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## Pregnant addicts face new choices

*Methadone quiets 'monster of cravings' as birth looms*

By PETER KORN  
The Tribune

What Mary Hansen calls her million-dollar question is just five months away. A longtime heroin addict, the 37-year-old Hansen began taking methadone when she discovered she was pregnant in early November. Her high-stakes question concerns what happens after she delivers the baby.

When the recovery community talks about long-term methadone treatment resulting in harm reduction, they are referring to a model which many addicts say could just as easily be called a lesser of two evils choice.

Nowhere is this more obvious than at local nonprofit DePaul Treatment Centers, where an innovative program has a handful of pregnant heroin addicts, including Hansen, using methadone through the course of their pregnancies.

These women are living in a DePaul residential facility with as many as 30 other women who are practicing sobriety. Chris Parentinos, chief operating officer for DePaul, says some of the other residents have voiced concerns about having to live with the women

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## Drug therapy injects change into wary recovery community



Oxford House resident Elizabeth Smith says if her house is forced to accept an addict taking methadone her own recovery would be threatened. Government officials say she may not have a choice.

## Methadone finds its way into clean, sober housing

Elizabeth Smith is two years into recovery from a 15-year heroin addiction. There are many things in her future about which she is uncertain. One thing she knows for sure, however, is that her Oxford House, where she lives with four other women in recovery, has become the foundation stone of her sobriety.

Any of the women in Smith's house can, without explanation, insist that one of the others immediately take a drug test. One failed test means the housemate must leave. That's how committed the women in Smith's house — all previous hard-core addicts — are to sobriety.

Smith is also certain that she doesn't like the idea that her Oxford House, and the 45 other Oxford Houses in the Portland area, will now no longer be able to insist on a completely clean and sober environment. At least not according to her definition.

Whether Smith likes it or not, addicts who have opted for methadone treatment, and who wish to live at an Oxford House, can no longer be kept out. State health and housing officials, un-

der pressure from the federal government, are telling Oxford Houses throughout the country that people taking methadone are protected under the Americans With Disabilities Act and cannot be discriminated against when they apply for housing.

But for heroin addicts such as Smith, methadone patients have simply traded one high for another, and being around them is like being around other users — the last thing someone in recovery should do.

"If we voted someone in here who was on methadone I would not be safe," says Smith, who years ago tried methadone treatment herself. "Just seeing the person under the influence of it, not necessarily even nodding out, just the flush, the sweats, seeing those things would make me think about it and how much I like that feeling. Knowing it is in the house, whether it's in a \$5 lock box or not, I wouldn't be safe."

Oxford Houses are the most popular recovery housing in the Portland area. They are universally hailed by addiction counselors, who often

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Story by Peter Korn  
Photos by Christopher Onstott

## Smith takes a 'purposeful pause'

After defeat, mayoral candidate seeks new challenges, opportunities

By STEVE LAW  
The Tribune

Charismatic. Whip smart. Visionary. Flaky. Prone to putting foot in mouth.

Portland voters gleaned those conflicting images of Jefferson Smith in the 2012 mayor's race, when he rocketed from underdog to solid contender before flaming out in the closing weeks of the campaign.

Smith, once a rising star in Oregon politics, is now trying to pick up the pieces of his personal life and career and re-evaluate his future.

"Losing the race, and losing the way I lost, something you spent 14 months at, anybody who doesn't acknowledge that it's painful is not being candid," Smith says, in his first extensive media interview since losing to Charlie Hales two months ago. Smith is undergoing counseling



Jefferson Smith is doing a lot of self-reflection before he decides what to do next in his career, after a painful loss in the mayor's race. TRIBUNE PHOTO: CHRISTOPHER ONSTOTT

and doing extensive soul-searching and fence-mending before jumping into something new.

"What I'm trying to do is take a purposeful pause," he says. "I've been doing (50- to 60-hour weeks) for 11 years with very little taking stock, very little looking around. What I

want to do now is not rush."

Smith, 39, made his name a decade ago as cofounder of The Bus Project, which made it cool for young adults to get active in politics. Then he moved to East Portland, where he

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## TriMet's union plans a PR blitz in contract fight

ATU 757 strategy includes a pile of proposed budget cuts

By JIM REDDEN  
The Tribune

It's contract negotiation time for TriMet, and management has been clear about the health benefits that most of its employees receive. In a series of speeches and media releases, General Manager

Neil McFarlane has repeatedly argued that benefits received by the members of Amalgamated Transit Union 757 are too generous.

TriMet is pushing hard for its employees to pay more for the benefits they receive to help balance the regional transit agency's budget.

Where does the union stand on the budget? Does it believe cuts are needed and, if so, from where?

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# Drugs: Harm reduction is key to solution

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turn to the houses when their patients need a supportive place to live after months of inpatient treatment. But the changes they are undergoing are part of a widespread evolution in Portland's addiction recovery scene.

Recovery centers are beginning to confront a new wave of addicts, as detailed in a Tribune series last May. Initially hooked on prescription painkillers, many young and middle-class addicts have turned to cheaper street heroin to feed their addictions. These younger addicts are getting arrested and sentenced to probation or parole that includes mandatory treatment. But they are not responding to the traditional treatments that have been effective with older, long-time addicts.

Criminal justice officials and the people who run addiction programs have been searching for different ways of dealing with younger opiate addicts. For an increasing number, the answer is turning out to be one of the most controversial pieces of the recovery puzzle, what is called medication-assisted therapy. Prescription methadone, available to addicts for decades, may be on the cusp of a major resurgence.

### 'Any excuse they can'

A few years ago, addicts being treated with methadone were simply not allowed at local recovery centers.

Today, at the two 36-bed residential centers run by nonprofit Volunteers of America as recovery housing for men and women on probation and parole, up to 15 beds are dedicated for residents taking methadone.

At a downtown DePaul Treatment Centers facility, a new program has pregnant women on methadone living side by side with recovering women practicing abstinence (see sidebar).

At Hooper Detox in North Portland, 12 indigent heroin addicts have received injections of Vivitrol, a \$1,000-a-shot medication that is supposed to eliminate their ability to get high from opiates.

Medication advocates say the changes represent long overdue progress, and that it's about time people in the recovery community begin to embrace methadone and newer options as treatment for addicts. Methadone, they say, saves lives, keeping heroin addicts from overdosing. And abstinence therapy has

failed to help the majority of addicts become clean and sober long-term.

But others say methadone for the vast majority who receive it is not a treatment because few use it to escape addiction. Instead, they say, most are kept on a maintenance dose that can last many years or even entire lifetimes. They are not in recovery, according to this view, but victims of a policy known as harm reduction, driven by data that shows that on methadone, addicts no longer burden society by committing crimes, spreading infections through needle-sharing and overwhelming emergency departments.

The controversy surrounding where to place addicts being treated with methadone is a microcosm of the larger controversy about which treatments should be available for whom.

For Kathleen Trebb, the imperative has become to do something different, even on a trial basis. Trebb, deputy director of community justice for Multnomah County, was being told by the non-profits who treat the county's probationers and parolees that their treatment models weren't working. Their clients were leaving treatment in unprecedented numbers, even knowing they would be violating the terms of their probation.

A pilot project was hatched to try methadone on some of those patients, who would have to live with the other clients because the county had no other options.

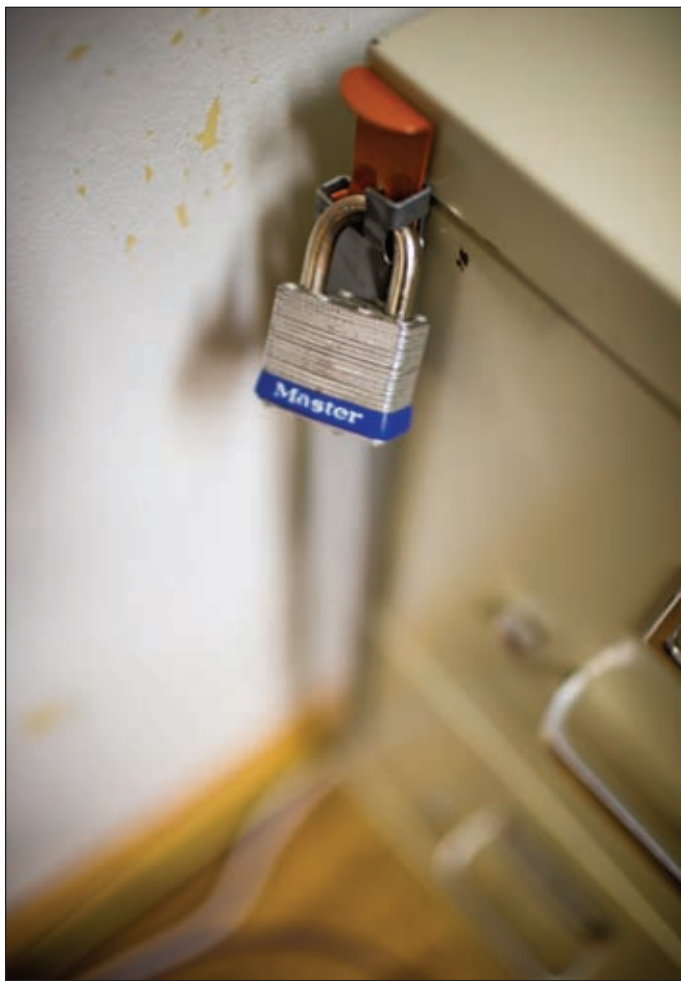
"When I was younger I said there's no way that I would support methadone," Trebb says. "Now after reading the literature and doing so much research on it and talking to clients who have been successful and knowing people are dying on heroin, I'm willing to try anything."

Pam Kelly, director of rehabilitation services for Volunteers of America, says that last year more than one in three of the probationers and parolees admitted to the men's residential center were addicted to either heroin or painkillers. Five years ago, Kelly says, that would have been about one in eight. Many of the residents are younger and not as genuinely interested in a clean and sober life.

Staff has had to receive special training to deal with a methadone population. For instance, addicts treated with methadone are known for chipping — sharing doses or secretly using illicit drugs and psychiatric medica-



Leonard Arnold, a resident counselor at the Volunteers of America men's residential center, says it's a mistake for the recovery center to accept methadone patients.



A lockbox holds the methadone for new residents in an experimental program at the Volunteers of America recovery center for men.

tions that heighten the high from methadone. The Volunteers of America staff is learning how to spot signs that clients are chipping, or augmenting their methadone with street heroin.

Afternoon sleepiness is a

well-known sign that a methadone patient's morning dose is wearing off, though methadone proponents say careful dosing can limit that side effect. But Kelly says the effect has led to some complaints by other residents in the women's center.

"I'm not getting medicine for my addiction, why are they getting medication?" says Kelly. "And it's particularly hard when they see people nodding off in a group."

Greg Stone, director of the men's residential center, says when alumni and some staff at his center learned patients would be living with methadone clients, they were outraged.

"They thought it was the worst thing that could happen to our program," he says.

So far, the men's center has had only two residents on methadone. One lasted only two days — "he clearly wanted to use methadone only to get loaded," according to Stone. The second has been living at the center for six weeks and appears sincere in his approach to recovery.

The stakes are high. "It's going to give some people a reason to say, 'Hey, if this guy can get loaded it gives me an excuse to say I can use too,'" Stone says. "And one thing about addicts is, they'll use any excuse they can."

Stone, who has worked at the center for nearly 20 years, says that once a heroin addict relapses, several other addicts in a facility tend to follow. "It's a huge contamination, more so than with other drugs," he says.

Before accepting methadone patients, the residency centers maintained a rule that anybody using narcotics had to be separated from the rest of the residents. That meant a resident who had a tooth pulled by a dentist and was prescribed Vicodin for the pain was confined to his or her room for 24 hours so the

other residents wouldn't see that resident high. That type of segregation isn't possible with residents feeling the effects of methadone 24/7.

Still, the beds at the VOA center are reserved for probationers who are considered at highest risk to re-offend. If some of those men and women can be stabilized and turned away from lives of crime, Kelly says, the benefit to society would be enormous.

Kelly says she'll consider the pilot program a success if the methadone clients stay in treatment longer than those practicing abstinence. But she says not everybody will be using the same barometer. The real data may come a year or more after clients have left inpatient treatment, and that may be a reflection of whether they continue to receive methadone once back living on their own.

"What the county wants to really know," Kelly says, "is if those getting methadone don't commit crimes at the same rate."


### Dirty little secrets

A mixed population is even more risky at Oxford Houses and other similar models for those who are in later stages of recovery. In an inpatient facility residents live amongst staff who are ready to intervene should a resident feel tempted. At Oxford Houses, it's just five to 10 men or women living and recovering in their own shared home.

