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Nate Watkins, center, and other fans cheer on the Timbers, as does Gabriel Anaya (inset) and other members of the Timbers Army (below).

**O**n Sunday, the wood heaved and roiled at the Crystal Ballroom as the crowd erupted with joy at the end of the team's Western Conference final game in Frisco, Texas.

At the final whistle, the Timbers supporters, watching on the big screen in Portland's venerable music venue, went wilder than they had dared let themselves all afternoon. They danced and pogoed and hugged and high-fived, with incredulous looks on their faces.

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## Bailey to take on Wheeler in mayoral race

County commissioner expected to declare candidacy in January

By **JIM REDDEN**  
*The Tribune*

The Portland mayor's race just got exciting. Multnomah County Commissioner Jules Bailey is expected to announce that he is going to run for mayor in January. He needs to wait until then to retain his commission seat through 2016, under the county's term-limit restrictions.

"If I run for mayor, I'll run on my track record about getting things done for people who work for a living," Bailey told the Portland Tribune in a veiled dig at state Treasurer Ted Wheeler, who grew up in a wealthy family and who also is running for mayor.

Bailey has hired Stacey Dycus, a longtime Portland and Bend political consultant, to begin putting his potential campaign together. The news was first reported by Willamette Week on Nov. 25.

Until now, it looked as though Wheeler might easily be elected mayor after incumbent Charlie Hales dropped out of the race.

But Bailey is an experienced campaigner who was elected to the Oregon House of Representatives before winning the special election to serve the last two years of Commissioner Deborah Kafoury's seat after she replaced Jeff Cogen as county chair.

"This race has always been about the



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## Council to vote on \$25,000 demolition tax

Proposal fine-tuned, reduced tax for cheaper homes defeated

By **JIM REDDEN**  
*The Tribune*

The Portland City Council inched closer to adopting a tax intended to slow home demolitions and help fund affordable housing last week. The final vote on the proposal by Mayor Charlie Hales was postponed until this Wednesday, however, after it repeatedly was amended to address issues raised by the commissioners and witnesses.

As amended, the proposal would levy a \$25,000 tax on all viable homes demolished and replaced with one or more new homes, but would exempt homes being purchased by the city to restore floodplains and affordable housing replacement projects.

Hales says he hopes the tax will prevent as many as 100 demolitions a year and raise \$1 million or more annually for affordable housing.

"Growth is creating a lot of positive things in Portland, but I'm less happy with the demolition of great old houses that are being replaced by more expensive ones," Hales said at the Nov. 25 hearing.

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## Draft impact statement on oil terminal released

Public input sought on largest oil-by-rail project in region

By **STEVE LAW**  
*The Tribune*

One of the most controversial environmental projects ever proposed in the Portland area — the Tesoro Savage oil terminal at the Port of Vancouver — has advanced to a critical stage after Washington regulators issued a draft environmental

impact statement.

The terminal would serve what amounts to an oil pipeline on wheels — four daily trains with up to 120 cars each arriving from North Dakota, perhaps via tracks in the Columbia River Gorge.

It would be the region's largest oil-by-rail project, equipped to handle 360,000 barrels of crude oil per day. That's about 42 percent of the oil volume proposed for the Keystone XL

pipeline recently rejected by President Obama, said Dan Serres, conservation director for the Columbia Riverkeeper.

The project is proposed by Tesoro Corp., a Texas oil company, teaming with Savage, a Utah-based supply chain management company, which formed a joint venture called Vancouver Energy. They hope to haul crude oil from the

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A ship waits at the Port of Vancouver, where a massive oil-by-rail terminal is proposed by Tesoro Corp. and Savage.

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# Tax: Spending priority on affordable housing

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To read Mayor Hales' budget directive to bureau heads: [portlandtribune.com/documents/artdocs/00003530871233.pdf](http://portlandtribune.com/documents/artdocs/00003530871233.pdf)

Although Hales introduced the proposal in response to neighborhood complaints about a "demolition epidemic," not all those concerned were pleased with it. Several witnesses said the tax will only be passed on to homebuyers, further increasing the cost of housing. And a representative of United Neighborhoods for Reform argued for a moratorium on all residential demolitions, saying other issues, like mitigating hazardous materials during the demolition process, have yet to be resolved.

The council defeated an amendment by Commissioner Steve Novick that would have reduced the tax for less-expensive replacement houses. Hales said the council could revisit the idea in the future, however, as the tax plays itself out and other housing-related issues come before the council, such as recommendations by the task force he appointed to study residential infill problems.

The discussion came as the Portland housing market continues to heat up.

Average home sale prices in the metropolitan area rose to \$353,400 in October, an increase of 6.1 percent over the previous year, according to the Regional Multiple Listing Service. The hottest areas included West Portland, where the average sale price was \$427,000 in October, and Lake Oswego/West Linn, where it was \$450,000.

"Activity has been higher in 2015 than in 2014 across the board," according to the RMLS October Action Report. "Pending sales (30,453) are up 23.4 percent, closed sales (28,096) are up 20.6 percent, and new listings (36,966) are up 8.5 percent for the year thus far."

Rents are rising even faster in Portland. The average of all rents in the city, including studios, one or more bedroom apartments, and single-family houses, was \$1,674 in October, an increase of 11.2 percent over the previous year, according to the Zillow real estate and rental tracking service.

"It's tough in Portland, which is still one of the nation's hottest markets," says Zillow spokeswoman Lauren Braun. "It ranks in the top five among the 35 largest metros for home value and rental appreciation — both are still rising at a double-digit pace," she says.

The City Council blames such increases for creating a housing crisis in Portland. It declared a state of housing emergency in early October, in part to speed the opening of more emergency shelters, like the Sears Armory in Southwest Portland that began housing homeless women late last month. Hales also has direct-

ed the police to reduce homeless camp sweeps, contributing to the growing number and size of camps in the Overlook neighborhood and other parts of town.

And the mayor has raised the possibility of the city spending more general fund dollars to build affordable housing.

Until this year, the city's contribution to affordable housing projects has come primarily from dedicated funding sources, such as urban renewal dollars or pass-through federal housing funds.

The city spent several million dollars of its surplus funds on affordable housing in the current budget. Hales wants to go further in next year's budget, shifting money from other bureaus into affordable housing.

On Nov. 19, Hales sent a memo to all general fund bureau heads asking them to prepare budget requests for next year with 5 percent reductions. The memo says one reason is to identify money that could be spent to address a number of pressing issues, including "an affordable housing and homelessness crisis that requires additional resources to invest in the most effective approaches."

The only general fund bureau spared from the requirement is the Portland Housing Bureau.

In the memo, Hales says the council already has set aside \$10 million of additional money to respond to the housing state of emergency it has declared, adding, "I will call on every bureau to help us find solutions to the housing crisis."

The council has the most discretion over how general fund dollars are spent. Because of that, it historically has been reluctant to spend that money on programs for which there are dedicated sources of funding, such as the housing and transportation bureaus. Top priorities for general fund dollars are traditionally the police, fire and park bureaus.

In the memo, Hales says he plans to continue those priorities.

"I will look to preserve core public safety functions so that we can respond to the epidemic of gun-related violence and proactively engage with the community. And I will continue to ensure that City resources are allocated to programs that have a direct impact on the lives of our citizens and that we focus on maintaining our assets and infrastructure," it reads.

Although new revenue projections will not be available for a few more weeks, the memo says the city's financial outlook is good, but some difficult budget decisions will still need to be made.



TRIBUNE PHOTO: JONATHAN HOUSE

The Port of Vancouver hopes to land the Tesoro Savage oil terminal in this area, on the other side of the Columbia River from Hayden Island.

# Terminal: Inslee to get final say

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## TESORO SAVAGE OIL TERMINAL

- To read the draft environmental impact statement: <http://1.usa.gov/1NNPIZE>
- Public comments may be submitted until Jan. 8
- To testify: attend the public hearing from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, Clark County Event Center at the Fairgrounds, Hall B, 17402 N.E. Delfel Road, Ridgefield
- To read Tesoro's take on the project, visit: [vancouverenergyusa.com](http://vancouverenergyusa.com)

Bakken formation in North Dakota and deliver it to West Coast oil refineries, via up to 350 marine vessel trips per year on the Columbia River.

The draft environmental impact statement, or DEIS, issued last week by the Washington State Energy Facility Site Evaluation Council, triggers the beginning of a public comment period that could attract thousands of critics and supporters.

The DEIS includes exhaustive analysis of just about every impact one could imagine for a project of this scope at the terminus of a 1,187-mile rail line. The state agency reviewed the potential for oil spills, air and water pollution, greenhouse gas emissions and adverse impact of marine vessels on endangered fish species. It analyzed worker safety, rail line safety, congestion on the rail lines, earthquake, landslide and tsunami hazards, and the impact on recreation. Even odors and noise pollution are evaluated.

Tesoro responded to an interview request by submitting

a brief email.

"This is an important milestone for the project and we look forward to entering the next stages of the permitting process," stated Tina Barbee, spokeswoman for Vancouver Energy, in the email.

Vancouver Energy says its project will reduce U.S. dependence on imported oil, helping fill the void due to declining production of oil from Alaska's North Slope and in California.

The company says the project will create 320 full-time jobs during construction, and 176 permanent jobs to operate the facility, plus 440 spinoff jobs off-site.

Serres and other environmentalists said the DEIS contains enough red flags to justify rejection of the oil terminal by Washington Gov. Jay Inslee. Inslee gets to make the final call after presiding over a qua-

si-judicial hearing process on the findings by the state energy siting council.

The liberal Seattle Democrat has made fighting climate change one of his signature issues.

Last month, the Portland City Council passed a resolution decrying further oil-by-rail shipments in this area, a position already held by the Vancouver City Council. In the November election, Eric LaBrant won an open seat on the Port of Vancouver Commission on a platform opposed to the oil terminal.

Environmentalists and Portland city commissioners are most concerned about rail accidents from the oil trains in the Columbia River Gorge or if the trains are routed through Portland, as well as the impact on climate change. Scientists say much of the world's oil re-

serves needs to stay underground if we are to avert major climate disruption and global warming, a position Portland Mayor Charlie Hales has adopted.

Tesoro and Savage insist the oil will not be exported but sent to refineries on the West Coast. Since there are no oil refineries in Oregon, the oil would be transported to Washington or California. "We currently do not anticipate that crude oil handled at the facility will be exported," Vancouver Energy says on its website. However, it notes that the oil is actually owned by its customers.

Environmentalists are skeptical the oil is for domestic use, and fear Tesoro wants to export it.

"I think at 360,000 barrels of oil a day, it's safe to say that's not just devoted to Oregon or Washington," Serres said. Tesoro is one of the companies seeking to overturn the current U.S. ban on exporting unrefined domestic oil, Serres said. "This is a nationally and internationally significant project."

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# Bailey: Had filed to run for reelection

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challenges we face as a community — ensuring everyone has economic opportunity, protecting the most vulnerable, and making sure every neighborhood has access to needed services," Wheeler said in response. "I'm ready to continue to lead the discussion about these issues so we can make real progress as a city and welcome others to join this conversation as well."

Bailey, who recently returned to commission work after taking paternity leave following the birth of his son, said he originally decided against

running for mayor.

"I only recently decided to run. Portland is a progressive city, and I thought some other credible candidate would get in the race," he said.

Bailey said many people have been urging him to run for mayor, including members of the environmental, labor, minority and faith communities.

"I'm humbled by their support," he said.

Bailey's decision means his commission seat will be open in the 2016 election. He had filed for re-election on Oct. 22,

but will now withdraw.

Like Wheeler, Bailey is a Portland native who graduated from Lincoln High School. He went on to graduate from Lewis & Clark College before earning a public affairs and planning degree from Princeton University.

Bailey has raised \$61,545 in political contributions so far this year and has about \$40,918 remaining. He plans to limit political contributions to \$250.

Wheeler has raised \$195,592 and has \$85,879 in the bank.

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# Hales to speak at Paris climate summit

Mayor says Portland can offer lessons on effective local action

By JIM REDDEN  
The Tribune

Mayor Charlie Hales will arrive in Paris on Dec. 3 to speak at the Climate Summit for Local Leaders, which will be held in conjunction with the U.N. Climate Conference.

According to the mayor's office, during the summit, Hales will speak on a Financing City Action panel to be held at Paris City Hall on Dec. 4. It will be hosted by C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group, a network of the world's largest cities committed to addressing climate change.

"Action on the issue of climate change happens at the city level," Hales said. "Nations

and states move slowly, but Portland has shown that innovation is happening at the local level. If enough cities do the right thing, we will have a global impact."

The U.N. conference is intended to craft a worldwide, legally binding compact for reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Hales also will represent Portland at the C40 Awards, where Portland is a finalist — along with Seoul, South Korea, and Vancouver, British Columbia — for Carbon Measurement and Planning. And he will participate in a U.S. State Department briefing for mayors.

"Portland leads in sustainability, and has for decades," Hales said. "We created the country's first Climate Action Plan in 1993; we invested in light rail and streetcars; we installed green roofs and solar panels; we implemented an energy benchmarking policy; and

we just unanimously passed a resolution opposing new fossil fuel infrastructure."

C40 is paying travel expenses for Hales and Michael Armstrong, Bureau of Planning & Sustainability Research and Operations Manager. They will arrive in Paris on Thursday, Dec. 3, and return to Portland on Sunday, Dec. 6.

Portland is among the cities that have committed to becoming more resilient to climate change, reducing their greenhouse gas emissions, and regularly reporting their progress. The mayor's office says that, as one of the key initiatives launched at the U.N. Climate Summit in September 2014 by the U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and his Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change, former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, the Compact of Mayors is the world's largest collective effort

by cities to date to tackle climate change, proactively prepare for its impacts, and regularly track and report progress.

According to the mayor's office, recent research shows that if every local government in the world took action in accordance with the Compact of Mayors — particularly by targeting their construction, energy, transportation and waste sectors — they could reduce global greenhouse gas emissions by the equivalent of cutting the world's annual coal use by more than half.

"As the world faces the reality of climate change, Portland must continue to be a trailblazer," Hales said. "But it takes the whole community — here in our own city and in the world community — to curb the harmful effects of climate change. We, as a network of cities, are proving that something can be done, and in time to make a difference."



PORTLAND TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO  
Mayor Charlie Hales is preparing to preach the gospel of Portland's green policies in Paris this week during the U.N. Climate Conference.

# Uber poised to dominate city taxi market

Insurance deal fails, leaving door open for rideshare companies

By STEVE LAW  
The Tribune

Uber's takeover of the Portland taxi market seems likely now, after the Portland City Council rejected a compromise proposal that would require more liability insurance coverage for Uber and other "transportation network companies."

By a 3-2 vote Nov. 24, the council rejected Commissioner Nick Fish's motion to require that Uber and Lyft provide at least \$500,000 in insurance when their drivers are cruising around or otherwise at work seeking customers. Mayor Charlie Hales and commissioners Steve Novick and Dan Saltzman rejected the compromise, preferring to go instead with the minimal coverage preferred by Uber and Lyft.

That vote may clear the way for the City Council to adopt a new city code overhauling Portland's taxi system on Wednesday that grants Uber and Lyft permanent entry into the market — largely on their terms.

Since the city launched its taxi deregulation pilot project begun in April, Uber and Lyft have quickly gained a 60 percent market share, most of it due to Uber. That market share could grow as the company continues its Portland hiring spree and some taxi companies, as widely predicted, are forced out of business.

Under the proposed new code, Uber and Lyft must provide insurance coverage of \$1 million per accident and \$2 million for total claims for incidents occurring in what they call phases two and three — from the time a customer "hails" an Uber or Lyft driver on their smartphone to when they are dropped off at their destination. But for phase one, when an Uber or Lyft driver has their smartphone app turned on seeking customers, coverage was set at \$50,000 per person for death or injury and \$100,000 per incident, plus \$25,000 for property damage.



Bryce Bennett, the new Uber general manager for Portland, addresses the Portland City Council.

TRIBUNE PHOTO: STEVE LAW

In contrast, Portland taxis must have coverage of at least \$500,000 while they are working, though Broadway Cab lobbyist Stephen Kafoury said that is an "antiquated" amount. All Portland cab companies now provide at least \$1 million insurance coverage, he testified last week.

Uber and Lyft agreed to provide modest insurance coverage during phase one as part of a national deal they struck earlier this year with major insurance companies.

Kafoury said the lower amounts in phase one weren't set because they were good public policy.

"Uber did not want to have any insurance at all in phase one," Kafoury told the City Council on Nov. 24, during the final public hearing on taxi deregulation.

Taxi company advocates say Uber and Lyft are trying to shave costs and get a competi-

tive advantage by low-balling insurance coverage at precisely the time accident rates are highest.

Tesfaye Aleme, managing director of Green Cab, said he evaluated the past 18 months' accident claims for his company. "Over 65 percent of the time the accidents were in period one," he testified.

Steve Entler, manager of Radio Cab, said 531 of his taxi fleet's 753 accidents over the past four years were in a period equivalent to period one.

There were 17 accidents in that four-year period where claims topped the \$50,000 amount proposed for Uber and Lyft, Entler said, and the three biggest claims all were in the equivalent of phase one.

