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Juan Muros, resident services coordinator at Villa de Clara Vista apartments, shows Portland police Sgt. Mark Friedman where gangs and graffiti used to proliferate — until police started making foot patrols.

## Beating crime to the punch

■ New police boots-on-the-ground plan may cool city 'hot spots'

A 15-minute stroll along Northeast Killingsworth Street in the Cully neighborhood is all Portland police Sgt. Mark Friedman needs to feel productive. A convenience store owner tells Friedman that in the evening gangbangers hang out in her parking lot, and when she refuses to sell alcohol to the underage members her windows are broken overnight. Friedman will have officers come by and look at her security camera images.

The manager of a low-income apartment building stops to chat up Friedman, explaining that since police started coming by on foot every other week for an hour or two, he's seen a decrease in gang activity and graffiti has almost disappeared. "The kids start noticing them and bad people are starting to move away from the property because it's so random," says Juan Muros, resident services coordinator of the Villa de Clara Vista apartments. According to Muros, many residents of the complex don't speak fluent English and thus don't feel

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— Greg Stewart, Portland police sergeant

comfortable calling in a complaint to police. But if an officer could come around on foot more frequently, Muros says, they might get comfortable enough to register complaints and observations in

person with an officer. Muros might soon get his wish for more frequent foot patrols. Next week Portland police officers will begin participating in an experiment designed to reveal

whether their mere presence at the right place at the right time can discourage potential offenders from committing crimes.

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As part of his community policing walk, Street Crimes Unit Sgt. Mark Friedman checks in with Virginia Q. Salinas of the Bienestar Family Wellness Program on Northeast Killingsworth Street.

## Sweet prices for chocolate lovers



Master Chocolatier Julian Rose pours dark chocolate into a shell mold in the test kitchen of Moonstruck Chocolates.

By JULIA ANDERSON  
For the Portland Tribune

With Portland lately considered the nation's epicenter of artisan chocolate-making, local chocolatiers are again counting on strong holiday sales. That's good news for everyone from the 100 workers at Moonstruck Chocolate Co., based in St. Johns, to smaller operations such as Woodblock Chocolate, Alma Chocolate and Cacao in Portland.

No one knows for sure how many chocolate-making businesses there are in Portland or how many people work for them, but Portland's annual three-day ChocolateFest coming in January will be

### Not-so-sweet costs

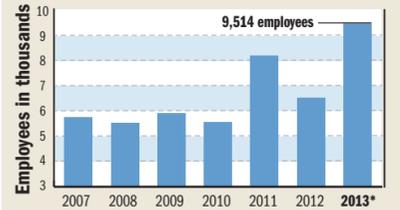
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Source: International Cocoa Organization

the largest chocolate vendor show in the nation, with at least 80 exhibitors, says Jennifer Kent, the show's co-producer. "Eight years ago, we started with 25 vendors and attendance of 800," Kent

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### Public servants calling it quits

Retirements by employees of Oregon schools, local and state governments who are covered by the Public Employees Retirement System.



\*estimated; some retirement decisions could be retracted  
Source: Oregon Public Employees Retirement System.

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## Public sector employees make a break for exit door

PERS changes spur employees to get out while getting is good

By STEVE LAW  
The Tribune

A flurry of teachers and other Oregon public employees are retiring this year, by far the largest retirement bulge since before the Great Recession.

Statewide, more than 9,500 people have filed to start receiving Oregon Public Employees Retirement System pensions — 44 percent more than last year. A large share of them filed to retire on Dec. 1 to avoid taking a modest hit to their PERS pensions.

Janice Avidan, a fourth-grade teacher at Buckman Elementary School, is one of 99 Portland Public Schools teachers who officially retired Dec. 1.

"I'm just ready; I felt it in my bones," says Avidan, who turns 60 in January, and has taught 29 years.

Avidan had planned to formally retire at the end of the school year next June, but moved her date up when she found out that her PERS pension will be trimmed roughly 2 percent if she retires Jan. 1 or later.

Including nonteachers, 149 Portland Public Schools employees officially retired last week, according to data supplied by district spokeswoman Christine Miles. That's more than the entire number who retired all last school year, or the five prior school years.

