getting eaten by larger competitors from out of town, instead of vice versa. The lack of a topnotch opera house or symphony hall probably has a lot to do with the dearth of large corporations headquartered here.

Meanwhile, Portland still has a thriving arts scene, with or without landmark architectural marvels or official "genius" recognition.

Douglas Kelso Northeast Portland

Portland excellence lifts community

One additional but significant thought: Though it does necessarily require developing a razor sharp edge, true excellence does serve and lift the community in unique ways that far outweigh the relatively minor risks (Where are all of Portland's bright ideas?, Jan. 5).

Jeff Jahn North Portland

Portland builds consensus on process

It isn't the lack of a major

university or arts school or the absence of a major presence of jazz culture in Portland.

A look back at prior years demonstrates no particular trend in using categories as part of selection process (Where are all of Portland's bright ideas?, Jan. 5).

This from the MacArthur Foundation website: "The people we seek to support express many other important qualities: ability to transcend traditional boundaries, willingness to take risks, persistence in the face of personal and conceptual obstacles, capacity to synthesize disparate ideas and approaches."

That doesn't scream Port-

land, although one might wonder why Portland-area candidates haven't made the list. But maybe that is because people like Mr. Schiff ignored an opportunity to nominate local talent.

Thus, maybe the real issue is the absence of qualified nominators. The foundation uses a nomination process utilizing external nominators — "Nominators are identified for their expertise and familiarity with exceptionally creative people in their respective areas of focus."

The quote from Carl Abbott might just state the obvious: "Portland is a city that builds consensus," he says. "Seattle is a city that fosters innovation. There are movers and shakers in Seattle. Portland is all about process."

Larry NortonNorthwest Portland

Grants support local projects

It should be pointed out that Gallery Homeland was awarded a Regional Arts and Culture Council grant this year and that RACC's Projects Grants are well worth anyone's time to apply to (Portland grows into a capital of conscience, Jan. 12). These grants support a wide array of projects which often end up in these alternative spaces. Disjecta, too, has been awarded a grant this year.

Of course, all of us in the arts would like to see more funds being funneled our friends' and lovers' ways. To help with this, we should all keep asking for money from places like RACC, Oregon Cultural Heritage Commission, Oregon Arts Commission, and the like, as well as being involved in these organizations, sitting on panels, attending open meetings, etc.

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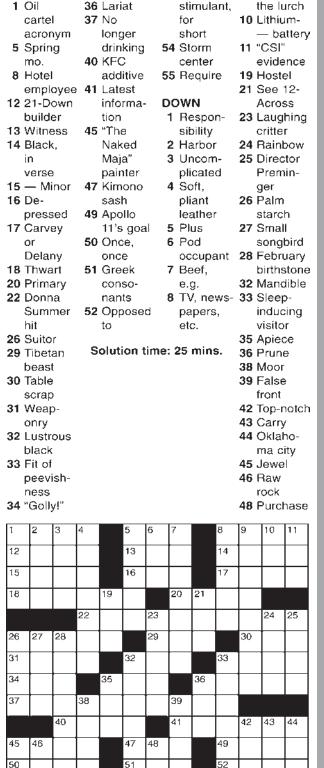
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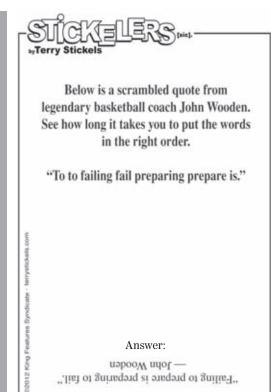
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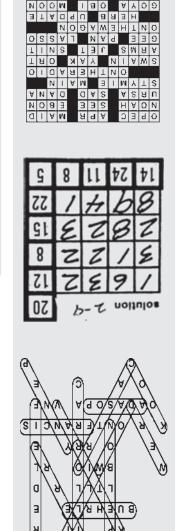


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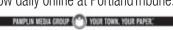
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Drugs: Agencies follow feds'

directives

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toilet instead.

environmental regulators to urge residents to return unused prescription drugs. Kaiser and other pharmacies, following the lead of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, are urging peo-

ple to put some medicines in the

Kaiser Permanente is obliged to follow FDA requirements, and the federal agency says surplus prescription narcotics must be flushed down the toilet, says Kaiser's Portland spokesman, Dave Northfield.

"Our pharmaceutical people are not that excited about including that direction, but they figured well, if the feds want us to do it it, we'd better do it," Northfield says. "You don't want to mess around with these federal regulators, especially with regard to narcotics."

But the FDA's position on the issue has been evolving, and some say local pharmacies' instructions to patients aren't keeping pace.

"Until two years ago, they (the FDA) were saying that flushing is the only alternative," says Maggie Conley, household hazardous waste coordinator for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

But the FDA has been revisiting the issue as more parts of the country organize drug takeback programs, and as research shows that pharmaceuticals are contaminating our rivers and the fish that live there.

"A year ago, we might have had a couple drop box locations around the state," Conley says. "Now there are at least 20, and we hope to have more.'

Choice in disposal

On its website, the FDA maintains a select list of medicines "recommended for disposal by flushing," including oxycodone, morphine, methadone, percodan and other drugs. And on its Web page titled "Disposal of Unused Medicines," the FDA maintains there's no scientific evidence showing harmful effects on humans from disposing of drugs in the toilet. In addition, it says most medicines get into the sewer system after people consume them and trace amounts are expelled in their feces or urine.

But the FDA's advice is getting more nuanced, to account for environmental concerns. Its website now reads: "There is a small number of medicines that may be especially harmful and, in some cases, fatal in a single dose if they are used by someone other than the person the medicine was prescribed for. For this reason, a few medicines have specific disposal instructions that indicate they should be flushed down the sink or toilet when they are no longer needed and when they cannot be disposed of through a drug takeback pro-

Some say Kaiser and other area pharmacies ought to be emphasizing the latter clause about drug takeback programs.

It sounds like their prescription handouts are out of date, Conley

Sewage treatment experts say

the best way to handle pharmaceuticals in the water supply is to stop them at the source, before they enter the system.

"Wastewater treatment can't remove all this stuff," says Dean Marriott, director of Portland's Bureau of Environmental Services. "It's ending up in the Columbia River. We're finding it in the fish tissue when we do sam-

"We're doing everything we can to discourage people from

Find out more

■ Oregon drop-off sites for prescription drugs and over-the-counter medicines: deq.state.or.us/lq/sw/hhw/DrugTake BackSites.pdf

■ Medicines the FDA suggests be flushed down the toilet: fda.gov/Drugs/ ResourcesForYou/Consumers/Buying UsingMedicineSafely/EnsuringSafeUseof Medicine/SafeDisposalofMedicines/ucm 186187.htm#MEDICINES

flushing it," Marriott says.

So what's a person to do who gets these written instructions to toss their unused prescriptions in the toilet?

Thomas Burns, director of pharmacy programs for the Oregon Health Authority, says there's no Oregon laws governing the disposal of prescription drugs. Regulation of pharmacies is handled by the state, Burns

"The FDA recommendations are just that, recommendations," he explains. "The FDA guidance is just that, guidance.'

Tossed in the burner

"Wastewater

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treatment

In Portland, people may take prescription drugs and over-thecounter medicines to drop boxes

at Portland police precincts downtown, East Portland and North Portland, as well as Multnomah the County Sheriff's Office in East Portland.

— Dean Marriott, Police departdirector of Portland's ments in Beaver-**Bureau of Environmental** ton, Fairview, Hillsboro and Tigard also have lock boxes.

> people bring in the medicines, and people aren't asked to leave their names. "The boxes are full all the time," says Portland Police

No questions are asked when

spokesman Robert King. "We empty them once or twice a week. Police bring the medicines

to Marion County's Waste-To-Energy Facility in Brooks, also known as the garbage burner, where they're incinerated.

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By Alisa B. Weinzimer & Allison E. Bradley

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TriMet: Fareless Square cut could boost revenue

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have to cut \$12 million, McFarlane said.

TriMet board members are considering a plan to close the funding gap through service reductions, changes to union employees' health insurance payments, a fare increase, elimination of fare zones and dropping downtown Portland's Free Rail Zone (which used to be known as Fareless Square).

comment on the proposals for the next couple of months and make a final decision on its plan by June.

TriMet needs to cut a big chunk from its \$400 million operating budget to make up for costs of a labor ar-

"TriMet's

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— Neil McFarlane.

TriMet general manager

bitration deal. The agency also plans to slice about

\$400,000 from its annual contribution to the Portland Streetcar operating budget, which is less than 10 percent of what TriMet provides each year. It would not eliminate the agency's contribu-

streetcar line to the east side of Portland.

Rick Gustafson, Portland Streetcar Inc.'s executive director, said the reduction would probably require some "service reductions" that would be decided during the city's budget

'We sympathize with the problems they (TriMet) have," Gustafson said. "We've absorbed reductions from previous years and certainly anticipated reductions this year."

McFarlane said last week that the proposals were "targeted to long-term financial sta-

"This isn't a year-by-year proposal," he said. "This is the first of 20 years that we've got to pay attention to."

Eliminating Fareless Square could boost the agency's budget by \$2.7 million from fares largely paid by Lloyd District resi-

McFarlane's proposal includes a laundry list of tweaks

to the agency's operations that would boost revenue or save money in the short term, including:

■ \$9 million earned by restructuring the agency's fare system, eliminating discounted tickets for traveling short distances within zones, eliminating round-trips on a single ticket, and encouraging riders to buy day passes instead of individual tickets

■ \$4.4 million saved by reducing service on some bus lines, The agency will take public including eliminating weekend service for the 22, 32 and 73 bus lines, increasing wait times for the MAX during non-peak hours and having Red Line trains terminate in downtown Portland instead of Beaverton.

During three of the past four weak payroll tax proceeds, re-years, TriMet has cut its budgduced federal funding and the et by nearly \$60 million, re-

duced services, eliminated nearly 200 jobs, frozen some hiring for management positions and increased fares. The new pro-

posal cuts into more than four dozen bus routes and MAX train frequency to save money. Those however, cuts.

tion to the expansion of the were made with an eye toward preserving some services without hurting people who use the buses or trains, McFarlane said. The hope is that riders still

can accomplish their necessary trips, though they may need to wait longer or make an additional transfer. "That's the theme of the serv-

ice changes — we're trying to keep the same service," McFarlane said. "It still allows the trip to occur.

We come into this budget year with no low-hanging fruit,' he added. "After this recession, we've taken a lot of cuts. If there was a very easy cut, we've done it.

