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HOW LIBERAL IS PORTLAND?

This poll takes a deeper look at the values we all hold

DHM Research, Pamplin Media find common ground in Oregonians' desire for better state

By ADAM DAVIS, DHM RESEARCH
For The Tribune

Members of the Occupy Portland movement took over part of downtown in mid-October 2011, with many dressed in Guy Fawkes masks from the 2005 movie "V for Vendetta." But that does not mean Portland is at odds with the rest of the region and state on every issue. To the contrary, the poll finds a lot of common ground among most Oregonians. For example, 94 percent of Portlanders believe taxes are necessary to pay for the common good. A significant 86 percent in the region and 85 percent in the state agree.

■ This ain't 'Portlandia,' but it sure feels like it, according to a survey highlighting the Rose City's very lefty political leanings

Everyone knows Portland is more liberal than the rest of the region and the state. People joke that a Republican can't be elected dog catcher in Portland, and that business support is the kiss of death for any politician in the city.

Conventional wisdom holds that the only conservatives live in far east Portland, and they are vastly outnumbered by everybody else in town.

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Guess what? It's not a myth. A major statewide poll conducted last year, the 2013 Oregon Values & Beliefs Survey, shows that most Portlanders are vastly more liberal than people living in the rest of the tri-county region and Oregon. Differences are dramatic on issues ranging from the economy to the environment and the proper size and role of government.

Story by Jim Redden

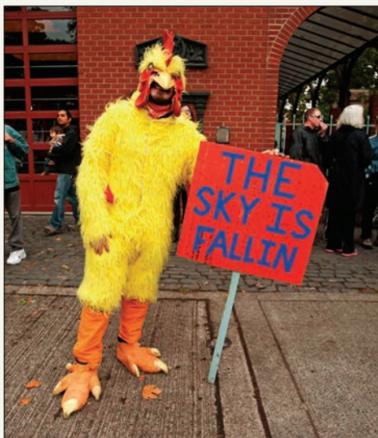
Turns out IFC's "Portlandia" TV series is more documentary than comedy.

Results from the 2013 Oregon Values & Beliefs Survey have been presented publicly before, including at a Portland City Council work session. But the Portland Tribune asked the Davis Hibbitts & Midghall Research firm to run the numbers again, this time separating Portland from the rest of the region and the state. Those results show just how large the gap has grown between Portland and its suburbs, as well as the rest of the state.

An obvious example from the poll: far more Portlanders describe themselves as liberals on both social and economic issues.

According to the poll, a statistically aston-

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The sky is falling? That's what the chicken says during a 2011 protest in downtown Portland.

Beginning today, DHM Research joins Pamplin Media Group to share with Portland-area residents the results of the 2013 Oregon Values and Beliefs Study. In the weeks and months ahead, you will learn how Oregonians feel about a variety of issues, ranging from the economy and the environment to health care and support for the disadvantaged.

It has been the case for some time, at both national and state levels, that likely voters are the only residents who are regularly polled. And, along with advocates of narrow special interests, frequent voters' attitudes are the only ones seriously considered in planning and policy making. You can see where that's gotten us: fewer people voting in all elections, gridlock in Salem and a state that's underperforming in many areas compared to other states.

In the Legislature, public forums and on the news, the voices we hear most often are the politically active and the loudest, not the most representative.

What makes this research different is

Now is the moment to give voice to all Oregonians.

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Hales peels back renewal plans, adding \$1 billion to tax rolls

Redrawing urban renewal boundaries could help schools

By STEVE LAW
The Tribune

Mayor Charlie Hales wants to overhaul Portland's urban renewal districts, enabling more redevelopment near OMSI and the South Waterfront while freeing more property taxes for public schools, Multnomah County and the city.

Hales also wants to ditch the new urban renewal district around Portland State University championed by former Mayor Sam Adams. (See related story, Page 10).

Hales' draft plan would eliminate two urban renewal districts, shrink two others so some property value goes back on the tax rolls, and expand two others



Portland Mayor Charlie Hales is considering changes to the urban renewal district that helped develop the South Waterfront area. Related changes, which could affect Portland State University and the Pearl District, would put more property back on local tax rolls.

where the mayor sees ripe development potential.

Hales says he wants to shut down the district near PSU and

one in the Willamette River industrial area, neither of which ever got off the ground.

He also wants to peel off some

of the booming Pearl District, part of the River District Urban Renewal Area, to put it back on the tax rolls, and do the same with a big chunk of the Airport Way district.

Hales says he would be making good on a campaign promise to reduce the city's bloated urban renewal program. His proposals would put more than \$1 billion in property value back on the tax rolls, producing property tax revenue for the county, state schools and the city's own general fund.

His plan also would reduce the net acreage tied up in urban renewal areas by 1,700 acres, or about 13 percent.

In the past, Hales says, the City Council tended to use urban renewal districts as an "ATM" to fund pet projects. He says he wants to show the public that urban renewal is still a good tool, but needs to be used more prudently and strategically.

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County candidates float ideas for bridges

Debate highlights differences as May campaign cranks up

By JIM REDDEN
The Tribune

The two major candidates for Multnomah County chair — Jim Francesconi and Deborah Kafoury — are debating the best way to fund maintenance of the six county-owned Willamette River bridges.

At a Wednesday, Feb. 26, debate, Francesconi, a lawyer and former Portland city commissioner, proposed creating a regional bridge authority with other governments to maintain the bridges. He said it could involve Metro and Portland, with both jurisdictions chipping into bridge maintenance funds.

"I've discussed it with Metro and Portland officials, and they're both interested," he said.



KAFOURY



FRANCESCONI

Kafoury, a former legislator and Multnomah County commissioner, disagreed.

"Money is the issue and we don't need to create a new bureaucracy to find it," she said.

Kafoury said one new source will eventually be tolls for crossing all bridges over the river. Although Kafoury quickly clarified that she was not making a specific proposal, Francesconi voiced his disapproval.

"I'd be careful about that," Francesconi said, noting the county had already created a new motor vehicle registration fee to pay for the Sellwood

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Liberal: A city of 'lifestyle Democrats'?

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ishing 43 percent of city residents consider themselves to be "very liberal" on social issues, compared to just 11 percent of the rest of the region and 13 percent of the rest of the state. Another 31 percent of Portlanders consider themselves to be "somewhat liberal" on social issues, compared with 24 percent of the rest of the region and 23 percent of the rest of the state.

In other words, a substantial majority of Portlanders — 74 percent — consider themselves to be liberal on social issues, compared with 35 percent of the rest of the region and 36 percent of the rest of the state.

The breakdown on economic issues is even more dramatic. Although just 19 percent of Portlanders consider themselves very liberal on economic issues, that's far more than the 6 percent in the rest of the region and state. A larger 35 percent of Portlanders consider themselves somewhat liberal on economic issues, compared with 22 percent in the rest of the region and 19 percent in the rest of the state.

Add it up and a consistent 54 percent of Portlanders consider themselves liberal on economic issues, compared to a smaller 28 percent in the rest of the region and even smaller 15 percent in the rest of the state.

In fact, when Portland is excluded, the largest blocks of Oregonians consider themselves middle of the road or moderate on social and economic issues — 30 and 31 percent respectively for the region, and 29 and 34 percent respectively for the state.

This split plays itself out on numerous issues in the poll, beginning with questions about the proper size and role of government.

According to the poll, 65 percent of Portlanders believe government services should be increased through efficiencies and taxes. Only 27 percent feel government provides too many services. In contrast, when asked if government services should be increased, only 24 percent of the people in the rest of the region and 23 percent of those in the rest of the state agreed. Most of them believe government already provides too many services — 63 percent of the region and 58 percent of the state.

And the poll found that Portlanders are consistently more liberal on other hot button issues of the day. For example, 88 percent of them believe climate change requires us to change our way of life by driving less or living more simply. That compares to 71 percent in the region and the state.

More Portlanders also believe government should stimu-



Occupy Portland campers rallied members during their nearly two months in two downtown city parks. The group's protests included a general assembly in which just about anyone could speak on any subject.

late the economy through spending on jobs and infrastructure — 67 percent compared to 34 percent in the rest of the region and 36 percent in the rest of the state.

Portlanders are also strong supporters of equal rights for all people. A full 84 percent disagree with the statement that "blacks, women, homosexuals and other groups don't want equal rights, they want special rights." That compares to 47 percent in the region and 51 percent in the state.

Increasingly mobile

Portland political constant Kari Chisholm is not surprised by the concentration of liberals in the city. He says it is consistent with the findings of the 2008 book, "The Big Sort," by journalist Bill Bishop. It found that across the country, Americans are moving into neighborhoods and cities where everyone else thinks like them.

"We've all become increasingly mobile. People don't stay in their home towns anymore. If you're OK with gays and want to find organic food on every street corner, you move to that kind of town. If you're not, you move somewhere else," says Chisholm, president and chief executive officer of Mandate Media and publisher of the progressive Blue Oregon blog.

Portland political consultant Dan Lavey agrees. As a partner in the Gallatin Public Affairs group, he has watched the trend develop during the past 20 or so years.

"Blue collar, lunch bucket



Protester Genny Kortez held a peace sign during a November 2004 protest by the Portland Peaceful Response Coalition at the Republican election night headquarters at the Marriot hotel.

Portland Democrats have been replaced by lifestyle, cultural Democrats. Portland is now a destination for young creatives who come here for the food and recreational opportunities. Compared to cities like San Francisco, Portland offers an affordable urban experience," says Lavey, who worked on Republican Chris Dudley's unsuccessful 2010 campaign against Democrat John Kitzhaber for Oregon governor.

Nor is Oregon Historical Society Executive Director Kerry Tymchuk surprised. He saw the split as Oregon chief of staff for Republican U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith from 1997 to 2009.

"We went all over state and you couldn't help but notice it. Portlanders may not have grown liberal over the years, but they grew more vocal and more convinced they were right on the issues," Tymchuk says.

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— Kerry Tymchuk, Oregon Historical Society

Chisholm cautions against reading too much into political self-labeling, however. "You might have the same views in Eastern Oregon, but not call yourself liberal because the word has a different meaning there."

Really a Red State?

Still, in delving into the statistics, it becomes apparent that without Portland in the mix, the suburbs and the rest of Oregon would be a red state, not blue.

For example, when Portland is included, 41 percent of the state is liberal on social issues. When Portland is excluded, the number falls to just 23 percent.

The same thing happens on many issues covered in the poll. When Portland is excluded, support drops for government programs, sometimes dramatically, in the region and state.

But that does not mean Portland is at odds with the rest of the region and state on every issue. To the contrary, the poll finds a lot of common ground among most Oregonians. For example, 94 percent of Portlanders believe taxes are nec-

essary to pay for the common good. A significant 86 percent in the region and 85 percent in the state agree.

Despite that, majorities agree our tax system should be overhauled to be simple and straightforward. That goal is supported by 76 percent of Portlanders, 87 percent of those in the region, and 80 percent of those in the state.

Most Oregonians also consider the public education system to be important. It is ranked high by 90 percent of Portlanders, 79 percent of those in the region and 78 percent of those in the state.

Protecting water and air quality is also a top priority. It is considered important by 85 percent of Portlanders, 73 percent of those in the region and 72 percent of those in the state.

Series of surveys

The 2013 Oregon Values & Beliefs Survey is the third in a series of statewide polls on values and beliefs conducted by Portland's Davis Hibbits & Midghall Research. The first was conducted in 1992, and the second in 2002.

The first two polls were sponsored by business and labor organizations to gauge Oregonians' views on a variety of issues, including tax reform. The 2013 poll was sponsored by a coalition of public and non-profit institutions, including the Oregon Community Foundation, Oregon Health & Science University, Oregon Public Broadcasting and Oregon State University.

The 2013 poll was the most in-depth and far-reaching of the three. It was conducted in April and May 2013 and surveyed more than 9,000 Oregon voters and non-voters by email, cell phones and landlines, and community outreach. Interviews were conducted in five regions of the state, include Portland metro, Willamette Valley, and Central, Eastern and Southern Oregon.

Researchers used quotas and statistical weighting based on the U.S. Census to ensure valid samples by age, gender and income within each region and statewide.

To see the original survey results, visit oregonvaluesproject.org.

Tell us what you think

Are you a proud Portland liberal? Do you buck the trend and consider yourself a conservative. Or are you somewhere in the middle?

Let us know what you think about the polling data that shows Portland is far more liberal than the rest of the region or the state. We'll include your thoughts in a future news story.

Send comments to reporter Jim Redden at jimredden@portlandtribune.com.

Poll: Questions measure attitudes

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that it sought out the voices of all Oregonians. Thanks to the Oregon Community Foundation, Oregon Public Broadcasting, Oregon State University and Oregon Health and Science University, we spoke with a representative cross-section of all Oregonians about what they really think, really value, and really believe.

With a slow economic recovery, a reduction of federal funding and many difficult issues like education funding and public employee compensation stirring controversy, the discussion in Oregon about budget, governance and the kind of social, economic and environmental future we want will only become more intense and consequential.

Now is the moment to give voice to all Oregonians.

DHM Research, together with its research partner PolicyInteractive, designed and administered the research to assure valid and statistically reliable results. Quotas and statistical weighting based on the U.S. Census assured representativeness by age, gender and income. We measured attitudes about key issues with more than one question to test consistency, utilizing different formats and wording.

We hope the reporting of the Oregon Values and Beliefs Study will:

- Increase knowledge about demographics and key behaviors, values and beliefs, supplementing information derived from other sources such as the U.S. Census.

- Show Oregonians that regardless of where we live, we value the same things about living in Oregon, want our government officials to address the same problems and consider the same public services important.

- Help assure that the values and beliefs of all residents are more often considered in public and private planning and policymaking.

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PDX Briefly

City celebrates two new community gardens

Portland Parks & Recreation reached a milestone Saturday, March 1, when it opened the new Oliver-Parklane and Centennial Park community gardens.

The city now has 50 community gardens, many in East Portland.

City officials worked with the Centennial School District to open the new parks. Centennial Park Community Garden is near Centennial Park School, 17630 S.E. Main St. Oliver-Parklane Community Garden is near Parklane Elementary School, 15811 S.E. Main St.

The Portland Community Gardens program has provided gardening opportunities in neighborhoods since 1975. With the addition of Oliver-Parklane and Centennial Park, there are 50 community gardens throughout the city. Volunteers and Park Bureau staff operate the community gardens.

Musician, pioneers earn Historical Society honors

A musical icon, a political pioneer, a cancer researcher and a nationally known golf course will receive this year's Oregon History Makers Medals.

The Oregon Historical Society says its 2014 medals will be presented to musician Thomas Lauderdale of Pink Martini, former Gov. Barbara Roberts, cancer researcher Dr. Walter Urba and to the Bandon Dunes Golf Course.



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO: L.E. BASKOW
Thomas Lauderdale of Pink Martini is one of state "icons" who will receive the Oregon Historical Society's History Maker Medals in October.

The four will be honored by the society in October for positively shaping the state's history, culture and landscape.