Mike Hermens, state chairman of Oxford Houses of Ore-

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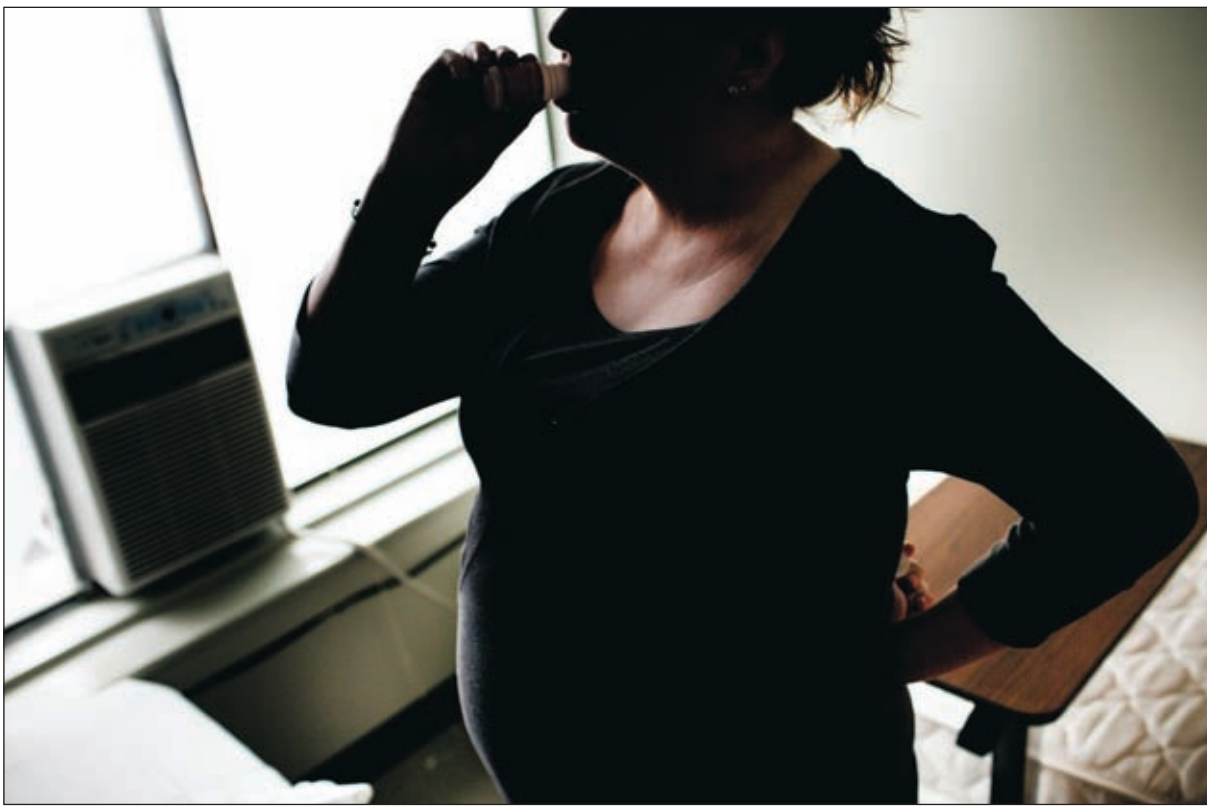
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**Heroin addict Mary Hansen downs one of two daily doses of methadone that are keeping her stable and heroin-free through her pregnancy.**  
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# Gasp! Hales talks to 'burbs

Charlie Hales will become the first Portland mayor in a long time to address the monthly breakfast meeting of the Westside Economic Alliance on Jan. 25. The public-private membership group is primarily made of governments and business in Washington and western Clackamas counties. Many of them have traditionally been wary of Portland's dominance of regional issues, something Hales wants to overcome.

Monday. A la Michelle Obama, Nancy Hales isn't shy about recycling her favorite dresses. She'll sport her blue election night Pendleton dress again, as well as a collection of local brands including outerwear by Columbia Sportswear, an Elizabeth Rohlhoff black cloche hat, a Pendleton scarf, two gowns by Lena Medoyeff, and a combination of jewelry by David Margulis, Moss earrings by local artist Diana Schreiber, and a couple of vintage pieces of her grandmother's. Mayor Hales says he's glad Nancy has fallen head over heels into her First Lady role: "Maybe this whole thing is just an elaborate scheme to buy more clothes," he joked to Sources say this week. "It's working."



HALES

# Births: Mothers motivated to get clean

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taking methadone, but overall there have been no noticeable conflicts.

The program is not intended to treat the pregnant women with methadone in the sense that eventually doses will be lowered and the women can escape drug dependency. In fact, lowering doses during the pregnancy is discouraged.

"Our objective while they are here is not to reduce the methadone," Farentinos says. "It's actually to get them the skills they need in order to do a safe delivery and be in the community after that."

After the women deliver their babies, most are referred to outpatient drug therapy, Farentinos says. And many, she says, will continue to take methadone long after they have given birth.

Farentinos says that some of the women they see have been taking heroin for so long that permanent structural changes have taken place in their brains. They will never be able to function normally without drug assistance, she says, and lifelong methadone is much preferable to street heroin.

"Sometimes they cannot cope with life without a certain dosage of opiates to just feel normal, and sometimes it's not going to change," Farentinos says.

Medical research supports the DePaul program and others like it, says Leonardo Pereira, assistant professor of maternal-fetal medicine at Oregon Health & Science University.

Pereira trained at a methadone treatment center in Philadelphia, taking care of pregnant women on methadone. He says most of his patients became pregnant while hooked on heroin and that asking them to embrace abstinence during their pregnancy would simply not have worked.

Staying on street heroin risks overdose, which could result in a death sentence for both mother and fetus, Pereira says. Also, if a woman continues to use heroin while pregnant and runs out of cash, the horrific withdrawal associated with the drug could cause her to lose the child she is carrying.

Pereira says methadone has not been associated with birth defects. Actually, neither has heroin. Both drugs cross the placenta and force the child, once born, to go through withdrawal. With methadone moms, the newborn is given consecu-

tively smaller doses of the drug for the first two weeks of life until weaned off its addiction.

Pereira says a few studies have shown that such children are at an increased risk for becoming adult addicts themselves, but that the association might simply be a result of having been born into families that model addictive behavior. And pregnant women on methadone, he says, are more likely to follow through on doctor visits and other forms of pre-natal care.

**"With methadone, you daily have to take your dose, otherwise you start to get sick (withdrawal). So you're constantly chained to your medication."**

— Mary Hansen

### Constantly chained

Most of the pregnant women on methadone therapy that Pereira has treated are in their teens or early 20s, and he's seen some of them change their lives after getting through pregnancy and delivering a basically healthy baby.

"Pregnancy is often a motivating factor for them to come clean," he says.

Hansen, who graduated from the University of Washington and was divorced seven years ago, knew immediately that she would have to change after a home pregnancy test came up

positive. "I was scared. I felt desperate and I knew I did not want to do while I was pregnant," she says.

Her first four or five days at the DePaul residential center, Hansen was kept segregated from the other women because of the side effects, including nodding off in the afternoon, might trigger other patients.

Today she takes low-dose methadone twice a day and says the right dose has been found so that she is completely functional and displaying no side effects. "It quiets that monster of cravings," Hansen says.

Hansen says she'd like to taper her methadone dose after her child is born, and try to become drug free. But she knows that choice is risky, for her and her child. On methadone she's stable; off methadone she might not be.

She takes other medications — one for anxiety, another to treat a blood clotting disorder. She isn't thinking of halting those therapies. But there is a strong part of Hansen that wants to be methadone-free as a mother.

"With methadone, you daily have to take your dose, otherwise you start to get sick (withdrawal). So you're constantly chained to your medication," Hansen says. "Sometimes I just want to wake up and go about my day and not take anything."

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■ Two weeks into term, mayor hopes to restore confidence in City Hall

# Hales: Reese should stay, 'Lottery Row' should go

By STEVE LAW  
The Tribune

New Portland Mayor Charlie Hales, who took office just two weeks ago, is working well with Police Chief Mike Reese and will soon name an interim director of the embattled city transportation bureau.

Hales is in no hurry to resume talks on annexing west Hayden Island, a natural area where the Port of Portland wants to develop marine terminals. And he'd just as soon see a Hayden Island gambling mecca known as Lottery Row get condemned — quickly — to make way for a new Interstate 5 bridge to Vancouver, Wash.

Hales made his remarks in a wide-ranging interview Monday with the Portland Tribune editorial board. Hales vowed to steer clear of making "political appointments" as bureau heads, promising to hire managers based on expertise and after national searches. He's already ousted Tom Miller as head of the Portland Bureau of Transportation, a former aide to then-Mayor Sam Adams who was often panned as unqualified.

Hales said he's not yet sure about retaining David Shaff, the Portland Water Bureau director who faced similar criticism as an appointee of then-Commissioner Randy Leonard.

But he sounds likely to retain Chief Reese, another high-profile Adams hire.

"I'm very happy about Mike Reese," Hales said. "My sense is that he and I are working well together."

One of Hales' highest priorities is steering the police bureau back into more of a community policing mode, and he wants Reese to carry that out.

Noting a scathing audit in the works about city road mainte-

nance, Hales said he'd like to restore public confidence that the city is wisely spending transportation funds.

"We have to show people right out of the gate that we're serious about prioritizing maintenance," he said.

That means getting road repairs back on a regular cycle so they don't deteriorate enough to require more costly replacement.

The city eventually needs new revenue to pave some 60 miles of dirt roads in neighborhoods, Hales said, but he won't propose anything until regaining the public's trust.

He is skeptical that Adams' new "Out of the Mud" program, which lowered the standards for road and sidewalk construction, will make much of a dent in the city's embarrassing inventory of dirt roads needing paving.

### Goodbye Lottery Row?

Hales asked city planners last week to propose new restrictions on apartment developments that have been permitted without tenant parking. On Monday, the mayor said he also asked the transportation bureau to devise a system of residential parking permits in affected areas, such as a seven-block stretch of Southeast Division Street east of 32nd Avenue. That would make it easier for nearby residents to park in front of their homes.

Hales plans to lobby the Legislature to boost school funding to \$6.4 billion, saying the \$6.1 billion proposed by Gov. John Kitzhaber is not enough.

However, Hales said the higher figure is still a hold-the-line budget that won't restore lost teacher positions.

Hales expects crucial funding approval within six months for the Columbia River Crossing project, which includes a new bridge and light-rail service to Vancouver plus improvements to I-5 on the Oregon side of the bridge. But he said the project will need design and budget changes to win approval.

Eventually, Hales said he'd like to rethink how the Portland Development Commission functions for the next quarter-century. With 14.6 percent of the city's land base tied up in urban renewal districts, Hales said

he'd like to put more of that back on the regular tax rolls. But he noted it will take several years for the 11 districts to pay off existing debts.

Down the road, Hales sees a need for more urban renewal in the Lloyd District, the area around Southeast 122nd Avenue and Division Street, and 82nd Avenue south of Madison High School.

Hales has been paying attention to Lottery Row, a strip mall with a dozen small outlets that all have video lottery terminals and sell alcohol.

"It's a big 9-1-1 call generator and it's a big nuisance to the people who live on the island," he said.

Hales faulted the state lottery and the Oregon Liquor Control Commission for allowing the Lottery Row situation to fester, saying both have a "a confused mission" of trying to earn revenue for the state.

**"We have to show people right out of the gate that we're serious about prioritizing maintenance."**

— Mayor Charlie Hales



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Hanna Hofford holds on tight to her sleeping bag as she, and other University of Portland students, get a tour of the Northeast Portland homeless camp Dignity Village. The school's urban poverty immersion experience puts students in the shoes of Portland's homeless.

# College project offers a close look at poverty

■ University of Portland students use winter break to lend a hand

By JENNIFER ANDERSON  
The Tribune

Tara Benavente felt like she lived in a bubble, and wanted to change that.

So the 21-year-old University of Portland student signed up for a crash course in "urban poverty," and ended up sleeping on a cold, bare tile floor in a downtown shelter three times in the course of one frigid weekend in January.

It's not the cold that she remembers, but the interactions she had with the men and women around her as she helped prepare "hospitality kits" for them, consisting of toothpaste, socks, underwear and other necessities.

Before one man walked away with his kit, Tara recalls, "He stopped and put his hand on me and said, 'I'm going to pray for you,' that God would bless me and keep me safe. Then he walked off. It brought me to tears."

The junior social work major, originally from Guam, is one of 17 University of Portland students who took part in the urban poverty immersion experience this month, on their last weekend before wrapping up winter break.

University students from across the region participated, including Megan Fitzgerald, a sophomore from Hillsboro; Marissa Shumaker, a junior from Sherwood; and Melissa Aguilar, a freshman from West Linn.

The experience doesn't come with credit and is not required by the university. Students were motivated by something deeper.

"Just being in Portland and going to a really good school, you come downtown and the gap between you and those who are experiencing poverty is becoming evident and emphasized," Tara says. "That gap just makes me uncomfortable. I just decided to dive in."

After sleeping on the floor at St. Andre's Catholic Church on

Thursday, Jan. 11, the students helped serve breakfast in the morning: biscuits and gravy, pastries and chocolate milk, stick-to-the-ribs stuff.

They also visited the Community Transition School in Northeast Portland (for children experiencing homelessness), handed out food at the Oregon Food Bank and toured Dignity Village, the encampment at Sunderland Yard in North Portland.

### 'Still some hope out there'

The immersion experience is a natural one for University of Portland students, says Pat Ell, assistant director of the University's Moreau Center for Service and Leadership, which has offered dozens of similar programs since 1987.

While service isn't required by the university, it is one of three "mission points," and is integrated into the school.

"Students accept it — that's part of what you should do," he says.

The immersion experiences are planned during school breaks and organized by theme, one per spring, summer, fall and winter. Any student, regardless of grade or major, may sign up.

Among the offerings: a fall trip to rural immersion experience in Washington's state Yakima Valley to study migrant worker issues; a spring trip to the U.S.-Mexico border to study immigration and border issues; and a summer trip through the South, retracing the civil rights movement. (Students raise funds or pay a portion of the cost for each trip; the university subsidizes

the rest.)

The urban poverty immersion weekend stirs deep connections for many students, says Ell, in his fourth year of leading the program after going through it himself as an undergraduate. He received his theology degree from University of Portland in 1989.

"A lot of people overcome their fear of people different from them and understand more of the factors that affect people who experience homelessness: bad luck; health problems; mental illness; addiction; difficulty of a living wage; and affordable housing, health care and childcare," he says.

"We hope students will integrate their academic with their personal beliefs; look at homelessness as a society problem, not just an academic problem."

Ell knows of many students who have returned to volunteer at one of the sites they've visited. This weekend's group also ran into a former student who took the urban poverty experience a couple of years ago and works at the shelter they visited.

Tynishia Walker, 21, a senior who plans to pursue her master's

degree in social work after she graduates in May, thinks it would be great if every university had a program similar to this. She says 20-somethings have much more to offer than people might think.

"Every place we've gone, there are Jesuit or Americorps volunteers, putting themselves out to these agencies, hoping to make a change," she says. "There definitely is still some hope out there. I'm hoping to make a change."

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# New year, new council, new challenges

At Portland City Hall, Mayor Charlie Hales and Commissioner Steve Novick have officially moved into the chairs once occupied by Sam Adams and Randy Leonard. Many Portlanders suffering from Adams-Leonard fatigue might be relieved to see fresh faces, but they also must realize that, while key players have changed, the underlying issues have not.

## OUR OPINION

Adams went out of office in furious fashion — trying to wrap up as many projects as humanly possible in his final few months as mayor. One of Hales' first challenges will be to decide whether to complete the initiatives remaining on Adams' agenda, including renovation of Veterans Memorial Coliseum and buying the Post Office building in Old Town. Hales' decisions and sense of urgency about these unresolved matters will send a strong signal to the rest of the City Council about his ability to focus as he moves forward.