"We knew this was not going to be easy. We had some painful decisions no matter what way we went."

TriMet Budget Committee Chairwoman Cynthia Chilton told the board that many of the decisions were "very painful" and would hurt people who already are struggling because of the bad economy.

"Some of these decisions are balancing the budget on the backs of the riders," said Chilton, who called the ATU labor situation "the real prob-

Board Vice Chairwoman Tiffany Sweitzer said the proposals may change after the scheduled public hearings. "We may be back with something different," she said.

Board member Lehrbach was opposed to any further service reductions if TriMet increased fares. "Fare increases and services reductions is an Lehrbach said. Although the TriMet board

did not take public testimony, disability advocates delivered a letter protesting proposed fare increases for the LIFT program that serves the handicapped. The letter from Portland Disability Advocates said the proposed increase to \$3 a ride would be more than many disabled people who depend on it can afford. PDA Chairman Michael Levine said the proposed increase would violate the Americans with Disabilities Act that requires transit trips for the handicapped to be af-

John Charles of the Cascade Policy Institute was disappointed the board did not discuss two coming MAX projects, the Port-

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A TriMet rider waits to board a Red Line MAX train at the Pioneer Courthouse Square stop.

land-to-Milwaukie and Portland-to- Vancouver connections. He said the money TriMet is spending on them should be spent preventing bus line cuts.

"Just stop the insanity,"

Charles said. McFarlane said the proposal is far from the last word on

the matter. The agency will reevaluate its tax revenue projections in March and make said it costs TriMet \$1.60 for adjustments to the plan, he

cient transportation in high-

each MAX ride compared to almost \$3 for each bus ride. McFarlane defended the MAX projects as providing effi-

Forest Grove News-Times reporter Christian Gaston contributed to density corridors, however. He this news story.



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School: Lottery choices dwindle

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at a glance:

■ Five high schools and 12 elementary and K-8 schools will be completely closed to transfers. Those include the five largest comprehensive PPS high schools (with more than 1,350 students), and other schools that have been deemed overcrowded according to the district's staffing and program-

The closed high schools are Cleveland (1,520 students), Franklin (1,480), Grant (1,565), Lincoln (1,476) and Wilson

Since the Marshall Campus closed last year, sending those students into neighboring schools, the high schools have begun to fall into balance, but still under-enrolled are Roosevelt (748 students) and Madison (1,161), which will both accept transfer students.

The elementary and K-8 schools closed to transfers won't come as a surprise to anyone, since they've been bursting at the seams: Abernethy, Alameda, Astor, Beverly Cleary, Chief Joseph, Faubion, Forest Park, Harrison Park, Laurelhurst. Llewellyn, Rigler and Scott.

A limited number of exceptions will be made for special circumstances. Hardship petitions are due March 9.

The school choice lottery has dwindled during the past two years. In spring 2010, 1,125 students participated in the lottery. That fell to 811 students last spring. This time, Brennan is expecting an even bigger drop with the reduced amount of choice.

Yet many families might already be expecting to be disappointed. Last year, 298 students applied to transfer into Grant but just 42 were accepted, mostly in the freshman class, due to the effort to balance the high schools' enrollment.

Large numbers of transfer applicants were turned away from the other comprehensive high schools as well.

Families yearning for choice



Seventh grader Dylan Wells (left) would have had choices but now is likely to be headed to Franklin High School. Dylan's mother, Neeley Wells, helped change the transfer rules and believes it's for the best.

have options, however. Jefferson Middle College, in the midst of its first year as a focus option school, has 583 students and will accept 195 transfer students, mostly at the freshman level. Benson, at 889 students, will open its doors to 280 freshmen and sophomores.

The Young Womens' Acadeguage immersion

programs at the large high schools have a limited number of spaces.

Brennan says the transfer limitations come at a good time, after the improvements across the board from the high recent school redesign:

greater across the comprehensive schools than they used to be," she says. "People may not be expecting that. Because of that, we don't leave a whole lot of room for moving between schools.'

■ No more NCLB priority: Students who've enjoyed priority status in lottery in past years due to their school's "failing" status under the No Child Left Behind law will no longer get that benefit, since the state of Oregon is seeking a waiver from the law this spring. If the waiver is not approved, the district will hold a summer lottery for those students.

Making big decisions

One unintended consequence of the limited transfer rule is my at Jefferson also has space that schools will take in less difor 70 applicants, and the lan-versity from across town and more closely

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percent black, 26 percent white, 23 "The similarities are so much percent Hispanic and 20 percent

> Alan Ellis, who taught in PPS for 30 years before retiring, recalls teaching at Franklin, Wilson and Lincoln and appreciating the diversity transfer students brought to campus.

It would be ideal "if we could do something with the transfer program that would also promote the integration of races, income levels and mixing of the east and west in some way," El-

Need help choosing a school?

PPS is hosting two Parent Academy workshops, which include free information, dinner and child care. "Making the right choice for your child's education" is set for 5:30 p.m. Feb. 22 (Scott K-8 School) and March 7 (Rosa Parks Elementary). To register, or for more information, call 503-916-3080.

lis says. "The closest you get is with the focus schools, and they can only take so many kids.'

Ellis is a member of the district's committee on enrollment and transfer issues, which helped advise the changes.

Next up for the committee: to iron out transfer policy details such as whether to continue coenrolled sibling priority transfers, as well as tackling the over- and under-crowding situations at other school clusters.

The Alameda overcrowding discussion — a complicated puzzle and politically sticky discussion, he says — "set the template. ... I think the worst of the process is over with."

Neeley Wells, chairwoman of the district's committee on transfers and enrollment, also believes the district is headed in the right direction. The Southeast Portland mother chose to enroll her daughter at Sunnyside K-8 Environmental School for kindergarten. Her daughter is now in seventh grade and approaching her next big school decision: which high school to

A year ago, Wells says, her daughter would've been able to follow her friends and apply for a transfer into any of the large high schools. Now all signs point toward her neighborhood school, Franklin, or the focus option schools, which she may decide to explore.

"I'm truly, deeply convinced that I don't have a right to choice for the sake of choice for my daughter if it diminishes the quality of education for another kid," Wells says. "None of our decisions are heartbreaking. They all provide her with a

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Medical group opens free clinic for low-income adults

Oregon City office will provide basic services each month for now

By RAYMOND RENDLEMAN Pamplin Media Group

Volunteers in Medicine has started a new Clackamas County nonprofit that will launch the first free clinic for the region's low-income uninsured adults.

"The need to provide primary and preventive care to uninsured Clackamas County residents is urgent," said Jan Hochstatter, founding board member and chairwoman. "Up to this point, there has been no free health clinic to serve uninsured residents of Clackamas County.'

The new clinic in Oregon City comes as a time when Clackamas County is facing tough economic times. An estimated 44,128 adults younger than 65 in the county lack health insurance. In late 2011, one of Oregon City's largest employers — the Blue Heron Paper Mill — shut down, leaving 175 people and their families without jobs or insurance, Hochstatter says could exacerbate "an already huge problem."

The group is dedicated to "providing quality health care within a culture of caring and respect," and the Founders Clinlalla Ave., will offer primary medical care for eligible county

emergency and chronic medical conditions, such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma and heart disease will be provided.

According to Diane Wustrack, board member and chairwoman of the clinic's fund development committee, "This 'culture of caring' means involving all members of the community: large and small employers, health care systems, volunteer physicians and nurses, and local citizens, all of whom pledge their support for the clinic."

The clinic will be open from 5 to 9 p.m. on Thursdays for its first month. It is hoped that medical providers will volunteer to increase the clinic's

"Volunteers are supposed to have as much fun out of this as the patients," said Medical Director Mike Norris. "We're volunteer-based, so we're going to be relying on nurse practitioners and physician assistants to keep our doors open. For retired and active physicians, nurses and other health professionals, volunteering at the Founders Clinic provides a rewarding opportunity to treat patients without the constraints of time and paperwork that often occurs in practicing medicine today.'

Norris, along with a rotation of 30 other practitioners sched-

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ic, opening this week at 700 Mo-uling one shift a month, already have access to donated lab and X-ray equipment. They will provide comprehensive services to Medical care for routine, non- Founders Clinic patients, but services that cannot be provid ed at the clinic will be referred to a network of physicians with-

in the region.

Doctor donates tables It started in 2009, when a group of concerned people in Oregon City that included several physicians formed a committee to look at establishing a free clinic to serve unmet health needs.

The Willamette Falls Hospital Foundation (now part of the Providence Health System) began the funding drive for a free clinic through their annual "Gala at the Falls" in 2009 and 2010, each raising more than \$140,000.

The foundation wanted this project honor the original eight founded doctors who Willamette Falls Community Hospital in 1961, so the Oregon City facility is named the Founders Clinic in their honor.

Also in 2010, the Clackamas Health Access Initiative joined forces of local health care systems to improve health care access in the county, signing an agreement with Volunteers in Medicine, a national organization dedicated to helping communities start free clinics.

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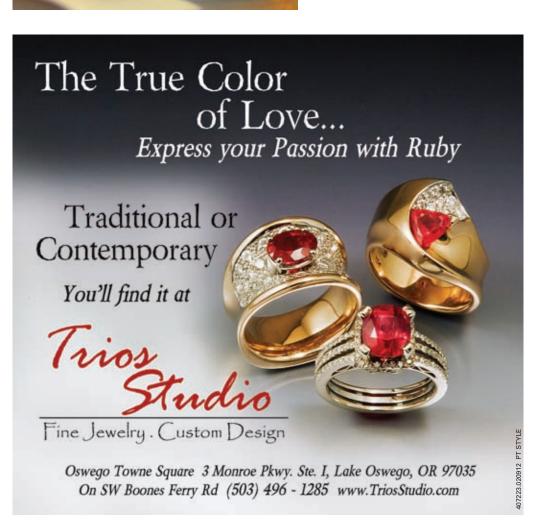
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Climber's legacy captured in Hood photos



COURTESY OF TOWNSLEY FAMILY **Experienced mountain climber** and Mazama member Jared Townsley died early Monday

morning in a fall on Mount Hood.

Family mourns, but revels in Tigard man's mountain challenge

By CHRISTINA LENT Pamplin Media Group

Jared Townsley's majestic view of Mount Hood at sunrise Monday morning is captured in photographs from a camera he carried the day he died.