"Thomas Lauderdale, Gov. Barbara Roberts, Dr. Walter Urba and the Bandon Dunes Golf Resort are all Oregon treasures," said Kerry Tymchuk, executive director of the Oregon Historical Society. "They are all very deserving recipients of the Oregon History Makers Medal."

Lauderdale's Pink Martini has performed with more than 50 orchestras. He also serves on the boards of the Oregon Symphony and Pioneer Courthouse Square.

Roberts became a politician as a young mother, and successfully lobbied the Legislature to guarantee public education to children with disabilities. In 1990 Roberts was the first wom-

an elected Oregon's governor.

Urba is director of cancer research at the Robert W. Franz Cancer Research Center in the Earle A. Chiles Research Institute at Providence Cancer Center. He leads a team of more than 90 investigators toward the goal of curing cancer.

The Bandon Dunes Golf Resort, opened in 1999 by Mike Keiser, has made Oregon's south coast a destination for golfers around the world.

The Oregon History Makers Medal will be presented at an Oct. 5 dinner at the Montgomery Park in Portland.

Market donates \$91,000 to local farmers, groups

New Seasons Market says its grant fund has awarded \$91,000 this year to 36 nonprofit organizations supporting small farmers. This year's grants were the most provided to local groups and farms since the Portland grocery store company launched its program in 2007.

The 14-year-old company has given away \$538,650 in the past seven years.

Twenty-nine of the 36 groups receiving money this year are farmers markets in Portland and Vancouver, Wash. Most will use their grant funds to match federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program dollars, making it easier for low-income shoppers to purchase local produce.

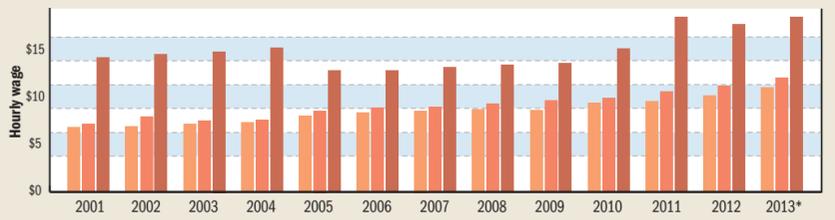
New Seasons Market donates 10 percent of its after-tax profits each year to local nonprofits across the Portland-Vancouver area.

GreaterPortlandPulse

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY'S INDICATOR OF THE WEEK

Housing wage gap

Minimum wage versus wage needed to afford two-bedroom fair market rent in the greater Portland region, 2001-2013



TRIBUNE GRAPHIC: PETER VOGEL
SOURCE: PSU INSTITUTE OF PORTLAND METROPOLITAN STUDIES

CONSIDER THIS: The minimum wage is growing more rapidly in our region than the cost of housing. Yet those making minimum wage — even those working full time — do not earn enough to afford to rent a home or apartment at the area's fair market rent.

TopPoliceLogs

WEST LINN

2/14 8:39 a.m. Instead of a fork in the road, a knife was found near Fairview Way and Willamette Drive.

2/14 9:55 a.m. A crying and mumbling man was seen leaving the 2100 block of Eighth Court.

2/14 10:22 p.m. Five teens were at the end of a driveway in the 3400 block of Chelan Drive and told a woman to get out of her vehicle. When she refused, they gave chase.

2/16 12:41 p.m. A sinkhole was reported near Blankenship Road and Interstate 205. Police found a pothole.

2/16 8:53 p.m. A man called police saying a subject approached his wife and handed her a flower and a card, which made her "very uncomfortable."

2/17 11:50 a.m. A man in the 4400 block of Elmran Drive was upset a subject was attempting to change a tire in front of his house, concerned his gravel was being damaged.

2/19 1:56 p.m. A woman working in Portland with no way to get home was concerned she left a burning candle in her home in the 6200 block of Elliott Street.

2/19 5:53 p.m. A possum in a driveway in the 3900 block of North Hampton Court seemed to

be having "some type of seizure."

TIGARD

2/25 A man wearing a trench coat was seen tapping on apartment windows in the 12800 block of Grant Avenue.

2/24 A woman driving near 121st Avenue and North Dakota Street was nearly sideswiped by a truck. The driver of the pickup then chased the woman on foot.

2/22 A woman tried to start a fight with people at a bar in the 12700 block of Pacific Highway. The woman reportedly flutated on customers in order to upset them and refused to leave.

A man in the 14900 block of 109th Avenue called police after what sounded like a domestic disturbance in a neighbor's apartment. The man said he could hear furniture being thrown around and screaming. The man also heard people yelling about shooting people. Police responded and learned the sounds were from a man home alone playing online video games. The gamer then promised to quiet down from now on.

LAKE OSWEGO

2/18/14 8:38 a.m. A man was trying to help a woman who has had trouble with men making

sexual advances toward her.

2/18/14 10:25 p.m. An 84-year-old man is constantly drunk when driving to his favorite pizza joint.

2/18/14 12:05 p.m. A man sought advice on what weapons he could legally carry to protect himself against aggressive dogs that might attack him on his walks.

2/20/14 8:42 a.m. A man and woman got together despite restraining orders against both of them.

2/20/14 1:23 p.m. A resident of Highlands Drive believes a neighbor deliberately piled up debris from the recent storm on his driveway.

2/21/14 7:52 p.m. A sloppy homeowner is throwing debris into the street.

2/22/14 1:32 p.m. Some boys raised alarm when they climbed the back fence of a lumberyard on Boones Ferry Road. It turned out they were making a movie.

2/23/14 6:11 p.m. A woman requested extra patrols after seeing someone in the area who doesn't live in her neighborhood.

2/23/14 9:27 p.m. A stressed-out youth called police about yelling parents on Parkview Drive. The parents agreed to quit pushing the topic of grades and college scholarships to relieve some of the student's stress.

WebSurvey

Your Opinion

"Do you support City Commissioner Steve Novick's plan to cut funding for the Police Bureau's Mounted Patrol Unit?"

Yes, we need to spend that money on more important things

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No, the mounted patrol is a valuable part of Portland's culture

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Beaverton schools say \$680M bond pays for 'realistic issues'

New high school, repairs part of plan on May 20 ballot

By SHANNON O. WELLS
Pamplin Media Group

Beaverton voters will get a chance in May to decide on a \$680 million bond measure approved last week by the Beaverton School Board.

The measure will fund new schools, technology and major building renovations officially in the hands of district voters.

With one member absent, the board with minimal discussion voted 6-0 at its Feb. 24 meeting to send the proposal to the May 20 ballot.

The bond measure targets 27 projects, including a new high school in the proposed South Cooper Mountain development area, a new elementary school in North Bethany, replacing the Arts and Communication Magnet Academy, and rebuilding Vose, William Walker and Hazeldale elementary schools. Bond funds would also go toward land purchases, enhanced security and technology and repairing schools throughout the district.

The bond proposal includes \$109 million for the new high school, \$3 million to acquire around 10 acres for an elementary school in the South Cooper Mountain area, \$25 million for a new North Bethany elementary school and \$51.6 million for an 850-student middle school on the former Teufel Nursery property adjacent to the fledgling Timberland housing development.

Based on the retirement of bonds from a 2006 bond measure — the Great Recession precluded a four-year follow-up bond in 2010 — a new bond measure this year would not increase what homeowners currently pay for school bonds.

Following earlier discussions about increasing by 7 cents the \$2.11 per \$1,000 of property value to raise expected revenue by \$30 million, the bond committee stuck with the board's recommended lower amount.



Beaverton Superintendent Jeff Rose helped guide the proposed \$680 million bond plan that local voters will see on their May 20 primary election ballot.

Board Chairwoman Mary VanderWeele praised the bond program and supported recommendations Superintendent Jeff Rose proposed in January.

"I thought the choices we made are fiscally responsible and represent a really good balance between new (facilities), expanded capacity and advancements in technology," she said. "I'm really excited about the technology and getting some of that in the classrooms."

"The work's just beginning," she added of the two-year process to develop the bond proposal, "but this is a milestone."

Board member LeeAnn Larsen stressed the bond projects are not luxury items, but fundamentals for a functional district.

"It's important that the community know this isn't a wish list," she said. "This is a need list. If we're going to have

enough capacity for children coming through our doors, we need this bond."

The time is now

Since the 2006 bond, the district's enrollment has increased by more than 2,600 students, for a total exceeding 39,000, according to district officials. The District Facilities Planning Committee reported four of the district's five comprehensive high schools are near or beyond capacity. The Portland State University's Population Center and the district project 5,400 additional students will enroll in Beaverton schools by 2025.

Rose emphasized the fundamental safety and maintenance aspects the bond measure represents.

"Some of the realistic issues in the bond are very necessary, such as roofs and turf that's safe for students to play on," he said. "If we don't have the capital for that, years

from now we're going to have a major dilemma on things like a roof versus staffing. And I don't think Beaverton wants to be in that place."

During the meeting's visitor comments period, David Strayer, the parent of Vose Elementary School students, encouraged the board to move quickly on the bond before current property tax rates return to pre-bond levels.

"The time to get the bond out is now," he said. "If we wait or hesitate, there's going to be a dip, (which later would) create an impression of an increase in taxes. So now is the time."

Strayer indicated he isn't sure how voters will respond to the bond proposal this time around. "I think it all depends on the message that people want to hear and the message they get to hear. A lot of parents are passionate about schools, but not everyone gets to win on this one. There's a whole bunch of people that need stuff, and there isn't enough money to go around. I think if (bond plans) got too aggressive, it would lose."

"Passing this bond will not only be good for students in Beaverton," Strayer added, "but it will be good for the community of Beaverton."

"It's important that the community know this isn't a wish list. This is a need list. If we're going to have enough capacity for children coming through our doors, we need this bond."

— LeeAnn Larsen, Beaverton School Board member

Sheriff's software boosts reporting

New program links deputies with dispatch, each other

By JOSH KULLA
Pamplin Media Group

It's a change that will go unnoticed to the average citizen.

For the men and women working for the Clackamas County Sheriff's Office, however, the agency's new centralized reporting system could help transform the way they perform their duties. Handwritten reports, forms and other paperwork are on the way out. In its place, the new Report Writer software will not only provide deputies in the field with a new, more efficient means of keeping track of their calls, but the information they upload also will be available to other officers on demand.

"We want to have a system that is a highly searchable, highly stable reporting environment," said Sgt. Dan Kraus of the Wilsonville Police Department, one of four agencies run by the sheriff's office under contract with Wilsonville and other cities. "We want as few glitches as possible, and finally, it needs to be consistent with our deployment of computer resources. Essentially this means every patrol officer is issued a computer that has an air card. They're now able to conduct investigations and do things from their car that probably weren't imagined from a terminal 10 years ago."

The agency has been using a large database it calls ClassWeb for a number of years to warehouse reports and other information. But not only was ClassWeb built with technology that now is badly outdated, virtually everything it contained first had to be copied or scanned and entered into the system by a team of data entry specialists.

Now, those middlemen will be phased out and information from reports will be added to the database directly from the field. Up-to-date software also means that data will be handled far more efficiently in terms of the wireless bandwidth needed to transmit information from the field to the database.

"It was shocking," Kraus said, "because in the old format the amount of memory that was required was crazy. Now, this is

able to retain much more data and it's going to require much less server space. It's much more flexible."

The entire project was done in-house, saving the department a good deal of money while also allowing the two programmers involved to tailor the system precisely to the agency's needs.

"They started writing the code about two years ago," Kraus said. "It's all in-house. The flip side is if you buy something off the shelf that works, then it kind of works. It's not customized to you. This is something that was written in-house and tested for almost a year."

Seamless process

Community Service Officer Julie Fanger is a steady presence at the Wilsonville Police Department. She also handles a large number of reports daily and enters many of them into the system herself. She said the new software would make her job noticeably smoother.

"It's great," she said from behind her terminal at the police station.

The first mobile data terminals, or MDTs, were purchased by large American police agencies in the 1980s. They were normally used to communicate with a dispatch center by means of a vehicle radio modem.

As mobile data technology improved in the late 1990s and early 2000s, the terminals began to perform more tasks for police and other users. The last five years have seen an explosion in the use of mobile data in the consumer market. But law enforcement has been relatively slow to adopt the most recent technology, in part because of the complexity involved with securely connecting numerous law enforcement databases and dispatch centers via wireless networks.

With the adoption of their new software, however, Clackamas County has moved firmly into the 21st century, Kraus said.

"It's not brand new, but it's relatively new to law enforcement," he said. "Now we can do an extraordinary amount of stuff."

Another beneficiary is the county jail in Oregon City. Jail personnel can view an uploaded report on an incoming prisoner before that individual ever reaches the jail sally port for processing.

"The No. 1 priority of the programming team," Kraus said, "is to get the custody forms smoothed out so that they can be prepared at the jail and have that ready for the jail staff ahead of time."

The usual learning curve with any new technology is taking place among the hundreds of personnel across the agency. But once that shakes itself out, Kraus said, the result will be a significant leap in efficiency.

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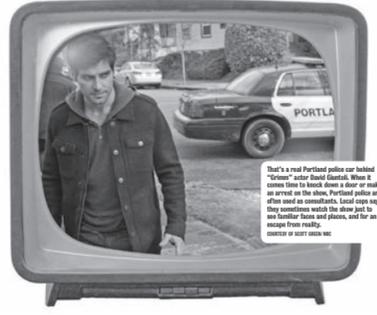
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Will mounted patrol ride off into the sunset?
Nonprofit group takes to TV to buck Novick plan to cut police horse unit

By JIM REDDEN
Mayor Charlie Hales' plan to cut the Portland Police Mounted Patrol unit is being opposed by a nonprofit group that has taken the issue to television. The Friends of the Mounted Patrol, a group of horse enthusiasts, has a TV show that airs on the local PBS station. The group is planning to air a special episode on the unit's future, which is set to be decided by the city council in the next few months. The unit has a long history and is a popular sight in the city. The group is concerned that the unit will be disbanded, which would be a loss for the community. They are hoping to raise awareness and gain support for the unit's continuation.

WATCHING THE DETECTIVES
Cops find something to love, hate in lineup of police TV programs

By PETER KORN
If you're a fan of police TV shows, you know that the lineups are often the most interesting part of the show. In a recent episode of "The Mentalist," the cops find a body in a field. The show is a popular one, and it's always interesting to see how the cops solve the cases. The show is a mix of action and mystery, and it's always a good watch. The cops are always on the edge, and the cases are always interesting. The show is a great way to spend some time, and it's always a good watch.

It's the bees' needs, and Sabin has it
Sabin residents raise awareness about pollinators, habitat

By JENNIFER ANDERSON
The Sabin neighborhood in Portland is home to a large number of bees. The residents are concerned about the decline in bee populations and are taking steps to help. They have created a pollinator garden, which is a garden that is specifically designed to attract and support pollinators. The garden is a mix of native plants and flowers, and it's a great way to help the bees. The residents are also raising awareness about the importance of pollinators and the need to protect them. They are hoping to inspire other people to do the same.

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Annual intergalactic battle helps Red Cross save lives

North Valley and his Imperial Stormtroopers stop holiday shoppers in their tracks outside Macy's (above). Jonathan Maxwell of Candy has his picture taken with Queen Apollonia (right).