But Uber provided its own data on accidents to Novick, who, as transportation commissioner, has been leading the charge to accommodate Uber and Lyft's entry into the

Portland taxi market.

Uber has had 95 crashes so far, Novick relayed, and only 11 of them have occurred during phase one. Nineteen occurred when Uber drivers were driving to pick up passengers, and 65 were when passengers were in the cars, he said.

That's a different pattern

than reported by taxi companies and their insurance providers, who say most accidents occur when there are no passengers in the car.

Hales, who earlier appeared somewhat skeptical about Uber and Lyft's position on insurance, said last week that the issue is a "proxy" for the bigger fight between those

companies and their taxi company competitors. Hales said he feared what might happen if the city approves a higher level of insurance and Uber and Lyft abandon the Portland market in response, as they have in Eugene and other cities that tried to adopt higher insurance limits.

"They might leave the Portland marketplace. Would that be a good outcome?" Hales said.

Hales predicted Uber and Lyft will continue serving the suburbs surrounding Portland, which have no taxi regulations. Then two-thirds of the metro area would have Uber and Lyft service while Portland does not, Hales said.

Kafoury, representing the local taxi industry, pushed a bill in the 2015 Oregon legislative session requiring a minimal \$1 million insurance coverage for Uber and Lyft during phase one. That narrowly failed because Portland Democrats wanted to defer to the Portland City Council's judgment, Kafoury said. However, if the City Council decides to go with the lighter insurance requirement preferred by Uber and Lyft, he said, the Legislature is poised to pass his bill in the 2016 session in February.

All it takes is one accident, Kafoury warned, for policymakers to understand that higher insurance limits are needed.

But with the insurance issue settled for now, the Portland City Council appears poised to pass a new private-for-hire transportation code Wednesday.

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James Duckworth's Introduction to Construction class checks out the former stairwell, which has been gutted as part of the Roosevelt modernization.

## Teacher makes high school modernization part of curriculum

By KEVIN TREVELLYAN  
The Tribune

Students slogged through the active construction site at Roosevelt High School on a recent Thursday, over damp gravel and muddy plywood walkways as drips of water fell from their hard hats.

The construction manager warned them to look out for the heavy machinery heard in the distance — cranes and bulldozers — as they toured the gutted remains of brick buildings covered in caution tape and dust.

Roosevelt High School in North Portland is undergoing

modernization, thanks to the \$482 million Portland Public Schools bond measure voters approved in 2012.

Some buildings were torn down for replacement, while others are being remodeled.

And despite the exposed steel I-beams, the site is still as much a place for learning as it was when buildings stood on it, full of desks and chairs.

Second-year Roosevelt teacher James Duckworth has made it a classroom.

"My biggest thing is just trying to introduce them to as many different trades as possible through the class," says Duckworth, 30.

"I think a lot of students need and excel at more hands-on stuff. There are plenty of really amazing jobs through that line of work where you don't necessarily need to go to college to be able to

support yourself and support a family on an honest and worthwhile job."

Separate from his duties as an art instructor, Duckworth teaches 16 Roosevelt students about assorted trades in his Introduction to Construction class — how to square a wall, how to install insulation for a chilly Portland winter; how to make a blueprint come to life.

Duckworth created the class this year, officially designated a career and technical education (CTE) course by PPS, and hopes to continue it after the modernization is finished.

Duckworth's hands-on approach reflects a districtwide shift by PPS to engage more students with CTE classes, and provide clearer paths to careers.

"I think it'll be good," says Hayley Preciso, a Roosevelt senior in Duckworth's class. "We

used to have a lot of classes like that, but as funding got shorter we lost a lot of those, like our shop class. Lots of kids learn differently, so we need a variety of classes for students."

### STEM space controversy

Phase 1 of the modernization, which currently is underway on roughly half of the campus, started last spring and is expected to be done next fall. During Phase 2, students will shift over to the modernized half of campus while the older section is remodeled, with a tentative completion date of fall 2017.

The \$92 million project — part of the district's long-term effort to upgrade and modernize its facilities — is intended to boost student performance and graduation rates at Roosevelt.

In 2010, after the school posted a four-year graduation rate of 39 percent, the federal government gave Roosevelt a "turnaround" grant of \$7.7 million over three years, as part of an effort to improve Oregon's 10 worst-performing schools.



Project Manager Nate Buddress of Lease Crutcher Lewis (pointing) leads a group of Roosevelt students through the former auditorium, which soon will be the library.

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Roosevelt senior Hayley Preciso, right, watches a construction manager explain how the walls are being laid on the north part of campus. Students occupy the south part of campus during Phase 1 of the construction.

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# City adopts new 'ban the box' hiring rules

*Ordinance aims for more equity in assessing applicants*

By **STEVE LAW**  
The Tribune

The Portland City Council unanimously approved an expanded version of the "ban the box" policy Nov. 18, to give former convicts a better chance to score job interviews and job offers.

The ordinance goes beyond a recently approved state law, which barred boxes on job applications where applicants were required to state if they have ever been convicted of a felony.

The city ordinance takes the movement a large step further, barring, with several exceptions, questions about criminal history in job interviews as well. Instead most employers could investigate job candidates' criminal histories only after extending contingent job offers.

The new hiring process, which

applies to all but the smallest employers within the city of Portland, is akin to procedures used to buy a house. People make home purchase offers contingent upon a detailed property inspection. Now employers must offer a job to applicants, contingent on passing criminal background checks.

Advocates, led by the Urban League of Portland, say the new hiring policy will let job applicants be judged by their skills, experience and ability to do a job, not by, for example, youthful mistakes that make it harder — particularly for African-American males — to get jobs after getting out of jail or prison. Advocates note that ex-felons are much less likely to wind up back in prison if they are given job opportunities.

Commissioner Steve Novick said the Nov. 18 vote was "one of the two proudest days" of his service on the council. The other was when the City Council adopted a paid sick-leave policy, Novick said.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz said she was moved by data

showing white men with a criminal record are more likely to get job interviews than black men with no such record.

"This would be a huge step forward," she said.

Commissioner Nick Fish, who was a civil rights lawyer before his election to the City Council, voted for the measure, but offered some sober words of warning.

If employers notice a gap on candidates' résumés where they list no work experiences, they might practice what amounts to racial profiling and make a presumption the candidate was incarcerated, Fish said. It will be important for the city to monitor how well the ordinance is working, he said, to make sure it is accomplishing what it was meant to do.

Mayor Charlie Hales, who championed the measure, said he was proud that Portland is leading the way on this issue in Oregon.

"This is a City Council that has a commitment to equity and opportunity in our city," Hales said.

# Remodel: Lays new foundation for learning

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In 2013, after the three separate academies on Roosevelt's campus were reunited back into a single school, the four-year graduation rate had improved to 64 percent, but was still below the PPS average of 80 percent.

Last year, the Roosevelt graduation rate dropped down to 53 percent compared to a district-wide high school average of 70 percent.

After the remodel is finished, Roosevelt will have 5,359 square feet of STEM space, dedicated to science, technology, engineering and math instruction.

STEM spaces, which overlap with CTE classes, are designed to encourage preparation for specific careers through hands-on experience, giving students the practical skills to succeed after high school.

Many, however, have criticized PPS for the modernized Roosevelt STEM lab designs, which, collectively, are smaller than the 9,000-square-foot STEM lab being built at Franklin High School, also under construction. Roosevelt has an enrollment of 947 students this year, compared with Franklin's 1,552.

Roosevelt also has 70 percent students of color, compared with 39 percent at Franklin.

Community activist Donna Cohen filed a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education Office for Civil Rights over the configuration of STEM space at Roosevelt, although it was rejected.

Community groups worry that Roosevelt's students will not only be at a disadvantage with smaller STEM spaces, but by the fact that their labs occupy different parts of the campus, compared to the contiguous space being built at Franklin. Many believe that the split will make it difficult for students to work on projects seamlessly.

## Keeping community intact

Despite the controversy surrounding the STEM labs, construction and school continue as planned.

Franklin's students have been relocated to the Marshall Campus in Southeast Portland for the duration of their two-year remodel, but Roosevelt's students are staying put.

Logistically, Lease Crutcher Lewis (the construction company

on site) has had to adjust to the students still occupying the active half of campus.

"We can't be jackhammering something right outside of a window where there's a class," says Nate Buddress, Lease Crutcher Lewis project manager. "There's obviously critical infrastructure that goes into the existing school that we have to constantly pay attention to to make sure we don't hit a water line or something."

The construction team, which has remodeled many other schools with students present, also has been taking advantage of weekends and holidays to work on the school while it's empty.

Still, the active work has been disruptive for some.

"Sometimes the tractors and everything get kind of loud," says Preciso, the senior in Duckworth's class. "Especially in the basement classes in the main building, like the ground is shaking, or there's really loud bangs outside."

Although the active construction may be a burden, Preciso is glad she isn't being moved to another school: "It makes getting to and from school less complicated. It's kind of hard to focus sometimes with the noises and stuff, but I would rather stay on our campus than go to another school."

Duckworth agrees. "A big part of high school is building that community," he says. "I think a building has a lot to do with having that community."

There's also a sort of appeal in watching the buildings rise a little higher out of the ground day after day, instead of seeing the entire end product two years later.

"Especially when a lot of our students are a bit disenfranchised, or marginalized, to be able to see these people working really hard to provide something for them that they haven't had before, I think goes a long way," Duckworth says.

## Making it relevant

Under a light drizzle, Duckworth's students gathered where Roosevelt's tennis courts were last year, on the north side of campus. Now there's a hole in the ground full of rebar and wood framing, soon to be an orchestra pit.

Project manager Buddress explained to the students what the

construction crew was doing in the pit step by step, but Duckworth prodded him for more details.

"How did you guys set the rebar?" Duckworth asks. "And why is pouring concrete for a radial wall different from pouring for a straight one?"

Duckworth pulls lessons from the busy ecosystem of specialists at the construction site to highlight them as people of skill, not necessarily just brain.

"There just seems to be sort of a stigma around the trades, like you don't have to be smart to be able to frame a house," he says. "And the truth is, if you're going out and framing a wall, if you want to make it square, you have to use the Pythagorean theorem. I mean, not too many accountants use that kind of math in a regular day."

Duckworth appreciates that his students get to explore the trades by witnessing each one separately.

A student may find nothing of interest in learning how to wire a high school gym, but might be intrigued by how ornate wooden framing is preserved amid seismic upgrades.

"And then you spend significant time doing it and realize that, yeah, this is still something that I want to do," Duckworth says.

Duckworth's own experience with construction began with his time in the U.S. Army, when he spent nine years as a heavy equipment mechanic.

Afterward he got his master's degree in education, then began working for Habitat for Humanity. For two and a half years, he was on site in Portland teaching volunteers how to build houses.

Before that, in Great Falls, Mont., he took wood shop from seventh grade onward. The hands-on approach engaged him when conventional classes didn't.

"That's one of the things that kept me in high school; I had something that I could actually go and do," he says. "I read a tape measure, I learned how to do math, and I worked on my spatial reasoning. Engagement is a huge thing. And a lot of these kids just don't care and don't see the relevance behind a lot of what they're learning about in school."

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# Troutdale says 'Thanks, but no thanks' to postal center

*Council votes to discontinue talks on relocation of distribution center*

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The prospect of \$30 million — or any compensation, for that matter — was not enough for the Troutdale City Council to continue negotiations with the Portland Development Commission to move the main Portland Post Office and Distribution Center to Troutdale.

The council, at its Tuesday, Nov. 24, meeting, voted unanimously to reject the PDC's offer to relocate the facility to Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park property off Sundial Road.

With agreement from the U.S. Postal Service to relocate its Pearl District distribution center on Northwest Hoyt Street to make way for PDC-led redevelopment, the commission has sought alternative locations for the facility. As a federal agency, the post office does not pay property taxes, prompting the PDC to offer a fee in lieu of foregone property tax revenue. That offer was made public in October, with a price tag of \$6.45 million. But with Troutdale city staff estimating property taxes for the site topping \$20 million, that offer was not well-received by the City Council.

Public opinion at the Nov. 24 meeting was largely against this possibility, citing revenue concerns and traffic issues. But some viewed a large upfront payment as a key to funding a new or upgraded Troutdale City Hall. Investing the PDC's payment could earn interest, a citizen suggested, and the interest could build a new City Hall to replace the now-abandoned Kibling Street building



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The Portland Development Commission is negotiating to buy the U.S. Postal Service distribution center in Northwest Portland and relocate it, but a potential site in Troutdale is opposed by that city's leaders.

deemed unsafe for occupancy. "Frankly any amount of money is not going to be as good as a steady flow of revenue," Councilor Dave Ripma said. "I think it simply can't be justified."

Mayor Doug Daoust said the estimated tax revenue for the city did not include taxing districts, such as the Reynolds School District. This added to increasing concern and doubt about the deal. Glenn White and John Wilson reached the same conclusion, though Daoust wanted to continue with discussions, possibly giving the PDC a higher dollar figure to consider.

City councilors were concerned that if they decided against moving forward, USPS could move to Troutdale anyway.

"While they might be able to exercise their federal prerogative and site this whether we like to or not, they will not do

so if we don't agree," City Manager Craig Ward said. "I take them, the PDC and Port, at their word. If we don't want that project, we can say no."

PDC spokesman Shawn Uhlman said the urban renewal agency respects the Troutdale City Council's decision. However, PDC is not ready to rule out the Troutdale site and will continue

discussions with the Port of Portland, he said. In addition, alternative sites are under review.

"We do have other sites that are being discussed and being examined, and we'll just continue those discussions," Uhlman said. Some of those sites are in Portland and some are outside the city, he said.

So far, the Postal Service has not indicated to PDC a preference for one site over another.

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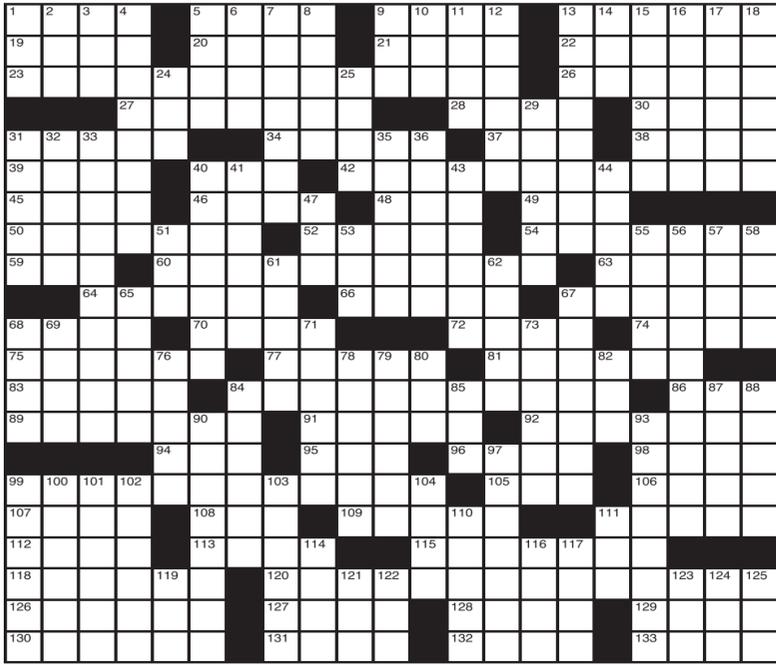
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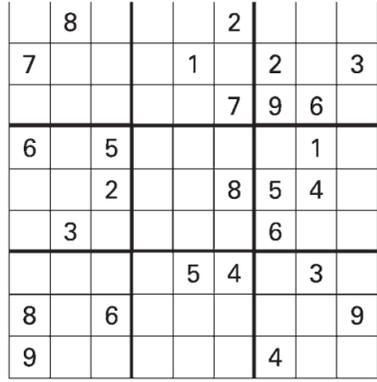
## The Crossword Puzzle

"L-IMINATED" By Melanie Miller edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