Weighty issues confronting Portland will quickly become overwhelming if Hales and the council are unable to set priorities and address issues in a sequential manner. Hales is correct in concentrating initially on the city budget, which faces a \$25 mil-

lion shortfall for the 2013-14 fiscal year. To prevent that shortfall from becoming an ongoing financial burden, Hales and city commissioners must make real and permanent spending reductions in bureaus under their authority.

Beyond those immediate financial concerns, Hales and the council have no shortage of meaty matters to contend with. Some that rise to the top of our list include:

- Quickly deciding whether to fight the EPA mandate on covering or replacing open reservoirs, so the city in turn can decide whether to keep funding replacement projects.

- Putting a halt as soon as possible to multifamily projects allowed without parking. Surveys show tenants in those buildings still have cars and they leave them parked for days on end in nearby neighborhoods.

- Resolving the conflict between citizen oversight of police and the police union. Last week brought another example: the Portland Police Review Board recommended firing Capt. Todd Wyatt after finding he didn't tell the truth about serious breaches of conduct. Yet, Police Chief Mike Reese simply demoted him to a desk job.

- Settling the water/sewer ratepayer lawsuit to allow the city to re-es-

establish a rational policy for ratepayer spending before the judge imposes one.

- Coming to a new agreement with Multnomah County on which of the two local governments is responsible for specific services. Thirty years after the city and the county reached an agreement — Resolution A — to eliminate government duplication, there still remains too much overlap, especially in social services and public safety.

- Changing the atmosphere at City Hall from one of confrontation to cooperation. The council's decision on water fluoridation is a good example of how the city muffed a chance to engage the public in a process without antagonizing large segments of the population.

- Following through on plans recommended by citizen committees. Too often during the past four years, citizens selected for committees and commissions worked hard on issues only to have their ideas tossed aside at the last minute. Ending that pattern will create more trust among those who dedicate their time to helping the city on projects and programs.

- Bringing baseball back to the Rose City. For heaven's sake, we should never have lost it in the first

place. Find a suitable spot for a stadium and then develop it in a Rose Garden-style public-private project.

- Dedicating all City Hall staffers and elected officials to bringing high-paying jobs to Portland. The city has lagged too long behind Seattle and other West Coast cities on salary and annual income. It won't be done overnight, but we can make it happen with a plan and dedication to the cause.

- Making our streets and schools safer by encouraging everyone in this city to consider safety a part of his or her civic duties. No parent should worry about sending his or her child to school each day. Only through a community effort can we change the climate of fear and intimidation that comes from crime and poorly secured schools.

- Working with surrounding communities to enhance public transit and public safety needs. The suburbs are tired of being dragged along behind Portland's Big Dawg attitude.

This final point may be the most vital. Even though regional cooperation isn't an official part of the job for a mayor or city commissioner, Portland can only be successful if it recognizes its role as a key player among many working toward a more prosperous region.

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## TWO VIEWS ● Neighbors, composting firm look for way out of smelly problem

# Recology says changes coming soon

By Paul Yamamoto

How can we build a more sustainable future together? It's a question that's driving a lot of important work all across our region right now. Local families are recycling — and composting — more than ever. Renewable energy is becoming a more important part of our lives. And Oregonians of all ages are increasingly aware that the choices we make today affect the world we'll live in tomorrow.

That's why it's such an important time to be part of building one of America's most innovative composting programs.

Nature's Needs is a 100 percent employee-owned green and sustainable composting operation that's been serving North Plains and neighboring communities for more than a decade. We process about 35,000 tons of yard trimming and land clearing materials each year.

Our work is one part of the sustainability movement that's striving to make sure Oregon is a place where future generations can count on a healthy environment and a great quality of life.

To get there, Nature's Needs — just like families and small businesses across the region — has taken steps necessary to reduce our impact on the environ-

ment. Our leading-edge composting program is taking tons of solid waste out of area landfills each and every year.

Composting is also key to a more sustainable future because it greatly reduces methane emissions — a major source of the greenhouse gases that contribute to climate change.

The organic compost products produced by Nature's Needs are used as soil amendments in landscape yards, orchards and vineyards all over Oregon. So while we're building a more sustainable future, we're also making significant contributions to the local economy and to the positive quality of life to families throughout our region.

The road to a sustainable future hasn't always been a smooth one and everybody at Nature's Needs realizes that we've had an impact on the North Plains community. Where we've made mistakes, we've apologized and taken steps to do better. Conversations with local residents and Washington County officials have helped us develop an aggressive plan to address your concerns.

The No. 1 concern we've heard voiced by local residents has to do with odors caused by food waste. That's why in the coming weeks — under the direction of Washington County — we'll make a fundamental change at our facility by phasing



Composting food waste and yard debris has caused problems in North Plains. TRIBUNE PHOTO: CHRIS ONSTOTT

out all commercial food waste. This brings our demonstration project to an end and eliminates the largest source of odors — reducing our food waste processing by nearly 90 percent.

Nature's Needs will also be adjusting our operations to shift more odorous activities to times of the day, including evening hours, when we will have the least impact to our neighbors. This is in direct response to feedback from local small businesses and families about odor issues during daytime hours and mirrors steps taken by other local companies to shift their hours of operations.

In addition, we've worked closely with Washington County to create an objective, third-party odor monitoring program.

This new approach is designed to guarantee timely identification and response to all odor problems.

It's important to note that from here on out, we'll be working very closely with Washington County and the local community to make sure that odors are minimized as much as possible. Our three-step action plan means that the odor issues of the past will not continue into the future.

As we implement these innovative changes we are committed to helping the communities in which we operate to get it right. Every time a local family composts instead of throwing away, whenever schoolchildren learn a little more about recycling, and every day someone

chooses to bike to work instead of drive, we're all doing our part to build a more sustainable future.

I think that is why several groups involved in environmental protection and recycling have written to the County to support the extension of our permit ... and why scores of people from Washington County have gone on record saying that we should be given seven more months of operation to demonstrate that this important composting facility can operate in a responsible manner.

Because, in the end, that's what it's all about.

Everybody at Nature's Needs realizes that in our own work, there have been times when we've missed the mark. But we're learning more and more every day how best to build the environmental legacy that we all want to leave to future generations.

We believe that community feedback, close cooperation with Washington County and the city of North Plains and our aggressive action plan will all help us be both a better neighbor and a better contributor to a world that's moving toward the sustainability that's crucial to all our futures.

Paul Yamamoto is the vice president and general manager of Recology Environmental Solutions Inc. in North Plains.

# Demonstration's over, time to end the stink

By Marilyn Schultz

The problem with the Nature's Needs plant in North Plains is not an argument about the merits of composting food waste. We as citizens of North Plains understand that composting instead of landfilling food waste it is a positive direction.

However, for this to be a success in the long run, it cannot be mishandled and carelessly administered.

Residents of North Plains and the plant's neighbors can't imagine that the goal of composting food waste can be considered to be a success if a large and promising community is written off and sacrificed in the process. As Washington County Commissioner Greg Malinowski said at a meeting in December:

"Why build more houses down there? Who would buy them?"

Indeed, no one will buy the existing ones, either.

For the goal of composting food waste to be a success, it will require real expertise and unbiased research and planning. That has not been the case up to this point. The whole operation was rushed into place without adequate research or oversight. It needs comprehensive statewide planning.

The Washington County commissioners have had this issue thrust upon them by Metro and find themselves ill-equipped to make decisions about it. They have no expertise in this field and have relied on their waste management staff and Recology for their information. Neither of these sources has been without their considerable biases.

In the process of Washington

County officials attempting to figure this out, Recology has been very effective in using its well-connected consultants to influence elected officials. At this point, the commissioners seem inclined to give Recology another extension, its third, of the trial period.

There will be modifications, but the experts we have contacted have told us that it will still stink and very simply it should not have been located this close to a community. It will not work and should be moved.

These same experts, some with decades of experience, have told us that Recology has made about all of the improvements that can be made on an open-air aerobic system. They have informed us that there is nothing wrong with the process that Recology is using; it is just that the site is not viable for a

composting operation.

We have determined that Metro has alternative locations for both the commercial food waste stream and the yard debris/residential food waste stream instead of the site at North Plains. So this is should no longer be an obstacle to stopping food waste composting at the North Plains site.

County commissioners seem loath to decide that Recology must stop composting food waste at this site. This is probably in part because of the improvements that Recology has made. We think that some of the "loss" can probably be written off Recology's taxes, some of the improvements can be taken with the company, and the rest is part of the risk of doing business.

We ask the commissioners to extend the same degree of con-

cern to the business owners in North Plains, some with multi-million dollar investments in the town and that are being damaged by the presence of this composting operation. We ask that the same concern be extended to property owners and residents who are losing value in their homes and the livability of their town.

We ask that Metro and the state become involved in a comprehensive study of this issue so that it can be a success in the future.

We ask the county commissioners to end this "demonstration project" and restore North Plains' future.

Marilyn Schultz of North Plains is part of Stop the Stink, a committee opposing the processing of food waste at Recology Environmental Solutions' plant.

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# Auto dealers' work boosts local economy

Renovations, new dealerships good signs in rebounding industry

By JIM REDDEN  
The Tribune

After 56 years in business in Beaverton, the Herzog Meier Auto Group is making one of its biggest investments in the community: renovating its Volvo and Volkswagen dealerships at 4275 S.W. 139th Way.

The multimillion-dollar renovation includes the construction of a new building for the Volvo dealership and the extensive remodeling of its existing building into one just for Volkswagens. Construction has already begun on the new Volvo building, with the remodeling work scheduled to begin in April.

Chris Meier, president of the Herzog Meier Auto Group, says all of the contractors and sub-contractors on the project are local. The overwhelming majority of the materials and furnishing will also be purchased locally.

"We're doing as much as possible locally," says Meier.

Across the nation, motor vehicle sales are rebounding from the Great Recession. Close to 15 million new vehicles were sold in 2012, the highest number since the economy flat-lined in 2008. That's good news for manufacturers and dealers, including those participating in the 2013 Portland International Auto Show that runs from Jan. 24 to 27 at the Oregon Convention Center.

But the increasing sales are also encouraging dealers to open new showrooms and expand existing ones. Four dealerships in Beaverton have recently either begun or completed major construction projects. The others are the new Mercedes-Benz of Beaverton dealership at 9275 S.W. Canyon Road, the new Sunset Audi dealership at 4050 S.W. 139th Way, and a major renovation at Beaverton Toyota Scion, 4300 Murray Blvd.

The Mercedes dealership was constructed on the site of the former Northwest Investment Cars Inc. building. It represents a vote of confidence in the region by Medford-based Lithia Motors, where sales began climbing in 2011.



Terry Tallerino, general manager of the new Mercedes-Benz of Beaverton, shows off the spacious showroom on Southwest Canyon Road.

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"2011 was up over the last three years prior. If you look at a graph, it's definitely going in the right direction — straight up," says Terry Tallerino, general manager of Mercedes-Benz of Beaverton.

Gresham Ford is also involved in a series of major projects. It recently moved across the street into the former Gresham Mazda dealership at 1999 E. Powell Blvd. As part of the renovation, the company added eight new light-maintenance quick bays for servicing all makes of cars.

According to Gresham Ford General Manager Bess Wills, all of the work was done by local contractors and subcontractors, including construction-related companies that are regular customers at the dealership.

"We insisted that as many of our customers as possible get the work," says Wills.

But that is just the start. Wills says the company is also planning to completely remodel the building, beginning in February or March.

The openings and expansions are boosting the already sizeable impact of new car and truck dealers on the state economy. According to WorkSource Oregon, the state's employment department, more than 240 new-car dealerships in Oregon employed about 10,400 people and paid more than \$847 million in wages in 2010, the most recent year for which annual figures are available.

That does not include associated businesses, like parts suppliers and trucking companies that deliver new vehicles.

Some of the recent construction work is being done to meet standards set by vehicle manufacturers. Known within the industry as "image upgrades," they help ensure that each dealership has the same look and feel across the country. The costs are all paid by the local dealers, however, meaning they must be confident of staying in business at that location for years to come.

Meier says the coming Volvo and Volkswagen dealership

**"We're doing as much as possible locally."**  
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- **When:** Jan. 24 to 27
- **Where:** Oregon Convention Center, 777 N.E. Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd.
- **Show hours:** Wed., Jan. 23, First Look Preview Party, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Thur., Jan. 24 to Sat., Jan. 26, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun., Jan. 27, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Admission:** Adults (13 and older) \$12; Seniors (62 and older) \$10; Military (ID required) \$10; Children (7 to 12) \$7; Children (6 and younger) Free
- **Presenter:** Metro Portland New Car Dealers Association

buildings are essentially image upgrades. The new Volvo building will comply with the manufacturer's "Next Face" standards, while the remodeled Volkswagen building will meet the manufacturer's "White Face" standards. Meier says some minor changes can be negotiated to meet local needs. For example, he persuaded Volvo officials to include a fireplace in the center of their new showroom, a popular fixture at the Beaverton dealership for years.

"They said, 'What do you want

fireplace for?' The answer was, we've had it for years and customers enjoy relaxing around it with a cup of coffee while their cars are being serviced," says Meier.

Meier declined to say how much his company is investing, but some recent construction and renovation projects in Beaverton give an idea of the scope of such work. Bob Lanphere Enterprises moved its Honda dealership to 10760 S.W. Canyon Road as part of a five-year, \$12 million master plan that included the opening of a new Infiniti dealership and the relocation of the company's Kia dealership.

Wills says the upcoming remodeling project in Gresham will meet Ford's image upgrade standards, too. She estimates all the work will ultimately cost more than \$1 million, including city permit fees.

As for Gresham Ford's former location at 1940 E. Powell Blvd., it will remain an automotive dealership. The Seaport used car company based in the Gladstone area is opening a second lot there.

The Beaverton Valley Times contributed to this story.

# Adams lands job as City Club exec

The Tribune

Former Mayor Sam Adams has landed a new job as executive director of the City Club of Portland.

The new job was announced Wednesday, a week after Adams left office. He begins the new job Jan. 22.

"I also look forward to helping City Club engage a broader, more diverse group of voices from across the community as its research, advocacy and programs evolve," Adams says.