Hales tiptoes toward big ideas
One year in office, mayor puts priority on revenue, parks

By STEVE LAW
Mayor Charlie Hales is looking for ways to improve the city's revenue and parks. He has a number of ideas, including a new tax on parking and a new park system. He is also looking for ways to improve the city's infrastructure and public services. He is a visionary leader, and he is committed to making the city a better place to live. He is always looking for new ideas and ways to improve the city.

BEAM ME UP, SCOTTY
THE FORCE IS OUT FOR BLOOD

Story by Jim Redden • Photos by Jaime Valdez
A group of Star Wars fans gathered in the city for a parade. The fans were dressed in costumes, including Star Wars characters. The parade was a great success, and the fans were very happy. The costumes were very well made, and the fans were very creative. The parade was a great way to celebrate the Star Wars franchise, and it was a great day for everyone.

Pat downs likely to increase as cops take to the street
Police say conversation a priority; others say random stops are recipe for trouble

By PETER KORN
The police are likely to increase pat downs as they take to the street. The police say that conversation is a priority, but others say that random stops are a recipe for trouble. The police are trying to keep the streets safe, but they are also trying to be fair. The police are always on the edge, and they are always looking for ways to improve. The police are a great service, and they are always there for us.

Tech firms seek a place in economy's spotlight
Intel is well-known, but other companies fly under the radar

By JIM REDDEN
Tech firms are looking for a place in the economy's spotlight. Intel is well-known, but other companies fly under the radar. The tech industry is growing, and there are many opportunities. The tech industry is always looking for new ways to improve, and there are always new challenges. The tech industry is a great industry, and it's always a good place to work.

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TriMet reforms are seriously needed as agency fumbles on civil rights, other issues

MYVIEW

By Jonathan Ostar

The recent secretary of state's audit of TriMet confirms what everyone already knows: the agency is in desperate need of reform.

Worker morale is at an all-time low, and public trust in the agency is broken. What the audit left out is TriMet's mishandling of transit equity and civil rights issues, which threaten to undermine our region's livability.

We all know how essential affordable, frequent and accessible transit is to our region — access to jobs and services; cleaner air and fewer carbon emissions; decreased congestion; and increased safety. TriMet once helped make Portland a great place to live, regardless of your background or privilege.

But years of fare hikes and service cuts, the result of poor management and a "see-no-evil" culture, have finally caught up to us. Ridership is down, bucking a national trend, along with on-time performance, down a whopping 22 percent. Off-peak service is awful, and prices are too high. Riders know a bum deal when they see one.

TriMet has gotten away from its core business of providing transit service and has instead become a regional development engine, shrouded in a culture of secrecy, increasingly out of touch with the public.

Bus riders first prioritized the need to extend transfer times for cash or ticket riders back in November 2010. Transit is a lifeline to opportunity for the vast majority of cash/ticket riders who are low-income. Others might choose to leave their cars at home and use transit with more time to get around. Extending transfers helps restore value to runaway fare prices and increases ridership and farebox revenue.

After two years of exhaustive study, the agency realized that everyone benefits when you provide targeted relief to those who need it the most. On Jan. 22, the board was set to pass Ordinance 332 and extend transfers to 2.5 hours. But then politics and hubris got in the way.

Until recently, TriMet had generally met the letter of the law on civil rights compliance, if not the spirit. The agency has massaged "transit equity" into a public relations buzzword; another "advisory committee" with no authority was created to keep up appearances. But last year, the agency fell well short of the mark, failing to keep up with changes to federal Civil Rights



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO: JIM CLARK

A recent state audit pointed out several flaws in TriMet's system, but it also showed that the regional transit agency needs to pay more attention to the rights of its low-income riders, according to a MyView writer.

guidelines and with the region's changing demographics.

Last July, TriMet quietly reversed its 1994 decision to provide weekend bus riders with longer transfers due to insufficient service, cutting an hour off the time, without adding any service. TriMet then whitewashed a civil rights report to the Federal Transit Administration, submitting it before allowing its "advisory committee" or board of directors to even read it first. And let's not forget the secret raises for management in the FY13 budget

while raising fares and cutting service for riders.

The recent executive decision to indefinitely table Ordinance 332 because of "uncertainty" around civil rights compliance is a new low, reeking of retaliation for OPAL's attempt to enforce federal requirements. Two years of solid analysis is sufficient to resolve this issue. TriMet is holding all of us hostage by continuing to punish low-income riders who have been squeezed the most and desperately need relief.

Riders have lots of great ideas, but TriMet's disdain for authentic engagement has exhausted any remaining goodwill. The audit's recommendations are a start, but serious reform is needed.

Riders urge the TriMet board to extend transfer times so we can get back to the real business of increasing access to opportunity for all.

Jonathan Ostar is executive director of OPAL Environmental Justice Oregon in Portland.



WE HEARD IT

"Ellen's talk show has picked up quite a few pizzas from us. They had us make a giant pizza before for one of her shows."

— A spokesman for Big Mama's & Papa's Pizzeria told ABC News Sunday night after their employee, Edgar, delivered three large pizzas to the 86th annual Academy Awards ceremony.

"The national parks of Oregon attract visitors from across the country and around the world. Visitors come to have a great experience, and end up spending a little money along the way."

— Chris Lehnertz, National Park Service Regional Director, on a new report showing Oregon parks bring in about \$58.5 million each year.

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— Ukraine interim Prime Minister Arseniy Yatsenyuk

We're addicted to the wrong drug laws

The apparent heroin overdose death of actor Philip Seymour Hoffman early last month has become a hockey puck in the war over the war on drugs.

During a House subcommittee hearing on federal marijuana policy just days after Hoffman's death, critics of the war on drugs hammered a White House drug official for putting too much emphasis on marijuana when Washington instead should focus on dangerous drugs that actually kill users.

"What is more dangerous and addictive," U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, an Oregon Democrat representing the state's 3rd Congressional District, asked the White House's deputy director of drug control policy, Michael Botticelli, "methamphetamine and cocaine or marijuana?"

"I think that conversation minimizes the harm," Botticelli

sort of answered.

"How many people die from marijuana overdoses every year?" U.S. Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va., inquired.

Botticelli said he didn't know, that fatal marijuana overdoses are "very rare."

Botticelli answered that people have to look at "the totality of harm that's associated with a substance." Even if "marijuana doesn't have the lethality and the overdose potential that heroin or alcohol does," there are "significant health consequences that are associated with the drug."

Blumenauer put together a paper that examined deaths caused by alcohol abuse (80,000 a year) and tobacco use (400,000 annually). He observed that Washington has been able to wage successful campaigns to decrease smoking "without locking people up."

MYVIEW

Debra J. Saunders

Anti-smoking campaigns have worked because they are fact-based — unlike the Controlled Substances Act, which places marijuana in the same Schedule I category as heroin, a drug that can kill.

So why not change the law? Botticelli argued that he has met with families devastated by addiction and parents whose children died from drug overdoses. They cannot understand why states have legalized medical and recreational marijuana. They believe, said Botticelli, that "legalizing marijuana sends the absolute worst message to our youth."

Their children didn't overdose on marijuana, countered

U.S. Rep. Steve Cohen, D-Tenn. "It is ludicrous, absurd, crazy to have marijuana in the same level as heroin," quoth Cohen. "Ask the late Philip Seymour Hoffman, if you could. Nobody dies from marijuana. People die from heroin. And every second we spend in this country trying to enforce marijuana laws is a second that we're not enforcing heroin laws."

I should note that committee Republicans hit President Barack Obama for not being tough enough on marijuana. The panel's chairman, U.S. Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., groused about Obama's "schizophrenic" approach.

On the one hand, the president recently told The New Yorker that he considers marijuana to be no more dangerous than alcohol and wants Washington and Colorado ballot measures that legalized recreation-

al marijuana to proceed. On the other hand, the administration has continued to prosecute medical marijuana dispensers in the 21 states that have legalized medical marijuana.

The answer to the "schizophrenic" charge would be for Obama to direct Attorney General Eric Holder to remove marijuana from the list of Schedule I drugs. Congress also could change the law, but Blumenauer spokesman Patrick Malone noted that with the GOP in control of the House, that's unlikely: "So that leaves us with the administrative route. The president has said that he's going to use his executive powers to do what he can to effect change. Well, here is an opportunity."

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Bill puts schools on the spot for mascots

Districts must get tribes' OK to be the Indians or Braves

By MARK MILLER
Pamplin Media Group

A controversial bill requiring a handful of Oregon schools to get permission to use Native American mascots is on its way to Gov. John Kitzhaber's desk, where he most likely will sign it into law.

Lawmakers in Salem approved Senate Bill 1509 last week, allowing school districts to get Native American tribes' permission to use school mascots that represent or are significant to the tribes.

The bill was Oregon lawmakers' second attempt to carve out space for schools, such as high schools in Scappoose and Banks, to retain their native-themed mascots in the face of pending rule changes that would prohibit such mascots by 2017.

State Sen. Jeff Kruse, R-Roseburg, SB 1509's chief sponsor, told lawmakers that he believes "all of the names (of existing school mascots) will be acceptable" under the bill.

"There may be some symbols that are being used that may need to be modified," Kruse said last week.

The mascot for Kruse's alma mater, Roseburg High School, is the Indians. During last year's legislative session, Kruse sponsored Senate Bill 215, which Kitzhaber vetoed. Kitzhaber, a former Roseburg emergency room physician, said he vetoed the bill because he believed it created an overly broad exception to the State Board of Education's decision to ban native-themed mascots.

Kitzhaber's spokeswoman Rachel Wray says the governor intends to sign SB 1509. Parts of the bill were crafted to win the governor's approval, Kruse said.

Changes in education

A primary difference between SB 215 and SB 1509 is the role of the State Board of Education, the same body that voted in 2012 to prohibit native-themed mascots. SB 215 would have left it to



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The Scappoose Indians symbol on the wall of the Scappoose High School gymnasium, is among the disputed images.

each school district and federally recognized Oregon tribe to create an agreement allowing the district to use native-themed mascots. But SB 1509 requires such an agreement to meet criteria it directs the State Board of Education to set out by 2017. The board's approval would be required for a mascot agreement to take effect, although Kruse said that process will essentially be automatic if the agreement meets the board's criteria.

"This will modify the state board's rules," Kruse said of the bill.

Another key difference is that SB 215 specified that a school district must work with the tribe closest to it to form a mascot agreement, while SB 1509 contains no such geographical restriction.

"That can be somewhat confusing, because some of the tribes share geographic descriptions," Kruse said. "In my part of the world, both the Coquille (Indian) Tribe and the Cow Creek (Band of Umpqua) Tribe (of Indians) basically have claims, for example, in the Medford area."

Kruse said about 15 public high schools in Oregon have native-themed mascots. "In virtually every case that I'm aware of, the schools have been in communication with their tribes and have basically worked out most of the issues," said Kruse. "So, to a large degree, once the state board has adopted this rule, the next step for the schools and tribes will

be relatively simple."

Both Scappoose High School and Scappoose Middle School have native-themed mascots and athletic team names: the Indians and the Warriors.

Scappoose Superintendent Stephen Jupe said he thinks the district can reach an agreement with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde to keep the mascot names, although he said the way Scappoose schools teach the history of native people and use native-themed symbols could change.

"I am pretty sure, and I approve, of the idea that the tribes will want us to have an element of education about our history," Jupe said. "I think there are some of our symbols ... that the tribe will probably expect us to change to more accurately represent the local native people."

Jupe is glad to see legislative action on the issue. "Up to now, it was just sort of ruled by the State Board of Education. That was kind of a weird way to go about legislating this."

Rep. Brad Witt, D-Clatskanie, whose House district includes Scappoose, voted in favor of SB 1509 — as did Rep. Deborah Boone, D-Cannon Beach, who represents Banks and several other communities where public schools have native-themed mascots.

"I didn't hear from any of them asking me to change this," Boone said. She said she heard from constituents, especially in Banks, who made compelling arguments in favor of allowing Banks High School to remain the Banks Braves.

Of the school mascots, Boone said, "It's just my opinion that it's their decision to make."

Not everyone agreed with Boone. State Rep. Joe Gallegos, D-Hillsboro, one of the legislators who voted against the bill, said in a statement that the stereotyping of Native Americans is "dehumanizing — not just to the individual who is stereotyped, but to all children who learn to accept the stereotypes of others."

"School mascots based on stereotypes can be especially damaging, and I believe our students will be better able to learn and thrive when they all feel safe, supported and equal," Gallegos said.



Deborah Kafoury and Jim Francesconi are already facing off in the Multnomah County Chair race.
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County race: Bridge tolls or joint effort among ideas

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Bridge replacement project.

Multnomah County maintains and operates the Burnside, Broadway, Hawthorne, Morrison, Sauvie Island and Sellwood bridges. The county's responsibility for those bridges has been a topic of concern for years, because the bridges serve the region, but Multnomah County foots the bill.

Transportation issues dominated the Wednesday debate sponsored by the Women Transportation Seminar.

Despite that, Francesconi and Kafoury also spent a lot of time talking about the county's major area of responsibility — social service programs. Francesconi and Kafoury both said county programs are essential for the homeless, those in poverty, the mentally ill and victims of domestic violence.

An aggressive campaign

Wednesday's debate came in the midst of a May election campaign that's already well underway. Francesconi and Kafoury have been busy raising money, soliciting endorsements and making campaign appearances.

Although Kafoury was required by county rules to resign from her county commissioner District 1 seat to run for chair, she has all the campaign advantages of incumbency. To date, she has raised the most money and attracted the most

endorsements.

Kafoury has collected more than \$184,000 so far. Major contributions include: \$5,000 from Sellwood Bridge contactors Slayden/Sundt; \$5,000 from philanthropist Bob Quillan; \$2,000 from the Local 48 Electricians PAC; \$1,000 from the Coca-Cola Co.; \$1,500 from PGE; \$1,000 from the David Evans and Associates consulting firm; and \$500 from the Portland Business Alliance PAC.

Kafoury also has received hundreds of endorsements from labor unions, environmental organizations and such well-known political figures as Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber and Oregon's 1st Congressional District Rep. Suzanne Bonimici.

Francesconi, however, has mounted a surprisingly viable campaign, even though he hasn't held local office since he left the City Council in 2004. He has raised more than \$132,000 so far, with major contributions including: \$1,500 from investor Peter Stott; \$1,000 from industrialist Henry Swigert; \$500 from the Pacific Northwest Regional Council of Carpenters; \$1,000 from Chinese community leader Steven Louie; \$1,000 from developer Jim Winkler; \$1,500 from health care executive Robert Gootee; and \$1,000 from investment ad-

viser Anthony Arnerich.

Francesconi does not have any big name endorsements, but he has picked up the backing of AFSCME Local 88, the largest union representing county employees.

Francesconi also has been running the more aggressive campaign, proposing to expand county operations with more economic development and job training programs.

During Wednesday's debate, he repeatedly said the county could and should do more to close the growing income disparity gap. Kafoury tended to characterize the county's mission as more of a last-ditch safety net for those in need.