Avidan, like many others, will continue teaching until the end of the school year, since retirees are allowed to work half-year or half-time while drawing PERS checks.

Portland Public Schools teachers have more at stake than other public employees right now because the school district also is seeking, via collective bargaining, to eliminate early retirement incentives at the end of the school year. That's what prompted Avidan's initial decision to retire.

But the Portland school district is not the only local government seeing a surge in retirees.

Metro, the regional government, saw 24 people retire in 2013, the largest number in more than a decade, says Mary Rowe, human resources director.

One of them is Bill Doran, a park ranger at Oxbow Regional Park who retired last week. Doran, 62, had planned on retiring at year's end, after 36 years on the job. By retiring a month early, he figures he avoided a 2.3 percent hit to his pension.

"When I heard that was a possibility, I left,"



AVIDAN

**"In the case of Portland, it's a perfect storm of events."**  
— Ed Foster, financial planner working with the Portland Association of Teachers

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# Hot spots: Community policing in increments

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Over the course of the next three to four months, officers will make scheduled 15-minute visits to 40 crime hot spots, getting out of their cars, walking around, and casually striking up conversations with shop owners and pedestrians. Another 20 identified hot spots—the experiment's controls—will not see any additional policing. By spring, police strategists and their Portland State University consultants expect to have enough data to determine whether the proactive police visits are damping down crime, and whether that crime is moving to surrounding areas.



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If what those officers are doing sounds like community policing in its most fundamental sense, it is, but in small increments. According to Sgt. Greg Stewart of the bureau's crime analysis unit, there is plenty of evidence that even 15-minute appearances can reduce overall crime and engender better police/community relations, which can lead to more help from the public after a crime has been committed.

Stewart and PSU researchers have analyzed the last three years of Portland crime data. They've discovered that 40 percent of the crimes in Portland occur in 3.5 percent of the city's geography. That's excluding crimes such as embezzlement and domestic violence, which generally take place behind closed doors. They've been able to identify hot spots as small as a single apartment complex parking lot or a drug dealing streetcorner.

Similar projects in other cities, Stewart says, have shown that an officer spending 15 minutes in a hot spot can have a damping effect on crime there for up to two hours. But less clear from other cities' experiences is exactly what officers should be doing in their 15-minute foot patrols to maximize their impact.

So Portland officers are being given a list of possible activities, and they will be required to report which actions they take during each stop. Walking and talking to pedestrians and striking up conversations with

shop owners are basic. But in some high crime areas such as apartment complexes where gang members hang out, they could push the envelope of casual encounters to include stopping youths and patting them down for weapons.

The key to getting officers out of their cars and meeting people face to face is a piece of the experiment that is moving Portland beyond what any other city has tried. In cities such as Sacramento, officers have been told what spots they should try to visit each day when they weren't responding to calls from dispatch.

The problem with that, experts say, is that officers will naturally put those 15-minute visits toward the bottom of their priority lists. But in Portland, officers in squad cars will be getting calls from dispatch to head over to particular hot spots—so the practice is built into their scheduling.

That's going to make a huge difference in officer acceptance of the new policy, says Brian Dale, a member of the bureau's gang enforcement team. Most officers, Dale insists, want to community police and solve problems, rather than react to crime calls. But, he says, they feel hamstrung by other demands on their time.