The City Club's choice followed a three-month search by a committee of club members. The search attracted more than 80 applicants from across the nation. The club's Board of Governors endorsed the recommendation on Jan. 14.

"Sam is an ideal fit for City Club as we approach our 100-year anniversary," says Pat McCormick, City Club president.

Local civic organizations reacted positively to the news.

"This is great news for the City Club and Portland's civic health," says Midge Purcell, director of advocacy and public policy at Urban League of Portland.

"Sam can broaden the perspectives of the City Club to better reflect Portland and Oregon's new diversity," says Felisa Hagins, political director of Service Employees International Union Local 49.

Prior to serving as Portland mayor from 2009-12, Adams was a city commissioner for four years. He was chief of staff for Mayor Vera Katz from 1993 to 2003, and served as a policy assistant for U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio.

As Portland mayor, Adams held national and regional leadership positions and focused on education and quality-of-life issues in the Rose City.

The City Club of Portland is a nonprofit, nonpartisan civic affairs organization.

# Portland Tribune Puzzles

## SPORTS SLEUTH • NBA AND NHL CENTERS

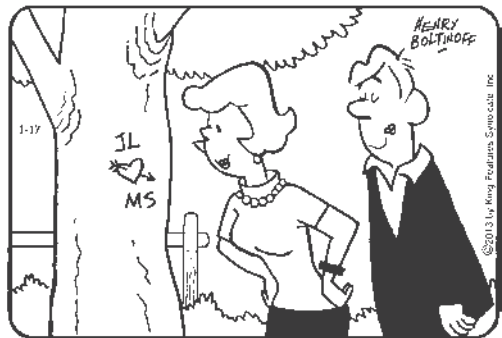
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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally. (Thursday's unfished clue hint: COCA-COLA RIVAL)

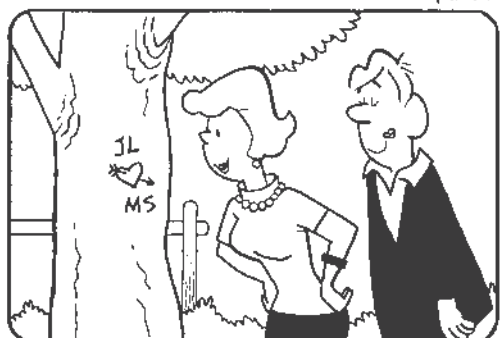
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## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Bracelet is moved. 2. Bush is smaller. 3. Hair is different. 4. Hair is longer. 5. Sleeve is shorter. 6. Fence is taller.

## CROSSWORD by Eugene Shaffer

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  - 21 Untamed horse
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  - 46 Slope transport
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- Solution time: 25 mins.**

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## STICKELERS by Terry Stickels

If fitted together, the two sections on top would make what larger shape below?

Answer:

## CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals O

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DIRECTIONS: Fill each square with a number, one through nine. Horizontal squares should add to totals on right. Vertical squares should add to totals on bottom. Diagonal squares through center should add to total in upper and lower right.

There may be more than one solution.

Today's Challenge Time: 4 Minutes 11 Seconds

Your Working Time: Minutes Seconds

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## SOLUTIONS

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WANT TO PURCHASE SOME PUPPIES AT ROCK-BOTTOM PRICES? HEAD ON DOWN TO THE BARKIN' BASEMENT.

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# TriMet: Union pushes for talks open to public

From page 1

New ATU 757 President Bruce Hansen says union members deserve their benefits and believes there are other places to cut the budget, including management positions and compensation.

But Hansen, a bus driver who was elected the local's president last June, admits the union has not communicated its position clearly to the public, including frequent TriMet riders.

To counter that, Hansen says the union is launching a public relations campaign to refute what he calls TriMet's repeated "lies and distortions" about his members. And he promises to present alternative budget cuts and strategies to reign in what he calls the agency's "unsustainable spending."

Hansen argues that TriMet should withdraw from the Columbia River Crossing project and put plans for future transit lines on hold until its current budget problems are solved.

"We've dropped the ball in the past, there's no doubt about that. We need to tell our story so the public understands what's going on," Hansen says.

Residents in TriMet's service district — which includes Multnomah, Washington and Clackamas counties — can expect to hear more from the union. ATU 757 members recently approved higher dues to help pay for the public relations campaign. It includes a new website to expose what Hansen calls TriMet's mismanagement and partnerships with other unions and community groups, including the Service Employee International Union Local 49, the union-backed Jobs With Justice advocacy organization, the Independent Living Resources disability advocacy organization and Bus Riders United, an affiliate of the nonprofit OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon community organizing group.



With six months on the job, Amalgamated Transit Union 757 president Bruce Hansen will eventually head up contract negotiations with TriMet. The union's positions suggest cutting management compensation rather than employees paying more into their benefits.

As part of that effort, ATU 757 recently submitted 14 public records requests to TriMet seeking details on budget and operational matters. Among other things, the union is seeking details on management compensation, expenditures on the Portland-to-Milwaukie light-rail project, operator health issues and a pending move of most management personnel into new downtown Portland offices. Hansen expects many of the documents obtained through the requests to be posted on the website, [transitvoice.org](http://transitvoice.org).

TriMet's budget problems have had a significant impact throughout the tri-county area. In recent years, the agency has reduced service as part of its strategy to eliminate revenue shortfalls. Fareless bus and rail service have been eliminated downtown and in the Lloyd District. Some bus lines have been dropped and others have seen the frequency of the stops de-

creased. MAX service has also been reduced. None of the cuts can be restored until TriMet gets its budget under control.

## Dueling complaints

Following the budget deliberations has been difficult, however. Negotiations on the contract with ATU 757 that ended in November stretched on for years. A state arbitrator finally ruled in management's favor late last year, approving a contract that reduced health benefits.

But ATU 757 appealed the ruling to the state Employment Relations Board. And the union has declined to attend negotiating sessions on the next contract, saying TriMet is refusing to open them to the public, some-

thing that can be done under Oregon law.

TriMet disagrees with that interpretation of the law and has filed an ERB complaint to force the union to the bargaining table.

Both complaints were heard by an administrative law judge in Salem last week. It could take 45 days or more for the board to issue its rulings.

In the meantime, both TriMet and ATU 757 have asked the Multnomah County Circuit Court to resolve the question on whether the bargaining sessions should be open to the public. A hearing on the issue has not been scheduled.

And breaking news events sometimes overtake budgetary

matters. When a TriMet driver struck and killed a number of pedestrians in downtown Portland in April 2010, public outrage put the union on the defensive as it stood by the driver, even though that is a role it traditionally plays. Likewise, the voter revolt in Clackamas County has raised questions about the status of the Milwaukie light-rail project, even though TriMet says it is on track.

Recent media revelations on driver fatigue have caused both TriMet management and ATU 757 to scramble to propose solutions, even though scheduling policies are traditionally addressed in contract negotiations.

## Health care instead of wage hikes

Hansen admits that McFarlane has convinced many people that ATU 757 members have "Cadillac health coverage" that TriMet can no longer afford. For many years, union members did not pay any portion of the health care premiums and received coverage for life after they retired. Although the contract approved by the arbitrator required members to pay a small portion of their premiums, they were not deducted from their paychecks until recently.

But Hansen argues that union members are entitled to the benefit package because their work is stressful and hazardous. Drivers have numerous health issues, including back and kidney problems, while mechanics frequently have to work outside in the rain and snow.

"People don't understand what our members do in their jobs. That's part of the story we have to get out," Hansen says.

In addition, Hansen notes that ATU 757 members have chosen to forgo pay raises to preserve the benefit package. Their hourly wages have not increased in recent years, except for cost of living raises.

"We've prioritized the health benefits over pay raises," Hansen says.

Hansen and other ATU 757 board members believe that if TriMet needs to cut spending, it can find other places to save money. They are convinced the agency has too many managers and that spending on large capital construction projects, like the Milwaukie rail project, is not carefully monitored.

Hansen and the others are not prepared to recommend specific cuts, however. They say the previous leadership had not done a good job collecting detailed agency budget records. As a result, Hansen and the others are unsure how many management positions are filled, how much they are paid or how much TriMet is contributing to the Portland-to-Milwaukie light-rail project, which is also supported by federal, state, regional and local governments.

That helps explain the sweeping nature of some of their recent public records requests. For example, on Jan. 3, the union requested the names, salaries and benefits of all union and non-union employees hired since 2005. On Jan. 7, the union requested all documents on expenditures on the Milwaukie rail project.

That same day, the union requested all documents related to the pending move of management staff to Harrison Square in downtown Portland, even though much of the cost is being paid as part of the Portland-to-Milwaukie work.

According to Hansen, the union plans to present its story and raise issues during contract negotiations — when talks finally begin. That is one reason why ATU 757 wants them open to the public.

"If they're not open to the public, no one will ever learn what's said there," Hansen says. "All that'll ever be reported is, the contract was approved or it wasn't approved."

Hansen and the other board members argue that contract negotiations involving public agencies are open to the public under the state Public Meetings Law. TriMet management disagrees. McFarlane has said TriMet is willing to allow the press to attend and report on the sessions, however. But that is not good enough for ATU 757, which says it will not begin negotiating until the open-talks question is resolved.

# N/NE PDX parents feel the crunch

Public meetings focus on Jefferson cluster options

By JENNIFER ANDERSON  
The Tribune

Portland Public School families in North and Northeast Portland had a rough week.

First, after waiting two months, they learned the two concrete options on the table in the Jefferson cluster enrollment balancing process.

The process wraps up next month and the changes will roll out in the fall. Families learned of the options in a letter sent home, and the board took up the issue Monday night.

Both options are complicated. For details, see [ppls.net](http://ppls.net).

The public can weigh in at two public meetings:

■ English-as-a-second-language parent feedback meeting: 6 p.m., Jan. 23, at Ockley Green School, 6031 N. Montana Ave.

■ Community feedback forum: 1 p.m., Jan. 26, at Jefferson High School - Middle College for Advanced Studies, 5210 N. Kerby Ave.

There are also informational meetings at individual schools, feedback forms in school offices, and an online survey at [ppls.net](http://ppls.net).

On Wednesday, about 4,000 students at 10 of the district's most struggling schools — all except two in North and Northeast Portland — stayed home for a day-long teacher training.

Those schools will have four more no-school days through the end of the school year, one Wednesday per month.

The schools are designated as "Focus" and "Priority" schools, ranked in the bottom 5 percent and 15 percent by the state. They include: King, Lane, Ockley Green, Rigler, Rosa Parks, Scott, Sitton, Vernon, Woodlawn, Woodmere.

Parents at some schools have criticized the decision, calling it inequitable and poorly executed, since some found out as late as Dec. 14, just before winter break.

Antonio Lopez, PPS regional administrator, says it was a tough call but the training is sorely needed.

"We had a hard time debating that, but what we know is if we keep doing what we're doing, we're not getting the results we need," he says. "We have to figure out how to better utilize what we have and find ways to improve on it, look deeper, figure it out by looking at the data. We hope it will give us better results."

On the bright side, Jefferson High School just got a big boost. Willamette and Pacific universities have joined the University of Oregon, Oregon State University, Portland State University and Warner Pacific College in offering full-tuition scholarships to eligible Jefferson graduates.

Since Jefferson transformed into a middle college in fall 2011, enrollment is up from 413 to 443 (the target enrollment is 450 to 600).

More sophomores are on track to graduate on time than were before. The four-year graduation rate is still at 55 percent, but the class of 2015 will be the first graduating class to fully benefit from the increased rigor and support.

"We need to tell our story so the public understands what's going on."

— Bruce Hansen,  
Amalgamated Transit  
Union 757 president

## Helen Dye (Galina Ivonova Lebedeva)

March 19, 1923 - November 17, 2012

Helen Dye was born as Galina Ivonova Lebedeva near Rzhev, Russia to Ivon Lebedev and Katerina (Yermolinski) Lebedeva. The family lived on a farm provided by Helen's maternal grandparents, whose Polish family had much land nearby. Helen's paternal side worked as civil servants. Her father was a colonel, but was discharged due to typhus. Many relatives lived in the area, and life was good. However, when Helen was two, a house fire consumed her younger sister.

When Helen was four, the government confiscated their home and property and forced her family into a boxcar and sent to the Ural Mountains to work in a gold mine. Helen remembered the long trek through the snow to the labor camp. The family lived in a corner of a warehouse, separated from others by a blanket. Helen's father appealed to have them sent where other relatives were exiled, to no avail. The family went into hiding and escaped to Rzhev, only to find their heirlooms had been sold to keep relatives from starving, and many others had perished in labor camps or had been executed. Helen's father bartered for survival, many times thrown into Lubyanka Prison. Eventually, the family was re-absorbed into society, and settled in Klin. Helen eventually trained as a midwife.

In 1941, the Nazis overran Klin: Helen was working at the hospital when many of the doctors and nurses decided to hide in the woods, but Helen stayed behind. The Nazis rounded up those who had hidden, accused them of being partisans, and hanged them. Helen learned that her 16-year-old cousin had been accused of stealing food, and his punishment was to be mauled to death by hungry dogs. Helen's older brother, Mikhail, joined the Red Army (suffering a bullet in the head at Stalingrad). Amid the chaos, Helen lost touch with her family.

Because Helen studied the German language, the Nazis found her useful. (She was also a beautiful, young woman.) She was put to work in a military commissary, and was well-treated. When the Russian Army counter-attacked, she was sent to Minsk. But the Nazis intercepted



a letter sent by a friend who opined the Germans were losing the war -- Helen was accused of siding with the enemy and thrown into a concentration camp. (Her friend was never heard from again.) A German rescued Helen and sent her to work for his family (Kalbfleisch) in Gelnhausen, where she lived and worked alongside his family, forging lifelong ties. The war finally reached Gelnhausen, where Helen experienced bombings and tanks rumbling by.

After the war, Helen learned English while working with American officials and GI's. This was important, as she could not return to Russia - Stalin declared "traitors" anyone falling behind Western lines, who would be met with labor camps or execution upon their return. Thus, in 1950, her employer's relatives (Schaltenbrand, in Sherwood) sponsored her immigration to America; she crossed the ocean and registered at Ellis Island. On the farm in Sherwood, she performed farm work, but eventually moved to Portland, taking jobs with Leupold & Stevens and Jantzen. She gained her US citizenship in 1956.