- ACROSS**
- 1 Padlock part
  - 5 Boldly forward
  - 9 Yrs. before college
  - 13 Only major league team without a no-hitter to its credit
  - 19 Polynesian getaway
  - 20 Small number
  - 21 Asian of Narnia, e.g.
  - 22 Parthenon dedicatee
  - 23 Comment after a big raise?
  - 26 Range ropes
  - 27 Mosaic part
  - 28 Didn't let go of
  - 30 Takes the wrong way?
  - 31 Scholarly piece
  - 34 Assign
  - 37 Express sorrow
  - 38 Garden annoyance
  - 39 Dark clouds, perhaps
  - 40 Prison canary?
  - 42 Faux furs left out in the cold?
  - 45 Row
  - 46 Recess retort
  - 48 Cargo unit
  - 49 "Pshaw!"
  - 50 Dwindle
  - 52 Start of many a tribute
  - 54 Pertinent
  - 59 Greenhouse gas regulator: Abbr.
  - 60 Chicago athlete in Denver?
  - 63 Pad
  - 64 Satisfied, as a debt
  - 66 Yucatan native
  - 67 Arrived suddenly
  - 68 Bit of kelp, say
  - 70 Come down hard
  - 72 Asian cuisine
  - 74 Do a farming job
  - 75 Uncouth
  - 77 Field scurrer
  - 81 One hoping to find a school
  - 83 Skylark sound
  - 84 Gem named for a dinosaur?
  - 86 Life
  - 89 Physically aware
  - 91 Fathered
  - 92 Unprocessed information
- DOWN**
- 1 Like some wings
  - 2 Warm-bath reaction
  - 3 Yachting pronoun
  - 4 Out-of-style Boy Scout shelters
  - 5 Gently touches
  - 6 Little news
  - 7 Zaps
  - 8 Dancer's move
  - 9 FDR was one
  - 10 Moment of dishonesty
  - 11 Protest on the road
  - 12 Crickel, for one
  - 13 Bowful next to the chips
  - 14 Put away
  - 15 Hindu duty
  - 16 Seized again
  - 17 Allow
  - 18 Gets boldly forward with
  - 24 "... sadness comes \_ me": Longfellow
  - 25 Baby moose
  - 29 Factory-built home
  - 31 Western chasers
  - 32 Energize
  - 33 Green Giant deal?
  - 35 Former Sandinista leader
  - 36 Like the Cheshire Cat's grin
  - 40 Send forth
  - 41 2001 French romantic comedy
  - 43 Tracked winter vehicle
  - 44 Wild
  - 47 Trick reaction
  - 51 Bart Simpson, e.g.
  - 53 Reduce in intensity
  - 55 Quite hefty
  - 56 Slacks for the boardroom?
  - 57 Jim Davis canine
  - 58 Summon, with "for"
  - 61 Buildup of fluid
  - 62 Tip a tam
  - 65 British nobleman
  - 67 Standout
  - 68 97-Down pair, frequently
  - 69 Passed-down learning
  - 71 Smidgen
  - 73 Inuit wear
  - 76 Cut back
  - 78 Choral parts may be sung in it
  - 79 Not agitated
  - 80 Discriminating ability
  - 82 Jack \_\_, treasury secretary since 2013
  - 84 Spree
  - 85 Cold War missile prog.
  - 87 Old lab heaters
  - 88 Kid's adhesive
  - 90 Struggled for balance
  - 93 Removed pieces from
  - 97 Play with songs
  - 99 31-Down quarry
  - 100 Five-time Tony nominee
  - 101 Strich
  - 102 Ideally
  - 103 Marquee partner
  - 104 Fig tree variety
  - 104 "Transcendence" actor
  - 110 Many a TV series
  - 111 In accordance with
  - 114 Vending machine buy
  - 116 First-century emperor
  - 117 Hefty volume
  - 119 Bambi family member
  - 121 Israeli weapon
  - 122 Field official
  - 123 Creeping evergreen
  - 124 Wedding page word
  - 125 Stamp out



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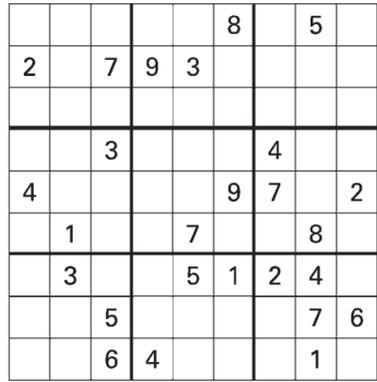


Puzzle 1

## SUDOKU

### Sudoku Instructions

- Understand the basic objective of a Sudoku puzzle. Each column and row of nine numbers must include all the numbers from one through nine, in any order, and every three-by-three section of the nine-by-nine Sudoku puzzle square must also contain the numbers one through nine.
- Scan the rows, columns and squares in the puzzle to determine where each number might go, given the objective.
- Deduce which numbers go in which spot and fill in the numbers in each spot accordingly.
- Practice trial and error. Sudoku puzzles are meant to be challenging, so you may have to take a couple of guesses and try multiple times before completing the puzzle correctly.



Puzzle 2

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### Sudoku Answers

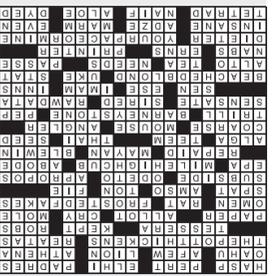
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7	4	5	8	9	3	2	6	1
8	1	3	6	4	2	5	7	9
4	9	6	7	3	8	1	2	5
3	8	2	5	1	4	6	9	7
5	7	1	2	6	9	4	8	3

Puzzle 2

3	1	5	7	6	4	9	2	8
9	7	6	3	8	2	5	4	1
8	4	2	1	5	9	6	3	7
5	8	9	4	7	3	2	1	6
2	3	7	6	1	5	8	9	4
1	6	4	2	9	8	3	7	5
2	9	8	9	4	7	1	6	3
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7	5	3	8	4	1	2	9	6

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Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.  
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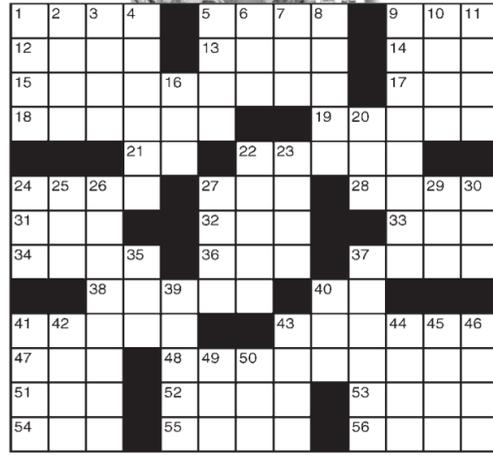
## CROSSWORD

by Eugene Shaffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Breaks
  - 5 Dog's "dogs"
  - 9 Pierced body part
  - 12 Slightly
  - 13 Persia, now
  - 14 Pub order
  - 15 Motor-boat for commuters
  - 17 GPS offering
  - 18 Umiaks' kin
  - 19 Daisy part
  - 21 — and behold
  - 22 Fangs, e.g.
  - 24 NFL "zebras"
  - 27 Cut
  - 28 Tacks on
  - 31 "Entourage" agent
  - 32 Exist
  - 33 Small battery
  - 34 Duds
  - 36 NYPD ranks
  - 37 Wildcat
  - 38 Top scout
  - 40 "— cool!"
  - 41 "Bull Durham" star Sarandon
  - 43 They're nuts!
  - 47 Acting coach Hagen
  - 48 Red Carpet smooches
  - 51 "Top Gun" actor Kilmer
  - 52 "Star Trek" counselor
  - 53 State (Fr.)
  - 54 That lady
  - 55 Viewed studio routines
  - 56 Dull
- DOWN**
- 1 Stare
  - 2 Quatrain form
  - 3 Feel for
  - 4 Lifts
  - 5 Peach parts
  - 6 Coach Par-seghian
  - 7 Car coat?
  - 8 Marsh bird
  - 9 Annual green event
  - 10 Ski resort in 42-Down
  - 11 Spool
  - 16 "Top Hat" studio
  - 20 Greek vowel
  - 22 Rich cake
  - 23 Meadow moms
  - 24 Dry cleaner?
  - 25 Major time
  - 26 Big-discount event
  - 27 Store keeper?
  - 29 Dapper
  - 30 Kenny G plays it
  - 35 Sheep's cry
  - 37 Like post-diet jeans
  - 39 Bitty biters
  - 40 "Nova" subj.
  - 41 Hwy. Explorers
  - 42 See
  - 43 Close (to)
  - 44 Queue after Q
  - 45 Tidy
  - 46 Att. crossers, once
  - 49 Fury
  - 50 Fish eggs



Solution time: 25 mins.



## STICKELERS

Which one of the following words is the odd one out and why?

bay  
delta  
isthmus  
peninsula  
island

Answer

The answer is "bay." The rest are land masses.

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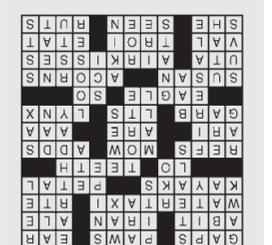
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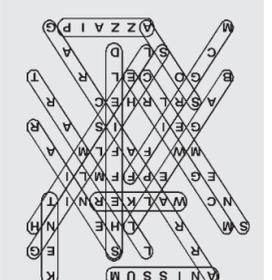
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Seconds

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	1			9
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		2		9
10	9	11	9	9

## SOLUTIONS



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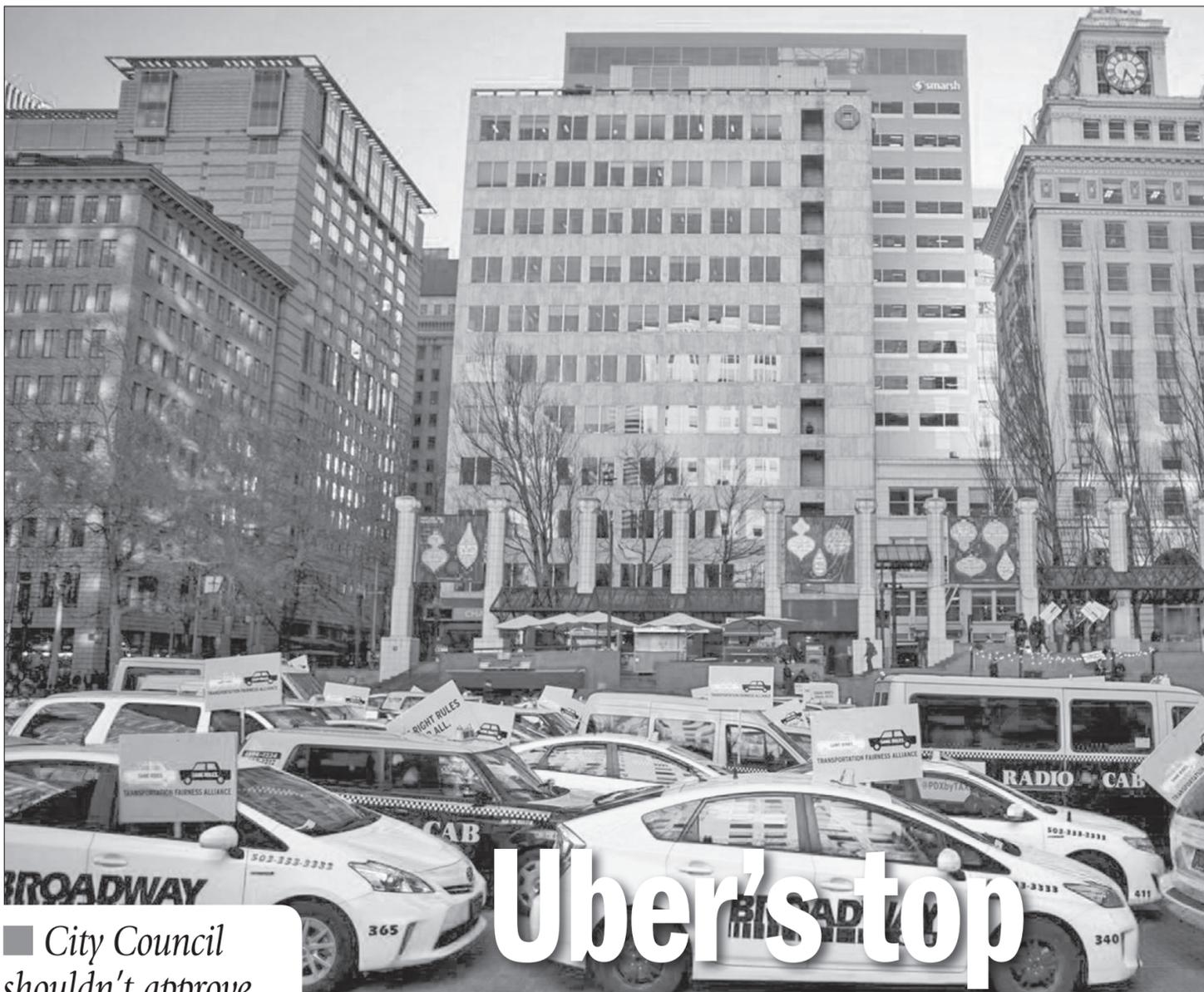
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■ City Council shouldn't approve rewritten, but flawed private for hire transportation code

# Uber's top priority is Uber

## MYVIEW

By Steve Entler

At the Portland City Council hearing Nov. 24, Mayor Charlie Hales expressed a palpable fear that Uber will leave town if the city doesn't give it everything it wants. The discussion was around insurance, but Hales' concern applies to all aspects of Uber's operations in Portland.

This comes on the heels of Commissioner Steve Novick's proposed rewrite of the private for hire transportation (PFHT) code that allegedly was the culmination of many long hours, weeks and months of public and industry discussion and study.

For the record, I was there all through this process, but was rarely allowed to speak. Masquerading the events and long hours of the past year as "due public process" is anything but sincere.

Novick's 153-page proposal contains so many errors and conflicting language that it should really serve as a model for how not to write regulations. Yet it was submitted to the City Council for approval in spite of the



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flaws. Novick himself questioned some of the proposed regulations and presented amendments to his own proposal.

Sort of makes you wonder who really wrote the new regulations. Well, not really. It's straight from Uber's playbook. Recent reports from the city auditor regarding Uber's lobbying record in Portland City Hall, and in Mark Wiener's dining room, suggest that this suspicion is well founded.

The regulations have been carefully crafted to give Uber everything it demands. Concurrently, regulations for other segments of the PFHT industry have been modified to feign fair and equal, even though some don't make any sense.

Uber already has an enormous advantage over Portland-based PFHT companies, but the proposed code changes extend the advantage even more while giving little thought to the potential harm that they place on the public, or the unfairness that is condoned and promoted by the Portland City Council, the Portland Bureau of Transportation, and biased city staffers.

Uber requires its drivers to have personal auto liability insurance. The proposed code now requires it, and to make things look equal for others, the proposed code requires all other PFHT drivers to have personal auto insurance, even if they don't own a car. How is that supposed to happen, and who was the wizard who thought that one out?

The proposed code has a require-

ment that Uber must warn its drivers their personal auto insurance might not be valid. Why doesn't the proposed code simply require that drivers provide adequate and valid personal auto insurance?

Why doesn't the proposed code also require an acknowledgement from the personal auto insurance company authorizing the "part-time" commercial driving activities of its insured driver?

Why doesn't the proposed code require that the proper commercial insurance information be presented at the scene of an accident, rather than allowing Uber drivers to show their personal auto insurance information, as now happens most of the time? (Of course, Uber would rather its drivers continue to defraud their personal auto insurance companies, because it saves the \$50 billion company lots of money.)

Why doesn't the proposed code address the problem of insurance coverage confusion caused by vehicles providing service for Uber and Lyft at the same time?

The answer is the same for all of these questions. Uber wants to overlook these problems. Uber wants the code just as proposed, and has leveraged its partners working within PBOT to make it happen.

At a City Council meeting in August, all commissioners were very concerned with the low level of insurance coverage provided by Uber. Among other issues discussed was the deficient level of Uber's liability coverage during what Uber refers to as "period

one," the time during which an Uber driver is logged onto the app but hasn't yet been connected to a passenger.

Novick even went so far as to put Uber on notice that it would have to secure a higher limit of coverage for period one. It now appears that Novick forgot that moment in favor of Uber's wishes.

Uber has convinced Novick and others on the council that the lives of pedestrians and cyclists are worth significantly less if there isn't a passenger in an Uber vehicle at the time of an accident. That's even though an average of 70 percent of PFHT accidents occur when there isn't a passenger in the car.

Pedestrians and bicyclists had better hope that a passenger is in that Uber car when they get mowed down. Otherwise, their injuries (or death) are worth only \$50,000.

The driving force behind all of this, of course, is money, and Uber will stop at nothing to protect its precious bottom line.

There are many more problems with the proposal, which is destined for a rubber stamp. Novick's proposal should not — I repeat, not — be approved. It sacrifices public safety and fosters an environment for allowing insurance fraud to take place as a means of maximizing profits for a \$50 billion global company.

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# Decision not to expand UGB was wise

## MYVIEW

By Tom Hughes

It's often easy to overlook the hard work that leads to success.

Our economy is growing faster than almost anywhere else in the country. People are moving here because of the quality of life in our communities and the quality of jobs we have to offer.

Preparing for today's success wasn't easy. But the Metro Council's most recent urban growth boundary decision shows we are on the right track.

We have worked hard to protect the farms and forests surrounding greater Portland, while we are growing at one of the fastest rates in the nation. In November, for the first time, the Metro Council found that all of the growth for the next 20 years can be handled within our existing urban growth

boundary, even in a time of economic boom.

That's good news for everyone, particularly taxpayers. It's a credit to the hard work of businesses that the area is growing jobs while sustaining Oregon values. And it's a credit to our communities, which have planned and invested to accommodate growth without sprawl.

Within the existing urban growth boundary, there's enough land for close to 120,000 single-family homes. From South Hillsboro to Villebois to eastern Happy Valley, there are surefire signs that home construction is picking up.

Meanwhile, our region's transit corridors are seeing more and more growth in multifamily housing. From Orenco Station to downtown Beaverton, out east in Gresham's Civic

Center and in the many neighborhoods of Portland, more people are finding options to live in an area that suits their needs.