The 30 images reflect the beauty of the outdoors the 32year-old Tigard man loved to explore. They mark the second of his monthly Mount Hood

Townsley's family grieves the man they referred to as "J," the snapshots of his last day have become a chergraphs of that sunrise — they are incredible shots," said Josh Townsley, Jared's younger brother, who had given him a camera to take on the climb, which ended tragically with a severe fall from a cliff.

Before moving to Oregon in 1994, Jared developed a love of the outdoors growing up in Carson City, Nev., where his family said he would go up and down any hill he could find.

"He was an amazing climber with lungs like a billy goat," said Gregg Townsley, Jared's

About a decade ago, Jared began scaling mountains and became a skilled climber. He had reached the summit of Hood at least a dozen times, including a half-dozen solo climbs, his father said. The 1998 Beaverton High School

"He took beautiful photo- graduate was a member of the sion school Sophia and 6-year- Networks, a provider of appli-Mazamas, completed the group's Basic Climbing Education Program and served as a teacher's assistant with the program.

> He also reached the summits of Mount Rainier, Jefferson and Adams, among others. Josh accompanied him on several of those climbs, and two vears ago, the brothers started a tradition of hiking the 30.2-mile Wildwood Trail in Forest Park the day after Thanksgiving.

Recently, the devoted father began sharing that passion with his 8-year-old daughter Sophia. "He was so excited about his daughter going on her first 5-mile hike with him," Gregg Townsley recalled.

Jared Townsley and his wife, Charlotte, were active in the Portland language immer-

old son Creighton attend. Jared Townsley offered to lead several climbing adventures as auction items at a recent Northwest Chinese Academy dinner fundraiser.

On Friday, three days before he died, Jared shot video of his children performing in a Chinese New Year program at the Beaverton City Library.

"He was an amazing father and husband — he put Charlotte and the kids before everything," Josh Townsley said. "He was very genuine and caring and one of the most loving people I've ever met.'

Grateful for mountain crews

Growing up, Jared Townsley emerged as a computer whiz. "He had a lot of talent," his fa-

During his senior year at Beaverton High School, Jared began taking college courses at Portland Community College and secured an entry level customer service job with Integrity Online, a national Internet provider used by libraries, schools and churches to filter out offensive sites.

"He cracked the program to show that someone could get through the protections, and the company promoted him to a network administrator right out of high school," Josh re-

At 18, Jared began a promising career as a network engineer and a go-to guy for people experiencing computer problems. Most recently, he worked from his Tigard home for F5

cation delivery networking.

It was through his technology connections that he met his wife, who shared his interest in computers. They were married in 2003 and were devoted to one another, said Jared's older sister, Rachel Stramel.

"When I first met Charlotte, I realized that J simply lit up around her," she said. "He loved her deeply from the beginning of their relationship.'

As Jared Townsley's family begins planning a memorial service to celebrate his life, his loved ones say they are grateful for the swift response of the Mountain Wave Search and Rescue and Portland Mountain Search and Rescue teams, who located his body below an area of cliffs at about the 9,200-foot elevation Tuesday morning.

When Jared failed to return to Timberline Lodge after an overnight climb Monday morning by 11, the Clackamas County teams responded to the mountain, working overnight to scour known trouble spots on Mount Hood to find him.

"At 3 in the morning, it was pitch black, and they called me over to the incident command vehicle to show me two yellow gummy bears they found about 25 yards apart," said Josh Townsley. "They wanted to know if those were something he would snack on. They weren't, but it shows how determined they are to find people up there. We are so grate-

A service is planned for Saturday, Feb. 18.

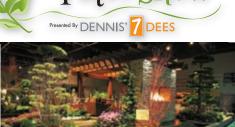
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School district places Jeff Gilbert on leave after license expires

By CALVIN HALL Pamplin Media Group

Before the lapse of Reynolds High School Principal Jeff Gilbert's administrative license last week, he learned there would be investigations into his conduct as

administrator, the Reynolds School District reported.

Gilbert was placed on unpaid leave Tuesday, Jan. 31, following the expiration of his emergency administrator's license, which was granted in July 2011 from the state Teachers Standards and Practices Commission.

Gilbert received a letter from the district's attorney on Jan. 20 informing him of the pending investigations, said Andrea Watson, district spokeswoman. She said the district is not able to discuss specific details of the inves-

The Reynolds School Board will meet with the district's attorney at an executive se Thursday, Feb. 9, at the Reynolds Professional Development Center, 2408 S.W. Halsey St., before its regular work session at 7 p.m. The executive session is closed to the public.

The school board said in an official statement that it "is very aware of public and staff concerns about the status of Principal Gilbert's license and other is-

sues that seem to be rumored. We are mindful of all these concerns and are addressing them through the efforts of district coun-

"We hope to these bring matters to closure in a reasonable period of time accounting for due process and complete investigatory efforts," the s t a t e m e n treads. "In the meantime, this is a confidential

efforts." Reynolds School Board statement

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personnel matter and we will not discuss any specifics. The school board read its offi-

cial statement during its regular meeting Wednesday at Fairview City Hall. In order to get his license re-

newed every three years, Gilbert is required by the state to complete six semester hours (or nine quarter hours) of coursework toward the Continuing Administrator License, which focuses on school-district level leadership, through an approved program. Gilbert received an emergency

six-month extension from the Teachers Standards and Practices Commission in July 2011 in order to complete the courses. Gilbert applied for a second

emergency extension, which required a letter of support from the district. The district did not send the

letter in light of the pending investigations. Because Gilbert's application was incomplete without the letter, the extension was not granted.

Gilbert has served as principal at Reynolds High School

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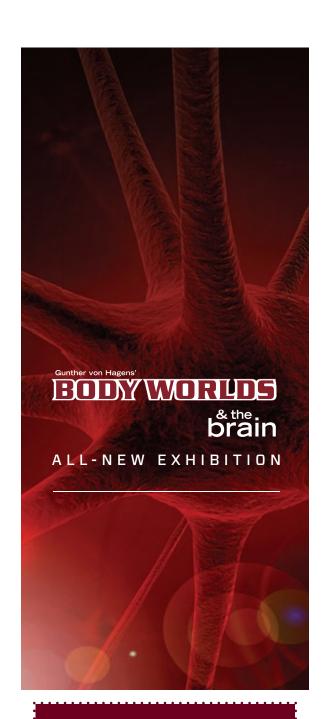
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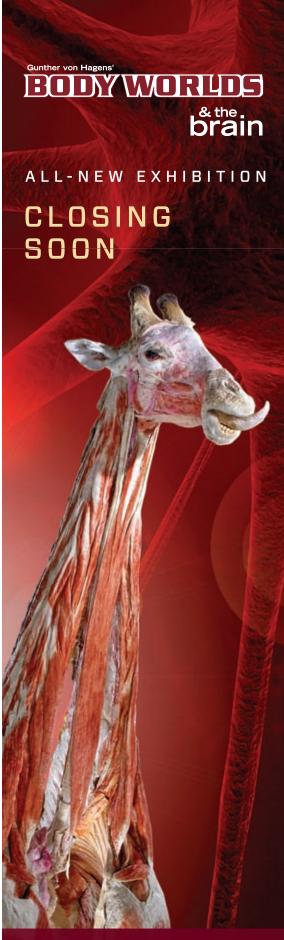
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eacher and musician Thara Memory can add "Portland Jazz Master" to his lengthy

The Portland Jazz Festival, which runs Feb. 17 to 26, will bestow the title on Memory, a key figure in the development of superstar Esperanza Spalding and others dur-ing his 40-some years in the local jazz scene.

Spalding, a Grammy Award winner for Best New Artist in 2011, calls Memory a "beacon of inspiration."

Memory performs a special program as a tribute to Miles Davis, "Artfully Miles," at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the Winningstad Theatre, on the opening night of the jazz fest. It'll spotlight Davis' collaboration with Gil Evans from the albums "Porgy and Bess" and "Sketches of Spain." About 20 jazz and classical artists and student musicians will join the trumpet player Memory in the performance.

Memory is humbled to be named "Portland Jazz Master." He was named the Jazz Society of Oregon's Musician of the Year in 2006 and then inducted

into the Oregon Music Hall of Fame the next year.

"This is a very high honor and I have never had anything of this magnitude happen to me," he says. Memory, who moved to

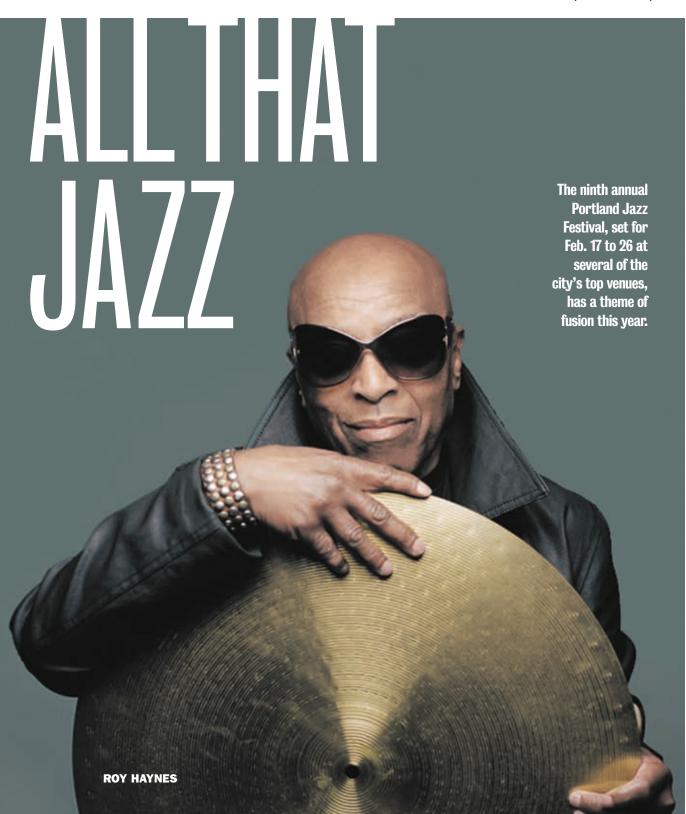
Portland in 1970, has taught at Portland State, Portland Community College, Marylhurst University, Wilson High School and Arts and Communica-tion Magnet Academy in

■ With a fusion theme, the jazz fest has an impressive lineup, with the likes of Roy Haynes, Bill Frisell, Dee Dee Bridgewater, Branford Marsalis and Dan Balmer playing with The Jazz Passengers. One of the highlights

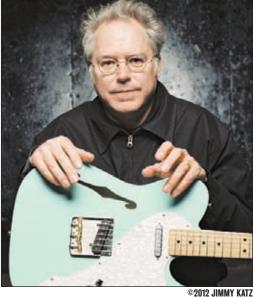
will be a bevy of performers taking the stage 9:30 p.m. Feb. 25 at the Crystal Ballroom for the "PDX Afrobeat Breakdown."