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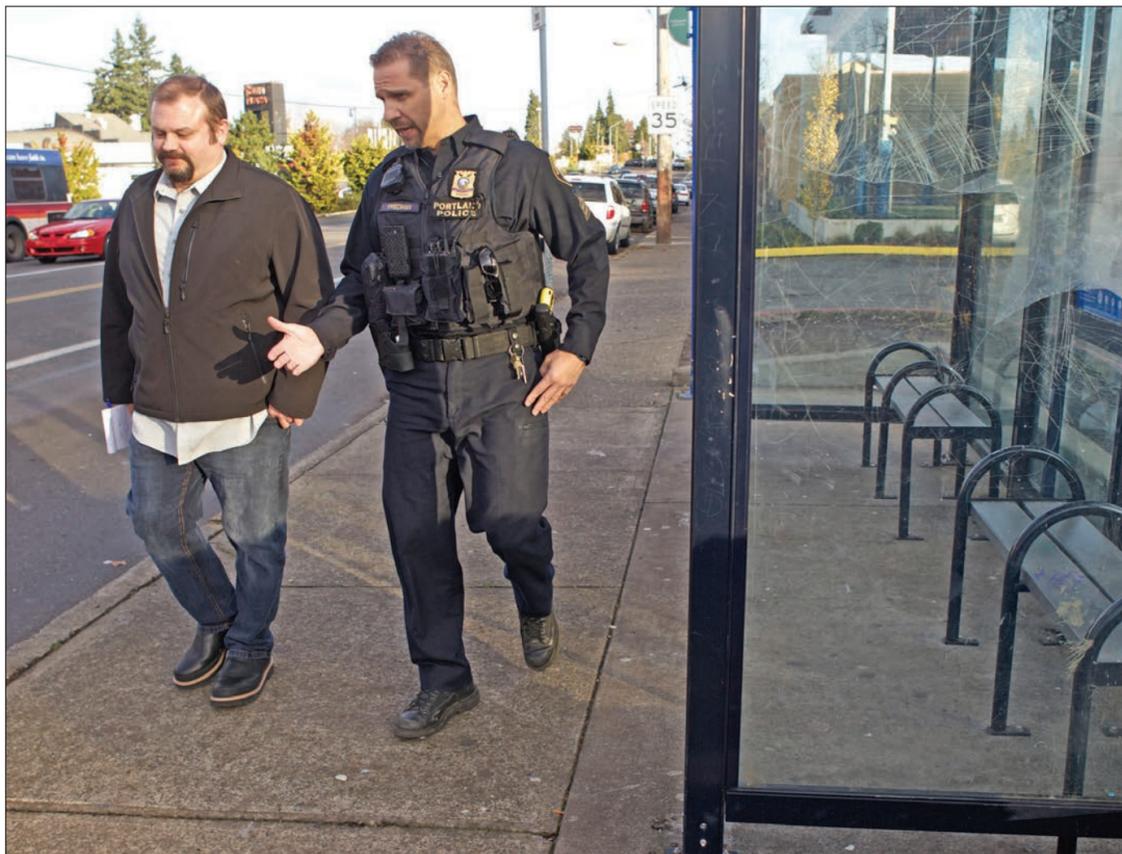
— Greg Stewart, Portland police sergeant

Dale says when he worked patrol in Northeast Portland, taking time to walk and talk was nearly impossible. "You'd feel guilty if you got out there and got involved in stuff," he says. "Calls are coming in and your neighboring district officers have to take your calls and that creates tension."

Involving dispatch should eliminate that tension, according to Stewart.

"What it basically says is we think it's just as important you spend some time out of your car in these areas as it would be responding to a theft that happened the day before," he says. "It moves from a reactive mode of just responding to cold calls to a proactive model where we're trying to prevent crime before it occurs."

Portland Police Chief Mike Reese says now that the city's dispatch system has been redesigned to accommodate the new policy, it can be used in a variety of ways to encourage community policing. When children are arriving at their schools the morning of the first school day of the year, officers can get dispatched to different schools for short visits, for



Sgt. Greg Stewart of Portland's Police's Crime Analysis Unit (left), here walking with Street Crimes Unit Sgt. Mark Friedman, has spearheaded the bureau's new community policing experiment.

TRIBUNE PHOTO JAIME VALDEZ

## Officers' attitudes important in crime-fighting walks

Two years ago in Sacramento, a three-month experiment had police officers making short visits to 21 high-crime hot spots throughout the day while 21 other high-crime spots received no extra attention. The visited spots had 105 serious crimes during the three months, while the spots with no extra patrols had 121 serious crimes.

Sgt. Renee Mitchell of the Sacramento police headed up her department's experiment, and has consulted extensively with police here on a new Portland strategy being introduced this week.