And we have room for job growth, too. There are thousands of acres already in our urban growth boundary available for new jobs. Metro has focused on investing to get them ready for new development and new jobs. As one example, we've invested hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants to Milwaukie to support new development in its industrial area along the MAX Orange Line. And north of Oregon City, we've helped ODOT build the region's first new freeway in decades, the Sunrise Corridor, to help trucks move through an important Clackamas County industrial area.

We're doing this because it makes sense to invest in the communities we already live in. Adding more land to the urban growth boundary requires using up money that we need to make the land already inside the

UGB shovel-ready.

It may seem quick and easy to move a line on a map and open up a land rush, but it almost always costs more in the long run.

To be sure, we have challenges ahead. When the Metro Council voted unanimously to stay the course last week, we acknowledged there are critics who think the apartment growth in greater Portland is a fad, not a long-term trend.

While national trends and local economists indicate young people are likely to continue demanding apartments at record rates, we think it's appropriate to take a look at the situation again in three years, instead of the legally allowed six.

Going forward, we need to do more to support the region's middle class. Greater Portland has to buck the national trend of income inequality by supporting the middle-income jobs that are the backbone of our economy, even as our high-wage tech industry flourishes.

We also have to make sure workers in the Portland area

can afford the homes that suit them. Our staff at Metro likes to say our planning work is about giving people options — to live in an apartment or a house, to drive a car or ride a bike or take transit. But those options aren't really options if you can't afford a home, or don't have access to transit. Part of our work going forward is to make sure housing and commuting choices are broadly available.

We've done well in the Portland region. Our economy is booming. People are moving here because of our Oregon values. The hard work, which I have no doubt we are up for, is growing in a way that meets the needs of all our region's residents and is still true to the values that make this place great.

Tom Hughes is president of the Metro Council that oversees the elected regional government and manages the state-required urban growth boundary where new development can occur. Website: oregonmetro.gov. Email: Tom.Hughes@oregonmetro.gov

# PSU denounces White Student Union on web

'Phony' Facebook page similar to others seen across nation

By SHASTA KEARNS MOORE  
The Tribune

A new White Student Union Facebook page affiliating itself with Portland State University has garnered more than 200 page likes — and the denunciation of the university.

The page, which appeared on Facebook Nov. 22, comes at a time when college campuses across the city and nation are facing rising racial tensions.

Called "PSU White Student Union," the new Facebook page says it is a place for like-minded students to gather.

"We have been manipulated by communist infiltration to demoralize us and make us think that we can't be proud of who we are and where we come from," reads the About Us on the page. "Our community have decided that this

ends now, that together we can save the white race from destruction. Our one and only goal is that we must secure the existence of our people and a future for white children."

Portland State University issued a statement on its own Facebook page Nov. 24 calling the site "phony." PSU also said it sent a cease-and-desist notice to Facebook that the page's use of PSU's name and logo was illegal. The page administrator has since taken down the logo.

While several fake White Student Union pages for universities have popped up around the country in the past week, the page's administrator told the Portland Tribune: "I live in Portland, yes." "As for the community, I'm not sure," the administrator, who did not want to be identified, wrote in a message. "With all this political correctness stuff, it can really harm a person's political career, depending on what they associate themselves with. There have been multiple people in Portland who agree with

me, though, and a lot of them were just happy to know that they weren't alone."

A post on the page objects to "the overtly cultural Marxist jargon that's being fronted at the PSUSU page."

PSUSU refers to the Portland State University Student Union, a university-sanctioned group of about 30 to 40 members, according to member John Monroe.

Monroe says the left-leaning organization has had multiple meetings about the White Student Union page and called on PSU leadership to denounce its existence more strongly than calling it "phony."

"A white student union is deeply rooted in racism, deeply rooted in a white supremacist line," he says. "Regardless of who created it, it's a threatening gesture by white supremacists."

Monroe, who is white and not currently a student at PSU, says he doesn't believe the PSUSU would ever support the formation of a white student union in the same vein as the campus Black Student Union.

"The idea of the BSU or organizations like that are to help organize and advocate for people who are not given equal opportunities in our society," he says. "It's not like the world is great for poor whites in particular ... but there isn't the same level of systematic tether that is leveled against poor blacks and poor Latinos."

John Fraire, PSU's vice president of enrollment management and student affairs, says to become a recognized student group, at least five students have to bring forward a mission statement and constitution for approval by a PSU committee.

Fraire says a White Student Union such as that proposed by the Facebook page will never formally exist at PSU.

"No, the tenets and philosophy expressed by such a group would never receive approval on Portland State University's campus," Fraire says. "We are opposed to discrimination in any form."

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# MESD hopes to hire new chief soon

Medical leave spurs district to seek temporary superintendent

By SHASTA KEARNS MOORE  
The Tribune

The Multnomah Education Service District will have a third chief before the year is out.

Interim Superintendent Jim Rose went on family medical leave this week, leaving the reins of the district to Business Services Director Doana Anderson.

Anderson retains her title but is designated administrator on duty.

Vice Chairman Stephen Marc Beaudoin said in a news release that "the board's hearts and thoughts are with the superintendent and his family," but declined to disclose the specific circumstances that led to the interim superintendent's request.

Rose was second-in-command when the board voted to separate from former Superintendent Barbara Jor-

gensen. Rose has continued to act as superintendent after a failed search for a permanent replacement in June.

Laura Conroy, a spokeswoman for the district, said the board voted Wednesday, Nov. 25, to allow Jim Mabbot, executive director of the Oregon Association of Education Service Districts, to bring three vetted candidates for acting interim superintendent to the board no later than Dec. 11.

The board's criteria are that the candidates have a familiarity with ESD structure and are currently an assistant superintendent or higher.

"The board as a whole will meet to vote to appoint a candidate as acting interim superintendent on a date to be determined," Conroy said.

The search for a permanent superintendent is unchanged following the announcement. The superintendent search committee plans to recruit and screen candidates beginning in early December, according to its website: <http://www.mesd.k12.or.us/Page/503>

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# Memorial Tributes

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Joyce Ione Stevens

January 21, 1936 to November 16, 2015

Joyce Ione Stevens passed away on November 16, 2015, in Gresham, Oregon. Joyce was born on January 21, 1936, in Portland, Oregon, to her parents: Archie and Florence Dowty. She was the youngest of six siblings. Joyce graduated from Franklin High School in 1954.

In 1955, Joyce married the love of her life, Levi Stevens. They were married until his passing in 2009.

Joyce made a career for herself at the Pendleton Woolen Mill, where she worked in the mailroom. She retired in 2012 after 57 years with the company.

Joyce was an avid world traveler: she and her husband made many memorable trips together to exotic destinations including Egypt, China, Australia and New Zealand. Joyce also made a very memorable trip to the Kennedy Space Center, where she got caught in the middle of a hurricane with the rising waters! Joyce also enjoyed trips to the casinos, going to the gym, at the time she spent at the Senior Center.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband, Levi Stevens; and by her two sisters and two brothers. She is survived by her sister, Doris Cruikshank, as well as several nieces and nephews, and her beloved dog Angie.

A Celebration of Life in Joyce's honor will be held on Saturday, December 5th, 2015 from 1-3 pm at Bateman Carroll Funeral Home in Gresham. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Joyce's name can be made to the Multnomah county Animal Shelter.

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Douglas W. O'Brien

May 5, 1931 - November 13, 2015



Longtime Estacada resident, Douglas O'Brien, died Friday, November 13, 2015. He was 84 years old.

A graveside service with military honors will be held 12:30PM, Monday, November 30, 2015 at Willamette National Cemetery.

Douglas William O'Brien was born May 5, 1931 in New London, Wisconsin to George and Aletha (Rittenhouse) O'Brien. He was raised & attended schools in the New London area. At age 16, he entered into the United States Air Force, he served in Korea & during the Vietnam War. He retired in 1971 as a Master Sergeant E7 after 24 years of service to our country. Upon leaving the Air Force, Doug was employed by the US Postal Service for 20 Yrs retiring in 1992. In 1960, in Germany, he met Ann H. Sunnall with the Women's Royal Air Force. They were married on 29th September 1962 in Winchester, England. They moved to Estacada in 1984.

He was a member of the Oregon VUMS. Veteran of Underage Military Service.

Doug enjoyed Hunting, Fishing, Photography & visiting the Oregon Coast.

Survivors include his wife Ann O'Brien of Estacada; sons, Michael O'Brien & Marc O'Brien; grandsons, Michael & Casey Richter; brother, George O'Brien, & several Nieces & Nephews in Wisconsin.

Preceded in death by Son Robert "Robbie" O'Brien in 2008.

Estacada Funeral Chapel is in care of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to one of the following. Wounded Warriors. Paralyzed Veterans of America or the American Legion.

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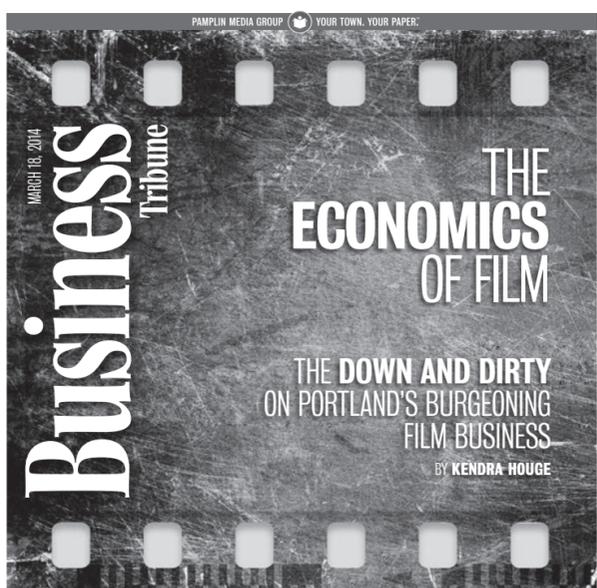
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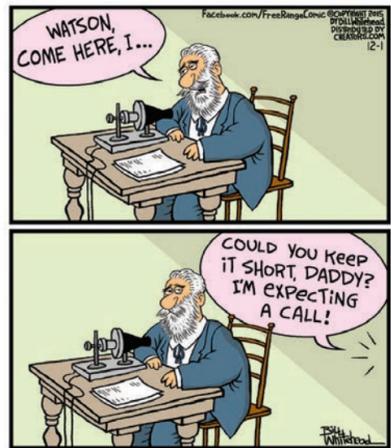
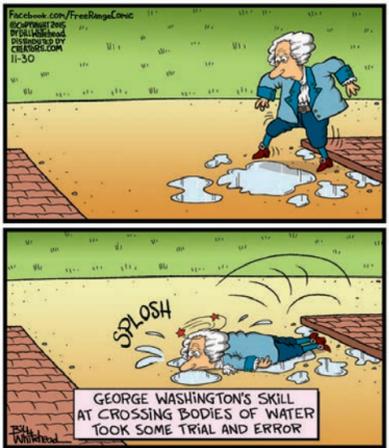
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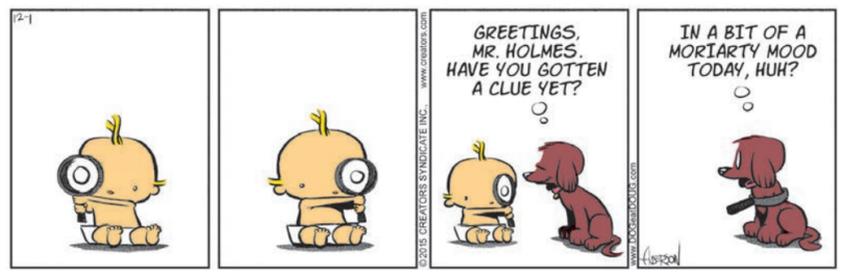
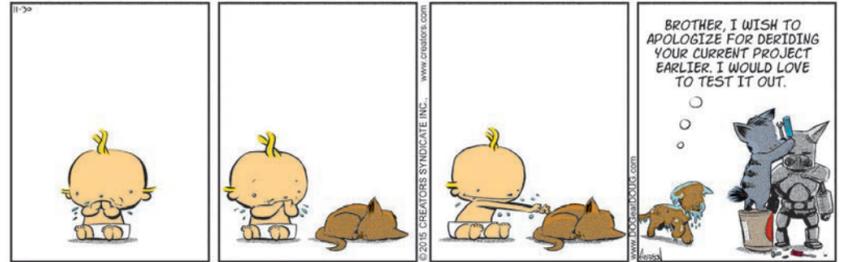
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## GREEN POWER FROM ALGAE

*It's a renewable fuel of the future, once it can be harvested cheaply enough*

By KEVIN TREVELLYAN  
Pamplin Media Group

Algae float through oceans, drifting where the tides take them through waters cold and warm. They lie suspended atop Oregon's lakes, blooming scummy and thick like pale green paint. And someday they might power your car.

Algae, when processed, have properties similar to fossil fuels. That means biodiesel won't just come from used cooking oil discarded by fast-food restaurants; it also can be produced by the green phytoplankton that show up in ponds.

"The main advantage is that algae can transform the sun's energy into fuel, light that is incident upon our planet already," says Scott Plummer, chief technology officer of H2OPE Biofuels, a Southern Oregon company researching ways to produce biohydrogen fuel from algae.

Algae can thrive in salty water on sun-cracked, agriculturally undesirable land. There it's capable of producing hundreds of times more oil per acre than corn or soy — all while sapping large amounts of carbon dioxide from the air through photosynthesis.

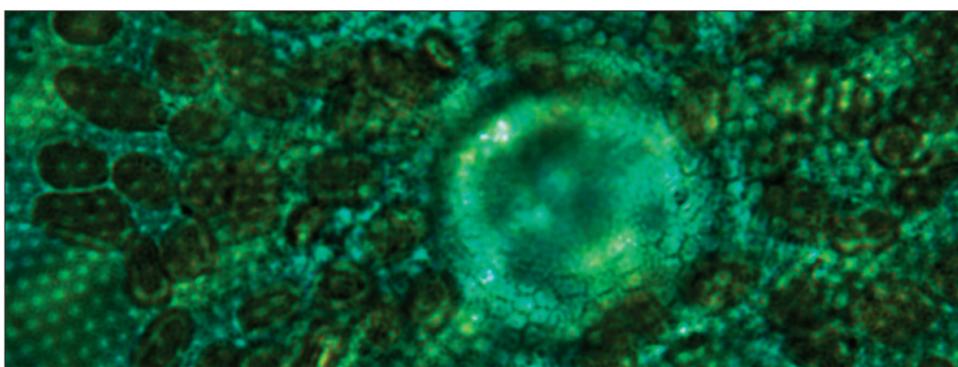
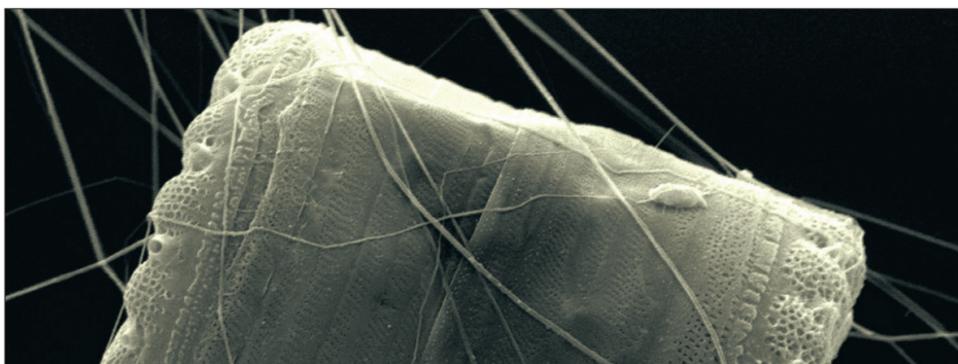
So why isn't algae eating into fossil fuel's dominance?

"Like any technology that's complicated and has the potential to work on a larger scale, it's not going to be viable overnight, even if the science shows that it's possible," says Gregory Rorrer, professor of chemical, biological and environmental engineering at Oregon State University.

Oregon-based Sequential Pacific Biodiesel, a leader in the state's budding biofuels industry, conducted a field test last year to extract energy from algae for an unnamed company. Sequential declined to discuss its results, due to a confidentiality agreement.

Rorrer has researched algae at OSU for the past five years — specifically diatoms, like the ones found in the ocean that are responsible for about 20 percent of the planet's CO2 fixation. To him, it's a matter of time until algal fuel takes a foothold in the economy.

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Microscopic images of algae include biomineralizing photosynthetic algae with silica shells (top), diatom cell with chitin via an electron microscope (middle) and the hierarchical structure of a diatom, *Coscinodiscus wailesii* (bottom).

## BILLBOARD BLIGHT

*Advocates celebrate 50-year-old Highway Beautification Act*

By PETER WONG  
Pamplin Media Group

American poet Ogden Nash once wrote that he didn't think he'd ever see a billboard as lovely as a tree.

Fifty years ago, Congress reached the same conclusion by passing the Highway Beautification Act. The 1965 law, whose 50th anniversary recently was celebrated here, added government teeth to longstanding voluntary efforts in Oregon to make our highways more attractive.