Famed guitarist Charlie Hunter opens with his solo jam, followed by performances by Scott Pemberton, special guest Ben Dar-wish's Commotion and Jujuba. The program will explore and break down the Afrobeat discipline as a major influence in jazz music.

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Portland's 'beacon of inspiration' adds a master's touch to growing annual fest



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Nancy Curtin/Tom Grant

The quartet of vocalist Curtin and pianist/vocalist Grant, joined by bass player Dennis Caiazza and drummer Jeff Frankel, put out some Brazilian jazz in a return engagement.

7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, Wilf's Restaurant, 800 N.W. Sixth Ave., 503-223-0070

"A Natalie Cole Valentine"

The famed singer joins the Oregon Symphony for Valentine's Day. The symphony opens with Gershwin's "Overture to Girl Crazy," Raskin's "Laura," Bernstein's "Times Square" from "On the Town" and Rodgers and Hart's "My Funny Valentine." Cole will announce her program from the stage.

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 S.W. Broadway, 503-228-7343,, \$30-\$150

Buck 65

Nothing brings to mind the mean sounds of hip hop like Nova Scotia. Well, maybe not, but Canadian folkhop artist Buck 65 knows his turntable tricks and is one entertaining MC. He'll be here with The Coup and Busdriver.

9 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16, Wonder

Ballroom, 128 N.E. Russell St., wonderballroom.com, \$18-\$20

"Orphans"

Offshoot Theatre Co. puts on Lyle Kessler's award-winning drama about the love of orphaned brothers, attachment and our need for other people. It's the company's first production; director Robert Gaynor and actors Kyle Delemarter and Jonathan Godsey are longtime members of Imago Theatre, and Bruce Chesse is the artistic director of the Oregon Puppet Theatre.

7:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 10-26, The Hostess, 538 S.E. Ash St., 503-224-8499,

"The Tell-Tale Heart"

Edgar Allen Poe's horror story is put on by Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre, adapted by David Treptow. It blends actors, masks and life-sized

8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Feb. 10-11, Winningstad Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway, tojt.org

"Triad"

The Brody Theater showcases improv trios, where three of Port-



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"Twelfth Night"

Portland Actors Conservatory continues its season of identity with the William Shakespeare play, directed by Michael Fisher-Welsh and about Viola, who loses her brother at sea but gains an ardent admirer.

7:30 p.m. Thursdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, Feb. 15-March 4, Firehouse Theatre, 1436 S.W. Montgomery St., actorsconservatory .com, up to \$25

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The photography exhibit features the work of 20 international contemporary photographers, who base their practice in some form of abstraction, from highly conceptual to more documentary approaches.

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Organizers are trying to set a new standard with more than 4,000 riders on the 18-mile odyssey around Portland; in addition, there's a 45-mile trek to Hillsboro. It's a benefit for the Community

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Songs in the key of Wonder

At this point, no superlative could be applied to Stevie Wonder that hasn't already been applied. Bobby Broom's Deep Blue Organ Trio's "Wonderful!" was the most played jazz title in North America last summer, and pays tribute to Motown's greatest musician with versions of nine Wonder songs. Meanwhile, Wonder band members Tyrone Hendrix, drummer, and Nate Watts, bassist, will be joined by Patrick Lamb and his band, along with Liv Warfield, Jarrod Lawson, Saeeda Wright and Paul Creighton, to perform the second of two tributes in little more than a week to Mr. Fingertips, at Jimmy Mak's.

Bobby Broom and the Deep Blue Organ Trio, 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 9, Jimmy Mak's, 221 N.W. 10th Ave. \$12 general admission, \$15 reserved; The Patrick Lamb Band, 7:30 and 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17. \$20 general admission, \$25 reserved. Info: 503-295-6542, jimmymaks.com.

FEB. 10

Inebriated supplications

One of Portland's finer Americana outfits, Drunken Prayer, is marking the release of its sophomore album "Into the Missionfield" this week. It's a tasty stack of 11 countrybluesy-rockin' tunes flavored with just enough grits to make it tough and enough syrup to make the songs go down easy. Led by Morgan Christopher Geer, who sports a baritonetenor that suits the material well, the band even strays into Beatle-like territory on such songs as "Always Sad" (slyly name-checking Elmore James to boot for you blues hipsters). Drunken Prayer employs keys, guitars, horns and percussion to polished effect, and garners appearances from players who've jammed with The Breeders, Beck, Bright Eyes, Elliott Smith, Supersuckers, Kristen Hersh and I Can Lick Any



Sonofabitch In The House. Should be a helluva party.

Drunken Prayer, The Ukeladies, Matt Brown, 9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 10, Secret Society Ballroom, 116 N.E. Russell St. \$8, \$15 buys a CD. Info: 503-493-3600, secretsociety.net.

FEB. 11

Arterial rockage

The fifth annual Cover Your Hearts Show will once again benefit Ethos Music, which offers music education on a sliding scale to children. Organized by indie-pop-shoegazers Charmparticles, Cover Your Hearts features various performers performing 1980s love songs, from the gracious to the grotesque. This year's lineup includes Derby, Jaycob van Auken, Dr. Theopolis, On the Stairs, Violet Isle, Mike Lewis, and Lael Alderman's new Project, We are not Shadows. These brave performers have tackled tunes by REO Speedwagon and Night Ranger, so don't tell me you love me, if you want to know what love is, get down to the show before there's a total eclipse of the heart.

Cover Your Hearts Benefit, 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, Wonder Ballroom, 128 N.E. Russell Street. \$15 to \$35. Info: 503-284-8686, wonderballroom.com.

Feline all right

Lisa Marsicek, aka Miz Kitty, may be familiar to readers for fiddling around with Flat Mountain Girls and the Sassparilla Jug Band. When she's not stringing audiences along, she resurrects vaudeville every second Saturday of each month with her warm-hearted zany shows and has organized a "Sweethearts of Portland Spectacular" to celebrate February, the month of luv, baby. Perfor-

The hits of Stevie Wonder take center stage when **Bobby Broom's** Deep Blue Organ Trio plays at Jimmy Mak's, Feb. 9. COURTESY OF

mances this Saturday include 1920s and 1930s jazz from the Jenny Finn Orchestra, acrobatics by Brittany Walsh, Irish dancing by Maldon Mehan, feminine string-strumming by Ukeladies, saxophone-and keyboard-flavored crooning by Retta Christie Trio and comedy and song by Bo Peep.

Sweethearts of Portland Spectacular, 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, Mission Theater, 1624 N.W. Glisan St. \$12. 21 and older. Info: 503-223-4527 mizkittys parlour.com.

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Blacks 'n' blues

A funny thing happened on the way to the PBS blues documentary - young African-Americans pretty much stopped playing the music their forefathers and foremothers created. Fortunately for blueslovers, however, Austin's Gary Clark Jr., 26, never got the memo that this ever-adaptable music had been taken over by white guys in Hawaiian shirts singing "Mustang Sally" and decided to play the guitar - actually attack the guitar — and sing. He owes as much to ZZ Top as he does to Buddy Guy and Jimi Hendrix, but Clark has created his own voice, which evinces urban cool and country funk. Injecting soul, hip-hop, classic rock and jam elements into his music has helped him reach his chronological peers, while older hipsters who dig Eric Clapton, Alvin Lee or even Carlos Santana will find plenty of reason to bring their Valentine's dates down for the show.

Gary Clark Jr., White Dress, 9 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, Doug Fir Lounge, 830 E. Burnside St. \$15. Info: 503-231-WOOD, dougfirlounge.com.

Bits&Pieces

By JASON VONDERSMITH The Tribune

Diggin' the big beast

The big beast Grave Digger, a highlight in the Monster Jam event Feb. 11 and 12 at the Rose Garden and celebrating its 30th anniversary, burns about five gallons of methanol/alcohol per minute.

So, with a 22-gallon tank, a good portion of the time is spent refueling the 1,500-horsepower mega-truck.

A lot of people don't understand the performance capabilities of the monster trucks, says Carl Van Horn, one of eight drivers piloting Grave Digger trucks around the country. They can get 20 feet off the ground.

Time was that the monster trucks were known for only smashing other vehicles. They still do, except after smashing one, they leap over the others.

"Oh yes, it's definitely an adrenaline rush," Van Horn says. And, as he points out, the safety precautions are nothing short of NASCAR-like — with seat and head containment, including a HANS device for preventing the head from moving forward, and onboard fire systems.

Van Horn still gets a kick out of driving monster trucks.

"You're sitting up as high as a semi, with 1,500 horsepower and can jump 20 feet in the air — or more now," he says. "You have rear and front steer, another element to the driving, because you have to get the timing right on the rear steer."

Van Horn crashed in St. Louis, taking out the front end and ruining a tire. "I jumped crossways, a way the truck is not designed to jump," he says, "and landed in front of a different obstacle. I knew I was done.'

Of course, the Grave Digger fans cheered wildly. Running over stuff, flying through the air, roaring engines, simply parading around and even wrecking are part of the show.

"We have the best of the best



The famous Grave Digger monster truck makes an appearance at the Rose Garden, Feb. 11-12, piloted by Carl Van Horn, There are eight Grave Digger trucks performing throughout the country.

fans who have been supporting us for 30 years," he says.

Eight monster trucks will be on hand at the Rose Garden for racing and freestyle competitions in the shows, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. Tickets start at \$20 and are available by telephone at 1-877-789-7673 and online at comcasttix.com.

It's quite a ticket

Van Halen will be playing at the Tacoma Dome on May 5, with quite the special guest for the classic rockers, Kool and the Gang. Van Halen's new album, "A Different Kind of Truth," was released this week, the group's first original studio album with singer David Lee Roth since "1984."

Tickets are available at Ticketmaster outlets and by calling 1-800-745-3000.

Celebrity landscaper

Ahman Hassan, whose show "Yard Crashers" on the DIY Network is wildly popular, will attend the Yard, Garden and Patio Show, Feb. 17 to 19 at the Oregon Convention Center.

He'll appear twice daily, noon and 4 p.m. Feb. 17 and 18, and noon and 3 p.m. Feb. 19.

Ballet classes

The Portland Ballet is offering its Summer Intensive 2012 with special guest teachers Josie Moseley and Mary Hunt, July 2 to 28. Aspiring ballet dancers, ages 11 to 18, can audition at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, March 4 at The Portland Ballet, 6250 S.W. Capitol Highway.