Francesconi and Kafoury will appear twice on the May 20 primary election ballot. One race is to fill the unexpired final months of former Chair Jeff Cogen's term, which stretches until the end of the year. The other is for the next four-year term that begins in January 2015. Three other candidates have filed in each of those races, but they are not considered serious challengers.

Any candidate who receives more than 50 percent of the vote will win the election outright in the primary. Otherwise, the top two vote-getters face off in the November general election.

"Money is the issue and we don't need to create a new bureaucracy to find it."

— Deborah Kafoury

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Hales to region: initiatives could be 'toxic' for cities

Mayor tells business group tax reform could spur growth

By JIM REDDEN
The Tribune

Portland Mayor Charlie Hales criticized two upcoming regional ballot measures as "toxic" last week.

Speaking before the Feb. 27 Westside Economic Alliance breakfast meeting, Hales denounced the measure on the March 11 special election ballot in Tigard that would block plans for a new high-capacity transit line between Portland and Tualatin.

He also blasted the measure on the May 20 primary election ballot in Portland to create an independent water and sewer district.

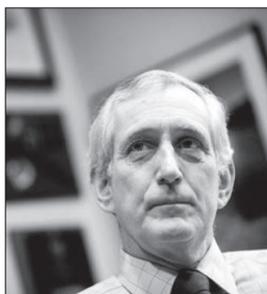
Although Hales said both measures were "seductive," he said they would have negative consequences. He compared the proposed Portland Public Water District to Clackamas River Water, the small Clacka-

mas County water district whose board has been fighting for years on personnel and financial matters.

Hales shared the alliance breakfast stage with Hillsboro Mayor Jerry Willey and Beaverton Mayor Denny Doyle, and all three spent most of their time talking about benefits of cooperation and problems created by Oregon's complex property tax limitation system.

It was the second time Hales had spoken at the forum, and only the second time that any Portland mayor had attended a meeting of the public-private economic development advocacy organization.

All three mayors cited efforts to convince Google to install its ultra-high speed fiber optic broadband system in the region as an example of working together. Six cities in the region are trying to convince Google they can handle the complex permitting and installation request by May. Google will decide if it will expand by the end of the year. Other cities in the running for



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO: CHRISTOPHER ONSTOTT
Portland Mayor Charlie Hales says local governments should work together to find solutions to issues like funding services and mass transit.

the Google system are Gresham, Lake Oswego, Tigard and Tualatin.

The mayors also agreed that property tax restrictions have prompted their cities to impose new fees and charges to help finance infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate growth. Hales, Willey and Doyle all say they believe the fees and charges — including system development charg-

es imposed on new construction projects — are now so high that some developers are going elsewhere. Hales said he hoped Gov. John Kitzhaber will lead a tax reform effort to address the problems created by the limitation system, including wildly different taxes paid on properties of equal value.

All three agreed that local governments will have to find new sources of funds for road projects and improvements because the federal and state governments have failed to keep raising gas taxes to keep up with inflation and population increases.

Willey also took the opportunity to announce that the 2014 Oregon International Air Show is back on track. The headline Canadian Forces Snowbirds had pulled out because of budget cuts, causing organizers to consider canceling the popular mid-September event at the Hillsboro Airport. But they re-committed just days before the WEA forum, much to the relief of Willey and his wife, Judy, who is president of the show's board.

Woodburn on track for future rail station

ODOT studying project to link cities with high-speed trains

By JANIS BRENTANO
Pamplin Media Group

Woodburn may be home to a new passenger railway station if plans for the Oregon Passenger Rail project stay on track.

High-speed rail service being studied by Oregon's Department of Transportation could someday whisk riders between stops at speeds of 90 to 125 miles per hour, reducing the time it would take to travel between Willamette Valley cities. ODOT expects final project decisions on the possible rail system by 2016.

The Oregon Passenger Rail project is studying options for improving passenger rail service on the 125-mile segment between Portland and Eugene. ODOT and the

Federal Railroad Administration are preparing a tier 1 environmental impact statement, which includes selecting the general rail alignment and the communities where stations would be located.

"I think it would be a great thing," said Woodburn Mayor Kathy Figley about the potential of a rail station in the city. "Both as a city and I, personally, think it would be great for downtown and it would certainly be a convenience for many of our residents."

The potential station has not been sited by ODOT, but Figley is in favor of locating it downtown near the Locomotive Park, which sits on the corner of Cleveland and Front streets.

Two alternatives are being discussed: The first route would come through downtown Woodburn, following the existing Amtrak Cascades route. The second route runs near Interstate 5 from Eugene-Springfield to Keizer, then follows the Oregon Electric rail line from Keizer to Wilsonville, traveling through

West Woodburn, eventually merging with the existing Amtrak alignment in Oregon City.

According to ODOT, it takes passengers more than two hours to travel from Portland to Eugene by rail. The idea of the Oregon Passenger Rail project is to significantly cut that time and make rail travel between cities more efficient, safe and affordable. ODOT predicts a need for a better passenger rail system due to increases in both population and freight volume forecast for the Willamette Valley during the next 25 years.

"A great thing would be how it would generate more (pedestrian) traffic downtown," Figley said of a Woodburn station. This, in turn, would encourage more business in the downtown area in an effort to accommodate people using the train service, she added.

"The other thing is we have so many people who are either retirees or in the college student age bracket where getting back and forth by some means that doesn't involve driving (would be convenient), especially for people who don't have cars or don't drive anymore. A third of our population is 19 or under and then a huge amount of our population is 65 and older. We have a lot of potential riders here."

"And we have the first- or second-biggest tourist attraction in the state within our city limits," she said, referring to the Woodburn Premium Outlets. "I think there are some shoppers who would definitely make a day of it, or a day and an overnight of it, by train, if that opportunity was available to them."

A recommendation for the preferred route won't be made until late 2015. Find detailed information about the project at the website oregonpassenger rail.org.

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— Kathy Figley, Woodburn mayor

Court throws out Ann Rule's lawsuit

By MARA STINE
Pamplin Media Group

A defamation lawsuit filed by Ann Rule against an Eagle Creek man who wrote a scathing article about the queen of true crime has been dismissed.

King County Superior Court Judge Laura Inveen dismissed Rule's case against Rick Swart and the weekly newspaper in Seattle that published his article, citing Washington state's anti-SLAPP (Strategic Lawsuit Against Public Participation) statute.

Seattle Weekly published Swart's article, "Ann Rule's Slop-py Storytelling," in 2011 in which he criticized Rule's book about Liysa Northon, an Oregon woman who was convicted of killing

her husband during a 2000 camping trip in Northeast Oregon.

Swart, a former newspaper editor and publisher, dissected how Rule's book "Heart Full of Lies" inaccurately painted Northon as a sociopathic killer.

Two days after the article published on July 20, 2011, Swart made a shocking admission: The subject of his article was his fiancée. They were married in the visiting room at Coffee Creek Correctional Facility in Wilsonville within two months of the article's publication.

"We feel vindicated by the findings of the court," Swart said in a statement. "This is a victory not only for me but for every journalist who relies on First Amendment protection of free speech."

Rule contended that the arti-



Liysa Northon and Rick Swart
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cle damaged her reputation as a best-selling true-crime writer. Rule's attorney Anne Bremner said they "respectfully disagree" with the ruling and are considering an appeal.

The judge found that Washington's law against lawsuits intended to punish free speech applied to the case. The judge also found that Rule had not proved

that Swart's allegations in the article were false or defamatory.

Rule must pay Swart, the newspaper and two other defendants each \$10,000, as well as attorney and legal fees. The other defendants include the newspaper's former editor and Village Voice Media, which owned the newspaper at the time the article was published.

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Paul Thalhofer

December 25, 1927 to February 13, 2014

Paul Thalhofer, a longtime Troutdale civic leader, died peacefully after declining health.

Born in Klamath Falls, Paul was reared in Prineville. He was high school student body president and varsity basketball team captain. After service in the United States Navy, Paul graduated from the University of Oregon and Oregon Law School. He made the Ducks football team but an early injury ended his playing.

Paul made Troutdale his home for many years because it reminded him of his small-town upbringing. While working as an insurance agent, Paul built a distinguished civic leadership record that included ten years as a city councilman and sixteen years as mayor.

Animated by deep commitment to Troutdale's well-being, Paul's public work helped bring many notable achievements, including the Sandy River Lifeguard Program, saving of Edgefield Manor from demolition, relocation of the city's sewage treatment plant away from downtown, downtown redevelopment and beautification, Imagination Station playground in Columbia Park, arrival of FedEx in Troutdale, and formation of the Troutdale Chamber of Commerce. Paul was widely considered a mentor of other civic leaders and deeply respected for his visionary and inclusive leadership.

Preceded in death by his former wife Elizabeth of Denver, Colorado, Paul is survived by sons Paul in Canby, and Stephen and Mark in Denver; brother Robert in Rockford, Illinois; sister Mary Ann Myers in Portland; four grandchildren and a great granddaughter; fiancée Sally Burger of Prineville, his high school sweetheart; and Shay Berg who lived with Paul for many years and was like a grandson.

A funeral Mass for Paul will be at St. Henry's Catholic Church, Gresham, on March 8 at 10 a.m. A civic celebration of Paul's life and service will be on March 8 at 2 p.m. in the Sam Cox Building, Glenn Otto Park, Troutdale. Internment will be in Prineville's Juniper Haven Cemetery at 2 p.m. on March 11.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the Shay Berg account at Bank of America, 241st and Stark branch, to help Shay meet the costs of finishing his civil engineering study at Portland State; or to Multnomah County Animal Services, PO Box 698, Troutdale 97060.



In Loving Memory

Patrick Donald McInnis

Aug. 23, 1972

- Feb. 20, 2014



Patrick Donald McInnis was born at Willamette Falls Hospital in Oregon City, Ore. He passed from natural causes at age 41.

Patrick attended Ickes Jr. High and Clackamas High School in Milwaukie, Ore. He was very proud of his Associate Degree in Criminal Justice received from Heald College.

Patrick proudly served almost 18 years in the military, both Navy and Oregon National Guard. During his naval career, Pat was stationed in Sigonella, Sicily for four years where two of his daughters, Mandy and Ally were born. While serving on the USS John F. Kennedy, he had the opportunity to go through both the Suez and Panama Canals. Upon separation from the Navy, Patrick joined the Oregon National Guard, with two deployments to Iraq.

Patrick is survived by his wife, Wendy McInnis; daughters, Ava McInnis, Paige Curtis, Amanda McInnis, and Alexandra McInnis; a son, Cameron Gray; stepdaughter, Mariah Hodges; parents, Richard McInnis and Linda and David Reese; sisters, Teresa and Keith Bjelland of Milwaukie, Ore., Nicole Reese of Seattle, Wash., Melissa and Jeff Brunette of Sandy, Ore., Debbie and Jim Summers of Spokane, Wash., Danette White of Spokane, Wash., and Julie and Tom Greenfield of Spokane, Wash.; and brother, Michael and Jennifer Reese of Seattle, Wash.; numerous aunts and uncles, nieces and nephews and more than 150 cousins.

A memorial service will be held at Willamette National Cemetery on Friday, March 7, 2014 at 12:30 p.m. If you plan to attend, please meet at the main office no later than 12:15 p.m. A reception will be held after the service at the Milwaukie Elks Lodge, 13121 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Milwaukie, Ore. from 1:30-4:00 p.m. This is a child friendly venue.

Donations in Patrick's name may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project.

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In Loving Memory

Melvin John Walker

1942 to 2014

Melvin John walker passed away on Feb. 19, 2014 at the age 71.

He was the first of five children born to Wilma and Harold Walker. He was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. He loved going to the American Legion in McMinnville, Ore. He was so proud to serve his country in the United States Navy from 1961-1969. He loved going to play Bingo with his wife and doing his yard work.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Walker; daughter Tammy Walker; son Kevin Walker; and two grandchildren, NaTasha Walker and Michael Ballard Jr. all of McMinnville, Ore.; a brother, Marvin Walker of Tigard, Ore.; and a sister, Marie Lilly of Fort Myers, Fla.; with lots of nieces, nephews and other family members. We will miss him dearly.

There will be a celebration of life at the American Legion in Tigard, Ore. on March 8, 2014 from 1 p.m.-4 p.m. People who want to join family and friends decorate in his honor, may meet at his bench at 12 p.m.

Philippians 1:23-24 "I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account."



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Hales' plans to alter Portland's urban renewal districts could provide money to help owners of Old Town buildings who want to renovate structures like this one to meet seismic codes.

PDC: Old Town properties could benefit from altered boundaries

From page 1

Redrawing the urban renewal districts is the first step in rethinking the city's approach, Hales says. "There is a larger discussion that we're launching about the future of the Portland Development Commission and its multiple missions," he says.

Though he promises changes at PDC, his proposed plan supports the agency's historic role in using subsidies and other development tools in the central city area.

"I believe the traditional mission of PDC is still very valid and this is an affirmation of that belief," Hales says.

Patrick Quinton, PDC executive director, adds: "I think it's kind of updating the structure of our urban renewal areas to fit the opportunities that we see in front of us to pursue."

Help for Old Town buildings

Hales wants to expand the Central Eastside Urban Renewal Area by about 130 acres, and extend its life by five years, so the city can spur redevelopment near the new MAX line to Milwaukie, especially the light rail stops at OMSI and Clinton Street. That could yield an additional \$21 million to spend, including \$3.6 million for subsidized housing.

Hales also sees ripe opportunities to assist redevelopment of the Zidell barge site on the waterfront, as well as the Knight Cancer Research Institute proposed on Oregon Health & Science University's adjoining property.

To do that, Hales wants to add about 35 acres to the North Macadam Urban Renewal Area that includes the South Waterfront, and give it five more years to raise money.

"I think it's kind of updating the structure of our urban renewal areas to fit the opportunities that we see in front of us to pursue."

— Patrick Quinton, PDC executive director

"What we don't want to do is shut down that urban renewal area before we make the most of it," Hales says.

The expansion could yield about \$60 million additional funding for PDC and about \$24.5 million for low-income housing projects, says Kimberly Branam, PDC deputy director.

Hales had indicated months ago that the Pearl District doesn't need much more city subsidies, and he suggested he might put the entire district

back on the tax rolls. Property values in the district have grown from \$461 million when it was created to \$2.1 billion now, and PDC collects taxes based on the increased property value, making it a veritable golden goose for funding projects.

But Hales' proposal would put only about 15 percent of the River District Urban Renewal Area property value back on the tax rolls.

Hales realized that he needed to keep the urban renewal area mostly intact to raise more money to improve Old Town and Chinatown. He'd like the PDC to focus on subsidizing Old Town's historic properties in need of seismic upgrades that don't now pencil out.

But first Hales must get buy-in for his plan from members of the PDC board and the rest of the City Council.

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Mayor wants to pull plug on PSU district

City, PDC may look for other ways to help university area

By STEVE LAW
The Tribune



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO: JONATHAN HOUSE
PSU President Wim Weiwel worked with former Mayor Sam Adams to create an education urban renewal district, which could be dismantled by current Mayor Charlie Hales.