For more than three decades before the federal act passed, the Oregon Roadside Council and Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs Inc. had worked to plant flowers and trees along highways and to control billboards and other outdoor advertising.

They're still at it. "The billboard companies have a lot of money and deep pockets, and a lot of influence in the Capitol," says Todd Kepple, a leader of the Oregon Roadside Council who spoke at the recent commemoration of the federal law.

"Those of us who drive the highways do not have similar deep pockets or political strength," Kepple says. "But every so often, it's incumbent upon us to speak out and say we want beauty, not billboards."

"I view billboards as the equivalent of people standing on the sidewalk and shouting — and I do not like to hear people shouting."

The federation dates back to 1927, and the roadside council to 1932. The first president of the council was Jessie

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## Here's plastic that won't pollute

*This holiday season, consider a charge card that matches your green values*

By MARA STINE  
For Pamplin Media Group

Money talks, but how we spend our money also speaks volumes.

Some environmentally conscious consumers who rely on plastic for their purchases have discovered socially responsible credit cards and af-

finity cards, which fund their choice of causes, interests and passions.

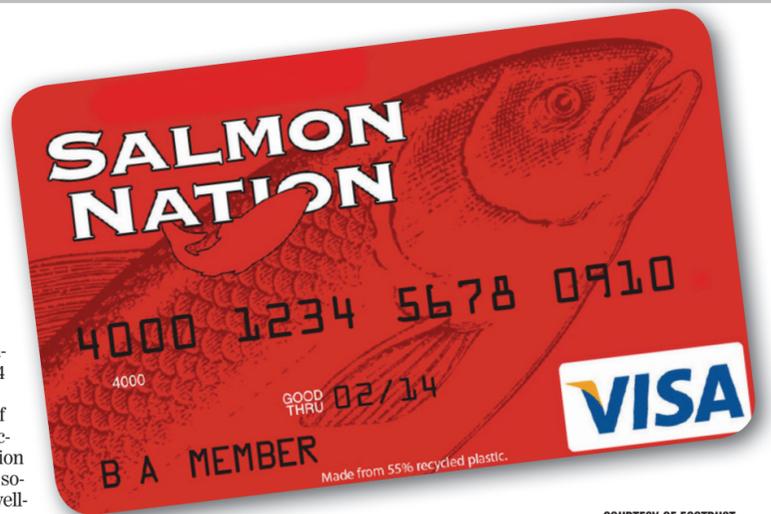
Affinity cards allow consumers to support select nonprofits through each credit card purchase. Each time an affinity card is used, the issuing bank donates a set amount to a partner nonprofit — averaging half a penny for every dollar charged or transferred, according to Bankrate.com.

A local example is the Salmon Nation Visa, issued by Oakland, Calif.-based Beneficial State Bank on behalf of Portland-based Ecotrust, which benefits causes ranging from public

radio to saving wild, exotic big cats.

Available since 2004, the Salmon Nation Visa currently has 684 cardholders, says Carolyn Holland, Ecotrust's vice president of communications. All the transaction fees benefit Ecotrust's mission to create economic opportunity, social equity and environmental well-being from California to Alaska, Holland says. That offers "a great way for people who want to put their

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# Algae: Science still evolving

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Even the integrated circuit chip didn't catch on for decades after its invention in 1958. Now they're in your computer, phone and countless other electronics.

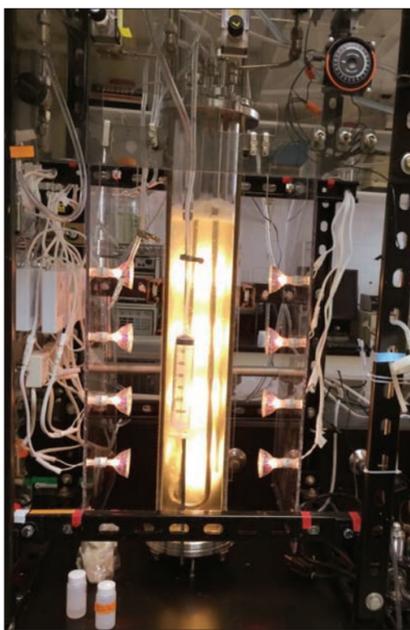
"That wasn't done by some breakthrough," Rorrer says. "That was done through incremental improvement of the process after the time it was established."

For new technology to become economically worthwhile, a certain breakpoint has to be reached in the cost of production. For algal fuel, Rorrer figures that breakpoint is about \$3 per gallon, whereas right now it costs anywhere from \$5 to \$20 per gallon.

But there are other ways to make a product economically feasible, and that's where algae's versatility provides potential.

"Algae, in general, can be engineered to produce several different types of fuel, and simultaneously, they can generate high-value co-products," Plummer says.

For the diatoms that Rorrer



Apparatus used to cultivate diatoms in a laboratory. PHOTO COURTESY OF GREGORY RORRER

researches, that high-value co-product may be chitin—microscopic fibers that grow from the surface of algae, which may have valuable biomedical applications.

"It can promote wound-healing, so you can incorporate them into a bandage to help your blood clot faster, and it can serve as biocompatible 'scaffold' material for growth

of human tissues or artificial organs," Rorrer says.

If high-value chitin can be produced at the same time as biofuel, the breakpoint for algae may come sooner.

That doesn't mean algal fuel alone will be the fuel of the future, even if it does become profitable.

"We really have to look at our use of fossil fuels and come up with a lot of alternative energy sources. I think it will be a suite of things involving algae and other biofuels," says Gregg Kleiner, spokesman for Oregon BEST, a non-profit that links clean-tech researchers with funding and expertise.

Solar panels work well for homes and buildings, but aren't well-suited to move heavy trucks. Batteries work for electric cars but can't yet power a Boeing 747 airplane.

Algal biodiesel could work in both cases, because it more closely resembles energy-dense petroleum fuel.

"There isn't going to be one silver bullet," Rorrer says. "It isn't whether one is a winner or loser. It may find a niche. It may become part of the fix."

# Billboards: Many still around

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Honeyman, namesake of the state park on the coast three miles south of Florence.

Congress passed the Highway Beautification Act after citizen advocates were joined by Lady Bird Johnson, wife of then-President Lyndon B. Johnson. LBJ signed it into law on Oct. 22, 1965.

The law empowered the federal government to withhold some federal highway funds from states that failed to take steps to regulate billboards on interstate and primary highways and to shield junkyards. There are exceptions, such as land near cities.

All states complied by 1972, although Oregon had been among 25 states to go along with a previous federal attempt in 1958 to regulate bill-



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A McDonald's billboard is visible from the freeway, heading northbound on I-5 in Wilsonville.

boards by compensating the owners. The subsequent 1965 law did not require compensation.

Designation of scenic byways was added to the law many years later.

With a few modifications, "Lady Bird's bill" remains in force today.

As an alternative to billboards, Oregon originated blue highway signs with the logos of lodging, fuel stations

and restaurants, which pay for their placement. The blue signs also provide directions to tourist attractions such as wineries.

"Even mom-and-pop businesses are welcome," says Jill Hendrickson, outdoor-sign advertising coordinator for the Oregon Department of Transportation. "It's the same price for everybody, but a lot of businesses do not know that," she says.

Advertising dollars help fund the Oregon Travel Information Council, founded in 1972, which goes under the name Oregon Travel Experience. Five years ago, it took over operation of 29 roadside rest areas, mostly along Interstates 5 and 84.

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# Plastic: Aiding local causes

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purchasing power to work to restore nature and invest in local communities across the Pacific Northwest," she says.

Another affinity credit card offered through Beneficial State Bank with a local connection is the ReDirect Guide Visa. The card supports Sustainable Travel International and offsets carbon emissions with every purchase. It also provides discounts at green businesses in three regions served by ReDirect green business guides, including the Portland/Vancouver area.

Socially responsible credit cards also help fund positive change with every swipe, but are issued by a community development bank.

A local example is the Loop Visa, issued by Portland-based Albina Community Bank. The card directs a percentage of every purchase to up to 10 nonprofit organizations dedicated to education, health and social services, the environment, arts and economic development.

Organizations benefiting from the current two-year funding cycle are The Portland Kitchen, North by Northeast Community Health Center, Groundwork Portland, Gifford Pinchot Task Force, Northwest Dance Project, Disjecta Contemporary Art Center, Center for Diversity and the Environment, and Momentum Alliance.

There currently are about 950 cardholders, who select which cause or category their funds will help support.

Organizations benefiting from the Loop Visa receive on average \$900 to \$1,300 a year for two years, says Mary Edmeades, vice president and market manager for Albina Community Bank. Since the card was launched in 2002, the bank has donated \$164,000 to area nonprofits.

"We get calls nationwide from people who want to use the card specifically because it is socially responsible," Edmeades says. "People are really making value-based consumer spending decisions."

## Find out more

- Salmon Nation Visa:** www.salmonnation.com/growsn/snvisa.html;
- Beneficial State Bank:** beneficialstatebank.com, Portland branch at 1101 S.W. Washington St.; 888-326-2265.
- ReDirect Guide Visa:** www.redirectguide.com/visa/index.htm
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Momentum Alliance used \$2,360 donated by the Loop Visa to provide low-income students with access to its fifth annual Summer Leadership Camp at Portland State University this summer. The alliance is a youth-led organization with coaches who inspire youth to realize their power individually and collectively and to mentor future social justice leaders, says Rebecca Shine,

co-executive director.

Youth served by the Alliance face various obstacles resulting in isolation and prejudice, Shine says. They may be an ethnic minority, a teen parent or an immigrant fleeing a war zone.

The camp allows 25 students, ages 14 to 23, to share their stories, express themselves and build alliances with youth they would never otherwise know—all while building life skills, learning about public policy, and discovering how to access higher education.

Hassan Muse, 17, a senior at David Douglas High School in East Portland, attended this summer's leadership camp.

Before the camp, he says he was shy and mostly hung out with people he already knew. "Camp exposed me to a whole new world of opportunities, including the chance to be a leader," Muse says. "I learned to speak publicly, facilitate activities and improvise on the spot. Now I can even see myself in a career coaching youth in the future, something I never imagined."

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### Tuesday, Dec. 1

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Prep basketball — season openers for several local high school teams. Top games include Central Catholic at St. Mary's Academy girls, 7 p.m., and South Salem at Jesuit girls, 5:30 p.m.



From walk-on to starter, AJ Schlatter wasted no time following in family's footsteps

By JEFF SMITH  
The Tribune

He entered fall camp as a walk-on freshman linebacker, buried on the depth chart.

He ended his first regular season as a scholarship starter, earning Big Sky defensive player of the week honors for his 12-tackle performance in Portland State's 34-31 win at Eastern Washington on Nov. 21.

That should be plenty enough for AJ Schlatter to earn bragging rights at the family's Thanksgiving dinner table in their Canby home, right?

"Well, my mom is in the (Portland State) Hall of Fame and my sister is going to join her in there soon," says a smiling AJ Schlatter, who also had 3.5 tackles for loss, an interception, two sacks and a forced fumble in the Vikings' historic win at EWU. "So I have some

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big expectations to live up to with my mom and sister."

Schlatter's mother, Terri Jo, starred on Portland State's 1984 national championship volleyball team and later coached on three more Vikings teams that won national titles.

His older sister, Garyn, ranks in the top five in several all-time statistical categories for the Vikings volleyball team after earning first-team all-conference honors for four consecutive seasons (2010-13).

Schlatter's strong Portland State family ties also include his father, Jim, a Vikings football assistant coach in the 1980s, and his brother-in-law, Kyle McMillin, who played for the PSU football team from 2010-11.

That history adds to Schlatter's appreciation for his role on Portland State's first playoff football team since 2000 and first nine-win season in their 20-year Division I history.

The 9-2 Vikings, who

earned the No. 6 national seed and a first-round bye, open what Schlatter hopes is a lengthy postseason run on Saturday, Dec. 5 in a 7 p.m. game against Northern Iowa at Providence Park.

"My family is loving it," says Schlatter, who has another older sister, Kasey, who was a standout volleyball player at Montana State from 2011-14. "My mom is angry that Portland State doesn't

Canby High product AJ Schlatter, a freshman linebacker, has become a leading player on a Portland State playoff, record-setting team.

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## StatusReport

**PICKLES:** The Portland Pickles, a college wood-bat summer baseball team, have added two shortstops and a pitcher from Orange Coast College for their inaugural season of 2016. The Pickles, who will have 30 home games at Walker Stadium, have picked up freshmen shortstops Anders Green, from Silverton, and J.T. Navarro, from Huntington Beach, Calif., along with 6-3 right-hander Andrew Eppenbach of Claremont, Calif. Green hit .483 and made the Class 5A all-state team as a Silverton senior.

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### Dec. 1, 1979

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### Dec. 1-2, 1998



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Oregon, coached by Ernie Kent, drops a 72-61 road game at Minnesota, whose 7-1 freshman, Joel Przybilla, gets 15 rebounds, seven blocks and eight points. ... At the University of Houston, new coach Clyde Drexler's Cougars are struggling at 3-2, coming off a loss to Sam Houston State. Drexler, 36, signed a five-year, \$1.5 million contract in spring 1998 to try to return his alma mater to its previous glory.



The Portland Timbers huddle before the start of the MLS Western Conference finals.

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## With switch flipped, Timbers on to final

Flexibility, deep roster, right mix key to Portland victories

By CAITLIN MURRAY  
For The Tribune

Is 2015 the year of the Portland Timbers?

For that to even be a serious question demonstrates a stunning turnaround from just a couple months ago, when seemingly everyone had counted them out.

The question then was whether the Timbers could sneak into the playoffs and, if not, would coach Caleb Porter keep his job?

For stretches this year, the Major League Soccer championship seemed like the longest of shots for Portland. But Porter found the key to unlock his team's potential, midfielder Darlington Nagbe and other players flipped a switch, and Portland reached the MLS Cup riding an eight-game unbeaten streak.

This will be the Timbers' first shot at a title since 1975, which also was the club's first year in existence as part of the North American Soccer League.

"Sometimes it felt like the only ones who believed in our cause were us," Timbers defender Nat Borchers said after the

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## Seahawks can talk NFL playoffs again

SEATTLE — Despite all the early stumbles, the Seattle Seahawks seem poised for another playoff appearance — and perhaps another long postseason run.

The Seahawks have their mojo back, and a third straight berth in the Super Bowl isn't out of the question after their impressive 39-30 victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers on Sunday at CenturyLink Field.

"It's a really strong win," coach Pete Carroll said after his Seahawks improved to 6-5 with their second straight victory. "We have to get on top of

this .500 thing and get going here if we're going to have a chance. Today we started that, and we'll see what happens."

Seattle entered the week-end leading the NFL in rushing offense and passing defense and second in total defense, but with a tepid passing game and a 5-5 record that left little wiggle room in a bid for the postseason.

So it was a good time for Russell Wilson — on his 27th birthday, and while feeling under the weather — to throw for a career-high 345 yards and tie a franchise record with five TD passes in a Rem-

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## Bowl game gives Ducks chance at redemption

UO will need QB, strong defense, key players next season

By JASON VONDERSMITH  
The Tribune

It's wait-and-see time for the Oregon Ducks, who finished their resurgence and six-game victory streak by winning the Civil War game, and could go to the Rose, Fiesta, Alamo or Holiday bowls, depending on various scenarios.

The Ducks are 9-3, finished second in the Pac-12 North,

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Oregon Ducks coach Mark Helfrich says he wasn't disappointed at all by his team's 10-point Civil War victory but that his team can redeem itself, in a way, in a bowl game.

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# UO: Alamo or Holiday bowl play most likely

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and can lay claim to victories against the Pac-12 title game entrants, Stanford and USC.

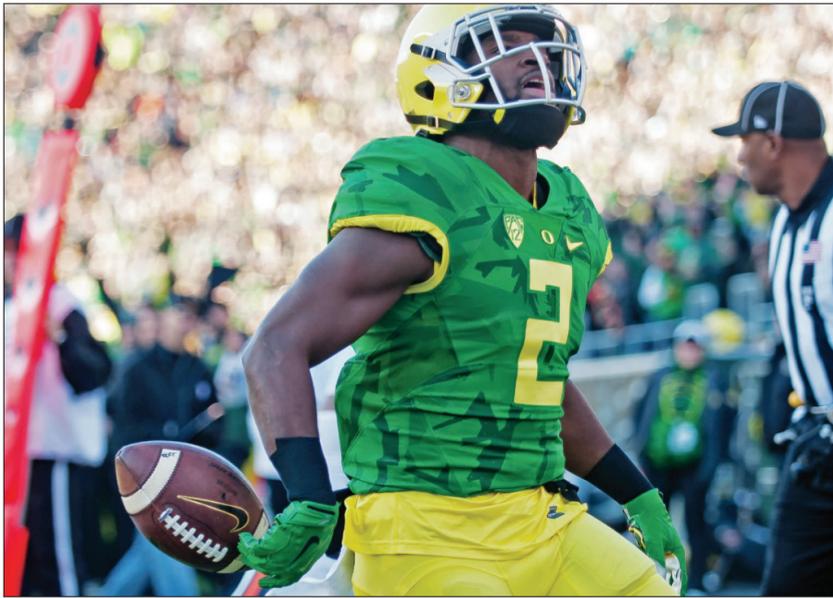
A simple breakdown:  
 ■ The Rose or Fiesta bowls remain possibilities because Stanford, which beat Notre Dame, might squeeze into the College Football Playoff, should the Cardinal beat USC and Clemson or Alabama lose in conference championship games (and Oregon would be the next highest ranked Pac-12 team).