In 1955, Helen met Drew Dye, who had also experienced much hardship in life - the tenth of ten siblings struggling to survive in the Dust Bowl. They fell in love and married months later. They had their wedding dinner at The Country Kitchen (favorite restaurant through their very last wedding anniversary) and honeymooned in Depoe Bay (convincing the owner of the Spouting Horn to let them spend

their wedding night upstairs). They bought a home in outer SE Portland three months before Gordon was born in 1956, with Gary coming in 1958. Helen became a homemaker thereafter.

The Cold War caused Helen to be concerned with her Russian identity. She thus decided to claim a German identity. She changed her name to "La Beda" in 1951 and told everyone she was German. Finally, she admitted she lost touch with her Russian family in 1941. She tracked down her mother's address and sent her a letter (who fainted upon receiving it, over twenty years after concluding her daughter had died in the war). Thousands of letters, boxes of food, and essentials were sent to her mother (her father died in 1952) and brother ever since. Helen heard her mother's and brother's voices on the telephone in 1975 for the first time in over 30 years, to be followed by a trip to Russia in 1978 (having just renounced her Soviet citizenship). The scene at Leningrad Airport upon their first meeting in nearly 40 years cannot be described.

Her mother died the next year. Her brother visited her in 1982, and marveled at her American life in contrast to Soviet Russia. Her brother died in 1988, but her nephew visited America in 2001. Her son Gary visited Russia in 1994 and 2002, acquainting himself with some of his Russian heritage. However, Helen was vehement about being an American, and dismissive of her Russian identity, to the very end.

Helen's interests started and ended with her family. She loved making jelly and pies from her fruit trees. She was a classic Little-League mom; loved to take family trips to scenic places; and had many friends that she had known for over 50 years. And every so often she would coax her husband to take her out dancing.

Helen was diagnosed with a hiatal hernia last year, causing ileus and preventing nourishment from being absorbed into her body. Death was slow but mostly painless, and she died peacefully in her home of the last 56 years. She is survived by her husband, two sons, and four grandchildren.

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# Smith: Did a 'lousy job' of explaining troubles

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was elected to serve two terms in the Oregon House of Representatives.

Smith joined the mayor's race late but surprised many by edging out businesswoman Eileen Brady to earn a runoff with Hales. Smith finished with the best momentum, attracting 33 percent of the primary vote to Hales' 37 percent.

But in a general election race marked by bruising media portrayals of both candidates' warts and past missteps, Smith lost steam and his idealistic image. He was pummeled by continuing coverage of his driving record — which included repeated instances of driving with a suspended license — and a college-days incident when he injured a young woman in an altercation at a party.

"They came out in the worst possible way, and at a pretty bad point in the timing of the campaign," Hales observed this week when asked to reflect on his opponent.

Political officeholders "have to have the moral authority to govern," Hales says. "It would be hard to have those things come out on you as a candidate, and still feel you have that."

Hales handily beat Smith 61 percent to 31 percent, meaning Smith got a lower share of the vote than he did in the crowded primary.

## Rebuilding a young life

Since his defeat, Smith says he's going "brick by brick to do the things that need to be done." He's apologizing to friends and supporters for letting them down, and "accepting responsibility for my own stupidities, my own blunders, my own mistakes."

He's also thanking his supporters, making about 300 phone calls and visiting with about 60 people. He's in the middle of hand-delivering about 80 gifts of chocolates, wine and other items.

Smith recently went on a weekend men's retreat. "I'm sort of a Jack (lapsed) Christian," he says, "but I did some praying."

Smith is alternately angry at himself for failing to adequately address past controversies in his personal life, and at the media for dwelling on such matters instead of public policy issues germane to the mayor's job. He says that left voters with a "caricature" of himself.

He realized in the campaign



Jefferson Smith, an East Portland advocate, served two terms in the Oregon House of Representatives and is now rebuilding his career "brick by brick."

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that he's good at talking, but not about himself. "I had a lousy driving record and I had an altercation while I was in college," Smith says. "I did a lousy job talking about both of those."

Smith believes, with some justification, that he won the most important campaign debates with Hales. And, in contrast to revelations of flaky personal behavior in his past, Smith reckons he performed well at some 90 campaign forums and 221 house parties.

"I think I was embarrassingly late to one," he says.

Jim Moore, political science professor at Pacific University in Forest Grove, says he was shocked that Smith appeared to have no contingency plan ready for dealing with those controversies in his past. Then Smith allowed the negative accounts to "dribble out" when he wasn't forthcoming with the media, Moore says.

"My sense is his campaign went downhill because of the reaction to the accusations, rather than the accusations themselves," he says.

## Forgiving voters

Smith, who graduated from Harvard Law School but didn't last long during stints at top New York and Portland law firms, says he wants to be "of use" in whatever he takes on next, whether it's positions in government, the private sector or nonprofits.

He has committed to join the board of directors of a software company, whose name he couldn't divulge because it is

preparing a public stock offering. And he's a founding board member of The Bus Federation, a national version of The Bus Project that is incorporating as a newly independent entity.

Smith recently met with Gov. John Kitzhaber in Salem, though he says no specific opportunities were sought or offered by either party. He's also exploring consulting contracts, and is checking with the state ethics commission to understand limits imposed on lawmakers after they leave office.

Smith says he doesn't know if he'd ever consider running again for public office.

"There's a bunch of questions I need to answer, and that's not the first, second or third," he says.

As for his personal life, Smith and his wife Katy Lesowski plan to remain in their East Portland home, where some accused him of moving as a "carpetbagger" to run for the House seat.

"Katy and I would like to have kids," Smith says. "This might be an opportunity to do that."

In the closing days of the mayor's race, several organizations that endorsed Smith and gave him money retracted their endorsements. That fostered an image that it was considered radioactive to be associated with him.

Moore thinks Smith can rehabilitate his image if he plays his cards right — just look at Mayor Sam Adams, who was tainted by scandal from the beginning of his term but went on to earn respect for some of his City Hall work.

"Voters are pretty forgiving," Moore says.

**"I've been doing (50- to 60-hour weeks) for 11 years with very little taking stock, very little looking around."**

— Jefferson Smith, former mayoral candidate

# Addicts: Recovery trips on methadone use

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gon, says there are a handful of Oxford-style houses that have been set aside for people on methadone therapy, but that all the houses have been told they cannot discriminate should someone apply who is taking methadone.

Hermens is concerned, despite attempts to ameliorate the situation.

"The suggestion we put out is if you're going to admit somebody on methadone to your house, that person is required to be on some sort of program to wean them off of it," Hermens says. "I know people who have been on methadone for 10 years and they're just addicted to methadone."

The suggestion doesn't make Oxford House resident Smith feel safe. Smith gave birth to one of her children while on methadone and says withdrawing from the methadone took longer and was just as painful as the withdrawals she's experienced from heroin.

Smith says she's also concerned about some of the practical safeguards involved in having methadone in the house. For instance, she says, when a woman in her house needs to take a drug urinalysis, the inexpensive, quick test they use simply shows up negative or positive. A methadone resident would naturally test positive, so the house would have to use a more expensive, mail-in test which specifies what drugs are showing up.

Smith has known about 100 methadone patients and only one or two of them didn't cheat at

least a little bit — sharing doses with each other or using other drugs for a more potent high. That would expose the other house residents to more than just methadone, she adds.

Karen Wheeler, addictions program manager for the Oregon Health Authority, says mixing populations is not an ideal plan, but discriminating on the basis of a medical disability, in this case medically treated addiction, is illegal. Wheeler says addicts receiving methadone probably don't think the new situation is ideal, either.

"They don't like to think they're triggering somebody or they're an outcast or they don't belong in the recovery community," Wheeler says. "They would rather be around people in recovery who are also using medication-assisted treatment."

On the other hand, Paul Molloy, founder of Oxford Houses, doesn't think segregating methadone patients in separate houses would represent a better solution because there would be less incentive for residents to eventually transition away from methadone. Methadone-free, clean and sober housemates might be a great influence, he says.

Studies have shown that about half of Oxford House residents suffer from psychiatric illnesses such as depression in addition to addiction, Molloy says. So residents are accustomed to having

psychiatric medications in their houses. Methadone might just represent one more, harder test.

"It's like the old story, we used to be concerned if we put an Oxford House near a bar," Molloy says. "The fact of the matter is, if you're an alcoholic or drug addict you have to decide internally that you're not going to use."

One of few residences with a history of mixing recovery populations is the Gresham residential treatment center run by nonprofit CODA, where at any given time between eight and 15 of the 75 beds are occupied by methadone patients. Tim Hartnett, CODA's executive director, says other patients have voiced concerns, but nobody has left since the mixing started three years ago.

"In some respects, people are expecting the worst and our experience doesn't support that at all," Hartnett says.

Jay Wurscher, coordinator of alcohol and drug services for Oregon's Child Welfare Division, says the new policies are long overdue.

"Now we don't have the luxury to ignore the needs of people taking methadone," Wurscher says. "The dirty little secret is where they've been living. We don't know. We just sort of assume they're making it on their own."

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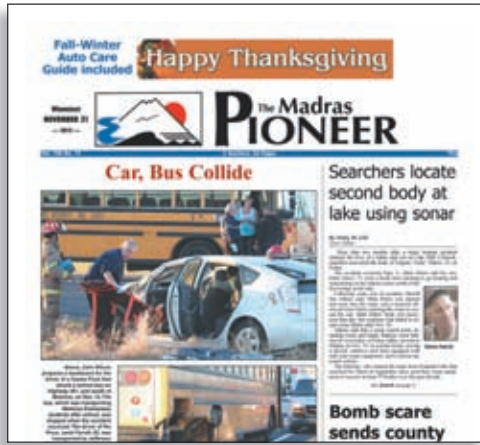
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## Life

SECTION B  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 17, 2013



Five months after forming the SE Wine Collective, Thomas and Kate Monroe have moved to showcase local wines and meals from notable Portland chefs in a new supper club series.

## Local collective blending wines, food in Southeast Portland storefront

# WINEMAKERS dive into DINNER



**F**oodies and vinophiles have another reason to celebrate this month as a cozy “supper club” series kicks off at Portland’s only urban winery.

After starting just five months ago in the Richmond neighborhood, the SE Wine Collective has announced ongoing series of family-style food-and-wine pairings beginning Jan. 20.

“The chefs and restaurants will be challenged to leave their comfort zone and create a multi-course dinner in a new space,” says Thomas Monroe, who owns the collective with his wife, Kate. “Our wineries then have the chal-

Story by Jennifer Anderson  
Photos by Christopher Onstott

lenge of pairing our wines with dishes and types of cuisine we haven’t worked with before. Our guests will be part of the ride with us, experiencing how these two elements come together to create a unique social dining experience.”

Each dinner will feature wines from around the world, as well as the four that make up the collective: Vincent Wine Company, Bow & Arrow Wines,

Helioterra Wines and Division Wine-making Company.

Each meal will also feature chefs from top local venues, including Boke Bowl, Imperial, Little Bird, Nostrana, Nuestra Cocina, Paley’s Place, Portland Penny Diner, Roe and St. Jack.

The collective sprung from the Division Winemaking Company, which the Monroes began last summer after purchasing the 1920s space just off Division.

They’d been eyeballing places in Portland to set up shop for more than a year, without luck. This space was still too

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— Thomas Monroe

What wine goes with what food? The SE Wine Collective establishments have branched out to include artisan food, as in fig hor d’ouvres (far left) along with wine tasting (left).

## THE SHORT LIST

### STAGE

#### Portland Story Theater

The storytelling group’s Armchair Adventurer Series will feature the world premiere of Lawrence Howard’s telling of the historical tale of John “Babbacome” Lee, the famed “man they could not hang” after he had been convicted of murdering his master; the attempted execution failed three times. Howard, co-founder of Portland Story Theater, put on his “Shackleton’s Antarctic Nightmare” at last year’s United Solo Festival in New York.

8 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Jan. 18-19, Jan. 25-26, Hipbone Studio, 1847 E. Burnside St., portlandstorytheater.com, \$15, \$20 at door

#### “Alive and Dead in the USA”

The Brody Theater has some upcoming shows, including “Micetro” and “Fly-Ass Jokes,” and the new long form improv show “Alive and Dead in the USA,” scenes and stories examining the uncertainty of life, and the proximity of death.

7:30 p.m. Saturdays, Jan. 19 to Feb. 16, Brody Theater, 16 N.W. Broadway, brodytheater.com, \$8-\$10

#### “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”

The Oregon Children’s Theatre presents C.S. Lewis’ classic about good vs. evil in a journey of fantasy, adventure and mystery.

2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Saturdays, 2 p.m. Sundays, Jan. 19-Feb. 17, Newmark Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway, 503-228-9571, \$18-\$30, \$15-\$26 children

#### Fertile Ground

The 10-day, fifth annual Fertile Ground Festival of New Works is coming up, presented by the Portland Area Theatre Alliance and continuing to promote prolific playwrights, abundant actors, innovative dancers, talented designers and adventuresome producers and their new works. Many theatre and dance companies are more are participating — Artists Repertory Theatre, CoHo Productions, Hand2Mouth Theatre, Portland Playhouse, Third Rail Repertory Theatre are among the key producers. Among the highlights: MilePost5’s “Ripen,” Polaris Dance Theatre’s “Groovin’ Greenhouse” and PDX Playwrights’ 17 staged readings. There’ll be nearly 90 acts in all.

Other highlights: “Stories: From the Trenches of Middle School,” by Lunacy Stageworks; “Lying in Judgment,” starring Margie Boule, by playwright Gary Corbin; “7 Minutes,” a musical about a teen kissing game that addresses stereotypes, gay bullying, peer pressure and awkwardness, by Amber Kiara Mitchell, 15, the youngest playwright in the festival, as part of the “4x4=8” musicals; “Finding the Lost Spark,” a one-woman performance art piece by Sue Ellen Liss, who explores five generations of women in her family; and “A Noble Failure,” a



Third Rail Repertory Theatre production by Susan Mach, about America’s public education system (starts Jan. 17)

Thursday, Jan. 24 to Sunday, Feb. 3, various locations, fertile-groundpdx.org (check for complete listings and info), single tickets through companies, \$50 passes

### MISC.

#### National Pigeon Association

The group’s 2013 Grand National Show and Convention will be held in Vancouver, Wash., with more than 200 breeds and about 3,700 exhibition pigeons on display.