Mayor Charlie Hales wants to pull the plug on the fledgling urban renewal district around Portland State University championed by his predecessor Sam Adams.

Hales says the Education Urban Renewal Area isn't the best way for the city to help PSU, and he's making good on a campaign promise to put dollars back into the tax system by shrinking the land Portland ties up in urban renewal.

"Urban renewal is just one of the tools that we have in our kit to help PSU," Hales says. "There's also a general concern that urban renewal areas never seem to expire."

The Education Urban Renewal Area, however, never got off the ground.

It was approved less than two years ago, pushed by Adams and PSU President Wim Weiwel. The plan called for spending \$169 million during the next several years to refurbish PSU buildings, spur redevelopment of surrounding blocks — perhaps including Lincoln High School — and build affordable housing.

But it had some shortcomings, according to Hales and Ed McNamara, his policy director for urban renewal.

PSU doesn't pay property taxes, and that's how urban renewal areas raise money. "It's not going to produce value added for a long time," Hales says.

As a result, it would take many years to finance any improvements near PSU.

As an alternative, Hales proposes to expand the nearby North Macadam Urban Renewal Area, site of the South Waterfront project. That would raise money sooner to support PSU, McNamara says.

A draft map shows that district expanding west from the waterfront to around Southwest Fifth Avenue, stopping short of the Park Blocks where PSU's main campus lies. Some of that area has "great economic opportunity," Hales says.

Threat of lawsuit

A second flaw surfaced after the education district was created. Critics complained that if the city spent property taxes on the PSU campus, it would shrink property taxes available for public schools, Portland Community College and the Multnomah Education Service District. Oregon's Measure 5 property tax law limits the total amount for education, and attorney Greg Howe had said he would sue the city to enforce a strict interpretation of Measure 5.

PSU has publicly downplayed that concern. However, the city's urban renewal agency says it would have to invest

in infrastructure rather than PSU's campus.

"We'd be more cautious ourselves about spending money on campus-related projects, just because of the increased scrutiny on it," says Patrick Quinton, Portland Development Commission executive director.

The original campus projects identified for the Education Urban Renewal Area "look a lot more questionable today," McNamara says. "From a legal perspective," he says, Hales now sees urban renewal for PSU "as an imperfect tool."

Hales also points out that Adams hoped to use the urban renewal area to subsidize the Oregon Sustainability Center, which has since been canceled.

A tool for PSU's growth

Wiewel still favors the original plan, says PSU spokesman Scott Gallagher, noting that his boss and Hales are still talking about the proposed changes, and nothing is finalized.

"We're confident that the city and PDC are still supportive of PSU's growth," Gallagher says. "Urban renewal was a tool to do that, but not the only tool."

Scrapping the district also would nix plans for PDC to pay \$19 million for a new Multnomah County office building. But that

was conceived as a way of repaying the county for lost property taxes from the district.

"With the urban renewal area not going forward, the county recognizes that there's no loss to make up for," Quinton says.

Nor do Portland Public Schools leaders seem all that "enamored" of the earlier plans to redevelop Lincoln High, Hales says.

The main concern he's heard from his colleagues is about losing \$46 million that would have gone to subsidized housing. Still, Hales figures he's got enough support to pass his plans to reshape the city's urban renewal areas, after some fine-tuning.

"I believe there's a majority of the City Council and a majority of the Portland Development Commission that wants to make these reforms reality," he says.

"We're confident that the city and PDC are still supportive of PSU's growth. Urban renewal was a tool to do that, but not the only tool."

— Scott Gallagher, PSU spokesman

Parrish loses GOP leadership post

Tualatin rep no longer second most powerful in caucus

By SAUNDRA SORENSON
Pamplin Media Group

A Feb. 24 mid-session election in the House Republican caucus cost state Rep. Julie Parrish, R-Tualatin, a prominent seat at the table.

Parrish will be replaced by freshman state Rep. John Davis, R-Wilsonville, as deputy leader. Davis represents District 26, which includes Sherwood.

Parrish is in her second term and has announced her candidacy for re-election in November. She responded to the announcement by wishing caucus leadership well, but declined to comment on the shift.

Some prominent House Republicans, including state Rep. Vicki Berger of Salem, denied the vote signaled anything other than the caucus was shifting

gears in an election year.

"We're not rejecting Julie," Berger said. "We're trying to get the right people to do the job that needs to happen. It is our prerogative to pick the people that are going to be most effective to do the job between now and November."

Berger said Parrish's position in the caucus had been particularly focused on "vetting candidates," and praised Parrish for her strength "with data and analyzing campaigns to good effect."

"We're about to change, quite frankly, from governing to campaigns, and we had all of our elected offices up for re-election. This is between now and the election. This will be the team that will be in leadership" through November.

But state Rep. Dennis Richardson, R-Central Point, a gubernatorial candidate, described Monday's caucus upset as a case of causation. "There are people in the caucus that felt it was not appropriate for a caucus leader to be recruiting someone to run against another

Republican in the primary," Richardson said, referring to in-party strategizing around the soon-to-be-vacated seat in District 25.

Nine-year House veteran Rep. Kim Thatcher, R-Keizer, announced her bid for Oregon Senate late last year. The same day, right-wing, Salem-area radio host Bill Post made a bid for her seat, and Richardson said Thatcher "recruited" Post for the position.

According to Richardson, Parrish's major misstep was not only backing, but similarly recruiting, Barbara Jensen, who announced her candidacy for representative of District 25 on Feb. 11.

"The issue that led to the election of a new Republican leader was whether or not it was appropriate for a sitting Republican — a person in leadership — to be recruiting" another candidate for the Republican primary, Richardson said.

"What the issue came down to was, if Julie Parrish wants to be involved in the Republican pri-

mary, (fine), but not in a position of leader."

Berger claimed the timing of the vote was due to logistics, and the fact many Republican caucus members live in outlying areas, making votes more difficult when out of session.

But Richardson said the election was scheduled in response to the previous caucus whip's resignation.

"Wally Hicks (R-Grants Pass) said he needed to be freed from his position," Richardson said.

Third-term state Rep. Sherrie Sprenger, R-Scio, became the newest House Republican whip, joining newcomer Davis.

"The position was, 'Maybe it's time for us to look at the leadership team as a team, and not just (by) individual position,'" Richardson said.

Berger described Davis as an ambitious young attorney and "another one of the young guns," with a strong track record of fundraising for candidates.

"He's well-situated — as is Julie — near the metro area," Berger added.



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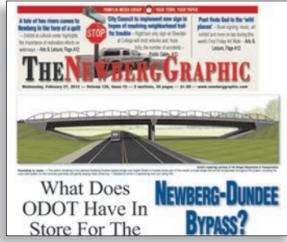
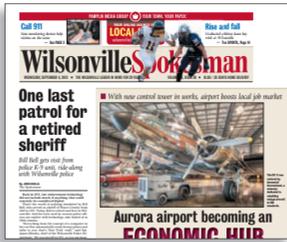
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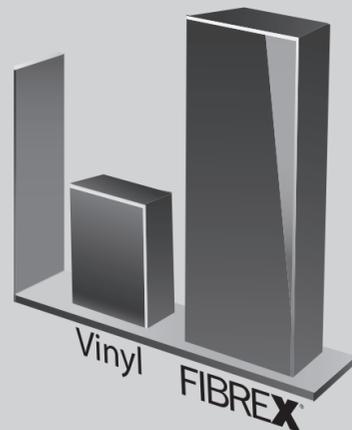
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■ Guard Fred Jones remembers his time as a Duck as 'best four years of my life'



A HIGH FLIER WITH HONORS

Fred Jones didn't enter his college career hoping one day to become a member of the Pac-12 Hall of Honor.

When word came of his impending induction, though, in the MGM Grand Garden Arena at Las Vegas on March 14, the former University of Oregon star wasn't about to turn it down.

"I never really expected it," says Jones, the Barlow High grad who lives in Indianapolis. "It's truly a blessing. I guess what they're telling me is I was one of the better players in the Pac-12."

Indeed. Especially during his senior season, 2001-02, when Jones averaged

18.6 points and 5.4 rebounds on an Ernie Kent team that went 26-9 overall, won the Pac-10 championship, and reached the NCAA's Elite Eight.

The Pac-12 Hall of Honor awaits former Oregon guard Fred Jones, the athletic guard who went from the Portland area to seven years in the NBA and a slam-dunk title.

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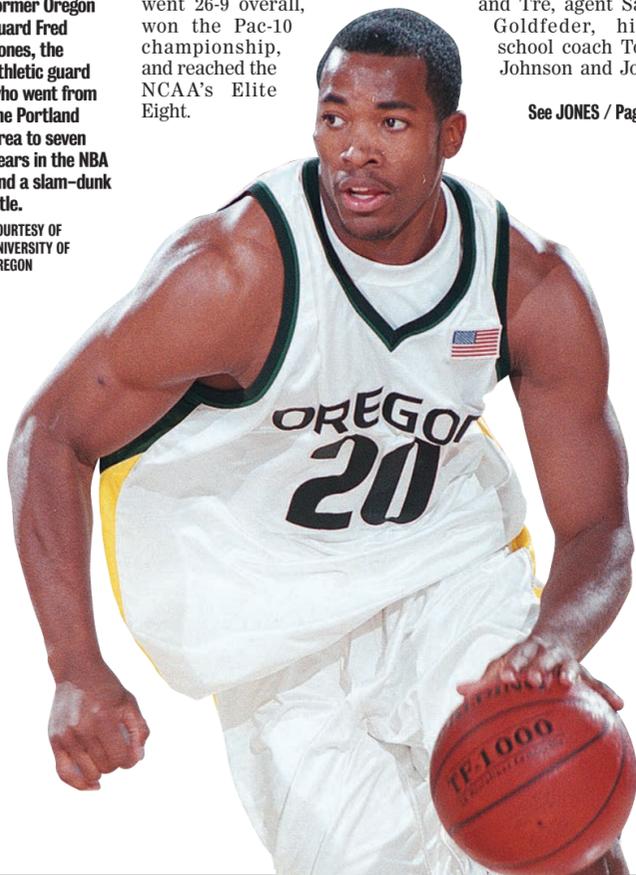
Each year, the Pac-12 honors one player from each of its member schools. Jones and Oregon State's Lee Harman (1957-59) will go in this year with such standouts as Brandon Roy of Washington, Luke Walton of Arizona, Mark Madsen of Stanford and Tyus Edney of UCLA.

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Jones and Harman join a group of former Beavers and Ducks in the hall that includes Mel Counts, Ronnie Lee, Blair Rasmussen, Steve Johnson, Gary Payton, Terrell Brandon, Greg Ballard, A.C. Green and Charlie Sitton.

Jones is hoping to have a strong contingent of close friends and family at the enshrinement ceremony, including parents Frederick and Beverly, wife Kia and children Frederick II and Tre, agent Sam Goldfeder, high school coach Tom Johnson and Josh

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Goalies like view from WHL penthouse

Trade gives veteran Boes a turn with a winning franchise

By JASON VONDERSMITH
The Tribune

Goaltender Corbin Boes received the news after a game, and it became official on Jan. 9.

And it wasn't like he then back-flipped and smiled and shouted joyfully on his way away from the Lethbridge Hurricanes, one of the Western Hockey League's worst teams, to the Portland Winterhawks, one of the best.

"I didn't ask to be traded. I'm not that kind of guy," Boes says. "It was a tough situation there in Lethbridge, and they wanted to give me a chance to win. I'm more than grateful for that."

Still, the trade gave him new junior hockey life.

"When you get traded, there are emotions all around," he says. "You're leaving guys you played with and billets who took you in and cared for you. It's sad in that respect. But,



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once I got on the plane heading to Victoria (to meet the Winterhawks), I started to get pretty pumped up."

The 20-year-old Boes joined the Hawks to implicitly serve as veteran backup — insurance — for starting goaltender Brendan Burke.

A few weeks ago, the season took a turn that placed Boes smack in the middle of Portland's record winning streak and push for another WHL championship — Burke came down with mononucleosis.

Burke was out of action and returned home recently to Phoenix, Ariz., to rest. He re-

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Corbin Boes, from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, is 12-1-0-1 in 14 games with the Portland Winterhawks since the club acquired him on Jan. 9 to back up regular starter Brendan Burke.

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OSU's Wetzler still has one pitch to make

CORVALLIS — at Casey's target for Ben Wetzler's season debut Sunday at Goss Stadium was 90 pitches.

Oregon State's senior left-hander made it to 89.

Wetzler will save his final pitch for the public and perhaps for the NCAA, when he decides the time is right.

"I haven't told my side of the story," he said after the fourth-ranked Beavers' 13-2 win over Wright State. "Sometime in the future, I'll let myself do that. Right now, I want to focus on my team and winning games."

Wetzler's focus was spot-on Sunday on a day best suited for raincoats and umbrellas.

It stayed dry for most of a three-hour window during

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which Wetzler held the Raiders to four hits and one earned run through 7 2/3 innings, with one walk and five strikeouts.

"Felt like a little kid going out to make his first start again," said Wetzler, suspended by the NCAA for 11 games due to what was ruled as inappropriate use

of a financial advisor in contract negotiations with the Philadelphia Phillies. "It was fun."

Pitching coach Nate Yeskie was pleased with Wetzler's performance.

"His changeup was really good early, though it started to get away from him late," Yeskie said. "His slider was on par where I hoped it would be. That pitch has really made strides for him. His fastball command was good. He came through in the middle innings when it was still close."

Yeskie, like Casey, didn't want Wetzler to let his emotions get the best of him.

"Ben handled it really well," Yeskie said. "I told him, 'You don't have anything to prove today other than you have a

chance to come out and do what you love.'

"Once he got out of that first inning, it was OK. We wanted to make sure he didn't come off with adrenaline high and be in a wash from that point forward. He managed himself very well. And his presence — you can't put value on how important that is to our whole club."

"I did an OK job," Wetzler told the media. "The first couple of innings, I was kind of antsy and amped up. 'Case' told me all week to control your emotions and do the best you can to be you. I was able to do that decent."

Being Ben is easy for Wetzler, one of the most popular players Casey has had during his 20 years as Oregon State's



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head coach.

"He's really good to everyone," senior infielder Kavin Keyes said. "He's one of the best teammates I've ever been around."

"I'm a goofy guy," said Wetzler, selected by Philadelphia in the fifth round of the major-league draft last June. "I try to keep the guys loose. It's the last time baseball is fun, the last time you play for each other."

"Once you go to the (pro) level, you're playing for yourself, trying to get yourself to the big leagues. It's not a team game again until you're in the play-

offs. Getting the guys to realize we can have fun together and want the best for each other, that's my biggest motivation."

The 6-1, 195-pound Wetzler — a first-team all-Pac-12 choice in helping OSU to the Pac-12 championship and College World Series as a junior — turned down bonus money slightly higher than the slotted \$305,000 for that pick. Part of the reason is he didn't want his college baseball experience to be over.