For info, go to the portlandballet.org.

Daily classes in the intensive include ballet technique, pointe, partnering, modern, jazz, stretch and core, and a lecture series and performance workshop.

Sing it, kids

Aaron Smith will be holding auditions for One World Chorus, for children ages 8 to 12.

They are: 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, Tabor Space, 5441 S.E. Belmont St.; 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 S. State St., Lake Oswego.

For info, go to oneworldchorus.org.

Money man

Author David Wolman explores the monetary future with his new release "The End of Money: Counterfeiters, Preachers, Techies, Dreamers

– And the Coming Cashless Society," by Da Capo Press. It'll be out Feb. 14, and Wolman will appear at Powell's City of Books on Burnside at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21. Wolman, who lives in Port-

land, writes for various magazines and he authored "A Left-Hand Turn Around the World" and "Righting the Mother Tongue" previously.

the Portland Jazz Festival box

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(Suite 420), by telephone at 503-

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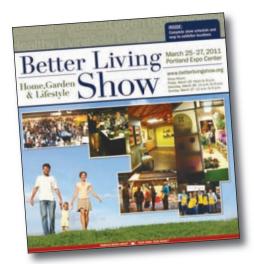
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Jazz: Bill Frisell debuts at fest

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"This marathon program is unprecedented in the festival's the Portland Jazz Festival linehistory," says Don Lucoff, jazz up: est managing director, "where by three local bands are sharing the stage with a headline artist.

Pemberton is one of Portland's renowned guitarists. Darwish's Commotion is a 10piece group that focuses on danceability and concept shows. Jujuba is an 11-piece Afrobeat ensemble that mixes funk and Nigerian juju with a driving rhythm and horn sec-

tion. ■ Frisell makes his debut at the jazz festival, with quite an extensive program planned per his reputation, playing with different bands for the music of pedal steel guitarist Wesley Webb "Speedy" West, guitarist/fiddle player Jimmy Brvant and Beatles' guitarist/vocalist John Lennon - all at the Crystal Ballroom, 9:30 p.m. Feb. 24. Then, on Feb. 25 at the Newmark Theatre, Frisell and his internationally recognized 858 Quartet take the

For a U.S. festival, this is pret-

p.m. Feb.

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Frisell 3 p.m. Feb. 25, Crystal: Vijay

Iyer, Prasanna, Nitin Mitta 7 p.m. Feb. 25, Newmark: Bill

9:30 p.m. Feb. 25, Crystal: Charlie Hunter and Portland

3 p.m. Feb. 26, Newmark: Brandford Marsalis, Joey

Individual tickets range from \$22 to \$48 and are available at

ty good stuff.

■ Here are the highlights of

ningstad: Thara Memory

The Jazz Passengers 7:30 p.m. Feb. 21, Mission

7:30 p.m. Feb. 22, Schnitzer:

Dee Bridgewater 7 p.m. Feb. 24, Newmark: Roy

9:30 p.m. Feb. 24, Crystal: Bill

Frisell and 858 Quartet

Jam Band Marathon

Calderazzo Duo

for Lifetime Achievement, the 86-year-old drummer Haynes performs as a leader for the first time in Portland. He has played with John Coltrane, Charlie

elonious Monk among others. White Bird Dance is presenting Garth Fagan's "Griot New York." A recorded score of Wynton Marsalis' "Citi-Movement" provides the soundtrack

Parker, Lester Young and Th-

for the piece. Local musician Balmer gets the opportunity to play with The Jazz Passengers, a past collaborator with Deborah Harry,

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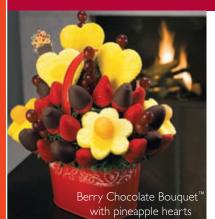
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The show may be over but it's still generating headlines.

The 2012 Portland International Auto Show opened Thursday, January 26 and completed a successful run on January 29th at the Oregon Convention Center.



Lucky winner drives away in a new Honda Accord LX sedan.



Mark Edstrom (left) receives the keys to his new Honda Accord LX from Bob Lanphere Jr., president of Lanphere Enterprises. Photo by Nick Fochtman.

One of the many star attractions at this year's show was a new car giveaway.

On the last day of the show, four lucky winners (one was drawn each day of the event) lined up and randomly selected

"This is the first new car I've ever owned. I've only had a used car before. The closest I've ever come was a new motorcycle."

- Mark Edstrom

keys. Only one, Mark
Edstrom of Tualitin,
was lucky enough
to open the door to
the car signifying it's
now his to drive and
enjoy! Each runner-up
was presented with
a consolation prize
containing gear and
several restaurant

gift certificates. The new car giveaway was presented by the Metro Portland New Car Dealers Association and sponsored by Pamplin Media Group.

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Auto industry and consumer confidence in cars and trucks rebound

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Increases in attendance and manufacturer participation both attest to a steadily improving picture for the auto industry.

Anyone looking for signs of economic recovery need look no further. Auto Show numbers tell the story, starting with the cars. This year there were more choices than ever on display - over 35 manufacturers participated, displaying their "It was a home run for us. It was really, really busy."

- Jeff Fishback Auto Show Director latest offerings in engaging and entertaining ways.

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Blazers: McMillan stresses road preparation

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into the open court, running, attacking the basket, which is perfect for me. On the road, we're at a slow pace. It's walk-the-ballup, halfcourt offense. That goes away from what I do best.'

Wallace averaged between 15 and 20 points during his final 5 1/2 seasons with Charlotte. He flourished by slashing and scoring in transition.

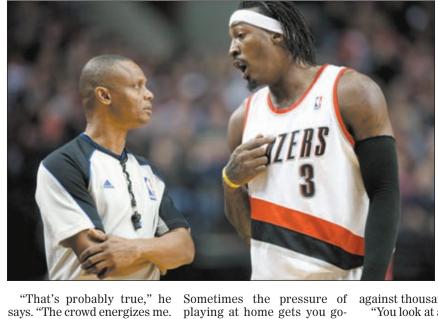
"The offense pretty much flowed through me," he says. "Here, it goes through (LaMarcus Aldridge) in a more halfcourt, post-up system.

"We had Emeka (Okafor) for a couple of years in Charlotte, but we didn't throw it to the post, where (the defense) had to double-team. We played off our wings. Here, we play more off our bigs. It's just a different

Wallace is rebounding more in road games than at home, primarily because his offense hasn't been there.

"I try to do more things that can help us win," he says, "like rebound, play defense and get

More than any Blazer, Wallace seems to feed off the Rose Garden crowd.



Trail Blazers forward Gerald Wallace argues a call in a home game last month against the Los **Angeles** Clippers. TRIBUNE PHOTO:

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against thousands.

'You look at all of that, sometimes it's a matter of taking that stuff off the board. It's about just going out and play-

Wallace doesn't want to complain about the Blazers' offensive style on the road.

"It's not about me; it's about the team," he says. "But we to find the way to get yourself have to figure out a way to get things done. We've had a chance to win every (road) game, except probably Phoenix (102-77 loss). The third quarter

is our nightmare right now."

For the past two weeks, Wallace's production has been hampered by strained ligaments to the middle finger on his right hand. It has affected his outside shooting, and he has had to temper his style of play, so much so that he has stayed away from dunking.

"I'm afraid of hitting it on the rim," Wallace says. "The most tender part is on the inside. I have to mentally prepare myself to receive the ball. Anything that's going to hurt it, I try not to do it."

Doctors have told him the only way to fully heal the finger is to be idle for several

"I have to play," he says, "but it's going to continue to get banged. When I'm off the court, I wear a hard cast on it to keep it straight so the ligaments can heal without bend-

"It's feeling better. As long as the swelling is going down and the pain can become more bearable, it'll be all right. But it'll still be sore until the sum-

The Blazers return to the road with games against New Orleans on Friday and Dallas on Saturday. Wallace says he

believes he will play better away from home as the season

"I'll adjust to what's going on," he says. "But right now I'm just trying to stay healthy, take care of my body and make it through a rough season."

Riverview among the most romantic

Congratulations to Yoshida's Riverview Restaurant for being named one of the most romantic restaurants in the nation.

The online reservation site, OpenTable, announced last week that the Riverview was a 2012 Diners' Choice Award winner for being one of the 100 most romantic restaurants in the United States. These awards reflect the combined opinions of nearly 5 million reviews submitted by verified OpenTable diners for more than 12,000 restaurants in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

The Riverview is only one of two restaurants in Oregon to make the list of most romantic places to eat.

For a complete list, visit www.opentable.com/romantic.

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Quarterback will focus on football

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before deciding on the Beavers. "My decision was pretty easy," he says. "I had a really good connection with coach (Chris) Brasfield and coach (Mike) Riley. I didn't get that from the other schools.

Other things that appealed to Brown about Oregon State: A quality education (he's a 3.5 student who is undecided about a major), college-town environment ("I loved that"), seven incoming offensive linemen ("a factor, but not a big factor") and the opportunity to avoid a redshirt year ("My goal is to play

right away"). Brown, who ran the 200 meters in 23.27 as a junior and guesses he runs the 40 "in about — I like running between the 200 and sixth in the 100 at distackles — but I'm elusive at the

same time." The 6-footer wants to arrive in Corvallis for the Bridge program in July at between 210 and

'Then I'll play at a fast 210 during the season," he says.

■ Joel Skotte's older brother, Dan, attended Oregon State. That was a plus for the Beavers in the recruiting process.

But the 6-2, 230-pound middle linebacker from Bend's Mountain View High mostly considers himself a good fit for OSU, and vice versa.

"I felt most at home there," says Skotte, the Class 5A defensive player of the year in leading the Cougars to the state championship. "I liked the way I was treated (on my visit). Coach Riley and his staff treated me well. They treated the other players well, too.

But the style of offense we use

at home fits perfectly for the

McMillan says adrenaline

gained from crowd support

lace's disproportionate play at

players, where at home the en-

ergy in the building gets you

going," McMillan says. "On the

road, you're searching for it.

could be" the reason for Wal-

"I've seen that with a few

coach

type of player I am.

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"I guess I'm kind of a country boy, too. I couldn't stand it at UCLA, Washington or some other places."

Skotte was offered rides by Stanford, Boise State, Washington State, San Diego State and Air Force and also visited UCLA and UW. The last program he eliminated was Air Force, where his father, Dan played center in the early 1970s.