■ The Alamo or Holiday bowls are the most realistic landing spots for the Ducks, given that Stanford doesn't fit into the CFP equation yet, and other at-large teams might have better résumés to earn entry into the New Year's Six bowl games, anyway.

Oregon's offense cruised to 674 yards and 52 points in a 10-point win against Oregon State, but the porous defense returned, as the Ducks gave up 35 offensive points and 427 yards (228 on the ground, 174 by Ryan Nall) to an Oregon State team (2-10, 0-9) that had been shut down and put away easily in many of the first eight Pac-12 losses.

Twice, the Beavers cut the UO lead to three points in the fourth quarter, including on a 78-yard punt return TD by OSU's Victor Bolden.

The Football Bowl Subdivision rankings are an arena for public perception and opinions, and a bit of a beauty contest, and the Ducks' second-half swoon might affect their postseason status. To wit, UO coach Mark Helfrich responded: "Perception and reality is that last week we were playing USC, and other teams were playing teams you don't know. ... There's not a conference that plays a tougher schedule, and if that doesn't stand on its own ... it's unfortunate for anything that we call a playoff,



TRIBUNE PHOTO: JOSH KULLA

Bralon Addison's four-touchdown day helped lead the Ducks to a win over Oregon State.

that how you get there really doesn't matter."

His inference being that the Ducks came a long way from three losses, including a 62-20 defeat to Utah, and finished on a high playing a tough conference schedule.

■ After the Oct. 10 double-overtime loss to Washington State, the Ducks were 3-3 and fans and media criticized them severely, especially ESPN's Lee Corso, who said people lacked respect for the Ducks, Helfrich needed to make staff changes and Helfrich had arrived "at a crossroads in his career."

Six wins later, enhanced by the return of QB Vernon Adams Jr. and receiver Darren Carrington, it appears that Helfrich and the Ducks went through the crossroads and came out clean on the other side — at least for 2015.

Can the Ducks find a quarterback for next season, survive an exodus of many fine

seniors, and improve on defense?

■ With their Civil War performance, OSU knocked Oregon out of the 12th spot in Pac-12 scoring defense and total defense. With postseason games to play, the Ducks are ranked 11th in scoring defense (36.8 points) and total defense (481.5 yards), just ahead of the Beavers.

The Beavers also finished 12th in scoring offense and total offense, categories in which the Ducks are leading (43.2 and 548.2).

But, oh, the Oregon defense — along with the Beavers — is one of the worst in the country.

Don Pellum, defensive coordinator, made the proverbial statement, "gotta watch the film," to fully explain the UO defense allowing such yardage and points to the Pac-12's worst offensive team during the Civil War game.

"It was unfortunate," he

said. "We would have liked to finish. We're happy. It's tough to get wins. But not happy with how we executed.

"We missed gaps. We didn't tackle as well as we needed to. Wasn't one person. Group effort."

■ Says Helfrich, summing up the Civil War: "We played well at times, spectacular at times, OK at times. Our guys worked their tails off, that's what's doubly disappointing about (the) finishing. But they shouldn't feel bad about that. We worked hard to put ourselves in the situation where we are 9-3 and living to our standard, playing to our standard, preparing to our standard."

The Ducks need to "maybe not let people tell us how great we are," he says. "We relaxed. That can happen against anybody. ... We had talked all week about putting together a complete game. It was disappointing. Credit

them (the Beavers) for competing hard. ... We have a chance for redemption (in a bowl game)."

■ The Ducks' receiving corps could see big changes for next year.

Byron Marshall says he won't seek a medical redshirt and will give the NFL a try.

Devon Allen will start focusing on the Olympics in January, and he could be running hurdles in August at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Dwayne Stanford might return for his fifth year — "I'd like to stay one more year," he says. It remains to be seen whether Carrington, a third-year player who spent the first six games (and last season's national championship game) suspended by the NCAA, does come back. He didn't show up for a postgame interview request after the Civil War to answer that question.

Bralon Addison, who'd be a redshirt senior next season, says he hasn't thought about 2016. Addison scored four TDs against OSU, one on a crazy, reverse-field 13-yard run and three by receptions. He has a team-leading 58 receptions for 775 yards and 10 TDs, and he has a TD pass (at Colorado), two TD runs and a punt return for a TD.

"I'm just looking forward to getting healthy (in the next week) and getting ready for the bowl game," Addison says.

■ Royce Freeman had 167 yards on 27 carries and two scores against OSU, including a stretch-of-the-ball 3-yard TD run amid a goal of humanity near the goal line. Unless Christian McCaffrey goes off in the Pac-12 title game, Freeman will still lead the Pac-12 in rushing with 1,706 yards (6.6 per carry) and 14 rushing TDs and 16 total TDs.

■ Adams completed the regular season with another star performance, going 28 of 38 for 366 yards and three scores. With enough action

(nine games) to qualify now, he leads the Pac-12 in passing efficiency (179.6), completing 64.6 percent of his passes for 2,446 yards, 25 TDs and six interceptions.

■ Aidan Schneider, the sophomore kicker from Grant High, had a field goal blocked against Oregon State, but made another, leaving him at 20 of 22 this season and 31 of 34 (91 percent) in his two years.

Matt Wogan substituted for punter Ian Wheeler (medical), and he line-driven the punt that Bolden took to paydirt — just as Wheeler had done to USC's Adoree Jackson the week before.

■ Lake Oswego's Tyson Coleman, Central Catholic's Alex Balducci, and Jesuit's Matt Pierson were among the UO seniors playing their final game at Autzen Stadium in the Civil War.

Says Coleman: "This program, this school, has meant a lot to me over the years and helped shape me into who I am today. So it's not only football that is going to be gone, it's a style of life. ... I'm not even close to the same person I was when I first came here. I grew up a lot over the years. This school has brought a lot to my life."

The Ducks have won eight consecutive Civil War games.

"Amazing feeling," Coleman adds. "That's a game I never want to lose. Being from Oregon, it's a big deal to me. People say that the rivalry has diminished over the years, but to me it's still a big deal."

Balducci lamented the Ducks' defense letting up; ironically, it was another Central Catholic grad, Nall, who did much of the damage against the Ducks.

"It was good to see him," Balducci says. "I just said, 'Keep it up. You're doing a great job.' ... It's definitely tight-knit with all of us Central guys."

# Eggers: Ex-Viking Shead passes Pittsburgh's test

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brandt of a performance.

"He was in the zone," Seattle safety Earl Thomas said of the Seahawks' quarterback. "I don't know if it was because it's his birthday, but he was definitely in the zone."

Added Carroll: "The last two games, he has been playing lights out. We needed every bit of it today."

The Steelers amassed 26 first downs and threw for 490 yards, but the Seattle defense was opportunistic, scoring touchdowns after three of its four interceptions of Pittsburgh quarterbacks Ben Roethlisberger and Landry Jones. The Seahawks won while allowing an opponent 30 points or more for the first time since 2006, when they beat the New York Giants 42-30.

The Seahawks were seemingly at their best on third-and-long. Five times they converted third-down situations needing 10 yards or more, including two touchdown passes to Doug Baldwin — for 16 yards on third-and-goal in the first quarter and for 80 yards on third-and-10 from the Seattle 20 for the decisive score in the final period.

"That's crazy," Carroll said.



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Late in Sunday's game at Seattle, defensive back DeShawn Shead from Portland State breaks up a pass intended for Pittsburgh's Martavis Bryant, leading to an interception by Seattle's Kam Chancellor.

"Usually, you get one out of five if you're lucky."

Credit goes to some superb

decision-making by Wilson, who completed 21 of 30 passes with no interceptions.

"His focus was a little sharper today," said Baldwin, who finished with six catches for 145 yards and three scores. "You could see it in his eyes. He had that killer instinct. That's Russell Wilson. When his back is against the wall, he plays the best. I wouldn't count him out for anything."

It's best not to count the Seahawks out, either, though they'll be missing a key piece for the rest of the season. Tight end Jimmy Graham suffered a knee injury Sunday that will require surgery. "To lose him really hurts," Wilson said. "He's such a great teammate and a good player. It's a heartbreaker. Other guys have to rise to the occasion."

One who did Sunday was DeShawn Shead, the former Portland State Viking making his third career start — and his first at cornerback in place of Cary Williams, who had started the previous 10 games at the position. Shead was tested often by Pittsburgh QBs and responded with a career-high 10 tackles and four pass breakups.

"DeShawn came through in a big way," Carroll said. "You can't get challenged more in a game than (the Steelers) challenged him, and he made

play after play after play.

"We wanted to give him a chance to play. He has been competing and battling like crazy. I thought he played a fantastic game for his first really big game."

The Seahawks are without injured tailback Marshawn Lynch, but have a more than capable replacement in 5-9, 215-pound Thomas Rawls, a rookie free agent from Central Michigan. Rawls, who rushed for 209 yards the previous week against San Francisco (second on the all-time Seattle single-game list), carried 21 times for 81 yards and a score against the Steelers.

Sunday's win was the best of the season for the Seahawks, whose previous victories had come against San Francisco (twice), Chicago, Dallas and Detroit — teams that combined for a 15-28 record entering the weekend. Of Seattle's five losses, four have come against top QBs — Arizona's Carson Palmer, Carolina's Cam Newton, Green Bay's Aaron Rodgers and Cincinnati's Andy Dalton. So the win over Roethlisberger and the Steelers was significant.

The Seahawks are unlikely

to catch NFC West leader Arizona (9-2), but are behind only Green Bay (7-4) and tied with Atlanta (6-5) in the battle for two conference wild-card playoff berths. Remaining games against patsies Baltimore (3-7), Cleveland (2-8) and St. Louis (4-7) are shoe-horned by a pair of real challenges — next Sunday's visit to Minnesota (8-3) and a season-ending stop at Arizona.

Is the eternal optimist feeling momentum building?

"We'll see," Carroll allowed. "We definitely feel it's happening. The play is so solid across the board ... this is

what happens when teams get going, and (players) feed off each other."

Wilson is of a similar mindset.

"At the moment, it's going our way," the Seattle QB said.

"We have to keep it that way."

I see the Seahawks closing 4-1 to finish 10-6 and enter the playoffs as the wild-card team nobody wants to face. The pedigree is there, along with the talent base. All that's left to do is the winning.

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# Schlatter: No looking back once he got to start

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get more support in all of our sports. So it's cool that our football team has been able to bring more attention to the school."

Schlatter has many fond memories of attending PSU sporting events through his childhood. He was motivated to play for the Vikings someday while starring at Canby High as a first-team all-Three Rivers League linebacker and tight end.

That's why he turned down opportunities to play for Division-III teams and walk on at Portland State, where he red-shirted the 2014 season. Schlatter then couldn't wait to show Vikings coaches what he could do during practices last spring.

But during the first practice in April, something felt odd in his throat and his body weakened.

"It literally just hit me on that first day, and I went and got checked and they told me to go to the hospital because my throat was so swollen," Schlatter says. "I didn't come back to practice for three weeks. I was really frustrated because I had put in so much work to get where I was. It was just an extreme setback."

The double diagnosis of mononucleosis and strep throat kept Schlatter at Oregon Health & Science University for three days. He soon lost about 25 pounds from his 6-2, 205-pound frame.

"I remember laying in that hospital bed and having it be really hard to breathe," Schlatter says. "But those days really made me realize what I'm playing for and what I'm working for. It gave me more of a love for what I get to do because it showed me how quickly it can all be taken away."

That mature perspective pushed a rejuvenated Schlatter through his summer workouts. He quickly gained back the pounds he had lost from his sickness. By the time fall camp opened on Aug. 10, Schlatter was driven to prove



Portland State linebacker AJ Schlatter had some sickness late in the regular season but says he's ready for the playoffs. The Vikings face Northern Iowa at 7 p.m. Saturday at Providence Park.

to PSU first-year head coach Bruce Barnum and defensive coordinator Malik Roberson that he deserved playing time.

Roberson, a former linebacker and defensive lineman at Washington State and Central Washington, couldn't help but pay attention to the walk-on linebacker during practices and adjusted his linebacker depth chart accordingly.

"Because he was sick during spring ball, we didn't really know what he could do or not," Roberson says. "And then fall camp comes and he just kept showing up and making plays. He was developing faster than all of the other guys at his position. That's what you look for, what kind of consistency do they provide, and the execution that you want."

"All of that got him in the starting lineup versus Washington State, and he never looked back after that."

Schlatter will never forget

the emotion he felt as he took the field as a starting linebacker for Portland State's season opener at WSU on Sept. 5.

Making it even more special was that he did so while wearing a real Vikings uniform after years of donning PSU apparel as a fan.

"That moment was what I always wanted," Schlatter says. "It was a real blessing, honestly, just to sit back and realize, 'Wow, a few months ago, I was in the hospital, and a few weeks ago I was like fifth-string in camp, and now I'm playing against a Pac-12 opponent.'"

The surreal ride continued after Schlatter recorded 5 1/2 tackles in the Vikings' 31-24 win at Pullman, Wash., for the program's first victory over a Pac-12 opponent.

Schlatter had two more impressive showings as a starter before being told to report to Barnum's office after a practice in late September.

Schlatter, fearing at first that he might be in some type of trouble, took a seat in Barnum's spacious office with clear glass windows. The coach then delivered the news:

Schlatter was being placed on scholarship.

"He was a deer in the headlights when I told him," Barnum says. "I let him leave a little earlier than I planned because I could tell he was getting emotional. That was a cool moment. That's what it's all about, man."

Schlatter's emotion overcame him as he quickly flashed back to his numerous family memories at Portland State. He also remembered the uncertainty he felt after his final high school game, which happened to be played on the Vikings' college field (a Canby loss to Jesuit in the 2013 semifinals).

"At that time, I didn't know if any colleges even wanted me," Schlatter says. "I thought that could have been my last game."

With the uncertainty over, Schlatter thanked Barnum for the scholarship with a firm handshake before immediate-

ly returning to his blue-collar regime to get better.

"It was incredible, but then I was like, 'Now it's time for the real work to begin,'" says Schlatter, who has 56 tackles this season. "It was an extremely good feeling, because when you're a walk-on, whether people say it or not, you feel a little different."

"But the cool is this: when you're a walk-on and you get put on scholarship, you know you've earned that against great athletes. It's not something that was given, but something you truly earned."

When Barnum looks up and down his roster, he sees several individual stories that have made up the collective turnaround tale of the 2015 Portland State football team, which is ranked fifth in the nation in both FCS polls.

Schlatter's story is especially poignant for Barnum, who went to Columbia River High in Vancouver, Wash., and played linebacker at Eastern Washington.

"He symbolizes who we are and what Portland State is," Barnum says. "We want the local kids. He wasn't a five-star Rivals-type guy, but he will be by the time he's done. He's the type of student-athlete I love watching play. He's got it figured out. Somebody taught him well."

Schlatter had plenty of mentors in his Canby home growing up, with two former athletes-turned-coaches as parents and two older sisters who excelled in sports.

Schlatter also credits the tight-knit Canby community for his development as a young man. Fellow Canby High graduates

Sam Bodine and Michael Doman join Schlatter on the Vikings roster.

"It's a special place, and we all love being from there," says Schlatter, noting that he and Bodine have been "best

friends forever" as Canby youth. "Everybody back home is talking about the Vikings now. I'll go to a store in a Portland State shirt and people will see it and come up to me and say congrats about our great season."

But it hasn't been a season without hurdles for Schlatter, who missed the Northern Colorado road game on Nov. 7 because of sickness and had his preparation for the Eastern Washington game interrupted by another medical scare.

Three days before the performance that would earn him Big Sky honors, Schlatter was hospitalized from 9 p.m.-5 a.m. for a procedure on his swollen throat.

"They literally stuck a giant needle in my throat," he says, "and got some nasty stuff out of there."

He says the pain, which had bothered him for the previous four games, "instantly went away" after the throat cleaning, and he enters Portland State's postseason feeling more durable than he's been all year.

"I'm so ready," he says. Schlatter is eager to do all he can to help the Vikings establish themselves as one of the go-to programs for talented high school football recruits. He wants other young players in the area to view Portland State as the special place he first fell in love with as a child.

"The more success we have, the more interest we'll get," Schlatter says. "We just have to keep putting in the work. You can't ever be satisfied. Always have to work each day to get better, do that extra set in the weight room and push the other guys on the team to do the same."

Schlatter also has more personal reasons for wanting to improve, which he's reminded of every time he visits his parents' home and views the many athletic mementos collected by his parents and sisters.

"We have a little thing going to see who was going to be the best athlete in the family," Schlatter says. "I've got a ways to go to catch up to them."