"The feeling we had in the locker room in Omaha, I didn't want it to end," Wetzler said. "There's nothing like college sports and playing on a baseball team like Oregon State and

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Tuesday, March 4

Boys basketball: The Class 5A postseason, 24 teams strong, begins with eight play-in games. Four Portland Interscholastic League teams are hoping to join PIL 5A champion Jefferson (ranked No. 1 in the state) in the Oregon School Activities Association playoffs. Tonight's lineup includes Pendleton at Wilson, Corvallis at Madison, Benson at Springfield, and Cleveland at Sandy.

Girls basketball: The 6A playoffs kick off with 32 teams. Among the round one games: Sunset at No. 3-ranked St. Mary's Academy, Lincoln at Westview, Grant at No. 2 Oregon City, Central Catholic at Sheldon, and David Douglas at No. 1 South Medford. ... The 5A play-in slate has Sandy at PIL 5A champ Wilson, Cleveland at Milwaukie, and Roosevelt at West Albany.

College baseball: Portland at Oregon State, 5:30 p.m. ... Seattle at Oregon, 6 p.m.

College softball: Concordia vs. Western Oregon, 2 p.m., Delta Park.

Wednesday, March 5

Blazers: Atlanta at Portland, 7:30 p.m., Moda Center (ESPN, CSNNW).

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

Boys basketball: The 32-team 6A playoffs begin, with these among the games involving Portland teams — Tualatin at Central Catholic, Barlow at Jesuit, Lakeridge at Grant, Lake Oswego at Lincoln, and David Douglas at South Salem.

Girls basketball: Portland Christian plays in the 3A tournament at Pendleton Convention Center. The eighth-ranked Royals face No. 1 Regis in the tourney's first game, 1:30 p.m.

College men's basketball: Arizona at Oregon State, 8 p.m. (FOX Sports 1).

College baseball: Seattle at Oregon, 3 p.m.

SPORTS BIRTHDAYS

March 4, 1952 — Gary Campbell, UO running backs coach (age 62)

March 4, 1954 — Peter Jacobson, golfer (age 60)

March 4, 1992 — Tim Douglas, UP point guard (age 22)

March 5, 1972 — Brian Grant, former NBA star (age 42)

OREGON SPORTS HISTORY

March 4, 1977 — High school girls basketball in Oregon steps up a notch in performance and intensity as Wilson and St. Mary's Academy cap great seasons with a rematch for the state title.

A standing-room-only crowd of 2,600 at Lewis & Clark College, where hundreds were turned away, sees Wilson edge the Blues 53-51, avenging an early season loss to SMA.

Junior guard Wendy Peterson's driving bank shot with 22 seconds left provides the winning points in a frenzied game with some controversial timekeeping and non-calls at the end.

Two of the state's all-time greats lead their teams — Anna Maria Lopez of St. Mary's (18 points, 17 rebounds) and Wilson's Pam Mollet (29 points, 9 rebounds).

Jones: Ex-Duck star seeks to coach

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Atkins, a former teammate at Barlow and roommate at Oregon who played offensive line for the Ducks.

It has been 12 years since Jones played for the Ducks and five years since he played the final game of his seven-year NBA career.

"Time goes by fast," says Jones, who turns 35 on March 11. "It's crazy. I was at NBA All-Star Weekend (at New Orleans), and realized it's been 10 years since I won the dunk contest."

That was in 2004, when Jones, a second-year guard for the Indiana Pacers, etched his name on a list of the game's great leapers by winning the slam dunk contest at Staples Center in Los Angeles.

It's ironic that Jones was on hand to see Jefferson High grad Terrence Ross of Toronto as part of the winning East team in this year's dunk fest at New Orleans. While he was in the NBA, Jones sponsored a "Team at Oregon" for Portland-area youths to participate in on the AAU circuit.

"Terrence played for us for two years," he says. "He's my boy. I get satisfaction out of any kid from Oregon who does well. I support all of them."

Jones was primarily in New Orleans for business. He is the founder/CEO of a virtual community for current and former NBA players called "Player Population," and operates the website where players can share information on business and charitable opportunities.

"It's a platform for guys to stay in communication with their peers, to showcase their events and charities they have going on, and collaborate on business ventures," Jones says. "It's going really well. We've gained a lot of traction and did a lot of things during All-Star Weekend."

Jones' review of the '14 dunk contest?

"I was highly disappointed," he says. "I like every guy who was in it. They did some good stuff. I just didn't like the team format and the last round, where they never indicated it wasn't a one-on-one show. Every other dunk contest goes down to two finalists. This year, it just ended all of a sudden."

Jones began to cull his talents under Johnson at Barlow, earning the state's player of the year award as a senior in 1997-98.

"Tom gets all of my respect," Jones says. "He's one of the winningest coaches in the state of Oregon history. He helped me so much with my development. Even if it was a Friday or Saturday night, in season or out of season, I could call him and say, 'I want to go to the gym,' and he would



TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

Fred Jones averaged 4.8 points per game in a brief run with the Trail Blazers in 2006-07.

come pick me up. He went way beyond what you would expect from a high school coach."

Jones' relationship with Kent at Oregon wasn't as close, but the 6-4, 210-pound guard developed there, too, averaging 9.1 points as a freshman, 9.7 as a sophomore and 14.8 as a junior.

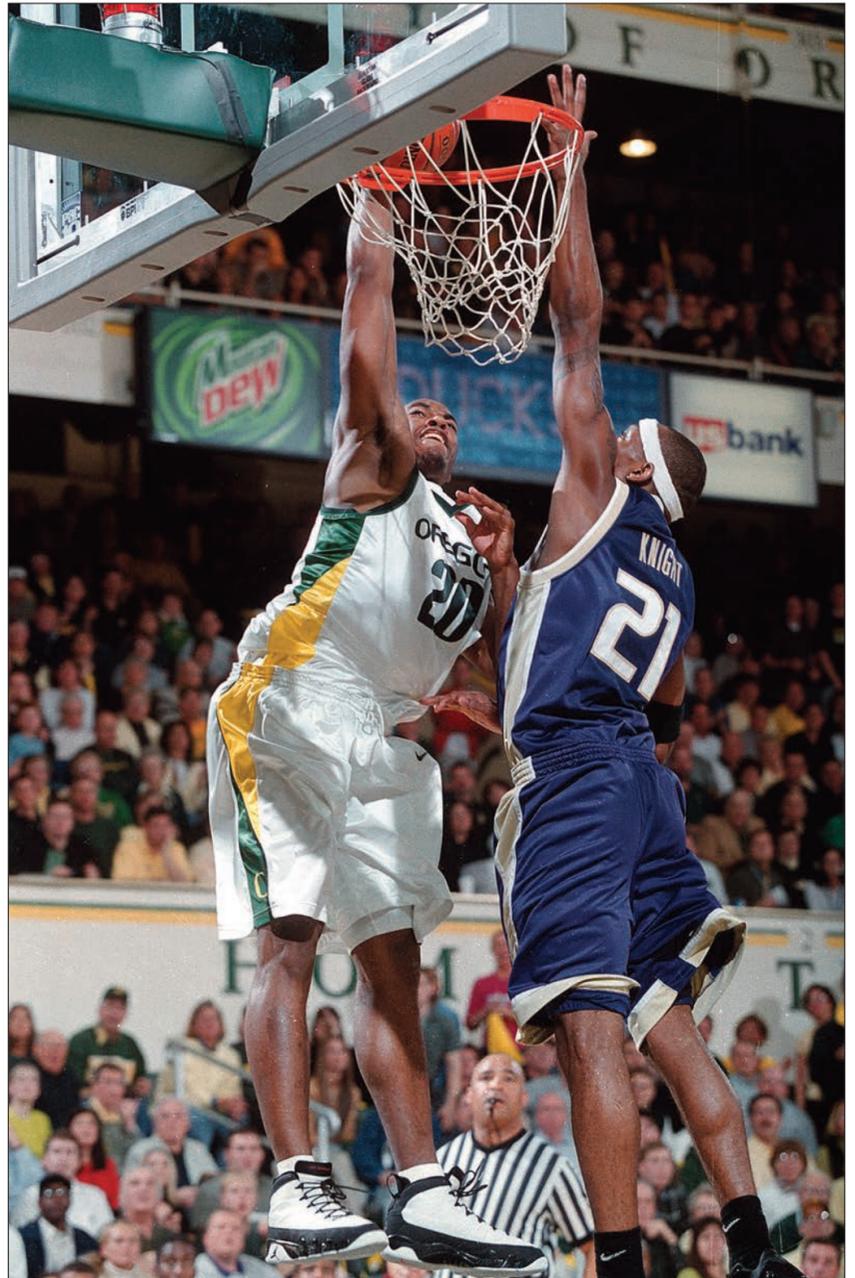
As a senior, Jones teamed with Luke Ridnour and Luke Jackson to lead the Ducks to one of the most successful seasons in school history, earning All-Pac-10 honors along the way.

"It was just a player-coach relationship (with Kent)," Jones says now. "Both of us could have done a little better job at a lot of things. But the goal is to win games. That's what he recruited me for. By the time I left there, we did a pretty good job."

The Elite Eight team his senior year "was the highlight of my time at Oregon," he says. "When I signed, I felt I could help us get at least second in the conference. It took awhile, but we went from seventh to winning the conference. People always talk about me and the Lukes, but it wasn't just us three. We had a lot of good players on that team. I had unbelievable teammates who helped me and pushed me."

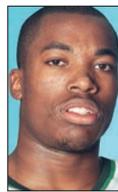
Jones was taken by Indiana with the 14th pick of the 2002 NBA draft and spent his first four seasons with the Pacers. Over his final three years in the league, he played with New York, Portland, Toronto and the L.A. Clippers. He played professionally in Italy and China before hanging up the sneakers for good.

Jones was never a full-time starter in the NBA, averaging 7.5 points while shooting .411 from the field and .353 from 3-point range. His best season was 2004-05, when he averaged 10.5 points and scored a career-high 31 points in a game against Orlando. That came the night after the "Malice at the Palace"



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A Fred Jones dunk over an opponent was a common occurrence during his basketball career with the Oregon Ducks.



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incident at Detroit, the Pistons-Pacers brawl that resulted in multiple suspensions and shaped the Indiana franchise for several seasons.

"I try not to remember that," Jones says ruefully, "because it ruined a championship team. We were the frontrunners to win it all that year. It was going to happen."

Jones played 24 games with the 2006-07 Blazers as they were beginning a rebuilding process with rookies Roy and LaMarcus Aldridge. Jones started three games and was in the rotation in the other 21, averaging 4.8 points on .384 shooting from the field and .259 from 3-point territory.

"It was quick, but it was fun," Jones says of his stint with the Blazers. "I got to play in front of the home fans, in front of

people who had been watching me play for a lot of years, including my mom and dad. That was a highlight."

Jones looks back at his NBA career with mixed emotions. "I always think, 'What if?'" he admits. "Maybe I could have done a little more. I wanted to play 10 years in the league. I didn't quite get there. I wish I could have had a longer run in the NBA."

"I was on a couple of really good teams at Indiana. We should have been NBA champs. Other than that, I met great people and had my family and friends support me. And they're still there to this day. You can't beat that."

Jones says he has gone to several Pacers games this season, often bringing along his eldest son. He's not picking his old team to get out of the East, though, in the postseason.

"They're doing a great job," he says. "They have a lot of depth. They started the season off really strong. They have a

chance, but they still have to contend with LeBron James and the Miami Heat. That's a tall task."

Jones looks back at his time at Oregon as "the best four years of my life. I'm a Duck. That's the thing I'm most proud of. I never tell people I played in the NBA, that I did this or that, but I tell everybody I meet that I'm a Duck."

Jones' parents still live in Portland, and he returns to visit often.

"I don't usually go three or four months without getting back there for a couple of days," he says.

Some day, he'd like to begin a coaching career in the state.

"I think it's in the cards, but my goal would be in Eugene with the Ducks," he says. "That's where I'd like to go. I'd go through whatever I had to do to get to that point, but that's what I would hope for."

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Michelle Cefal Westview High School
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Jake LaCoste West Albany High School
Ryan Nall Central Catholic High School

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Hawks: Pros or college for Boes?

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joined the team last week, and skated in practice, but his timeline to return to the net wasn't immediately determined.

The 18-year-old Burke, a Phoenix Coyotes NHL draft pick, had posted back-to-back shutouts before his sickness. He helped the Winterhawks obliterate the previous franchise record of consecutive wins (15), as the club won 21 in a row before losing 4-1 Saturday at Seattle.

Mike Johnston, Portland general manager and coach, said that Burke would be his starting goalie again, when healthy.

Burke, who wouldn't talk about his sickness last week, says he feels he earned the right to be the No. 1 goalie, when ready.

"You always have to play well to play," Burke says. "I've played a lot of games for this team. They're going to give me a shot. It's an unfortunate situation to get sick, but I'm trying to get back healthy for the playoffs."

Burke had really good numbers — a 31-10-2-2 record, .908 save percentage, 2.85 goals-against average — and he feels he needs some game action in the final seven tilts before the WHL playoffs.

"It'll take a game or two to get back," he says.

Boes, 6-3, 225 pounds and from Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, likes the feeling now of going from the WHL basement to the penthouse.

He had a 5-24-2-2 record in 35 games with Lethbridge. The year before, he was 13-23-2-3 with Brandon. He went to the playoffs in 2011 and 2012.

Boes joined Portland just as the Hawks were putting their full lineup of stars on the ice, including defenseman Mathew Dumba, another midseason acquisition.

So, Boes has enjoyed a string of wins and being thrust into the thick of WHL title contention.

"I knew the Memorial Cup wasn't going to happen in Lethbridge," he says. "I had to achieve personal goals and



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Brendan Burke, who waited in the wings behind Mac Carruth for two years, took over this season as the Portland Winterhawks' No. 1 goaltender. He posted a 31-10-2-2 record until a recent illness, but the Hawks expect him to return soon as they wrap up the Western Hockey League regular season and head to the playoffs.

make the best of the situation. It's a different story, different tales of the tape — in Lethbridge, I'd get 40 shots a night and as long as I kept the game close I felt pretty good. Here, you're expected to win every game.

"It's fun coming to the rink when you're winning lots. It's such a great staff here that helps you get better every day. It's a really good situation for my last year in junior hockey."

Technically, this is Boes' second stint with the Winterhawks. He was drafted and listed with Portland and even met in 2010 with current Hawks stars Brendan Leipsic and Derrick Pouliot. But he never saw the ice with Portland before joining Brandon. So, being traded back to the Winterhawks was comforting, in a way.

Boes also knows Hawks forward and captain Taylor Leier from their Saskatoon days.

Backstopping the talented Winterhawks has been enjoyable, so far, and he has settled down his game with the winning team.

"The defense does a great job; the forwards are very skilled and put the puck in the

net," Boes says. "It takes pressure off you. If you're in a close game, you're confident they're going to get (a winning goal)."

Boes hopes to earn a pro contract. If he doesn't, he intends to pursue law school at a university in Canada. But, clearly, he and/or Burke have some work to do before either of those things happen.

Boes likes Burke's game.

"He's a big guy, and he's pretty positional," Boes says. "He knows how to take away space and stuff for shooters. He seems really calm in the net."