"It was tempting," Joel says, "but I felt way more at home at Oregon State. Air Force would have meant a great career opportunity, but I made the right decision.'

Skotte, a standout running back at Mountain View, intends to play defense at OSU.

They could put me anywhere, but middle linebacker is what I like best," he says. "I like to control things between the tackles. I like to hit and chase guys down, and I like to jam blockers in the hole."

Skotte is blessed with sprinter's speed. He was third in the trict as a junior last spring and says he runs a 4.6 40.

As for playing or redshirting this fall, "I'm good either way," he says. "I'm going to go for playing right way, but if they redshirt me, I'm totally fine with that. It would give me an-

other year to get bigger.' ■ There's no doubt Caleb Smith is champing at the bit to get started at Oregon State.

"I can't begin to tell you how excited I am," the 6-6, 250-pound tight end from Renton, Wash., says. "I'd like to be there next week."

It won't be too long after that — about April 1 — that Smith

linebacker out of Kent, Wash., arrive to enroll in spring term. Both graduated from high school early.

road.

We're going to be rooming together," Smith says. "We've been friends for a couple of

ing, too. You know you have to

to all of his players about

preparing for games on the

Portland coach says. "You have

ready to play on the road.

You're sleeping in a different

bed, in a hotel, your meal time

may be different ... and (at the

arena) there are 20 of you

McMillan says he has talked

"Most of it is mental," the

Smith is enrolling early "because I want to give myself the best opportunity to play," he says. "I want to take this next step in my life. Coming in the spring is an awesome way to get a jump start on training and learning the playbook.'

His father is a North Medford High graduate who attended Oregon State, and his mother went to Southern Oregon, but those roots played little in his decision. After committing to OSU, he took visits to UCLA and Arizona State before signing with the Beavers.

"I took a couple of steps back and looked at everything," he says, "and decided Oregon State was where I wanted to be.

"It's not too far from home and it has a really great home atmosphere. All the coaches are awesome guys. They already feel like mentors to me. That was a big part of it.

'And I feel like I have a good opportunity to compete for playing time right away. I don't want to stay on the sideline for too long."

Smith, rated the nation's 11th-best tight end by Rivals.com, caught 37 passes for 570 yards and gained 425 yards rushing as a senior at Ken-

INNER GUNSLING

and fellow signee Caleb Saulo, a tridge High. He was a quarter- Pac-7 Conference title. back until midway through his

> "I can do all the blocking," he says, "but I see myself as more of a receiving tight end.' ■ Oregon State's coaching

> staff picked Brent VanderVeen as its No. 1 recruiting target at quarterback last summer. The feeling was mutual. After taking unofficial visits

> to Oregon State, Oklahoma State and Arkansas last summer, the 6-5, 220-pound Arroyo Grande, Calif., native chose the

> "I bonded with the coaches and had a great time," he says. "I enjoyed the players, too, but the coaching staff was the biggest thing. Coach Riley and (offensive coordinator Danny) Langsdorf, they're great guys. I really connected with them."

> quarterback nationally by Rivals.com, VanderVeen threw for 2,422 yards and 20 TDs as a senior, guiding Arroyo Grande to the CIF Southern Section championship. VanderVeen is blessed with

Rated the No. 10 dual-threat

size and a big-time arm, but he also caught the OSU coaches' attention with the way he can scrambie.

away from pressure if I need to," he says. "I wouldn't want to run 20 times a game — just enough to keep the defense honest.'

VanderVeen is also star center for the Eagles' basketball team, at 8-1 on their way to the

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"I'm better at football," he says. "I don't want to sound cocky, but I think I could play basketball in college, too.'

Once basketball ends, Vander Veen - a first baseman who will skip playing baseball as a senior — intends to get together with fellow OSU signee Malik Gilmore, a receiver from Lakewood, Calif.

"We're going to meet and start throwing," he says.

Vander Veen's host on his official visit was Sean Mannion, the Beavers' starting QB as a redshirt freshman last season. "He's cool," VanderVeen

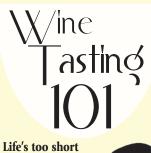
Riley says he would like to redshirt VanderVeen this sea-

"I'd like to compete to play right away," Vander Veen says. "Coach Langsdorf says he is going to give me a chance to prove myself. But I don't see redshirting as a bad thing. It would be a good learning experience, enabling me to grow and be more comfortable.'

At some point, VanderVeen sees himself as the Beavers' starting signal-caller.

"I think Ī can be pretty good," ne says. Twe never really had a "I can escape the pocket, get quarterback coach working with me. I play during the season and then move on to the next sport, so I never focused on football.

> "I know I have a lot of improvement in me. I hope I can turn into a great player some



to drink bad wine

How do you know what is a bad wine?

Sometimes everyone around you can be say-The Wine Doctor ing how great a wine is, and yet,

you can't stand it. Other times, you can be enjoying a wine greatly and someone next to you spits it out saying it's "corked." How can you tell the difference between a wine that is a truly bad (i.e. flawed) and one that may be sound, but still makes you want to rinse your mouth out with a Dirty Martini?

Wine faults are mostly due to four factors: oxidation, environmental, <mark>sulfur compounds and</mark> microbiological. Here are the basics:

Wine is the product of fermentation, a chemical process where sugar and yeast react together and create alcohol, carbon dioxide (CO2), and heat. The heat and CO2 usually dissipate, leaving alcohol, but sometimes, an unwanted element gets added into the mix creating a flawed wine. It can be introduced accidentally, or it can be something that is part of the winemaking process that went wrong.

The most common cause of wine faults is oxidation, because all that's needed is oxygen and a catalyst to start the process. A wine that has been oxidized can be stale, flat, and the smells that make you like a wine fade and all that's left are the structural components - acidity, alcohol, and tannins. The color also fades — the wine becomes dull and brown.

Yeasts are the usual culprits in oxidation, resulting in a variety of faults depending on the catalyst. You'll know the wine is bad when you smell or taste it. If you smell any of these, chances are you have an oxidized wine: sour apples or cabbage, vinegar or something that resembles nail polish remover or varnish.

Sulfur compounds are another common cause of faults in wine. Sulfur is commonly used in wine making to prevent oxidation. Sulfur has a very low sensory threshold, which means that even in small quantities, it's easy to smell.

It is not unusual for a wine to have a slight smell of burnt matches upon first opening the bottle, but after a minute or two, it usually "blows off" (dissipates). If you open a bottle and you get a persistent smell of burnt rubber or matchsticks, a rotten egg smell, or a sweaty, oniony or skunky smell, then you have a flawed wine as a result of the use (or over-use) of some form of sulfur compound in the winery.

In the next Wine Doctor column, we'll discuss the problem of "Cork Taint," which is another common reason for wines to go bad.



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Eggers: Dennis Erickson 'proud' of his career

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downhill. I've never had that happen to me like that."

Arizona State lost its last four regular-season games by 1, 10, 4 and 9 points — to finish 6-6. On Dec. 22, eight days after Todd Graham was named as coach, the lame-duck Erickson suffered through a 56-24 embarrassment at the hands of Boise State in the Las Vegas

"I'm not exactly sure what happened at the end," Erickson says. "We were playing really good defense, but that kind of fell apart. We had some injuries that caught up with us, but that's an excuse.

"When we were 6-2, I was the greatest coach in the world. I don't think I changed all that much over a month."

Ah, but the situation did. Erickson critics, grumbling since came out in full force. With the money involved in big-time football, athletic director Lisa Love felt she had no alternative but to replace the coach.

Surprisingly, Erickson was never able to recruit a big-time quarterback to Arizona State, someone to lead the team through rough waters. His best player, middle linebacker Vontaze Burfict, was a knucklehead.

I won't pretend to know what happened, but I do know that Erickson has been a terrific coach through three decades that saw him experience three losing college seasons in 18 years before arriving in Tempe.

The job he did in his four years at Oregon State - leading the Beavers to a No. 4 national ranking, an 11-1 record and a Fiesta Bowl thrashing of Notre Dame the second season leaves him an unforgettable

were on the threshold of winning big.

We upgraded the talent level there, no question about that," he says.

Schools should be a little less quick to pull the trigger on coaches, Erickson says.

"Programs that are patient through the years are the ones that are solid," he says. "Virginia Tech wasn't very good for four or five years under Frank Beamer. Same thing with Greg Schiano at Rutgers. That's why Oregon State will always be successful. They've stayed with Mike Riley though he's had a down year or two, they're building consistency within that program, and I think they're going to have an awfully good team next vear.

"You have to have people in the administration with patience, but that's part of the game. Bottom line at ASU, though, is we didn't win enough games for the people

making that decision."

This could be the end of the line for Erickson, who turns 65 on March 24.

'When you're pushing 65," he says with a laugh, "there aren't a lot of people knocking your door down.'

Erickson isn't interested in the NFL. Been there; done that. He was a near-miss with the Seattle Seahawks, going 31-33 in the 1990s, then 9-23 in two dismal seasons with the San Francisco 49ers after leaving Oregon State in 2002.

Will he coach again at the college level?

"I don't know," he says. "I'd like to. Maybe there will be an opportunity out there. But I won't coach next year."

If it's over, it's been a heck of

His record as a college head coach is 179-96-1. He won a pair of national championships at Miami and was a three-time Pac-10 coach of the year. He

turned around programs at Idaho, Washington State and Oregon State and sent a lot of players to the NFL.

"I'm proud of my career," he says. "We helped a lot of young guys over the years, thousands of them.'

When ex-Seahawk Cortez Kennedy was interviewed last weekend about his upcoming induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Erickson's name was one of the first he mentioned.

"Things like that are what it's all about," he says. "Seeing players after they leave football, and most of them are successful — that's why you're a

Now Erickson is without a job, fired for the first time as a college coach. Still living in Phoenix — he'll head to his summer home in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, in April — he has been trying to help his assistant coaches get jobs. Noel

Mazzone and Steve Broussard got on with Jim Mora at UCLA, Jamie Christian was hired at Houston, and Greg Burns went

to Purdue. "I go to the gym three or four days a week, trying to stay in shape," he says. "I've played a little bit of golf, but the more I

play, the worse I get. I'd better quit playing." Erickson will spend time this summer in the Seattle area, where his mother, Mary, and three sisters reside. He says he'd like to attend a game in

Corvallis this fall. "I'm proud of what I did at Oregon State and what Mike is doing there now," he says. "I have a great feeling for that place, and always will."

I'm guessing there is one more college coaching stint in Erickson. I hope it's a place where he can be successful. Otherwise, Dr. Eggers prescribes golf for the coach. Bad golf, and plenty of it.