SCHLATTER

# Timbers: Portland draws on veteran experience

From page 1

team clinched its MLS Cup berth on Sunday at Frisco, Texas, matching FC Dallas 2-2 for a 5-3 total goals edge in the Western Conference finals.

Now, after 40 years of waiting, fans have no reason not to believe the Timbers can overcome the Columbus Crew in the MLS Cup, set for 1 p.m. PT Sunday, Dec. 6, at Columbus, Ohio.

## Holding on to leads

The Timbers struggled to come strong out of the gate for much of the season. In September, the team was one of the worst first-half teams in the league — the Timbers almost always lost when conceding first, and they had trouble scoring early.

But the flip side of that is this: When the Timbers have scored first this year, they have never lost — and over the past two

months, all they've done is score first.

Being able to hold on to an early lead proved crucial Sunday. FC Dallas found its footing late in the second leg of the Western Conference final. Mauro Diaz orchestrated two second-half goals five minutes apart and cut deep into the Timbers' cushy lead.

"It's not the way we scripted it, that's for sure, but we knew they'd throw everything at us and they did," Porter said of FC Dallas' late surge. "Credit to them, they got two goals. But credit to our guys for weathering the storm and buckling down. A lot of teams would have given up the next goal, and we didn't."

If the trends of this year tell us anything, it's that the Timbers will need to come out strong against Columbus and set the tone early. The first goal of the MLS Cup, whether it's for or against Portland, could be the deciding factor.

## Filling in the gaps

The Timbers haven't been able to get through these playoffs without losing key starting players. Diego Chara (injury) and Adam Kwarasey (illness) missed games early. Diego Valeri and Rodney Wallace (suspensions) missed the first leg against Dallas, while Liam Ridgwell (injury) missed Sunday's second leg against Dallas.

Now, fears will linger over whether Fanendo Adi, who came out of Sunday's match clutching his ankle, will have to miss the championship game. To lose Adi, the team's top scorer, would be a serious setback.

Fortunately for the Timbers, they've got the depth on the bench to handle it. That, perhaps more than anything, has become the defining factor of Porter's MLS Cup-bound Timbers.

"We have a style. You can see that we look to push games, but part of our style is that we're extremely flexible," Porter said.

"We can play different ways. We play in a way that's aggressive and will decide the result, but the fact that we can be flexible gives us an advantage."

Because of that roster depth, Porter has been able to switch the Timbers' formations late in the season, with a switch to an attacking 4-3-3 system against Real Salt Lake helping turn the tide of the year. Since then, Porter has played around with whatever made the most sense, at times reverting to his favored 4-2-3-1.

In the second leg against Dallas, the Timbers started with a single-pivot in the midfield, where Chara served as lone defensive midfielder. As Dallas pushed its way into the match, Porter pulled Dairon Asprilla and subbed in Jack Jewsbury to join Chara mid-game as a holding mid, a switch he credited with not allowing Dallas to equalize.

If Ridgwell and Adi aren't

ready for Sunday, Porter will again have to go down his talented roster of choices and find the right combination.

## Learning from the past

This will be the Timbers' first MLS Cup, but this has been their second run into the MLS playoffs. Two years ago, the Timbers lost at this stage to Real Salt Lake.

In the time since, Porter and his men seemed to have carried lessons from their past failings. Porter has called his team's veteran experience the difference in getting through the difficult road of playoffs, and he has admitted to understanding the league more the longer he's been in it.

Columbus has plenty of its own experience to draw from — the Crew are one of the founding teams of MLS, having made several MLS Cup appearances since

starting play in 1994. But, after missing out on the playoffs last year by one point, the Timbers have been out to seek vindication.

"It was disappointing to miss the playoffs last year, but we came back with hunger this year," Porter said. "There were times where, yeah, we started to wonder, are we going to not be in again? But we never wavered in our belief, and I never wavered in my trust in the players."

It seems fitting that the Timbers' stunning run of form all started in mid-October at Salt Lake City against the team that denied them a playoff berth two years earlier. Now, with an eight-game unbeaten streak behind them, the Timbers' focus is only on the next game.

"We're not going to get all nostalgic about anything," Porter said. "We've got another game to play."

## Tuesday, Dec. 1

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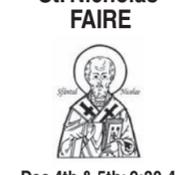
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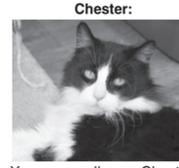
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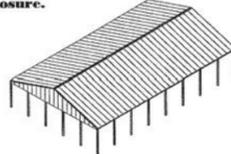
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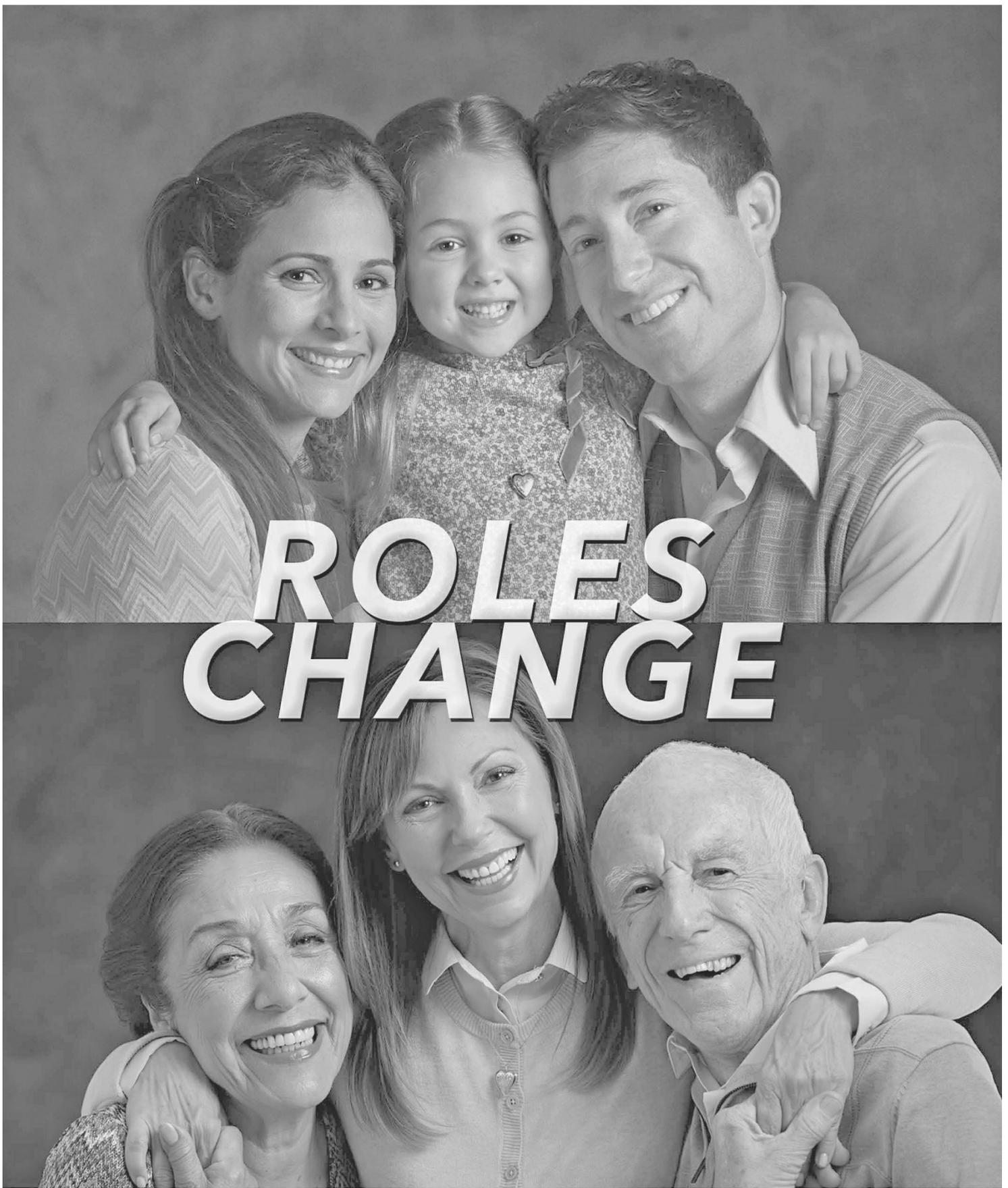
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Heart health may not be near the top of your list as you start to plan your menu and schedule festive gatherings with family and friends.

Chest pain, shortness of breath or discomfort in your arms, back or jaw can easily be attributed to the stress and strain of the season and not recognized as signs of an oncoming heart attack.

This time of year can be a particularly dangerous time to ignore these signs and delay treatment.

An American Heart Association study stated, "The number of cardiac deaths is higher on Dec. 25 than on any other day of the year, second highest on Dec. 26, and third highest on Jan. 1." In the 2004 national study, researchers at the University of California, San Diego, and Tufts University School of Medicine studied 53 million U.S. death certificates from 1973 to 2001 and found an overall increase of 5 percent more heart-related deaths during the holiday season.

A number of factors can contribute to a higher rate of cardiac deaths during the holidays, but one thing is certain, delaying treatment and ignoring the signs and symptoms can be deadly.

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- Chest discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts for more than a few minutes or goes away and returns. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain.
- Upper body discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw, or stomach.
- Shortness of breath before, during, or after other discomforts.
- Other signs, including breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

Don't let the stresses of shopping, traveling, cooking and cleaning keep you from carving out time to take care of yourself — that includes a good night's rest.

Go into the holidays with a plan to start your day with a healthy breakfast.

If you know you will be attending a holiday gathering in the evening, plan on eating a lighter lunch and healthy snack before you go so that you don't arrive hungry. Choose to eat less and savor each bite. If you plan to host a party, challenge yourself to offer a delicious heart-healthy menu.

In the spirit of the season, invite others to enjoy physical activities with you. Exercise is good for your heart and a great way to relieve stress.

# Legacy hospitals offer free flu shots

Clinic also to provide tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis vaccination

All five Legacy Health hospitals in the Portland area are offering free flu shot clinics next month.

In north Portland, Legacy Emanuel Medical Center is holding its clinic from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Dec. 7, while supplies last. Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center in northwest Portland will hold its clinic the following day, from 3 - 7 p.m.

Legacy Health's campuses in Gresham, Tualatin and Vancouver, Wash., also are offering clinics during the week.

Anyone more than 6 months old can stop by during clinic hours and receive a free vaccination against influenza. The virus frequently makes the rounds during the cold-weather season.

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## Where and when?

- Legacy Emanuel Medical Center, 2801 N. Gantenbein Ave., Portland, 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 7.
- Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center, 1015 N.W. 22nd Ave., Portland, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8.
- Legacy Mount Hood Medical Center, 24800 S.E. Stark Street, Gresham, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9.
- Legacy Meridian Medical Center, 19300 S.W. 65th Ave., Tualatin, from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 10.
- Legacy Salmon Creek Medical Center, 2211 N.E. 139th Street, Vancouver, Wash., from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 11.

and older against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis, also known as whooping cough, also will be offered for free at each clinic. Pertussis is a highly contagious disease that is especially dangerous to infants, who often catch it from adult family members.



People who work under noisy conditions can have their hearing checked in booths such as this one at Adventist Parkrose Medical Plaza.

TRIBUNE PHOTO: SCOTT KEITH

# Staying safe in the workplace

Occupational medicine focuses on the prevention of workplace injuries

By SCOTT KEITH  
The Tribune

Some doctors keep a close eye on cancer cells, others monitor blood sugar levels. For some in the medical profession, the concern is workplace health and safety.

Dr. David Hall, who practices occupational medicine at Adventist Parkrose Medical Plaza, in Portland, describes occupational medicine as "kind of a little unknown niche of medicine."

Hall added, "It's actually a residency program you can complete. It takes three years after medical school, then you are eligible to take your boards in occupational medicine."

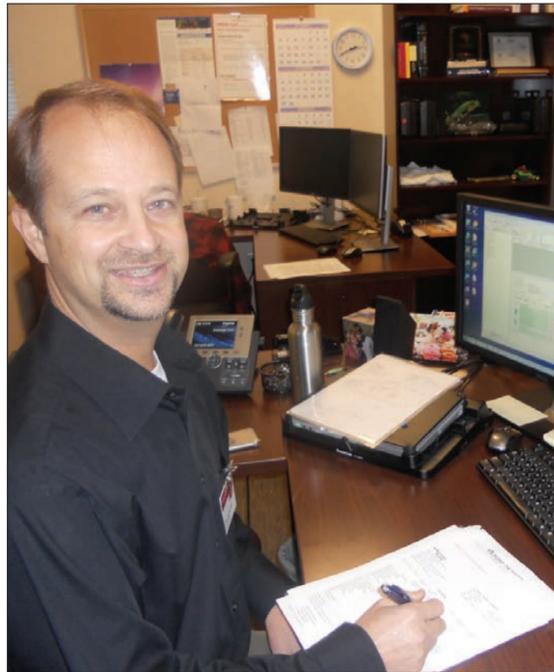
Hall describes his specialty as "the intersection of medicine and industry." These doctors handle many issues, including employee wellness.

"A lot of companies are realizing that keeping their employees healthy is a benefit not only to their employees, but it helps a company have better productivity," he said, noting that another function of the specialty is to treat work injuries (worker's comp).

"There's a lot of things in between," Hall pointed out. "There are a lot of safety issues. Day to day, I do a lot of physical exams for a variety of things." Commercial drivers, for example, are required to get medical certification.

"I see a lot of people starting new jobs," he said. "A lot of companies require them to get a medical clearance to start their work. When a department hires a new firefighter or a police officer, they want to make sure that they don't have any medical problems that would interfere with a job. I do quite a few of those."

An occupational medicine doctor may have to deal with toxicology and epidemiology. There are people who work at



TRIBUNE PHOTO: SCOTT KEITH

Dr. David Hall practices occupational medicine at Adventist Parkrose Medical Plaza.

## TIPS FOR KEEPING HEALTHY AND SAFE ON THE JOB

- Don't lift more than 35 pounds. If you're really strong, you can go to, perhaps, 50 pounds.
- Slips and falls are common at office jobs. Watch stairways carefully. Watch for phone cords or wet floors. Use a proper ladder or foot stool, instead of a chair, to reach something high on a wall.
- Neck and back pain can result from sitting too long at the work computer. Dr. Hall suggests you move and change your posture at

work. Consider a stand-up desk, that allows you to perform your work, at times, while standing. If you're at your work computer, get up after 20 minutes and move around for a couple of minutes. Sitting for too long can be hard on your back, neck and wrists.

- Pay attention to ergonomics, such as proper posture at your office computer.
- Stay in good physical fitness

jobs where they're exposed to various chemicals, Hall said. Examples of this include asbestos exposure.

"There's a whole plethora of OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) requirements on employers

that if their employees have that exposure, they need to be monitored over time to make sure they're not getting sick," he said.

While most of us hope we never suffer a workplace injury, there are some tips we

should be aware of after we clock in for work each day.

Hall commonly sees back and shoulder injuries at the work place and back injuries can result from heavy lifting. He said what's more important than lifting technique is the amount of weight you're lifting. "You can use perfect technique, but if you're lifting too much weight, you're still at high risk of injury."

Hall said some industries require their employees to lift 75 or 100 pounds at a time. "That's a really high-risk thing to do," he added. "One of my missions with back injuries is to point out that lifting technique is way over emphasized."

Some careers you may not associate with lifting injuries. Take, for example, the healthcare industry.

"In healthcare, often patients need to get moved. Often that's done by healthcare workers lifting the patients," Hall said.

Some companies do better than others at noticing potential workplace safety problems.

"I see a huge variety. Every employer is different," he said. "Some are highly prepared and really proactive. They try to make sure that they prevent all of these known things ahead of time. I see the other side, where companies don't seem to have any thought of it at all, and just when they have an injured worker, they just utilize the emergency medical system. So it varies widely."

Hall will talk with employers and visit job sites. He will encourage employers to think about safety ahead of time.

Hall said most everyone recovers well from workplace injuries. "It's nice to work through the process. You see how they're injured, but it's gratifying to work with them and see them return to work and feel good again."

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# 'How do I look?'



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Allen, a homeless veteran at the new shelter at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in downtown Portland, adopts a new look for a photo taken as part of a recent story by the Portland Tribune. With colder temperatures, homeless vets and others are seeking shelter. Allen spends a lot of time on the street, but he carries with him an optimistic personality. "One of my favorite things to do is joke around and make people laugh," he says.

# Paddle: 'It's a lifelong sport'

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TV shows, you see table tennis all the time," Hoarfrost says. There are more clubs now than ever before, she says. But it needs to do more. Another sport that struggled for decades to find itself with American audiences was soccer, but Hoarfrost says that sport has since become extremely popular.



Table tennis paddles have rubber cut and glued on them at Paddle Palace. PAMPLIN MEDIA GROUP: JONATHAN HOUSE

She hopes to see the same thing happen to table tennis. "Soccer used to be nothing in this country," she says. "What has soccer done right? They have a huge youth program. We have to be organized, too. You have to have a place that parents feel they could drop their child off. It has to be safe, well organized, fun, a real class where they are learning and engaged. It has to be all those things, and table tennis hasn't been there. When I was playing, I'd be the only kid, the only girl."