The 6-4, 185-pound Burke says Boes has been a welcome addition to the Hawks, and that Boes has helped elevate his game.

"Obviously, it was a tough situation for him in Lethbridge. That team was having a tough year," Burke says. "He's had good years in this league. It's no surprise that he's contributed. Nobody's surprised."

"He's a nice, friendly guy. When somebody new arrives, we go out of our way to make somebody feel welcome. We were lucky with Corbin coming in."

Burke, a two-year backup to Mac Carruth before this season, expects to return to his

pre-sickness form. He has said that being the potential No. 1 guy in the playoffs doesn't faze him. He watched as Carruth let his emotional volatility get in the way of his performance, albeit among some stellar wins and championships.

Burke looks forward to the postseason.

"I'm not too concerned about (playoff pressure)," he says. "People kind of hype that up. As long as you don't let yourself get overrun by the moment, the moment doesn't really change that much. We're still playing the same teams in the same league — obviously the intensity level goes up. But I've always felt like I could handle it."

"I've played in big games. With how the team plays in front of me, I'm very confident we'll have success."

Boes clearly has helped the Winterhawks, and he'll continue to help, whether it be as Burke's backup or starting for whatever reason.

Adin Hill, a 17-year-old prospect, has been serving as goaltender backup with Burke on the sidelines.

Boes says he doesn't want to think about the competition with Burke at goaltender.

"I guess I'll play it by ear," he says. "I've got to come to the rink ready, and put in my work."

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Men's basketball

After a road split last weekend, Portland State still has a shot at a Big Sky tournament berth, and the outcome is almost entirely in the Vikings' hands.

"We're making it interesting, that's for sure," coach Tyler Geving says.

PSU concludes the regular season with two home games this week — 7 p.m. Thursday against Weber State and 7 p.m. Saturday versus Idaho State.

The top seven teams advance to the conference tourney, and PSU began the week tied for seventh at 9-9 with Eastern Washington and Sacramento State. Sixth-place Montana State was 9-8 going into a Monday night game at Montana.

Northern Colorado and Northern Arizona were tied for fourth at 10-8 through last week.

"At this point of the season, when everybody knows everybody else likes to do, it comes down to who's going to play harder and who's going to make plays," Geving says.

Last week, the Viks lost 83-73 at North Dakota, then rallied in the second half for a 77-68 victory at Northern Colorado.

Among the weekend highlights for PSU: junior guard Gary Winston had a career-high seven assists and a team-best 22 points at Northern Colorado; senior forward Kyle Richardson had 19 points and career highs of 14 rebounds and five blocks at North Dakota, and junior guard Andre Winston Jr., led with 20 points at UND.

The Vikings lost to Weber State by 17 and to Idaho State by nine in early January, but since then Richardson and Gary Winston have come on for PSU.

"So now we have two guys who are going to give us a lot more," Geving says.

Women's basketball

The Viks are 7-20 overall and 5-13 in the Big Sky going into their final weekend. Portland State will play at Weber State (6 p.m. PT Thursday) and at Idaho State (1 p.m. Saturday).

Last season, the Vikings finished 12-17, 6-14.

PSU snapped a five-game losing streak on Saturday, beating Northern Colorado 57-51 at Stott

Center. Senior guard Kate Lanz got her third double-double of the season — the first by a Viking since Jan. 9. She grabbed a season-high 14 rebounds, including two crucial ones in the final 30 seconds, and had 13 points.

Freshman point guard Delanie Parry's jump shot put the Viks ahead for good, 50-48, with 31 seconds left, and sophomore guard Emily Eason sank three of four free throws in the closing seconds.



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Softball

The Vikings were able to play only two of five scheduled games last weekend, as rain caused major problems at the Cal State Northridge tournament.

After two idle weeks, PSU split, beating Rutgers 2-0, then losing 5-3 to the host Matadors, both on Sunday.

Senior Crysta Conn's two-run homer in the fourth inning backed sophomore pitcher Karyn Wright, who earned her first win of the season with her first career shutout, scattering five hits.

PSU has five games on tap at the Stanford Louisville Slugger Classic Friday through Sunday.



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Track and field

Sophomore Sheldon Prince, from Aloha High, and freshman Gifton Okoronkwo gave PSU its first pair of Big Sky champions in the same season at the conference indoor meet last week at Pocatello, Idaho.

Prince won the 400 in a school-record 47.86 seconds.

Okoronkwo captured the triple jump with a personal-best leap of 48 feet, 5 1/4 inches.

Prince also took fifth in the 200 (22.09), sophomore Michael Kubisiak placed third in the 60 (6.88), and senior Nevin Lewis tied for fifth in the high jump.

The PSU women finished sixth, and the men were eighth.

Jazmin Ratcliff, a junior from Benson High, was second in the 60 hurdles (school-record 8.35 in the prelims), nabbed third in the 60 (7.50, tying her PR) and ran seventh in the 200.





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Timbers

Timbers coach Caleb Porter says he likes the club he will be going to war with in 2014.

After studying the players during Portland's 2-2-4 preseason, Porter declares this year's group deeper and more dynamic than the 2013 squad that reached the MLS Western Conference finals.

"There's a lot of flexibility," Porter says. "From game to game, we can change the pieces in the front four spots to get some different dimensions out of a game. That's exciting to me, to tinker with that."

Portland's MLS opener is Saturday night at home against Philadelphia.

"With a couple new pieces, we don't have it completely figured out," Porter says. "But we'll have a good idea after five weeks of where we are and what looks good, what feels good."

■ The Timbers will be even more dynamic once they get striker Steve Zakuani back on the field.

Zakuani, who is recovering from offseason sports hernia surgery, has shown moments of greatness in Major League Soccer, like in 2010, when he scored 10 goals for the Seattle Sounders in just his second season. He has been snake bitten by injuries, though.

Porter says that when healthy, "Zakuani is a game changer. He can bring some one-versus-one penetration. We didn't have that last year. He can unlock teams. It's a different dimension."

■ Midfielder/forward Darlington Nagbe is no longer the youngest on the team. The Timbers' first SuperDraft pick (2010) is entering

his fourth MLS season. Nagbe, 23, says he feels more comfortable and confident than ever.

"Every year you get more comfortable because you get to know the team," he says. "You get to know the team, there's more chemistry."

The softspoken Nagbe says he does not see himself as a leader, though he wants to try to become one.

"I don't think I'm ever going to be that person," he says. "But I'm going to try to. I'm going to let my play do the talking."

■ Pa Madou Kah looks like Porter's choice as one of the Timbers' starting defenders. The 33-year-old from The Gambia came to the Timbers midway into last season and played well at times, although he had some moments of inconsistency.

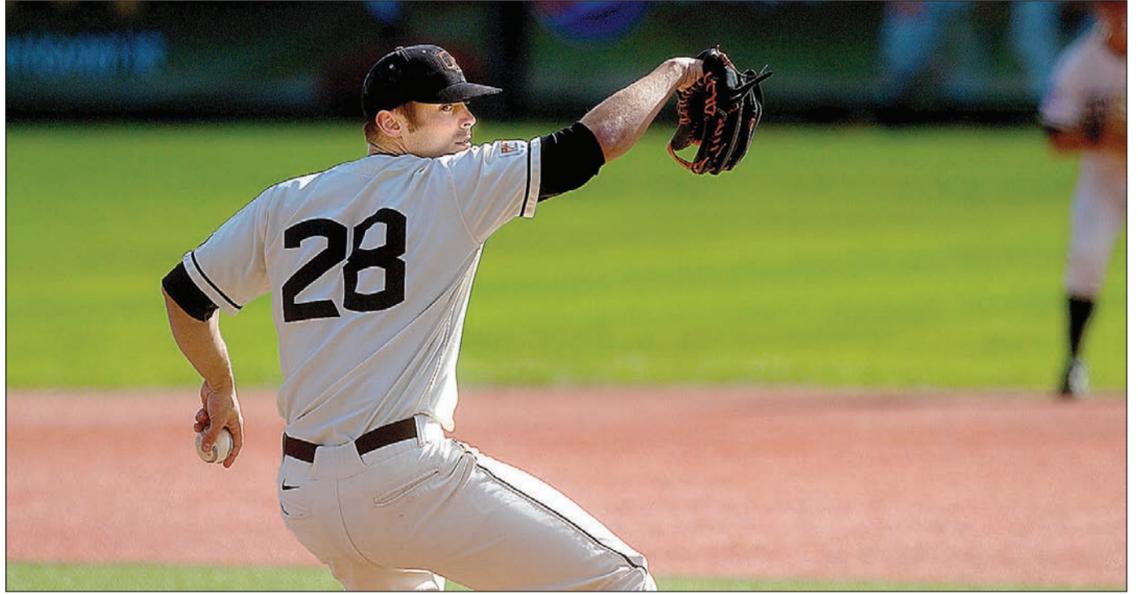
"When you come to a club in the middle of the season you always have to find your rhythm," Kah says.

Kah is ready to step up his game and be a solid starter for Portland.

"This is a fantastic club and a fantastic team, and it's easy to make the transition because you are surrounded by wonderful players," Kah says. "I'm always confident. It's a new season. It's a new challenge."

■ The Timbers have upgraded their locker room. Among the changes: a paint job that makes the swinging doors look like oak, new green trim around the ceiling, a new sound system, a projector to watch video, remodeled foot lockers for every locker room, and new, cushier chairs.

"It's comfortable," Timbers defender Michael Harrington says. "Nice new chairs."



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Oregon State starter Ben Wetzler, from Clackamas High, is back in the rotation after an 11-game NCAA suspension. He turned down bonus money from the Philadelphia Phillies to return to OSU for his senior season.

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playing for Case.

"We're such a family. We've grown up together. Watching some of my brothers leave last year was hard, but there are still some in the dugout now. It's like we're the younger guys' big brothers. It's family you keep adopting more and more kids to. Running them through this program is really special."

Like every other drafted player, Wetzler sought help from a financial advisor — in his case, Portland's Nik Lubich, who was to become his agent if he chose to sign a contract with the Phillies.

Word throughout pro baseball circles is Wetzler indicated he would sign for slightly more than "slot" money — somewhere between \$325,000 and \$350,000.

"We don't draft a kid unless we're pretty confident — like 150 percent confident — the guy's going to take the money," said a scout for another team, who asked to remain anonymous. "If he says yes, we pull the trigger."

After the draft, which took place the week before the start of the College World Series, Wetzler decided it would require more money to end his college experience. The Phillies chose not to meet the higher price and faced some

dire consequences.

"If the slot is \$305,000 and he doesn't sign, the club loses that money" in its draft pool, the scout said. "You don't get a kickback."

This wasn't the first time a club had been jilted. Why Philadelphia chose to turn Wetzler into the NCAA remains a mystery, as does the case of Washington State's Jason Monda, selected by the Phillies in the sixth round. He was cleared of wrongdoing just before the season.

If nothing else, the Phillies lose in the court of public opinion on the Wetzler case.

Wetzler was in a holding pattern through the first two weeks of the season, wondering if he'd lose half the season before finding out last week his penalty would be 20 percent. Now he's back, with no explanation from either the Phillies or the NCAA.

"This whole thing has been a troubling situation for Ben, and that makes it troubling for me,"

Casey said. "It's an unjust situation he's had to endure for a long time. What he had to go through, nobody should have to go through."

When I tried to contact NCAA officials about Wetzler's case, I got no return call or email. Oregon State representatives had no better luck.

"It's kind of like the IRS," Casey said. "It's been pretty tough to talk to them. Our people did as good a job as they could. You're at the mercy of the court. He was guilty before he had the opportunity to prove himself innocent."

There's an easy solution. The NCAA gives a baseball player tacit approval now to retain a financial advisor in negotiating with the club that drafts him. Make it fully legal. After his junior year, the player would be allowed to pay for and receive advice from the man who would be his agent.

As long as the player doesn't sign a contract with the drafting club by a certain date, he

can return for his senior season.

It wouldn't be unlike basketball, where the player can declare for the NBA draft and — as long as he doesn't sign with an agent — can withdraw by a certain date and return to school. In football, the college player can submit his name to the NFL Advisory Committee, then must make a decision by a certain date whether to go into the draft or return to school.

Casey thinks changes are in the offing.

"I believe this particular case will be looked at in terms of what financial advisors can do, and how they represent college baseball players," the veteran OSU coach said. "Ben did what the NCAA should want him to do — go back to school."

Wetzler — who stayed home while the Beavers played tournaments at Arizona the first two weeks of the season — isn't worried about the NCAA or the Phillies right now. He is fully focused on being a college baseball player again, with the goal of helping his team make it back to Omaha.

"I'm very happy just to be out here with the guys again," he said. "I love Corvallis, but to be stuck here with all my friends gone, it was tough."

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PrepWatch

Play-in and first-round games start tonight for many Class 6A and 5A teams.

A look at some top contenders:

■ The Oregon School Activities Association's final rankings have West Linn and Clackamas 1-2 in 6A boys, with Jesuit fifth and surging Central Catholic eighth. Lincoln is 15th, and Grant is 16th.

■ Jefferson and Churchill are the clear 1-2 in 5A boys.

Wilson finished in the No. 9 spot, as five of the PIL 5As seven teams made the 24-team postseason.

■ In 6A girls, St. Mary's Academy goes into the playoffs at No. 3, behind top-ranked South Medford and No. 2 Oregon City.

■ In 5A girls, Wilson wound up ninth in the OSAA rankings.

■ La Salle Prep has the No. 2-ranked boys and girls teams.

Tournament time

The smaller schools already are in state tourney mode.

The 3A boys and girls final eight are back in Coos Bay, and the 2A qualifiers are returning to Pendleton Convention Center.

In 3A boys, Portland Adventist Academy plays its quarterfinal against Amity at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Marshfield High, and De La Salle follows with an 8:15 p.m. game against Cascade Christian.

The boys tourney begins with Valley Catholic-Creswell at 1:30 p.m. Thursday at Marshfield.

In the 3A girls tournament, Valley Catholic meets Creswell in an 8:15 p.m. Thursday quarterfinal at North Bend High.

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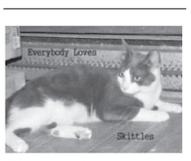
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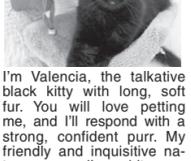
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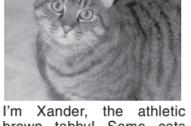


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'Dress' magic lends Cinderella a hand

Program lifts women out of poverty with new clothes, attitudes

By **CLIFF NEWELL**
Pamplin Media Group

Dress for Success is sort of a real-life fairytale.

Women walk in poor through the doors of the center in Portland and walk out like Cinderella. The fairy godmothers are Barb Attridge and Karen Fishel.

That may be too big a twist on the classic story, but Dress for Success has had remarkable success in turning around the lives of hundreds of women.

Now, it is time for some bragging about the project that Attridge and Fishel founded in 1999. A way to measure the progress is the annual fundraiser, a posh event planned for April 18 at the Portland Art Museum, featuring dinner, an auction and fashion show (info: dressforsuccess.org/oregon).