OnCampus

Fencing: Becca Ward, a Duke senior from Cedar Mill, helped the No. 10 Blue Devils upset defending NCAA champion and third-ranked Notre Dame 14-13 last week.

Ward, an Olympic medalist and two-time NCAA women's sabre champ, improved to 21-0 this season.

Football: Last week's letter-of-intent signees included Franklin High receiver Damian Woods (NCAA D-II University of Sioux Falls), Jesuit guard Austin Griffin (Big Sky Conference Washington), Central Catholic defensive back Tye Collier (D-II Western Oregon) and Central Catholic running back Hayward Demison and defensive end Mick Hartwig (both with NAIA Southern Oregon).

■ Portland State will play five of its 11 regular-season games at Jeld-Wen Field in 2012. The Vikings open Sept. 1 with a nonleague game against

NAIA power Carroll College. After road games against North Dakota on Sept. 8 and Washington on Sept. 15, PSU will open its eight-game Big Sky slate at home Sept. 22 versus league newcomer Southern Utah. Other home games are Oct. 6 with Idaho State, Nov. 3 against Northern Colorado and Nov. 17 versus Eastern Washington. The Viks play at Montana State on Nov. 10 but won't face Montana, Sacramento State or Weber State because of the conference's expansion to 13 teams.

Basketball: Portland State has a bead on spots in the Big Sky tournament. The top six teams qualify. The PSU women are sixth at 5-5 with six league games to go, and the Viking men are tied for fifth at 5-6 with five conference games remaining. The women play host to 8-1 Idaho State at 2 p.m. Saturday at Stott Center.

The Portland Pilots men's team is 3-8 and in seventh place in the West Coast Conference going into an 8 p.m. game tonight at Chiles Center versus Loyola Marymount (8-3). The Pilot women are 1-9. In the WCC, all nine teams advance to the conference tournaments

The Lewis & Clark women, ranked ninth in NCAA Division III, have a home game at 6 p.m. Saturday with Pacific Lutheran. The Pioneers are second in the Northwest Conference at 10-2, two games behind No. 3 George Fox. ... The L&C men (6-6. sixth in the NWC) play the Lutes at 8 p.m. ... The top four men's and women's team qualify for the NWC playoffs, Feb. 23 and 25.

In the Cascade Collegiate Conference, Warner Pacific continues to be near the top in both the men's and women's standings with four games to go. ... The women have won six in a row and are 11-3 in a CCC race for first that includes 10th-ranked Corban (12-2), No. 15 Eastern Oregon (11-4) and College of Idaho (11-4). The Knights, who rank 27th in the coaches poll, play host to Northwest Christian on Friday and Corban on Saturday, both at 5:30 p.m. ... The 12thranked Warner Pacific men dropped a key road game 86-74 at No. 8 Northwest University (Kirkland, Wash.) last week. The WPC men are 11-3 in league, trailing only Northwest (13-2) and second-ranked Oregon Tech (12-2). They will play Northwest Christian and Corban at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, also at Warner Pacific.

In Pac-12 men's play, Oregon (7-4) gets first-place Washington (9-2) at

Matthew Knight Arena at 8 tonight, while Oregon State (5-6) plays host to Washington State (4-7) at 7 tonight. On Saturday, WSU is at Oregon at 3 p.m., and on UW visits OSU at 3 p.m.

The Oregon State women are 6-5 going into road games at 7 tonight versus WSU and 12:30 p.m. Saturday with UW. The Oregon women are 5-6 heading into games at 7 tonight at the Huskies and 8 p.m. Saturday at the

Soccer: Cleveland High's Zach Striar, an all-state midfielder/forward. was one of five



STRIAR

intent last week with Oregon State. Midfielder/forward Keenan de-Pinna, who helped Jesuit win the 6A title in 2010 and reach the finals in 2011, also signed

prep players who signed a letter-of-

with the Beavers. Track and field: Concordia's NyEma Sims broke her indoor 60-meter school record, clocking 7.42 seconds to win at the Vandal Invitational

last week at Nampa, Idaho.



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ERYN JONES

Portland State University | Basketball

Jones, a 5-8 senior guard, totaled 28 points and 11 assists as the Vikings beat Weber State 76-63 and Northern Arizona 73-59. She was 10 of 16 from the field and 6 of 11 on 3-pointers. The Big Sky Conference player of the year for 2010-11 has been playing with a hyperextension bone contusion since Dec. 28. "Eryn played with a little less pain in her knee last weekend," coach Sherri Murrell says. "She looked like her old self from last year, scoring and dishing out assists. She has a great feel



KHYAN RAYNER

Jesuit High School | Basketball

Rayner, a 5-10 junior guard, recorded a game-high 20 points as the No. 1-ranked Crusaders beat Beaverton 67-48. "I came out strong and was getting to the freethrow line early and got a couple 'andones' as well," Rayner says. "When my shots are falling like that, it's hard not to have a game like I did." Rayner says he expects Jesuit to make another strong run at a fourth consecutive Class 6A crown."We all believe that if we play hard like we are capable of then we should expect nothing less than another state title," he says.



TANNER ADRIAN

David Douglas High School | Basketball

The 6-4 senior co-captain and wing scored 18 points in a 66-56 victory over Mt. Hood Conference rival Barlow last week. Adrian was 7 of 8 from the field, including 4 of 4 from behind the arc for the Scots. He also pulled down six rebounds and dished out three assists. Adrian is student body president and a key figure on the court. "He's a glue guy for us," David Douglas coach Chad Reeves says, "always in the right place at the right time, and he's a great teammate, all about team first. A very intelligent basketball player."



BLAKE THORNTON

Lincoln High School | Basketball

The 5-11 senior guard scored a seasonhigh 24 points and made the decisive 3-pointer at the buzzer as the visiting Cardinals stopped PIL rival Grant 69-68. Thornton received the inbound pass with 2.1 seconds left."It was set up for Alex (Sattley) to come off a screen for a layup," he says. "I saw no one was open, so I popped out to get the ball, pumpfaked and hit the shot. I think they (the Generals) were just trying to clog the paint, so when I popped out behind the 3-point line, they didn't expect it.'



SPORTS B7 Portland Tribune Thursday, February 9, 2012

Next: The Hawks need a win

Friday night at Tri-City to cut into

the Americans' lead in the West-

ern Hockey League U.S. Division.

... Portland is 12-12-1-1 on the

road this season, while Tri-City is

21-3-0-1 at home. ... Tri-City

owns a 5-1-0-0 record against

Portland this season, with four

scored their first win over the

on Jan. 16. ... The Hawks go from Kennewick to Kent, Wash.,

where they will play the Seattle

Thunderbirds on Saturday night.

■ Portland has 19 regular-sea-

son games remaining, having

posted a 35-15-2-1 record (73

points) through the first 53 games.

Western Conference with 103

points and a 50-19-0-3 record. In

Last season, the Hawks led the

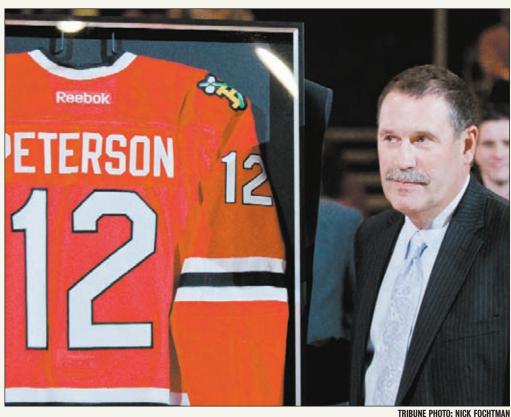
Then Portland plays host to Tri-

City at 7 p.m. Wednesday at

Memorial Coliseum.

meetings remaining. The Hawks

Ams the last time the teams met, winning 5-1 at the Rose Garden



2009-10, Portland began its resur-Brent Peterson, former Portland Winterhawks coach and player, received a framed jersey as part of the gence in the WHL, after several floundering years, and went 44-

Winterhawks

25-2-1 (91 points) to earn the No. 5 West playoff seed.

■ The Winterhawks stretched their franchise record for consecutive home wins to 19 on Friday, before falling 3-2 to Vancouver on Saturday on a goal with 29.5 seconds left. Portland avenged that defeat with a 5-4 win over the Giants on Monday. Sven Bartschi's three goals in the second period paced the Hawks.

Friday was a big night in another way for the Portland franchise. Before the Hawks skated to a 7-3 win over Everett, the club inducted its fourth member to the Winterhawks Hall of Fame — former coach and player Brent Peter-

Peterson, who lives in Nashville and is a consultant for the NHL Predators, was the Hawks' original captain in 1976. He coached the team to the 1998 Memorial Cup. Hockey items autographed by former Winterhawks such as Marian Hossa, Brenden Morrow, Scott Nichol and Jason LaBarbera were sold by silent auction during the



TRIBUNE PHOTO: NICK FOCHTMAN The banner of Portland Winterhawks Hall of Fame members goes up last week at **Memorial Coliseum with the** addition of Brent Peterson, original captain and former

coach.

game, raising \$6,900 for the Peterson Foundation for Parkinson's.

Peterson, who turns 54 on Wednesday, learned in 2004 that he has Parkinson's.

UO: RB Marshall has speed Ducks like

From page 8

"I love being able to protect the quarterback. I just like the one-on-one aspect of the game, and at left tackle vou're out there on an island. Your quarterback's safety is hanging in the balance between you blocking the guy and you not. I just live for that."

Long, 6-7 and about 305 pounds, is good enough that Oregon coach Chip Kelly says he "will have an opportunity to come in and play right away."

Long joins the Ducks with one year of eligibility, but he might appeal for another year. For now, though, Long is focused on coming to Eugene this summer and making as much of an impact as he can.

festivities last week during his induction into the team's Hall of Fame.

"I'm just working my tail off to try to compete with the guys who are already there," he says. "The other stuff is pie in the

■ Central Catholic High defensive lineman Alex Balducci grew up liking both Oregon and Oregon State. After Oregon showed early interest in him, Balducci knew he wanted to be a

"They've always had an interest in me from a young age," Balducci says. "They were one of the first schools to offer me. That kind of went a long way, and it just seemed right for me and my

During his senior year with the Rams, Balducci had 68 tackles, seven sacks and two forced

"Alex is a big, tough, physical kid," Kelly says.