With serious crime at a 40-year low, Mitchell says, incremental crime reductions such as those made in Sacramento are significant and hard to come by. She likens hot-spot policing experiments such as Portland's to the controlled clinical trials used to guide treatments in health care. Policing, she says, needs to begin using data to guide policy, "instead of our normal approach to policing, which is following our gut or intuition or tradition

or local practice." Along those lines, the Portland experiment will study dosage in a more refined way than other cities have attempted. Twenty Portland hot spots will receive two 15-minute visits a day, 20 similar hot spots will receive four or five visits a day and 20 will receive no extra attention.

"If you could show you can get a crime drop with a lower dose, that's good information for policing all around the world," Mitchell says.

Experiments in other cities have shown that 15-minute stops might be optimal. Experts say longer stops yield diminishing returns and can begin to produce a negative effect. One of the goals of hot spotting is to encourage residents in high-crime areas to feel safer and more connected to police, but that can't happen if people begin to feel under siege from too much police presence.

"If they start seeing cops around all the time, for them it's like, 'Oh gosh, my neighborhood maybe isn't as good as I think it is,'" Mitchell says.

Some studies even suggest

that too much police presence in an area can create resentments that lead to higher crime.

Ironically, Sacramento decided to discontinue hot-spot policing after its experiment ended in 2011. Mitchell cites two reasons: First, she says, were police bureau budget cuts. "When you're trying to stop the bleeding, you don't have time for anything new," she says.

But, the second reason hot spotting didn't stick in Sacramento had to do with police officer attitudes. Mitchell says some officers resented the new policy dictating how they would spend their discretionary time — when they weren't responding to calls. And some studies have shown that a significant number of police don't believe hot spotting works, but think that crime simply moves from one area to another.

"It's not part of our culture yet," Mitchell says.

— Peter Korn

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Conservatives aren't saying much nice about Oregon U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley these days, especially since Republicans have targeted the first-term Democrat in next year's election. But Fox News analyst Juan Williams broke ranks this week by naming Merkley "Man of the Year in Congress" in an opinion piece in *The Hill*, a news-oriented website focusing on Capitol Hill.



MERKLEY

In the piece, Williams praised Merkley for leading the charge to overturn the traditional filibuster system in the U.S. Senate that has allowed Republicans to block President Obama's nominees to the courts and top administration positions.

"The senator stands out as the leader of the Democrats' historic move to go to the 'nuclear option,' ending the paralysis by threat of filibuster that tied the Senate in knots for the last five years," Williams wrote.

At the same time, Williams noted that the move has partisan ramifications, including some for Merkley.

"The junior senator from the Beaver State showed a lot of political bite, in the form of persistence, and has become a left-wing hero as a result," Williams wrote.

Although Williams is not as conservative as some Republican talking heads, Merkley's staff was quick to point out his Fox News job when emailing the column to

## Look, in the Senate: It's Merkley the heroic fili-buster!

Oregon reporters.

### City can't wash hands of lawsuit

A judge might rule whether the City Council has mis-spent water and sewer funds before the May primary election when voters could decide whether to transfer the water and sewer bureaus to an independent board.

If the judge rules the council has misspent the funds, it will be given ammunition to

supporters of the initiative petition. But the city could be hurt politically even if the judge sides with the council. Such a ruling would essentially mean the City Charter allows the council to spend water and sewer funds however it sees fit.

Oral arguments in the long-running civil lawsuit about water and sewer spending could be heard in January or February. Both sides have not filed motions for the summary judgment

that lay out positions on a range of appropriations by the Water Bureau and the Bureau of Environmental Services, which operates the sewer system and stormwater management programs.



### Brrr, council gives summit cold shoulder

Portland City Council members were noticeably absent at the Oregon Business Plan Leadership Summit that was held in town on Monday. No one on the council even attended the breakfast forum on local issues at the Oregon Convention Center.

Significantly, the council members did not have much work to do Monday morning.

A power outage shut down City Hall and the adjacent Portland Building through the day. Ironically, the council was scheduled to present an update of the strategic plan for the Emergency Management Bureau calling for better preparations for disasters.

Many other local elected officials showed up at the morning session, however, even though they do not occupy full-time jobs, like Portland's leaders. They included Clackamas County Chairman John Ludlow, Washington County Commissioner Dick Schouten, Wilsonville Mayor Tim Knapp and Clackamas Community College board member Ron Adams.