8 a.m.-10 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, Hilton Vancouver, 301 W. Sixth St., Vancouver, Wash., visitvancouverusa.com, free

SubRosa Dance Collective’s “Living The Room” is part of Fertile Ground Festival of New Works, which gets going full-time Jan. 24 at venues around the city.

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#### “The Mountain Runners”

Northwest Film Center presents the documentary film by Todd Warger and Brian Young about the Northwestern Washington mountain adventure race of 1911 to 1913 that consisted of miles of travel by train, auto and by foot. The \$100 prize in gold coins attracted 14 contestants who clambered up and down Mount Baker. It’s narrated by Kevin Tighe (“Lost,” “What’s Eating Gilbert Grape”), and includes hundreds of vintage images, historic footage, graphics, digital effects and dramatizations, starring William B. Davis (“The X-Files”). Young, the director, will be in attendance.

7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, Whitsell Auditorium, 1219 S.W. Park Ave., nwfilm.org, \$9, \$8 students/seniors

#### Museum of Contemporary Craft

In partnership with Pacific Northwest College of Art, the museum host to the Hallie Ford

Fellows Exhibition, “We Tell Ourselves Stories in Order to Live.” The inaugural exhibition showcases the work of recipients of the nine Hallie Ford Fellowship in Visual Arts, from 2010-12 — Daniel Duford, David Eckard, Heidi Schwegler, Sangah Choi, Bruce Conkle, Stephen Hayes, Ellen Lesperance, Akihiko Miyoshi and Michelle Ross.

Thursday, Jan. 24 to April 27, 724 N.W. Davis St., museumofcontemporarycraft.org, regular admission

#### International Cat Show

Fans of felines will surely want to gather for the eighth annual show, with more than 300 cats expected to be featured, among them: Savannah, Sphynx, Maine Coon, Pixie-bob, Bengal and Kurilian Bobtail. Oregon Food Bank will be a beneficiary of the event. Several rescue groups will be there for adoptions. Judging takes place all three days, including at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27 for the “Best-of-the-Best” award.

4 p.m.-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Jan. 26-27, Holiday Inn Portland Airport, 8439 N.E. Columbia Blvd., tnc.org, \$5/two cans food, \$7 without food

#### B.B. King

Heads up music lovers: The legendary blues singer and guitarist will share the stage with Oregon’s own harmonica-blowing singer soul man Curtis Salgado in March.

8 p.m. Saturday, March 2, Roseland Theater, 8 N.W. Sixth Ave., roselandpdx.com, \$45-\$75



# Ah, Vie's touch of France n'est pas bon

By ANNE MARIE DISTEFANO  
The Tribune

The romance of France, or at least of French restaurants, has clearly captivated Beau Breedlove, who owns and is the chef at Vie.

(And, yes, he's the same Beau Breedlove who was involved with former Mayor Sam Adams).

The courses on Vie's petite menu are listed "un, deux, trois" and the house signature cocktail is the Belle Fleur: sparkling wine flavored with "essence from the oldest roses in France."

The room is warm and sparkling, white and gold, with an odd preponderance of religious art on the walls. The soundtrack comes from a lost 1960s film, something circa "What's New, Pussycat?"

The best thing about the restaurant is the view. It is one of a very small group of Portland restaurants from which you can actually see the river, and, like most of that group, it's on Riverplace, the broad pedestrian walk south of downtown. At night, a procession of lights sails through the air as cars pass on the dark Marquam Bridge. The

rigid lacework of the Hawthorne Bridge is silhouetted against the sky, and boats with glowing windows glide past on the black water.

But eventually you have to admit the truth about Vie: the food isn't very good. The French theme is superficial, and the kitchen doesn't delve deeply into any of French cooking's many incarnations. The candelabra and white tablecloths might lead you to expect the indulgent cream-and-truffles cooking of the 1980s. The funky Portland setting might lead you to expect the market-driven bistro style that is in fashion. But the main inspiration here appears to be the prepared food section at Trader Joe's.

In other words, it's not terrible. The soupe à l'oignon is made with sweet Spanish onions in a rich, winey broth. But on top is just a dry sprinkle of cheese — no bread, no bubbling Gruyère, which I think you're justified in expecting when there's a French flag hanging outside.

A caprese salad was all chewy dark green frisée, with a few cherry tomatoes and some cubes of fresh mozzarella that tasted grainy and cheap. Perhaps the Caesar salad is better. It's what we ordered, but not what we were served.

The broth in the boeuf bourguignon was tasty, but the beef was a bit dry. So were the big chunks of carrot and potato that surrounded it, making it look like Grandma's pot roast. It was OK, but I would have been pretty disappointed if I had paid \$19 for it.

Instead, I got it as part of a prix fixe menu, which is a better



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deal — \$31 for three courses (one of which is dessert). You can also get a \$51, five-course dinner, but that would truly stretch the limits of the menu, which has only five entrees, two of which are entree-sized salads.

Besides the beef, the other main courses are chicken with lemon-caper cream and gnudi, a ricotta-based Italian dumpling. These were tender but dense, flecked with spinach, and tossed in butter and lemon with lots of capers. Not bad, just underwhelming.

Desserts were on par. The chocolate cake was light, springy and mild, drizzled with raspberry syrup. It's a specialty of the house, but you have to read the menu to know why: it's made with pink Champagne, which, of course, has disappeared into the chocolate.

Another dessert is a plate of macarons, arranged in a pretty pattern around a coconut-flavored pat of sugar. The cookies are dry little things with chocolate frosting piped into their centers. The frosting hadn't gelled, so the halves slid apart as we bit into the cookies.



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Beau Breedlove's French-inspired Vie serves up dishes such as boeuf bourguignon, which resembles Grandma's pot roast, and is available on the prix fixe menu.

If food is an afterthought, maybe it's because the owner cares more about fostering a charming ambiance, which he has done fairly successfully. You can stop by at happy hour to admire the view and sip a discounted sparkling wine, perhaps one spiked with raspberry, cassis, mint or vanilla. But you can't pop in for cocktails — there's beer and wine only, and the wine list is very succinct.

Overall, the result is an empty house on a Saturday night, which dampens the mood of both customers and staff.

Oh well, c'est la vie. Vie, 4:30 p.m.-midnight Wednesday-Monday (closed Tuesday), 0315 S.W. Montgomery St., Suite 150, 503-222-1290, viepdx.com

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The quite newsworthy Beau Breedlove is giving the restaurant business a go as owner and chef at Vie, which provides a great view of the Willamette River.

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## Bits & Pieces

By JASON VONDERSMITH  
The Tribune

### Artists call

Portland Open Studios wants you, artist. The annual tour, in which artists open their studios for visitors, will be taking applicants until March 15. It's open to all visual arts, excluding film. Portland Open Studios will be held Oct. 12 and 13 and Oct. 19 and 20. For application info: portlandopenstudios.com.

### Hoodoo celebration

Hoodoo Ski Area in Central Oregon is celebrating its 75th anniversary Jan. 19. Among the festivities is 75 consecutive days of prize giveaways, including a Black Butte ski "posse" giving away prizes on the slopes all day Jan. 19. Hoodoo features 800 skiable acres, 30 alpine trails, 15.8 kilometers of Nordic trails and much more; it's located at the summit of Oregon's Santiam Pass, 20 miles west of Sisters. For info: hoodoo.com.

### Pokemon, mon

Thousands of Trading Card Game and video game players,

from Seattle, Portland and Boise and elsewhere, will gather at the Oregon State Fair and Expo Center for the Pokemon Winter Regional Championships, Jan. 19 and 20. Players qualify for the Pokemon National Championship, July 5 to 7 in Indianapolis.

### Movie time

Upcoming big-screen releases:

- Jan. 18 — "The Last Stand"; "Broken City"
- Jan. 25 — "Hansel and Gretel: Witch Hunters"; "Parker"; "Amour"; "Quartet"
- Feb. 1 — "Bullet to the Head"; "Warm Bodies"
- Feb. 8 — "Side Effects"; "Top Gun 3D"
- Feb. 14 — "Escape From Planet Earth"; "A Good Day to Die Hard"; "Beautiful Creatures"
- Feb. 22 — "Snitch"; "Dark Skies"
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# LiveMusic!

By **ROB CULLIVAN**  
Pamplin Media Group

Jan. 17

## Puttin' on the Fritz

Portland Cello Project's **Anna Fritz** will release her solo album "The Gospel of Tree Bark," at this show, which will also feature a set from **Timmy Straw** and a sing-a-long with **The Saloon Ensemble**. You can watch a video of the title track at [annafritz.com](http://annafritz.com), which shows her and two mysterious compatriots masked as woodland animals dancing in urban Portland and somewhere in the woods as well. It's very Celtic Wiccan type stuff, and Fritz's alto voice knows how to throw down a good meaty introspective lyric against a classical-meets-folk-ballad progression.

**Anna Fritz, Timmy Straw, The Saloon Ensemble, 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, Secret Society Ballroom, 116 N.E. Russell St. \$10. Info: 503-493-3600, secret-society.net.**

Jan. 18

## A King's court

Portland's best jazz, blues, gospel, funk, soul and roots musicians will be turning out to perform for Martin Luther King's birthday, in a benefit for

the NAACP's ACT-SO Youth Advancement Program. The program encourages academic and cultural achievement among African-American high school students. Performers include such Portland jazz and R&B artists Gordon Lee, Reggie Houston, Ural Thomas, Shirley Nanette, LaRhonda Steele, Lloyd Jones, Janice Scroggins and Carlton Jackson and Gary Harris, among others. Younger jazz/blues artists like Devin Phillips, Joe McMurrian and pianist Steve Kerin will also perform. And socially minded musicians such as Kory Quinn, Hunter Paye and hip hop artist Mic Crenshaw will appear. Playing wash tub bass with the Tin-Pan Alley Cats will be Christopher Yarrow, whose father Peter Yarrow, whose father Peter Yarrow, sang "Blowin' in the Wind" prior to King's 1963 "I Have a Dream" speech.

**NAACP benefit, 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St. \$20, \$10 students, Oregon Trail Card holders; \$50 VIP. Info: 503-19-6055, albertarosetheatre.com.**

## Back alley bluegrass

Portland's **Back Alley String Band** plays bluegrass chestnuts mixed with original songs and a few jazz standards. The group has been gigging for seven years, playing mostly on the west side of town, but is venturing across the river for this show, playing songs that should please fans of Del McCoury and



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**Anna Fritz, of Portland Cello Project, plays at Secret Society Ballroom Jan. 17.**

Bill Monroe. The band features Michael Tevlin on guitar; Gareth Tabor on guitar and dobro; Rich Bayless on bass; Juliana Trivers on fiddle; Janet Tabor on mandolin and Jim Clark on banjo and ukulele.

**Back Alley String Band, 9 p.m., Friday, Jan. 18, Mickey Finn's, 4336 S.E. Woodstock Blvd. Free. Info: 503-788-1587.**

Jan. 23

## Another realm of hip entirely

Good heavens, is there anyone who defines hip indie hero better than **Ken Stringfellow**? The cat is: a founding member of power popsters The Posies (say that three times fast); played with Big Star for about seven years (until Alex Chilton died); also played with R.E.M.

for a decade; AND Ringo Starr covered "Golden Blunders," the hit he co-wrote with fellow Posie Jon Auer. Stringfellow is promoting his fourth solo album "Danzig in the Moonlight," the title track of which features his thoughtful lyrics and penchant for complex chord changes, which nonetheless flow in an almost classical way.

**Ken Stringfellow, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, Music Millennium, 3158 E. Burnside St. Free. All ages. Info: 503-231-8943, musicmillennium.com.**

**Ken Stringfellow, The Maldives, 9 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, Mississippi Studios, 3939 N. Mississippi Ave. \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door. Info: 503-288-3895, mississippistudios.com.**

## 'Round town

■ One of the Northwest's finest harmonic players and a pillar of the local blues scene, Bill Rhoades and his band The Party Kings will be rockin' the stage at 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, in Duff's Garage, 1635 S.E. Seventh Ave. \$8. Info: 503-234-2337, duffsgarage.com.

■ After more than a dozen years, San Francisco's Balkan Romani band Brass Menazeri is splitting up. You can catch them one more time with Opa Groupa at 9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 24, in the Secret Society Ballroom, 116 N.E. Russell St. \$10. All ages. Info: 503-493-3600, secret-society.net.

# Wine: French experience paying off

■ From page 1

big, but then Tom says he thought about teaming up with other winemakers. Luckily, he knew of two other brands that were also searching for space, and it became a collective of four.

In industry terms, it's a "commercial custom crush wine production," which means it provides services to others making their wine. "We lease by the ton to the winery brands," Monroe explains.

"Their brands aren't ownership stakes but tenants of the winemaking facility. We do that on a much smaller scale."

The collective is also an incubator for home winemakers (assisting with expertise and equipment) and artisan food businesses.

In addition to wine and draft beer, the tasting bar offers an expanded menu of cheese, chutney, charcuterie and bread from local makers including Steve's Cheese on Southeast Belmont, Republic of Jam in Canby, and Little T American Baker on Southeast Division.

"We knew we had this opportunity to utilize our collective base," Tom says. "We try to make this place a playground for all things wine. That's why we located off Division, integrated in the community and tap into the tapping and thriving culture."

## French influence

Tom and Kate Monroe, both in their early 30s, are relative newcomers to Portland's food

and drink scene.

The couple landed in Portland in 2010 after a cross-country road trip and a yearlong experience in France learning about winemaking.

They had met in the Bay Area five years earlier, where Tom admits to a "fascination with the Oregon wine scene that snowballed." Since Kate's family is from England and France, her father offered to let them stay in the family cottage in Loire, the largest wine region in France, with similar conditions to Oregon.

They worked for a small producer and took winemaking and viticulture classes. Kate, fluent in French, translated for them.

Afterward, the Monroes felt the pull of Oregon, particularly Portland. Landing on Division Street, Tom says their brand name came naturally: "It's the French thing to do — name your business with the piece of land you're from."