Balducci says he needs to continue working on physical aspects such as speed and size. But he believes he could be in the Ducks' defensive line rotation as early as next season.

figure I could be great as long as I work hard and do everything right," Balducci

■ With star running back LaMichael James declaring for the NFL draft after his junior season, the Ducks needed to add depth at running back. Enter Byron Marshall, a 5-10, 195pounder out of San Jose.

As a senior at Valley Christian High, Marshall rushed for 914 yards and nine touchdowns, averaging 9.4 yards per carry.

"Byron was our top running back prospect all along," Kelly says. "He's one of the fastest kids in the country, really a kid who is dynamic with the ball in his hands.'

Marshall says he does not believe he has earned the right to have any goals with the Ducks, other than to get on the field.

"I don't want to redshirt," he says. "I'm talented enough and hardworking enough to go in there and earn a spot. But I've got to go in there and as I do earn my spot, my goals will go



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Ahmad Rashad, Emmy awardwinning sportscaster who starred in football for the University of Oregon and Minnesota Vikings, returns to host the Oregon Sports Awards for the sixth year in a row Sunday at Nike in Beaverton.

Sports awards in 19 categories

It's a collection of stars, a night to collect memories and an occasion that honors the most memorable in Oregon sports in 2011.

It's the 60th annual Oregon Sports Awards.

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Emmy award-winning sportscaster Ahmad Rashad, former University of Oregon and NFL star, returns to host the show for

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The show, which is expected to run for just under two hours, begins at 7 p.m. After the show, a reception will feature coffee and desserts.

Awards will be presented in 19 categories:

■ Ad Rutschman Small-College Athletes of the Year (male and female) ■ Slats Gill Sportsperson of the

■ Terry Porter Make It Better Award, presented by the Portland Trail Blazers

■ Nike-Steve Prefontaine Prep Distance Runner of the Year

■ Les Schwab Friend of Sport

■ Johnny Carpenter Prep Athletes of the Year (male and female for Class 6A-5A and for Class 4A-3A-2A-1A)

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■ Game-Changer Award

■ George Pasero Teams of the Year ■ Ultimate Fan Award, presented by the Portland Timbers ■ Harry Glickman Professional

Athletes of the Year (male and female) DNA Award

■ Bill Hayward Amateur Athletes of the Year (male and female)

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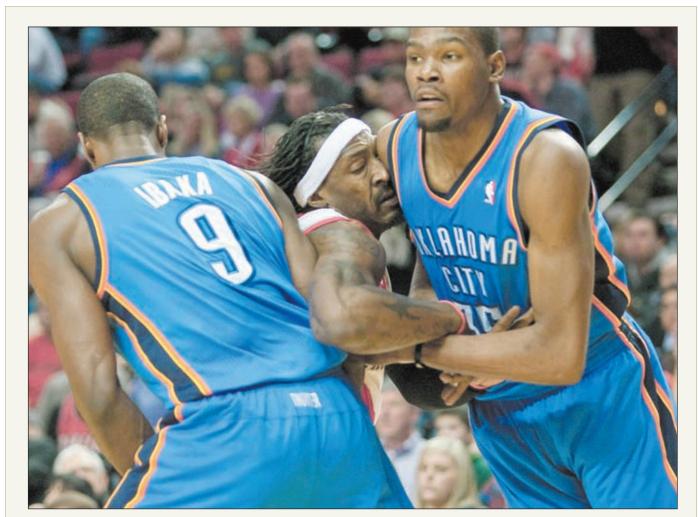
The Oregon Sports Awards and its predecessor, the Hayward Banquet of Champions, have been recognizing top athletes, teams, coaches, administrators and achievements since

After the Hayward Banquet was discontinued, the Oregon Sports Awards was organized to follow in its footsteps, beginning in 2001, with Nike, the Portland Tribune and SportsOne, a Beaverton sports marketing and entertainment agency, serving as key sponsors and event managers.

Major sponsors this year, in addition to Nike, the Tribune and SportsOne, are Jeld-Wen Windows & Doors, the Portland Timbers, the Portland Trail Blazers and the Portland Winterhawks.

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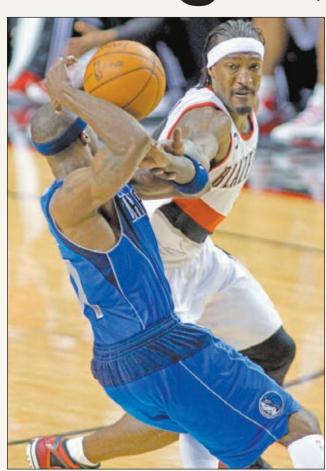
For more information about the Oregon Sports Awards, the show and a list of this year's finalists, go to oregonsportsawards.com.



Trail Blazers forward Gerald Wallace gets sandwiched by the pick of Oklahoma City's Serge Ibaka (left) and the cutting to the basket of Thunder star Kevin Durant during Monday's OKC overtime victory at the Rose Garden.

Gerald Wallace 'more connected' playing at home

On again, off again



Last season, Trail Blazers forward Gerald Wallace (right) played defense on Dallas Mavericks such as guard Jason Terry, while averaging 15.2 points, 9.2 rebounds and 2.8 assists in six firstround playoff games for Portland.

he Trail Blazers' screwy season has been well-chroni-

Entering Wednesday night's Rose Garden date with Houston, Portland was a robust 11-2 at home and an enigmatic 3-9 on the road.

Poster guy for the Blazers' 180-degree turn away from the friendly confines is Gerald Wallace. In 11 games on the road, Portland's parity in performance? eraging 8.1 points and 7.6 rebounds. Wallace's road shooting percentages are been a home warrior/road unsightly — .337 from the weakling throughout his ca-

field, .136 from 3-point range and .517 from the free-throw

line.

In the first 13 home games, Wallace was averaging 15.7 points and 5.9 rebounds,

.780 at the line. Wallace's average playing time is virtually identical — 34.5 minutes on the road,

loss to Oklahoma City. Why the incredible dis-

34.4 minutes at home

Gerald Wallace NBA career stats

	HOME	AWAY
MPG	31.6	30.0
Points	15.0	11.8
Rebounds	6.5	6.1
Assists	2.1	1.9
FG%	.487	.461
3-pt %	.316	.313
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Story by

Kerry Eggers

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The 10-year NBA veteran says he doesn't think he has

reer. The stats bear him out, to some extent (see graphic). His theory

about this sea-Christopher Onstott son has to do with style of play.

"We play different as a while shooting .564 from the team at home than on the field, .306 on 3-pointers and road," he says. "I feel more connected at home. Sometimes I get lost on the road. I don't understand my position or place. It's different.

"We play two styles of through Monday's overtime ball. At home, we're more

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ON SPORTS

Is this the end of the line for Erickson?

he coaching business is a little different than when Dennis Erickson broke in back in 1969 as a graduate assistant at Montana State, where he'd been a star quarterback.

"Coaching is a fast-food world," says Erickson, relieved of his duties in December after five seasons at the helm at Arizona State. "Everybody wants something now.'

It's a reflection of today's society. Patience is seen as a sign of weakness. Erickson thinks he got a raw deal from

the Sun Devils.

"Of course I



do," he says with a bit of a chuckle. "You always feel that way if you're the guy involved. I don't have any control over that. All you can do is do what we did.

"The (ASU) program is in good shape. But when you go into a downspin, that's what they remember. They don't look at the overall picture.'

I'm not saying Erickson didn't deserve to be let go after going 31-31 with the Sun Devils, including a disappointing 6-7 record last season after a 6-2

After a 10-More online 3 first season · the Devils started 8-0 — Er-

ickson's

www.portland tribune.com

teams were 21-28, with four non-winning years in a row.

There was plenty of optimism in the Valley of the Sun going into last fall with a veteran, talented nucleus of players. ASU's 5-1 start included wins over Missouri and Southern Cal. The only league defeat was 41-27 at Oregon, a game in which the Devils trailed 21-17 at the half.

"The first half of the season, we were as good as anybody in our league except probably the Ducks, and we had a chance to beat them up there," Erickson says. "Then we lost at UCLA (29-28 on Nov. 5), and it started

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OSU signees eager to be with Beavers

Fresno's Brown makes it his goal to rush for 2,000 yards as freshman

By KERRY EGGERS The Tribune

Oregon State has added 25 players with its recruiting class of 2012.

A few of them will grayshirt, enrolling in school for winter term 2013. Meet four letter-of-intent signees who

will not: \blacksquare Chris Brown rushed for 5,017 yards and 65 touchdowns in three varsity seasons at San Joaquin Memorial in Fresno, gaining 1,947 yards with 28 TDs (seven in

one game) as a senior last fall. When he recently tweeted that his goal was to rush for 2,000 yards for the Beavers this fall, he wasn't trying to blow

"My goal (as a senior) in high school was 2,000 yards," he says. "I figured I might as well make that my goal in col-

But could he do it as a freshman? "If I put my mind to it, yeah," he says. Ranked by Rivals.com as the No. 21



COURTESY OF BRENT VANDERVEEN Quarterback signee Brent VanderVeen from Arroyo Grande, Calif., thinks he could play basketball, too, at Oregon State, but he will hang up the gym shorts and his baseball jersey to work on football.

running back in the nation, Brown drew 16 scholarship offers from major schools, including Oregon and Miami. He took official visits to Arizona and Oregon State

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New Ducks envision having early impact

Tackle took Long route to offense; Rams' Balducci liked interest UO showed

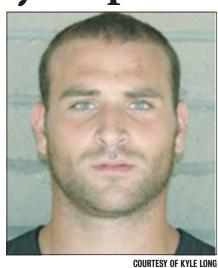
By STEPHEN ALEXANDER The Tribune

A week ago, the Oregon Ducks ushered in another strong recruiting class. Coming off a Rose Bowl win, the Ducks had little problem luring top recruits to Eugene. Of the 21 Oregon signees, one was a two-star recruit, 10 were three-star recruits, nine were four-star recruits and one was a fivestar recruit, according to Scout.com.

Here is a look at three other players who could make an impact for the Ducks

in the years to come: ■ Kyle Long still wonders how he ended up on offense. As the son of NFL Hall of Fame defensive end Howie Long and the brother of St. Louis Rams defensive end Chris Long, Kyle Long began his career at Saddleback College (Mission Viejo, Calif.) as a defensive end in 2010. He soon realized how much better he liked offense,

"I don't really know how I ended up



Oregon letter-of-intent signee Kyle Long has NFL defensive pedigree but loves to protect the quarterback.

being a left tackle," Long says. "But growing up around my dad and my brother, you kind of get sick of the defensive mindset and you want to play for the other team. It's kind of a little rivalry with me and my older brother.