## IN CHARACTER

A conversation with an interesting Portlander

Patrick Short

By PETER KORN  
The Tribune

Patrick Short thinks there's plenty of room for funny business in corporate America. In fact, he thinks it's vital. For 24 years he's been teaching comedy improv concepts to businesses around the country, when he's not busy with the local ComedySportz Theater he co-owns in Northwest Portland.

**PORTLAND TRIBUNE:** You've co-authored a book on using improv techniques in business. Did you really get an airline customer service representative to give you a last minute re-routing for free?

**PATRICK SHORT:** I did, but they did it without me telling them to because they thought I was going to start a revolution. They wanted me to fly to Denver. I knew there were no tickets from Denver to Portland. There was a big line because the flight was delayed. The exact same thing had happened the day before to the rest of my family.

**TRIBUNE:** So you're in line...

**SHORT:** They're telling me the same things they had told my wife the day before and I knew they were not true. So I announced it to everybody around me. A bunch of people started yelling at them and in about three minutes they called me up and offered me this other routing.

**TRIBUNE:** Wait a minute. All those other angry customers, did they get re-routed or flown to Denver where they would discover they couldn't get a connection home?

**SHORT:** I can't tell you because they got us out of there within like five minutes.

**TRIBUNE:** So you started an airline counter revolution, inflamed the masses, then deserted them. The lesson here for business is?

**SHORT:** Fix the problem. Do whatever it takes. Now. The longer a problem goes on, the more expensive it is.

**TRIBUNE:** In the book you talk about misuse of status in companies. Have you seen that in the business workshops you lead?

**SHORT:** I was doing a team-building workshop with a law firm and one of the senior part-

ners, one of the name guys, decided he was going to assert his alpha dog status early. When somebody does that in our games, it's kind of a built-in trap for them because everybody is there knows the subject is team building.

**TRIBUNE:** What was he doing?

**SHORT:** It was like (he was) stepping out of a game and going, "This is stupid." As we're reflecting on the game, everybody else was saying, "It's not, and here's what I got out of it." And I talked to some people afterward and they said, "Yeah, well, we've had to tell him he was being a jerk but we couldn't say that directly."

He was trying to grab high status without earning it.

**TRIBUNE:** And you teach?

**SHORT:** The main thing is to make others look good. That's the fastest way to high status.

**TRIBUNE:** If you could recommend just one improv game for businesses to do on their own, what would it be?

**SHORT:** Bobsled. You divide people into groups of four, they stand in line facing the same direction. Persons two, three and four have hands on the



Forgive ComedySportz co-owner Patrick Short if he gets skeptical when an airline agent tells him there are no connections available to where he wants to go. Short has built upon his business and comedy experience to grow a business workshop arm of ComedySportz that makes use of both.

TRIBUNE PHOTO: JAIME VALDEZ

shoulders of the person in front of them and then the bobsleds move around the room.

**TRIBUNE:** Why would that be helpful?

**SHORT:** There are commands. The first one is "change." When the leader yells "change" the first person on each bobsled goes to the back of the bobsled. Rotate — everybody turns around at once and the bobsleds go in the other direction. Switch — persons in two and four switch places while the bobsled is moving.

**TRIBUNE:** It sounds like you'll get a bunch of people bumping into each other. But what's the point?

**SHORT:** You have to make constant adjustments. You have to work out how the changes,

switches and rotates are going to happen smoothly. We're changing leadership with almost every command, and we have a final command called trade where the third person in each bobsled jumps off and finds a different bobsled. After we've played 10 minutes we say the leader is no longer giving commands. Commands will come from the person in the back of the bobsled.

There's so much laughing you can barely play the game. But there are an almost infinite number of lessons that come from it about leadership, management, adaptability, focus, listening. I was working with an architecture group last week and we had bobsleds ranging from one person to nine people

at the end. They just got things messed up in trades and switches. Having a nine-person bobsled is great. Keep going, don't worry about mistakes.