They favor wines with higher acid structure, less extrac-

tion and modest alcohol. Inspired by the wineries of Loire, Beaujolais and Burgundy regions of France, they create sustainably farmed pinot noir, gamay, chardonnay and rosé.

Even in its infancy, the SE Wine Collective has earned accolades. It was listed among Eater National's list of "11 Hot New Wine Bars Across America: Where to Drink Right Now," as well as in other local "best of" ratings.

The early acclaim was unexpected, Monroe says, but "we'll take it." He's hopeful the supper club series will take off and reach a diverse audience of food-lovers, not just the usual crowd.

"One thing we've been very conscious of is not to make any appearance of any elitist food," he says. "That's a big reason we put the winery where we did — to demystify the sort of pomp and circumstance of the winery, to be a place people with an even minor curiosity can take a look and see there's no Oz behind the curtain."

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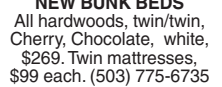
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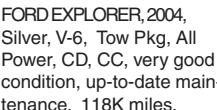
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By JASON VONDERSMITH  
The Tribune



One of Chip Kelly's last public appearances as Oregon Ducks football coach came at the final press conference before the Fiesta Bowl victory over Kansas State. TRIBUNE PHOTO: JAIME VALDEZ

The smartest guy in the room has taken his brain and left the building.

Chip Kelly, gone to the NFL's Philadelphia Eagles, won't soon be forgotten by the Oregon Ducks. Kelly, six years ago an unknown Division I-AA assistant coach, made an unprecedented mark on the football program and its followers with his sparkling 46-7 record and four consecutive BCS appearances as head coach. He and his methods made the Oregon brand nationally relevant, thrilling the hardcore, longtime fans who hardly knew such things, attracting bandwagon fans everywhere and turned the Ducks into household names from here to Manchester, N.H., to Florida to, of course, infamously, Texas.

Let's spin ahead before we look back: Kelly will do well in the NFL, given Michael Vick or whoever as his quarterback in Philly. He knows football, folks. Lives it, loves it. He'll spend every waking hour — which means 19 hours in a day, given his admitted practice of hurry-and-sleeping for about five hours — trying to make the Eagles the best they can be.

Mobile quarterback? Spread option? Zone read runs? Fast pace? Whatever the personnel provides, he'll work with it. He'll adjust. The Ducks weren't riding a one-trick pony; they hopped on board a coaching stallion and galloped to the upper echelon of college football.

Clearly, there needs to be some mind meld with the Eagles' brass, including owner Jeffrey Lurie. One has to believe

Kelly will have a strong say in personnel decisions, while also relying on the expertise of NFL types around him. He'll have to adjust to working with NFL players, who play because they get paid. He'll tailor practices to fit the players and demand things while understanding the nature of pro sports. It's maybe his greatest strength, bonding with players. He's a football lifer, and he's aware that players win games, given the right system.

And, he'll have to be more accountable in the NFL world, which, for example, mandates injury reports. It'll certainly be interesting to see how Kelly, the Philadelphia media and Eagles fans relate to one another.

Which takes us to Kelly's time in Eugene. Given the job of coaching the Ducks, he was set up to do well. It's not all about Kelly and his smarts. He lived in a bubble.

The Ducks had and continue to have tremendous facilities, a huge football budget, an enthusiastic big-bucks donor (Phil Knight), a cozy relationship with Nike, a recent record of success, a veteran staff and a thirst to be something big. It's not as if he inherited the struggling program at the Sisters of the Poor U. Kelly has many people to thank for setting him up for UO success, including past coaches Rich Brooks and Mike Bellotti.

## Analysis

So, Oregon will be fine without him. Maybe not national championship-caliber, but certainly one of the Pac-12's better teams.

What the Philly hiring and the end of the Kelly era really brings is the finality to the string of dramatics that surrounded the 49-year-old single guy during his time as UO coach.

He put the hammer down on media coverage, essentially making the UO program the most secretive thing since the Manhattan Project and one of the most arrogant operations in state history.

His players consistently found trouble, namely LeGarrette Blount punching an opposing player, Jeremiah Masoli stealing laptops and being caught with marijuana, LaMichael James being arrested for ex-girlfriend issues, Cliff Harris being clocked driving 118 mph after he and buddies "smoked it all," Darron Thomas riding shotgun during encounters with authorities and Kiko Alonso suspended twice for alcohol-related transgressions.

Then, as the topper, Kelly and the Ducks found themselves being investigated by the NCAA for alleged recruiting violations involving Texas-based "street agent" Willie Lyles. The NCAA has yet to levy penalties, and Kelly, of course, won't be around to face the penalties, which wrecks of moral irresponsibility.

But winning cured all under Kelly.

He could yell at fans to shut up, and people laughed it off. He could act like a Napoleon, because Waterloo rarely happened (save for USC 2011 and Stanford 2012). He could blow off boosters, because he didn't like to schmooze. He could flip-flop more than a goldfish out of water, because it was just Chip being Chip.

Kelly became a character, a Howard Hughes and a Marilyn Monroe in one, part-recluse and part-diva and all foibles, idiosyncrasies and mystery.

So long, Charles.

# NBA: Crawford has sixth-man lead

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NBA's mid-season awards:  
**COACH** — Golden State's Mark Jackson over Memphis' Lionel Hollins, the Clippers' Vinny Del Negro, Denver's George Karl and Portland's Terry Stotts.

Any would be a good choice, but Jackson has pulled together a long-woebegone Warrior quintet and made it formidable in his second year as coach.

A special nod to old friend P.J. Carlesimo, 8-1 in his first nine games as Brooklyn's interim head coach.

**MVP** — Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant over Miami's LeBron James and the Lakers' Kobe Bryant.

Those are the only veritable candidates, and Durant wins the nod by a whisker over James. Anyone who saw Durant carry a depleted Thunder team to victory Sunday night at the Rose Garden can appreciate.

**ROOKIE** — Portland's Damian Lillard over New Orleans' Anthony Davis, Cleveland's Dion Waiters and Washington's Bradley Beal.

This is an easy call. Lillard leads first-year players in scoring (18.2), assists (6.5) and 3-point percentage (.364) and is arguably the most indispensable member of a team fighting



Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant is having another All-Star season and has led the Thunder to the NBA's best record near the midway point. TRIBUNE PHOTO: MEG WILLIAMS

for a playoff berth.

**DEFENSIVE PLAYER** — Oklahoma City's Serge Ibaka over Oklahoma City's Russell Westbrook, Milwaukee's Larry Sanders, Portland's Wesley Matthews and Boston's Rajon Rondo.

Perhaps I'm shorting Sanders, who in his third NBA season leads the league in blocked shots (3.26) in Brew Town. Ibaka ranks second in the category (2.81) and is a force at the defensive end for a team on the short list of championship contenders.

**MOST IMPROVED PLAY-**

**ER** — Portland's Nicolas Batum over Houston's Omer Asik, Indiana's Paul George, New Orleans' Greivis Vasquez, Portland's Wesley Matthews and Dallas' O.J. Mayo.

All are strong candidates, but none better than Batum, whose numbers are up across the board (16.9 points to 13.9 last season, 5.7 rebounds to 4.6, 4.4 assists to 1.4 and 1.5 steals to 1.0). That's not to mention his influence on the Blazers' surprising start.

**SIXTH MAN** — The Clippers' Jamal Crawford over Denver's Andre Miller, Or-

lando's J.J. Redick, San Antonio's Manu Ginobili, Miami's Ray Allen, New Orleans' Ryan Anderson, New York's J.R. Smith, Oklahoma City's Kevin Martin, Golden State's Carl Landry and Philadelphia's Spencer Hawes.

It's a long list of worthy contenders, but Crawford — a much different player than he was a year ago in P-Town — has provided a terrific spark off the bench for one of the league's premier teams.

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**Mac Carruth makes one of his 23 saves in a 3-0 home win last week that vaulted into the Portland Winterhawks' record book as the winningest goaltender in team history. The victory, his 106th, pushed him one ahead of former Hawk Darrell May Sr.**

## PDXSports

### Thursday, Jan. 17

**Men's basketball:** Eighth-ranked Gonzaga (16-1, 3-0 West Coast Conference), battling BYU in particular for the WCC title, makes its annual visit to Chiles Center to play the Portland Pilots (8-10, 1-2). Tipoff is 7 p.m. (ROOT) ... PSU (5-8, 3-3 Big Sky) begins a road weekend with a 6 p.m. game at Northern Colorado (3-11, 1-5). ... No. 21 Oregon (14-2, 3-0 Pac-12) takes a five-game winning streak into an 8 p.m. game at USC (7-10, 2-2). ... Oregon State (10-6, 0-3) tries to break a three-game losing streak when it plays at No. 24 UCLA (14-3, 3-0), 6 p.m.

**Women's basketball:** Portland State (8-7, 2-4) is at home against Northern Colorado (6-8, 3-2), 7:30 p.m.

### Friday, Jan. 18

**Winterhawks:** Portland can tie the franchise record for consecutive wins (15) by beating Lethbridge, 7 p.m., Rose Garden. Forward Nic Petan leads the Western Hockey League in scoring with 74 points in 43 games.

Troy Rutkowski is second among WHL defensemen and fourth for Portland with 43 points in as many games. ... Rutkowski will tie Kevin Haupt for the franchise career games played record (322) with four more appearances. And if he plays in the next 10 games, Rutkowski will match Andrew Ference's club record for consecutive games (221).

Both goalies have played well for the Hawks, who lead the WHL with a 37-5-1-0 record. Mac Carruth is 20-2-0-0, with 1.70 goals allowed per game and a .939 save percentage. Brendan Burke is 14-3-1-0, 2.71, .903.

**Men's basketball:** Lewis & Clark (9-6, 3-3 Northwest Conference) welcomes Pacific Lutheran (4-11, 2-4) to Pamplin Sports Center.

**Women's basketball:** Eighth-ranked Lewis & Clark (14-1, 5-1) meets PLU (6-7, 3-3) at 6 p.m. at Palatine Hill. The Pioneers and No. 23 George Fox are tied for first in the NWC. ... Warner Pacific has a nonconference game at home versus Walla Walla University, 2 p.m.

**Quad rugby:** The Portland Pounders play host to a three-day tournament at Reynolds Middle School against other clubs from around the country.

**Boys basketball:** PIL 5A play continues with three 7:30 p.m. games — Benson at Cleveland, Jefferson at Madison and Franklin at Wilson. ... In 6A, Grant travels to Lincoln for a 7:30 p.m. inner-city clash. ... Jesuit is at Westview, 7:15 p.m., in the Metro League. ... The Mt. Hood Conference has 7 p.m. games, including Central Catholic at Reynolds and Centennial at David Douglas. ...

Putnam is at Parkrose, 7:15 p.m., and North Marion visits La Salle, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball:** PIL 5A 7:30 p.m. games are Cleveland at Benson, Wilson at Franklin, and Madison at Jefferson. ... Lincoln is at Grant in a 6A rivalry game. ... Gresham plays at Roosevelt, 6:30 p.m. ... At 7:15 p.m., Westview is at Jesuit, Reynolds is at Central Catholic, and David Douglas is at St. Mary's Academy. ... Parkrose plays at Putnam, 7 p.m., and La Salle is at North Marion, 7 p.m.

**Thorns:** Portland's entry in the new, eight-team National Women's Soccer League takes part in a college draft.

### Saturday, Jan. 19

**Blazers:** The Milwaukee Bucks take on Portland at 7 p.m. at the Rose Garden. It's the second of five consecutive home games for the Blazers.

**Winterhawks:** Portland treks to Kent, Wash., for a 7 p.m. game with Seattle at ShoWare Center. The Hawks lead the season series 6-1, having won the last six meetings.

**Men's basketball:** Saint Mary's (13-4, 2-1 going into Wednesday's game at BYU) visits Chiles Center for a WCC game with UP, 7:30 p.m. (ROOT). ... PSU is at North Dakota (5-10, 2-4 going into the weekend), noon PT. ... Oregon is at UCLA, 1 p.m. (CBS), and OSU is at USC, 5 p.m. (Pac-12 Networks). ... Warner Pacific (17-4, 8-1 Cascade Collegiate Conference) is the No. 8-ranked team in NAIA Division II going into a 7:30 p.m. league game at Concordia (9-9, 4-5). WPC is tied for the league lead with No. 1-ranked Eastern Oregon.

**Women's basketball:** PSU plays host to North Dakota (7-8, 2-4 Big Sky going into the weekend), 2 p.m. ... UP (5-12, 0-4) is at Loyola Marymount (7-10, 1-3) before the weekend. ... Warner Pacific (10-8, 6-3) is at Concordia (7-11, 2-7) in CCC play.

**Baseball banquet:** Dale Murphy and Pete Ward are featured speakers for the 79th annual Portland Old Timbers and Active Baseball Players Association fete is at Multnomah Athletic Club. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50, which includes membership. Contact Ray Fagan at 503-880-7012, ray.fagan@comcast.net.

**Roller derby:** Season eight for the Rose City Rollers begins with a doubleheader at Memorial Coliseum. The Heartless Heathers play Guns n Rollers, and then the Break Neck Betties meet the High Rollers. Doors open at 5 p.m.; the first bout is at 5:45 p.m.

### Sunday, Jan. 20

**Men's basketball:** Washington (11-5, 3-0 going into a Wednesday game with Colorado)

is at Oregon State, 8:30 p.m. (Pac-12 Networks).

**Women's basketball:** Oregon (2-15, 0-5) is at Oregon State (8-9, 2-3), 2 p.m. (Pac-12 Networks), in the second of two Civil War games this season. The teams played Tuesday in Eugene, with OSU beating the Ducks 65-53. The Beavers led nearly all the way and by as many as 24 points, outshooting the Ducks from the field, 38 percent to 26 percent. Liz Brenner led Oregon with 17 points and eight rebounds, while Jamie Weisner scored 22 points for Oregon State.

### Monday, Jan. 21

**Blazers:** Washington is at the Rose Garden, 7 p.m. (CSN).

**Winterhawks:** Spokane battles Portland at Memorial Coliseum, 3 p.m.

**Boys basketball:** Holiday games include Benson vs. Kennedy (Wash.) in the King Showcase at the ShoWare Center in Kent, 4 p.m., and Jefferson-Mt. Rainier at Seattle Pacific University.