"We've come a long way in 15 years," says Attridge, a resident

of Lake Oswego. "We held our first fundraiser on the ninth floor of Meier & Frank. We charged \$25 for a box lunch."

Attridge and Fishel, a Portland resident, laughed when asked if they had ever envisioned such a grand setting for their fundraiser, but it is no fairytale. It has taken struggling women, including many in dire circumstances, and not only given them clothes to wear on their employment searches but prepared them for a better life in many ways.

"Our name is a bit misleading," Fishel says. "We really do help women in more ways than just dressing them."

"To get ready for a job search they need much more than clothes," Attridge says.

A big change

Dress for Success started as a simple idea. Fishel read an article about a project in New York City called Dress for Success that was helping women find jobs by dressing them up for job interviews.

"It's my nature to help others,

especially the 'underdog,'" Fishel says. "The article matched all of my values and the way I like to do things."

The article so intrigued Fishel that she brought it to the attention of her good friend, Attridge, who was a kindred spirit.

"I was a CPA, and I was looking for a more meaningful profession," Attridge says.

The first Dress for Success outpost in Portland was just 900 square feet.

"We were thrilled to get it," Fishel says. "We wondered if it was too big. I never thought that far ahead. It seemed huge."

The old DFS center seems like a sardine can compared to today's 6,000-square-foot center at 1532 N.E. 37th Ave. in Portland, and it stuns people who come there for the first time.

"People expect a little clothes closet," Fishel says. "Instead they get a large, beautiful area that is very warm and inviting."

Dress for Success started evolving as soon as Fishel and Attridge opened the doors. They quickly saw that their original goal of providing new clothes



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Barb Attridge, right, and Karen Fishel form an unbeatable combination of energy and organization for Dress for Success. They are celebrating their 15th year of ever-growing success.

was not large enough.

"To get them ready for a job search, they needed much more," Attridge says, "although clothing is still our cornerstone. It's very, very critical because it builds their self-esteem. Our mission is to help women living in poverty, so they can take care of themselves and their families."

"There is such a big change from the time they walk through the door. We want them not just

to keep a job but to be successful and improve their lives."

Dress for Success offers workshops, job coaches, paycheck management training, child care, meals — basically creating an entire network of support.

Dress for Success sees 1,400 clients a year and has helped 17,000 women since the beginning.

Along the way there have been accolades, especially for

Attridge, who serves as executive director for the organization. Fishel has to bring it up since Attridge is too modest, but Attridge received the Extraordinary Executive Director recognition during the annual Light a Fire Awards in November. Attridge has been extraordinarily successful at lining up supporters.

"It wouldn't be nearly as successful if not for our community," she says. "We have 200 volunteers who provide services, we have an incredible staff and board of directors and a fabulous group of dedicated individuals. And it keeps increasing."

The biggest milestone of Dress for Success came when the Bank of America gave the organization a \$200,000 Neighborhood Builder grant in 2012.

"That allowed us to open the Patricia Whiting Career Center," Attridge says. "That grant took us to the next level."

The days of Dress for Success being regarded as a little clothes closet were truly over.

"We helped 500 women get jobs last year," Attridge says.

Dave: 'Mancation' on after surgery

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week; no, it wasn't taken from behind. It was partly for comedic positivity, partly to remind Anderson.

"He cussed me out for taking his picture," Mason says. "The reason I took it — someday he's going to feel good enough and look back on this, and he's not going to remember much. I can show it to him, and he can keep it, look back on the very trying time in his life, and consider how he came out of it."

Anderson may return in the short-term to his radio gig with Mason — it's the beauty of radio that Anderson can sit in his pajamas at home and talk to his buddy. Same thing with their co-

written column in the Thursday Portland Tribune.

Doctors told him recovery could take six to eight weeks, but returning to work might be seen as part of the recuperation process.

"I'm sure it'll help him," Christy Anderson says. "He's not one to sit around, he'll probably push it faster than he should." If anything, Anderson has some work to do at home, she adds. "We got a big box of cards we need to go through. That, along with Facebook posts and email ... people have been very supportive."

Pretty lucky

Anderson, a 1979 Cleveland High School graduate, lived in Los Angeles while working as a full-time comedian until 1990, when he returned to Portland. He continued to do standup while working in talk radio and television. In the past decade, he has been a fixture on radio (KEX and now KPAM) and "AM Northwest."

Along the way, he has touched a lot of people; like many, Anderson never quite realized the impact of the caring from others, until he contracted pancreatic cancer and had to

face the harsh reality.

"It's amazing. I've given support to people, and thoughts and prayers, and often wondered what difference does it make?" he says, pre-surgery. "I'll tell you, it makes a big difference. It buoys you, gives you hope."

Anderson needed the hope. He and Christy were on vacation in Hawaii in June 2013 when Anderson suffered some abdominal pain. When they returned to Portland, Anderson visited his doctor, who diagnosed him with pancreatitis and, later, Type 2 diabetes.

He watched what he ate and drank, exercised and lost some weight. But, his diabetes got worse. He had a CT scan and it showed an inflamed pancreas, which regulates blood sugar and digestive enzymes.

An endoscope finally discovered the real problem: a tumor in his pancreas. It was Jan. 29 and doctors told him bad news and good news. It was cancer in the pancreas, but it hadn't appeared to spread and could be removed.

He started eating normally again, put some weight back on and prepared for surgery, knowing that "I consider myself pretty lucky. I'm told I'm lucky, as lucky

as you can get," he says. "Like my friend said, it's a bad story but you got a good part in it."

'They have a gift'

Anderson admitted to experiencing emotions in the days leading up to surgery. He tried to remain his fun-loving, joking self. But, standup comedians are notoriously neurotic and insecure, which Anderson freely admits describes him. It's why he became good at making people laugh.

"Comedians — you either are one or you're not," he says. "I think that with insecurity and neuroticism, you're seeing things differently and want to express it. I'm not as neurotic as some, but enough. ... Somebody once said that comedians actually see the world correctly and they have to tell everybody else that they've seen it wrong."

Right away Anderson tried to find humor in walking around

with cancer. He talked about it on his KPAM show. "Hey, without this," he jokes, "I'm in great shape!"

He adds: "Every dime I've ever made has been from talking about my life. As gloomy and bleak as this might be, it shouldn't be any different. I talk about the world I live in. ... No point hanging on to darkness."

Anderson had one piece of good advice for men — and women — out there:

"The real lesson in this is, if your body tells you something's going on, believe it," he says. "You have to trust your body. ... There are all sorts of silent killers out there — now, hey, enjoy your day."

His body appears to be on

the mend.

Mason hopes he'll have his radio buddy back soon. Upon hearing good news about Anderson's surgery, he let other friends know that their regular "Mancation" in Las Vegas, the ninth version, will be on for 2015. Early this year, during "Mancation," Mason and friends knew the "elephant in the room" was that Anderson had pancreatic cancer, but they marveled at how Anderson made them all feel comfortable. They joked about spreading cremated ashes on a Las Vegas golf course — without being caught. Now, news has turned good, and morbid jokes might be curtailed.

Anderson says that, through his ordeal, he has earned much more respect for cancer patients. "They have a gift. On the other side, they see things differently. I'm going to enjoy whatever days I have left. The diagnosis changed my outlook. I take that as a gift."

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'Bruce' talk

Portland author Peter Ames Carlin, who wrote the authorized biography of Bruce Springsteen, "Bruce," will speak at the Ledding Cultural Forum, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6 at Milwaukie High School, 11300 S.E. 23rd Ave. in Milwaukie. It's free admission.

The Tribune wrote about Carlin and "Bruce" last year upon the book's release, which followed books about Paul McCartney and Brian Wilson and precedes an anticipated work about Paul Simon.

Spending time around musicians and researching them



CARLIN

have led his thoughts on "the relationship between eccentricity and creativity," which could be Thursday's lecture topic, he tells the

Clackamas Review. "They're all weirdos at heart," he says, "but what others might see as a weakness turns out to be their greatest strength, and sometimes their greatest torture."

For info on Carlin: peteramescarlin.com.

Reed Arts Week

And, you thought "daemon" was just part of the error message on email attempts?

"RAW 2014: Daemon" is the title for Reeds Arts Week, with the theme daemon rooted in ancient Greek religion as an invisible presence with an inexplicable will and today as a background computer program.

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LAUGHING *in the* FACE *of* CANCER

■ Only comedian, TV/radio host Dave Anderson could turn tables on diagnosis



Cancer surgery has gone well and life has taken on new meaning for television/radio host and comedian Dave Anderson (left, and far left with KPAM sidekick Mark Mason). "I'm going to enjoy whatever days I have left," he says. TRIBUNE PHOTOS: JAIME VALDEZ

Mark & Dave Show

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As the days went on, and Dave Anderson overcame the shock and realized that he had cancer and had to undergo surgery and had to face the great unknown, the Portland TV personality, radio celebrity and comedian calmed down and faced reality.

Sort of. It didn't take Anderson long to return to his old ways of being a funny man with a bunch of funny thoughts.

One day, pre-surgery, he dropped a pill on the ground. A germaphobe, Anderson normally would have discarded the pill. But, he was walking around with cancer in his pancreas, a little more serious than downing a dirty pill.

"What's it going to do?" he muses. "What will it hurt?"

In the days after his diagnosis, Anderson drew closer to his wife, Christy, and son, 19-year-old Quinton, and daughter, 14-year-old McKenna.

Aw, how nice, right?

"One of benefits of a diagnosis like this," he jokes, "is your teenagers start being nicer to you. Everybody parent should have this."

And, the ol' pancreas, who would have known? Anderson clearly didn't heed some advice he had heard once: "Don't ever piss off your pancreas."

No joke, the 53-year-old Anderson emerged from 10-hour surgery Monday, Feb. 24, to remove a tumor in his pancreas, and it sounds like Anderson might be one of the lucky ones. Doctors told him they removed the tumor,

it hadn't spread and, depending on pathology tests, he may or may not need chemotherapy, his closest confidants says. The Anderson family, his co-host Mark Mason on the popular KPAM 860

AM radio program, co-host Helen Raptis on KATU's "AM Northwest" and thousands of fans can breathe collective sighs of relief, for now.

"So far so good," Anderson texted the Portland Tribune last week. "Some rough moments within good days. Surgery was a success."

A big box of cards

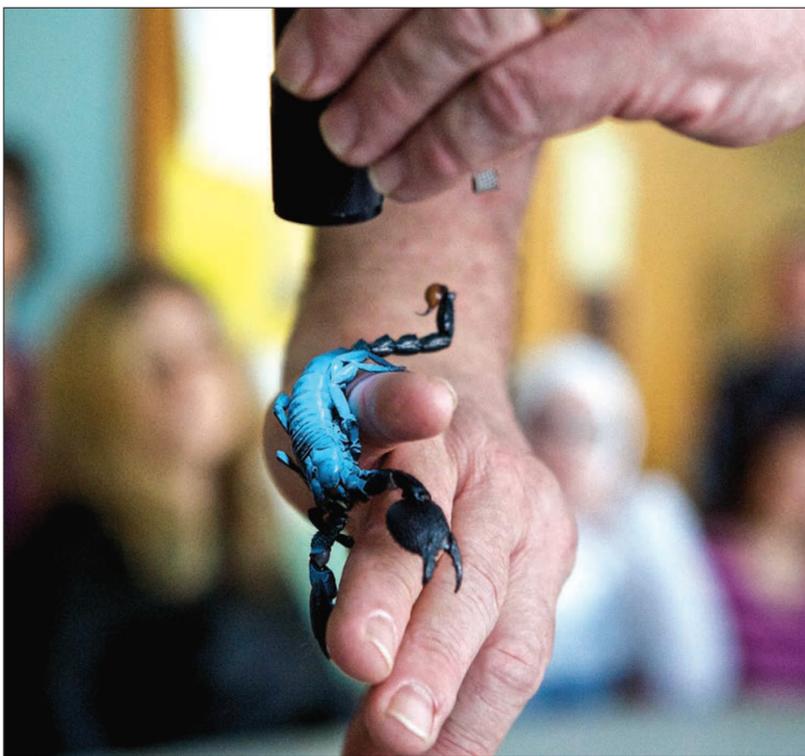
Anderson says that "shock" and "surreal" and many other emotions greeted he and his wife upon revelation of the cancer. His "pessimistically hopeful" attitude turned to "optimism" and, post-surgery, Anderson says "happy is the word."

Says Christy Anderson: "He's doing great, and the doctor says he's progressing well. He's kept his humor, although I'm not sure the doctors and nurses get his humor."

Mason, also the Trail Blazers' public address announcer, says his buddy looked good, even after 10 hours of surgery. He took a photo of Anderson in his hospital garb on one visit last

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It's an itsy, bitsy spider... not!

Tim Criswell, owner of House of Reptiles, 11507 S.W. Pacific Hwy. in Tigard, shines an ultraviolet light on an emperor scorpion on a recent visit to the Village Home Education Resource Center in Beaverton. The resource center/school routinely has Criswell bring some of the creatures from his store to let the students see and touch some of them. Yes, see and touch them ...

Bits & Pieces

By JASON VONDERSMITH
The Tribune

Broadway's reach

U.S. Bank Broadway Across America celebrates its 20th year of bringing touring musicals to Portland, a run that started with "Miss Saigon." Since then, more than 100 musicals have been staged in Portland, and the 2014-15 season lines up as another special one, culminating with two classics.

The lineup: "Kinky Boots," Oct. 1-5; "Dirty Dancing," Jan. 13-18, 2015; "Rodgers & Hammerstein's Cinderella," Feb. 17-22; "Guys and Dolls," March 10-15; "I Love Lucy Live on Stage," April 7-12; "The Phantom of the Opera," May 13-24; "Wicked," Aug. 5-23.

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Fly, fly away!

Pardon the ode to late Seattle Mariners broadcaster Dave Niehaus, but Portland aviation enthusiasts received some thrilling news this week: The Canadian Forces Snowbirds have recommitted to participating in The Oregon International Air Show,

after first cancelling all 2014 U.S. air show appearances because of Canadian military budget constraints.

Now the Sept. 19-21 event will not only take place at Hillsboro Airport, it'll feature the highly entertaining Snowbirds for the first time since 1993. The Snowbirds fly nine distinctive red and white CT-114 Tutors and do 50 different formations and maneuvers.

A "relieved" and "elated" Judy Willey, president of the Oregon International Air Show, says that one scenario had organizers ending the event, without a marquee act. Last year, the Air Show went on without involvement from a U.S. military team, because of

U.S. military cuts. For info: OregonAirShow.com.

A 'Portlandia' kinda crowd

The hit IFC show centered on the quirkiness of Fred Armisen and Carrie Brownstein characters and our fair city has returned for its fourth season, starting last week. It's not too late to make plans to watch the remaining nine episodes — 10 p.m. each Thursday — at some local watering holes with other residents of our fair city, if you don't have IFC on your television.

Besides the regulars —

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COURTESY OF OREGON INTERNATIONAL AIR SHOW

The Canadian Forces Snowbirds jet demonstration team will be the headline performers at the 2014 Oregon International Air Show in September at the Hillsboro Airport.