### Room to grow

The company's new home, 12230 S.W. Main St. in Tigard, could be that space, she says. "My dream is to put a table

tennis club in here," she says. "We can do events, have classes for kids, for beginners, for seniors. We want to welcome everybody." Many novice players are turned off from the game because more experienced players make them feel bad, she says. "We'd make it accessible so it's comfortable and fun for everyone," she says. And for more experienced players, the club would offer workshops from the business' long list of world-class athletes. "We're connected with some of the best players in the world," she says. "We can do clinics. I'd love for it to also be a good place where people can

train, not just for beginners but also people in the higher levels." It would be a return to its roots for Paddle Palace, which Hoarfrost's father, Lou Bochenki, started as a table tennis club in Portland in 1974. "It was in an old Elks club building with chandeliers and angels carved into the ceiling. It was like a palace," Hoarfrost says. The club operated for a few years before Bochenki transitioned into the equipment distribution business. "Dad had a suitcase with equipment. When we'd go to a tournament, he'd open up the suitcase and he'd sell stuff to people," she says. "That's sort

of where it started, and it just kinda grew from there." Today, Hoarfrost runs the business with her brother, Michael Bochenki, shipping millions of items a year all over the country as the U.S. distributor for many of the world's leading table tennis brands. The table tennis club is still just an idea, but Hoarfrost says she'd like to set it up within the next year. "That's phase two," she says. "We've had a lot of folks say that they'd love to come here and play, but for now, we're still settling into the new building." Hoarfrost also plans to bone up on her own skills. She hopes to compete in the World Veteran Table Tennis Championships in 2016. "I might do that," she says. "I haven't played internationally since I was on the U.S. team. That's part of the reason I want to get the club going here. I've got to practice."

# MovieTime

By JASON VONDERSMITH  
The Tribune

### Big screen

Last week, Nov. 27  
"Victor Frankenstein"; "The Good Dinosaur"; "Creed"  
This week, Dec. 4  
"Krampus" (Universal), PG-13, 98 minutes  
About — A boy who has a bad Christmas accidentally summons a Christmas demon to his family home. Stars — Allison Tolman, Adam Scott, Toni Collette, Stefania LaVie Owen. Director — Michael Dougherty.  
"Macbeth" (Weinstein), NR, 113 minutes  
About — The Thane of Scotland receives a witches' prophecy that he would be king, and spurred by ambition and his wife, he murders the king and takes the throne. Stars — Michael Fassbender, Elizabeth Debicki, Marion Cotillard, Sean Harris. Director — Justin Kurzel.  
"Youth" (Fox Searchlight), R, 118 minutes  
About — A retired orchestra conductor, while on holiday in the Alps, receives an invitation from Queen Elizabeth II to perform for Prince Philip's birthday. Stars — Michael Caine, Harvey Keitel, Rachel Weisz, Paul Dano. Director — Paolo Sorrentino  
Next week, Dec. 11  
"In the Heart of the Sea"; "Legend"; "The Big Short"  
(Note: Movie descriptions by IMDB, imdb.com)

### Home rentals

The latest top 10 digital movie purchases based on transaction rate, by Rentrak:  
1. "Inside Out"  
2. "Vacation" (2015)  
3. "San Andreas"  
4. "Pixels"  
5. "Spy"  
6. "Tomorrowland"  
7. "Max"  
8. "Avengers: Age of Ultron"  
9. "Man From U.N.C.L.E."  
10. "Terminator Genisys"  
Other recent favorites: "Hocus Pocus"; "Hotel Transylvania"

### Upcoming events

Japanese Currents, a Japanese film festival that features anime, samurai epics, documentaries, family melodramas and more, will be held Dec. 4-13 at Whitsell Auditorium. The ninth annual Japanese Currents series offers a fresh take on the country's culture and showcases the wealth of cre-

ative invention at work. The schedule: "Round Trip Heart," 7 p.m. Dec. 4; Sapporo Shorts Program, 2 p.m. Dec. 5; "Neko Samurai 2: A Tropical Adventure," 4:30 p.m. Dec. 5; "I Alone," 7 p.m. Dec. 5; "Haruko's Paranormal Laboratory," 4:30 p.m. Dec. 6; "Ecotherapy Getaway Holiday," 7 p.m. Dec. 6; "Sanchu Uprising: Voices at Dawn," 7 p.m. Dec. 10; "Ow," 8 p.m. Dec. 11; "When Marnie Was There," 2 p.m. Dec. 12; "Wonderful World End," 4:30 p.m. Dec. 12; "Nuclear Nation II," 4:30 p.m. Dec. 13. All screenings will be at Whitsell Auditorium, 1219 S.W. Park Ave. (\$9, \$8 students/seniors, \$6 children, nwfilm.org).  
The Pacific Lutheran University concert band puts on the PLU Christmas Concert, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2, at Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 S.W. Broadway (portland5.com), and it'll feature the world premiere of the latest work by Hollywood composer J.A.C. Redford, "A Christmas Invitation." Redford has written scores for nearly 100 feature films and TV movies and programs, including Disney's "Oliver and Company," "Newsies" and "The Mighty Ducks II" (and "III"), as well as orchestrating dozens of blockbusters, including "Skyfall," "The Help" and "Avatar."  
"RiffTrax Live: Santa and the Ice Cream Bunny" hits cinemas at 8 p.m. Dec. 3 and 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15, featuring the former stars of "Mystery Science Theater 3000," Mike Nelson, Bill "Crow" Corbett and Kevin "Tom Servo" Murphy commenting on one of the strangest titles ever made. The story: Santa's sleigh is stuck on the beach, and only one creature can help him, the Ice Cream Bunny. For info/tickets: FathomEvents.com. It'll be shown at Cedar Hills Crossing 16 in Beaverton, Clackamas Town Center with XD, Lloyd Center 10 with IMAX, Century 16 Eastport and Wilsonville 9 Cinema.  
The Hollywood Theatre's "Getting to Know You(Tube)" series relaunches in December, hosted by Gabi Villaseca and Helmy Membreno. The series unearths hidden treasures from YouTube; there are 15-minute presentations by guest presenters, with YouTube providing the inspiration and content, and there'll be question-and-answer sessions and audience participation. The first event takes place at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Portland Institute of Contemporary Art, 415 S.W. 10th Ave. It's free. For info: hollywoodtheatre.org.

# Book report:

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spent much of her childhood on Alcatraz. McMorris will appear at the Holiday Cheer book event at the Oregon Historical Society, Dec. 6. (See details below).  
Upcoming events  
The Holiday Cheer author event will be at the Oregon His-

torical Society, 1200 S.W. Park Ave. from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 6. It's free to attend. Hot chocolate will flow as readers stroll among the many books and writers assembled at the 48th annual book sale and signing. All of the authors are Oregonians who published a new book within the last year. The long list includes writers Philip Margolin, Dana Haynes, Matt Love, Brian Doyle, and Janie Hibley among others.  
Saturdays at Powell's City of Books, 1005 W. Burnside St., are for the kids. Weekly storytime in the children's section starts at 11 a.m. where young readers sit on the carpet engrossed by stories

read aloud by Powell's staff. This week's story is "We're in the Wrong Book!" followed by an appearance from The Grinch and a reading of "How the Grinch Stole Christmas!"  
Legendary restaurant critic and man of exquisite taste Roger Porter reads from his new anthology of food writing "Eating Words" at Powell's, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 8.  
Proving it's never too late to avenge a cruel ballet instructor, Lauren Kessler reads from "Raising the Barre: Big Dreams, False Starts, and My Midlife Quest to Dance the Nutcracker," 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 9 at Powell's.

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Ducks lining up for the game — SEE SPORTS, B1

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**Quidditch? Yes, quidditch**

Straight from the “Harry Potter” books and movies comes the Portland Quidditch League and Keep Quidditch Weird, the first official U.S. Quidditch tournament in the Portland area.

The movie game features two teams of seven players riding flying broomsticks, with players throwing balls (Quaffle, two Bludgers, Golden Snitch) into six ring-shaped goals that sit atop poles on each side of the pitch.

(Note: Participants do not fly on broomsticks, they move by feet, carrying a stick between their legs).

The success of the Northwest Fantasy II tournament in August allowed the league to start the Quidditch tournament.

There will be six official teams, and one “mercenary” team of unaffiliated players:

Emerald City Admirals (Seattle), Portland Augureys (Portland, Vancouver, Wash.); Rain City Raptors (Bellingham, Wash., Seattle); Silicon Valley Vipers (San Jose, Calif.), Skyfighters Quidditch Club (Palo Alto, Calif.), Western Washington University Wyverns (Bellingham, Wash.) and the “mercenary” team.

The tournament will be held 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, on the soccer field at the south side of 53rd Avenue Community Park in Hillsboro, 300 N.E. 53rd Ave.

For more info, see Keep Quidditch Weird on Facebook.

**Re-creating radio**

The stage show “1941 Christmas From Home” returns this year, as part of a five-year series developed by Ralph Radio Theatre and written by Pat Krus Tellinghusen.

The show re-creates live radio shows produced during World War II; it's set in Portland, December 1941, just days after the Pearl Harbor attacks, and station performers put together a special show to be recorded and rebroadcast to troops far from home on Christmas Day, including a live band, local stories, songs, sketches and ads. Eight local actors are involved.

“The sentiments expressed in our play transcend the generations,” says Kimberly Poe, producer/director. “The excellent script captures a moment in time with clarity and sensitivity as the U.S. goes to war in 1941.”

The show ran for 10 years and earned a Drammy Award in 2003.

There are evening and matinee performances, Dec. 2-13, at Clinton Street Theater, 2522 S.E. Clinton St. (\$15-\$20 tickets, ralphradiotheatre.com or cstpx.com).

Ralph Radio Theatre was founded in memory of the late Ralph Steadman, longtime Portland radio personality.

**Read all about it**

Travel Portland has launched its third annual Portland Is Happening Now winter tourism campaign, which this year includes 30 never-before-released zines — small and self-published guides — to promote the campaign and Portland.

With Portland a hotbed of zine publishing, it only makes sense for Travel Portland to feature the cool little booklets, which have hand-drawn illustrations and thoughtful titles, as well as maps, photography and itineraries.

“There are so many ways to experience Portland, and we are excited to share insights from local writers and artists about what makes the city stand out as a travel destination,” says Jeff Miller, Travel Portland CEO and president, in a news release.

The campaign kicked off last week with destination zines highlighting Portland’s quirks, iconic stops and can’t-miss experiences. Topics include how to ride a bike in the rain, where to find Portland’s best pizza slices, and how to drink beer like a feminist.

More zines will be released in December.

Zines can be accessed at [TravelPortland.com/zines](http://TravelPortland.com/zines).

**End of ‘ZooZoo’**

A heads-up — Imago Theatre plans a final Portland run of “ZooZoo,” its popular mask theater play, Dec. 11 through Jan. 3. Jerry Mouawad and Carol Triffle began the mask theater in 1979, and “Frogz” and “ZooZoo” became big hits. But it’s time to do something else, they say, after experimenting with other forms of theater last season — three Harold Pinter works — and working on their next big show, “La Belle, The Lost World of the Automaton,” a version of “Beauty and the Beast.” It opens in December 2016, and showcases Imago’s stagecraft, puppetry, theater work and original songs.

For more: [imagotheatre.com](http://imagotheatre.com).



## GAME ON

# WORLD LEADER IN TABLE TENNIS MOVES HEADQUARTERS TO TIGARD

By GEOFF PURSINGER  
Pamplin Media Group

**Ping pong. Table tennis. Whatever you call it, Judy Hoarfrost calls it her life’s work.**

For decades, the former professional table tennis player has been working to make the sport she loves relevant to Americans.

Hoarfrost is president and chief executive officer of Paddle Palace, a table tennis equipment distributor started by her father in the 1970s.

For decades, the Portland business has been a world leader in providing equipment to the globe’s table tennis community, offering everything players need, from paddles to tables to nets and more.

But after years in a cramped headquarters in Multnomah Village, the company is settling into a 25,000-square-foot facility on Tigard’s Southwest Main Street.

Table tennis is one of the most



**Paddle Palace owner Judy Hoarfrost and her teammates were featured on the cover of Time magazine in 1971 when they visited China for the Ping Pong Diplomacy tour.**

popular sports in the world. With an estimated 10 million players, it’s second in participation only to soccer.

Hoarfrost says that so many

people around the world are drawn to the sport because it’s easy to learn and can appeal to anyone.

“It’s a lifelong sport,” she says. “There are a lot of sports that kids play, but they can’t do it when they get to be 30 or 40, like gymnastics. But with ping pong, you don’t have to be big or tall or short or skinny or fat. Anybody can play, even with no experience. They pick up the paddle and have fun, or if you take it seriously, you can take a little bit of coaching and get better.”

**Ping pong diplomacy**

Hoarfrost has been playing since she was a girl. Competing in her first U.S. Open at the age of 11, she made the U.S. national team at age 15. She was inducted into the Oregon Sports Hall of Fame in 2006.

Hoarfrost has seen firsthand how table tennis can bring people together. In 1971, Hoarfrost, then 15, was one of 20 Americans in-

cluded in the first group of Americans allowed into the communist country in more than 20 years.

Still a teen, Hoarfrost found herself in the middle of the international spotlight as news outlets around the world covered their historic visit. It would be another year before President Richard Nixon would visit China, normalizing Sino-American relations.

Hoarfrost’s trip came to be known as “ping pong diplomacy.”

Despite the role it played in American politics, table tennis has traditionally struggled to find a foothold among American athletes.

That’s starting to change, Hoarfrost says.

Since the sport was introduced to the Olympics in 1988, table tennis has been steadily gaining in popularity.

“When you watch movies or

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Former world table tennis star and owner of Paddle Palace, Judy Hoarfrost, plays a match on the company’s table in Tigard.

PAMPLIN MEDIA GROUP PHOTOS: JONATHAN HOUSE

# Coming-of-age novel has dark twist

*Kristina McMorris’ new historical fiction tells of survival, hope*

By MICHAELA BANCUD  
For The Tribune

**In October 1937, while living on Alcatraz Island, the 10-year-old daughter of a prison guard goes missing and only convicted bank robber Tommy Capello knows why.**

“The Edge of Lost” (Kensington Fiction, \$15) is Happy Valley-based writer Kristina McMorris’ latest work of historical fiction. In it she tells the story of two boys, Nick Capello and Shanley. One boy is Irish, the other is Italian. While not blood brothers, they form a kind of family.

Shan is a born entertainer and because of his “Black Irish”

physical characteristics he can pass for Italian. Good thing because the need arises when his degenerate uncle dies en route to America. Shan’s talent for mimicry and vocal tricks, a survival skill honed in bars back in Ireland, helps him when a family of Italian immigrants lets him squeeze through immigration lines at Ellis Island posing as their son.

Shan’s New World adventure unfolds. He learns to survive while struggling to find an identity within his adopted family. Living on his wits, Shan nonetheless often winds up in the wrong place at the wrong time, resulting in a tragic break from his “family” and a trip to Alcatraz.

The reader traipses through the early 1900s from Dublin bars to 19th-century Brooklyn, N.Y. We meet historical figures



COURTESY PHOTO  
**Kristina McMorris is the author of a new book, “The Edge of Lost,” about Alcatraz Island.**

in passing like the vaudeville performer George M. Cohan and Al Capone along the way.

Prior books by McMorris have been set during World War II. “The Edge of Lost,” McMorris’s fourth, “is the one that’s taken me most outside my comfort zone,” she says by phone from her grandmother’s

home in the Olympic Peninsula.

Themes of shifting identity and assimilation run through the book. An immigrant’s daughter herself, McMorris’ father is the local sauce king Junki Yoshida. “There are so many similarities between the different immigrant cultures in family structure.”

McMorris’ maternal grandfather was described as “Black Irish,” and he often was mistaken for Italian with his darker looks, she says. This inspired the character Shan, the Irish boy who hides his true identity among the Italian family who takes him in.

The novel begins on Alcatraz — the anti-Happy Valley — a place the writer has been fascinated by since she watched “Children of Alcatraz,” a documentary in which grown children of the prison staff describe meeting and interacting with prisoners, even befriending some. One claims to have played checkers with the infamous Robert Stroud, aka The Birdman of Alcatraz, portrayed

by Burt Lancaster in the 1962 film.

After seeing the documentary, McMorris knew she had the nugget of an idea for her next book.

“I read a lot of memoirs and took a night tour of Alcatraz so I could picture exactly what I needed to write the book. I talked to many park rangers and historians. It’s the most research-heavy book I’ve written,” McMorris says.

She praises Multnomah County Library’s research librarians for saving her hours of time that otherwise would have been lost down online rabbit holes searching for precise period details on topics such as vaudeville, burlesque and early Italian Mafia culture. “The librarians are absolutely wonderful,” she said. “I would text them questions 24 hours a day, live chat, and they would send links for further research.”

The highlight of her research was interviewing a woman who

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