### Tuesday, Jan. 22

**Boys basketball:** In the PIL 5A, Roosevelt goes to Franklin, Wilson is at Benson, and Cleveland visits Jefferson, all 7:30 p.m. ... In Class 6A, Sheldon is at Grant, and Jesuit plays host to Aloha, both at 7:30 p.m. ... Parkrose treks to Wilsonville, 7:15 p.m., and La Salle journeys to Madras, 7 p.m.

**Girls basketball:** League games in the PIL 5A have Jefferson at Cleveland, Benson at Wilson, and Franklin at Roosevelt, all at 7:30 p.m. ... Sheldon tips off at Grant at 5:45 p.m. ... Wilsonville visits Parkrose, 7:15 p.m., and Madras is at La Salle, 7 p.m.

### Wednesday, Jan. 23

**Blazers:** Indiana takes on Portland, 7 p.m. (CSN). General manager Kevin Pritchard and the Pacers are in position to claim one of the top four playoff spots in the Eastern Conference.

**Winterhawks:** Portland is at Spokane, 7 p.m. The Hawks lead the season series 3-0.

**Men's basketball:** Washington State is at Oregon, 6:30 p.m. (Pac-12 Networks). Ken Bone's Cougars were 9-7, 0-3 going into a Wednesday, Jan. 16 home game versus Utah. ... Washington (11-5, 3-0 through Jan. 16) invades Gill Coliseum to face the Beavers, 8:30 p.m. (Pac-12 Networks).

**Prep wrestling:** PIL teams compete in two places — Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln at Roosevelt are at Cleveland in a five-way competition, while Benson, Grant and Madison go to Wilson in a four-way meet. Both events start at 4 p.m.

# Eggers: Everett relies on 'stream of consciousness'

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students at Astoria High.

Neil's father was nicknamed "Laddie," after Laddie Gale, the late, great member of the 1939 "Tall Firs" UO basketball team that won the first NCAA championship.

"That's how impressed my grandfather was with the University of Oregon," Everett says.

While he didn't play football for the Ducks, Everett brought some athletic talent to Eugene. He was an all-city nose guard and offensive guard at 5-10 and 150 pounds for Spokane's Lewis & Clark High.

"I was full of piss and vinegar and very technically sound," he says. "I was the king of the cut-block back in the day."

During his second year at Oregon, Morfitt was in the stands at Autzen Stadium to watch the unforgettable 0-0 "Toilet Bowl" Civil War game in 1983.

"I was permanently scarred from that game," Everett jokes. "That was spectacular."

As a UO student, he took a football coaching class from Rich Brooks and kept statistics for radio play-by-play voice Hal Ramey.

"I was the stats guy when (Washington State's) Rueben Mayes set an NCAA single-game rushing record against the Ducks," he says.

Everett got a taste of the electronic media working the midnight-to-6 a.m. shift at KUGN radio.

"All I did was change Larry King tapes," he says.

He lived at Beta Theta Pi fraternity, where his little brother was wrestler Jed Kesey, the youngest son of literary icon Ken Kesey. Jed Kesey died in an automobile accident at age 19.

"My time at Oregon was special," Everett says. "The education I got, the friendships I made — and Eugene was a great town."

Everett's first job upon graduation was as news director of KGBU radio in Florence.

He then moved to Honolulu, spending 15 years in athletic administration at Hawaii Pacific.

During that time, he moonlighted at various TV stations there, eventually succeeding former Duck and NFL great Russ Francis as sports director at the CBS affiliate.

"Russ had been hired to work the X Games for ESPN," Everett recalls. "He told the

news director, 'Neil's going to do sports while I'm gone.' The news director said, 'Neil's not even in the sports department,' but Russ was a difficult man for anybody to say no to."

Everett got the permanent job there and eventually landed an audition at ESPN headquarters at Bristol, Conn., "but I botched it horribly," he says. "I returned to Hawaii with my tail between my legs. For two years, I could hardly watch ESPN. I felt like I had kicked my chance at playing at that level."

A year later, he got a second audition.

"I was prepared that time and did a good job, but it was another year before they called and offered me a job," he says.

That was 2000. He served as an anchor for ESPN News for three years, then moved into a spot as a SportsCenter anchor. Since 2009, he has been working the network's late-night Los Angeles edition Monday through Friday.

During his SportsCenter spots, Everett slips in Duck references whenever he can. But when Oregon State does something noteworthy, he is quick to use his local knowledge to pay homage to the Beavers, too.

OSU's Jay Loyce "is my second cousin, and Mike Cavanaugh (Beaver assistant coach, a former Hawaii aide and a Connecticut native) is a dear friend of mine," Everett says. "When I was at Bristol, I used to go to his parents' house in Connecticut when he'd be home from break. I love Mike, (wife) Laurie and their two boys."

During his time in Hawaii, Everett grew close with Hawaii football head coaches Fred von Appen (an ex-UO assistant who played at Linfield) and June Jones (the Portland native now head coach at Southern Methodist).

"I'm still in touch with June," he says.

The move from Connecticut to Southern California has brought him back to following the Oregon program. That and girlfriend Stephanie Krohn, a Madison High and UO grad whom he met at — small world — the Tiger Woods Center five years ago.

"I was emcee of a fundraiser there, and she worked for (the benefitting) nonprofit," he says. "My uncle, Bill Sporre, who had been a baseball star at Linfield, introduced us."

Now Neil and Stephanie share a home in Marina del

Rey. "She drove the bus on, 'Let's make it a plan to start going to some Oregon games,'" he says.

Everett saw the Ducks play four times this season — against Arizona and Stanford in Eugene, against Southern Cal in L.A. and versus Kansas State in the Fiesta Bowl.

"It's magnificent the way the program has turned around," he says. "A lot of people expect them to be a top team every year. Rightfully so, but you need to understand the history to appreciate how far the Oregon program has come."

(Everett, incidentally, also has an affinity for Gonzaga basketball, having grown up in Spokane. Two years ago, I spied him decked in Bulldog garb at a Gonzaga-Portland game in the Chiles Center.)

Everett brings irreverence and humor to his ESPN broadcasts, getting just the right dose without going overboard like some of his colleagues.

"Not to be cliché-ish, but I call it as I see it," he says. "A lot of it is stream of consciousness. The highlight you're watching, I've never seen it until you've seen it."

"You're trying to tell the story of the game. You're trying to entertain and inform. It's finding a balance there and knowing what's acceptable and what's not. I'm just trying to have fun. If it's a poignant story, I want the hair to stand up on the back of the neck of the people watching. If it's funny, I want them to laugh. I want to say something memorable."

"It's my own style. I really enjoy the writing part of the job. That's my own voice. When I talk to young people who say this is what they want to do, the first thing I tell them is, 'Develop your own voice.'"

Everett's 13 years on the job at ESPN don't have him looking for a change of scenery.

"I'll stay as long as they'll have me," he says. "Like anything, there are better moments than others. But listen, it's a hell of a job. It's a great job to have."

"I've lived upside down for so long in terms of the hours I work, I've never thought about, 'Could I do a 9-to-5 job?' I hope they'll keep keep me around for a long time."

Maybe it will work that way for his new gig with the Oregon Sports Awards, too.

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## Awards show will add to prep honors

A host of new prep categories and new host Neil Everett from ESPN will spice the 61st annual Oregon Sports Awards.

The stage show takes place Sunday night, Feb. 10 at Nike's Tiger Woods Center.

Everett, a SportsCenter anchor and commentator, is a 1984 University of Oregon graduate with extensive ties to the state. He'll oversee the production, which also will feature various celebrity award presenters to be announced and is scheduled to run about 90 minutes.

The OSA motto is "Make History. Be History." And the stars of the show will be the many finalists and winners of 30-plus awards — athletes, coaches and contributors from the ranks of professionals, collegians, other amateurs, high school and Oregon communities.

For the first time, these expanded Oregon Sports Awards will honor high school athletes from every sports sanctioned by the Oregon School Activities Association, with finalists from the 6A through 1A classifications and around the state.

The other award categories have been part of the show before — some of them dating to the event's inception in 1948 as the Hayward Banquet of Champions.

The OSA will give trophies to the Bill Hayward Amateur Athletes of the Year (male and female), the Harry Glickman Pro Athletes of the Year (male and female), the Slat's Gill Sportsperson of the Year, the George Pasero Teams of the Year, the Ad Rutschman Small-College Athletes of the Year (male and female), the Johnny Carpenter Prep Athletes of the Year (male and female, 6A-5A and 4A-1A) and the Lou Burge Special Olympics Athlete of the Year.

The new high school awards will go to the state's top competitors in football, boys and girls soccer, volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, wrestling, boys and girls swimming, baseball, softball, boys and girls track and field, boys and girls golf, and boys and girls tennis.

A statewide panel of experts votes on the awards. And, for the first time, fans also can have a say in who takes home the top honors — online voting will be from Jan. 25 through Feb. 8 at [oregonsportsawards.com](http://oregonsportsawards.com).

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# This is Neil Everett: from Oregon to ESPN

**SportsCenter anchor savors his times in the state, upcoming host role at awards show**

**M**y favorite anchor on ESPN's SportsCenter — maybe yours, too — will serve as host for the first time at the 61st annual Oregon Sports Awards Feb. 10 at the Tiger Woods Center on the Nike campus.

But guess what? The pleasure is all his. "I'm ecstatic," Neil Everett says. "I'm very excited to represent Oregon. While

I'm a Duck, I have a great fondness for all things Oregon. I hope the folks in attendance and watching online will enjoy what comes out of the show."

That's right. Everett — UO class of 1984 — has roots in our state. Born in Portland (at age 3, his family moved to Spokane), he attended Willamette University for two years, then finished up college in Eugene, graduating with a degree in journalism.

In those days, he was known as Neil Morfitt. He changed the surname to Everett — his middle name — during his time working television in Hawaii in the late 1990s. A tribute, he says, to his mother.

"Whenever I was in trouble with my mom, she'd say, 'Neil Everett, get your butt in here,'" says Everett, 50. The name change "was my shout-out to her."

The Oregon roots run much deeper. His grandfather, Neil Morfitt Sr., was a member of Oregon's 1920 Rose Bowl team. "Lost to Harvard 7-6," he says correctly.

Both sets of grandparents were from Astoria. His parents, Neil Jr. (Neil has a different middle name than his paternal grandpa and dad) and Jackie, met while



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ESPN SportsCenter anchor Neil Everett's state-of-Oregon roots run deep. He'll return to the state next month to host the 61st annual Oregon Sports Awards Feb. 10 at Nike.

**Kerry Eggers**



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# Close wins giving Blazers a playoff shot

**T**he NBA reaches the halfway point of its regular season next week, and there's no debate that one of the surprise teams has been the Trail Blazers.

Before the campaign unfolded, most pundits predicted between 30 and 35 wins for Portland, which was 20-18 going into Wednesday's home date with Cleveland. My forecast had the Blazers at 35-47 and finishing 12th in the Western Conference, ahead of only Phoenix, New Orleans and Sacramento.

This week, the Blazers are at No. 12 in ESPN's weekly NBA power rankings, the eighth team in the Western Conference behind Oklahoma City (1), L.A. Clippers (2), San Antonio (3), Denver (4), Memphis (6), Golden State (8) and Houston (11).

It's remarkable when you consider many of the statistics that normally determine the difference between the good NBA teams and the also-rans.

Portland ranks 25th among the 30 teams in the NBA in field-goal percentage (.435) and 28th in opponents' field-goal percentage (.463). The Blazers' minus-.028 differential ranks is tied with that of Washington and ranks ahead of only Charlotte and Cleveland.

Portland's average of 35.6 points in the paint ranks 28th. And though Terry Stotts seems more determined to run than did his predecessor, Nate McMillan, the Blazers average only 9.5 fastbreak points a game, 26th in the league.



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Trail Blazers guard Wesley Matthews deserves consideration for two NBA awards at the midway point of the season: defensive player and most improved player of the year.

Admirably, Stotts always stands up for his reserves, but it's clear he is not playing with a loaded deck there. Portland's bench ranks last in the NBA by a large margin in both scoring (16.8 points per game, with Memphis 29th at 26.0) and scoring differential (minus-21.4, with Cleveland 29th at minus-12.0).

Where Portland has stood out is in winning the close ones. The Blazers are 5-1 in overtime games and 11-5 in games decided by four points or fewer, even after three close losses over the past week.

That's a credit both to Stotts' astute coaching and the resolve of a strong starting unit that has both competed and per-



Portland point guard Damian Lillard is the runaway leader for NBA rookie of the year in the eyes of many.

formed well in the clutch.

Three Portland starters — Nicolas Batum (39.0), Damian Lillard (38.4) and LaMarcus Aldridge (37.9) — rank among the NBA's top dozen in minutes played, and Wesley Matthews (35.3) isn't far behind. It will be interesting to see how the heavy work load affects both their performance and their

health through the rest of the season.

Were the playoffs to start today, the Blazers would serve as the eighth and final team in the West. Four teams have a chance to catch them: Utah (21-19 through Tuesday), the Lakers (17-21), Minnesota (16-19) and Dallas (16-23).

When the season began, the

Lakers, Minnesota and Dallas all figured to be playoff teams. All three teams have been crippled by injuries and may not recover. But the injury bug could catch up with other teams — including Portland — the rest of the way and figure heavily into which teams advance to the postseason.

Schedule will play a role, too. The Blazers have it good through the rest of the month. Beginning with Wednesday's game with Cleveland, Portland has six of seven games at home, with only a visit to Staples Center to face the Clippers on the slate. The Blazers have done a terrific job protecting the home-court (13-5 going into Wednesday's play), but they have been so-so on the road (7-13).

February and March could be rough months, with Portland playing eight of 12 on the road in February and nine of 16 away from home in March. There is a six-game trip in February and a five-game trek in March with which to contend.

April is more favorable, with six of nine at the Garden, though all nine opponents are playoff contenders.

It will be interesting to see if first-year general manager Neil Olshey chooses to stand pat with his roster or make a deal before the Feb. 21 trade deadline. Will he keep free agent-to-be J.J. Hickson or make a trade to get some value for him before summer?

Portland's record and playoff chances at the All-Star break will probably determine that, but it could be a difficult decision either way.

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