**TRIBUNE:** Another favorite?

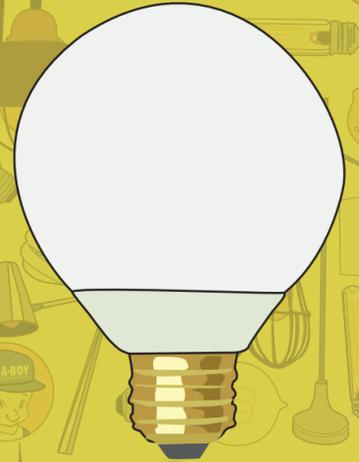
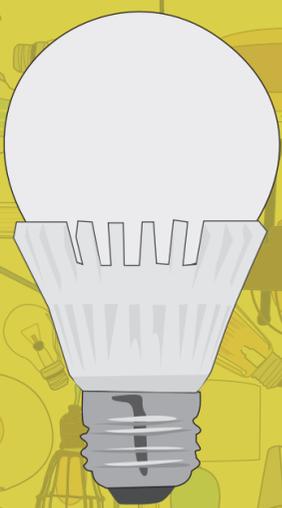
**SHORT:** We play a game where I never tell them that the teams are competing with each other, but they always do. And if they didn't compete with each other everyone would win, but they compete and nobody wins. It's what we call a jolt moment.

This company has since gone out of business. At the jolt moment where I say, "Well, you lost because you were competing, and I never said this was a competition," there was 15 seconds of silence and a woman said, "This is the whole problem with our company."

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# Business leaders say Portland recovering, rest of state lags

Summit promotes plan to reduce state poverty, aid economy

By JIM REDDEN  
The Tribune

Growing concern about the state's long and uneven economic recovery marked the Oregon Business Plan Leadership Summit held Monday in Portland.

Elected officials and leaders from local businesses and the community were thankful that Oregon's economy finally was beginning to climb out of the depths of the Great Recession. But the leaders also expressed concern that statewide incomes are still below the national average, and that rural Oregon is largely left out of the recovery.

"We are seeing the Portland metropolitan region doing better, but our partners in the rural parts of the state are really struggling economically and we need to help them," said Sandra McDonough, president and chief executive officer of the Portland Business Alliance, during the summit's breakfast session on issues in the Portland area.

A new focus of the plan was on the need to reduce Oregon's poverty rate, which at 17.2 percent is still above the national average.

"We are now creating jobs, but too many of them are low-wage jobs," Gov. John Kitzhaber told leaders gathered for the summit.

The annual meeting was organized by the Oregon Business Council, an association of more than 40 top business executives. It is held every year to update the council's strategy for promoting economic growth — called the Oregon Business Plan — timed this year before the 2014 Legislature that begins in February. Major speakers included Kitzhaber, Oregon U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley, and the leaders of the Oregon House and state Senate.

Also speaking was Oregon First Lady Cylvia Hayes, founder and chief executive officer of



TRIBUNE PHOTO: JONATHAN HOUSE

U.S. Sens. Ron Wyden, left, and Jeff Merkley, right, discussed the need for bipartisanship at Monday's Oregon Business Plan Leadership Summit in Portland. They were interviewed by John Carter, chair of the plan and chairman of Schnitzer Steel.

3EStrategies, who appeared on a summit panel about reducing Oregon's poverty rate to 10 percent by 2020.

### Key strategies ahead

Among other things, many of the speakers noted the growing importance of the high-tech sector in Oregon's economy. A report released during the summit noted that information communication technology companies in Oregon are growing faster than the state and national economy. The firms account for around 58,000 jobs in 3,000 companies, generating about \$6 billion in payroll a year.

The study was commissioned by the council, the Technology Association of Oregon, and Oregon State University.

"High-tech companies have led Oregon out of the Great Recession," said Keith Larson, Intel Capital vice president.

Three key strategies in the plan are intended to continue and increase the economic recovery:

- Building the Columbia River Crossing and funding

other needed infrastructure projects around the state. Several speakers expressed confidence the 2014 Legislature will approve a state-led version of the replacement Interstate 5 bridge and freeway improvement project.

**"We are seeing the Portland metropolitan region doing better, but our partners in the rural parts of the state are really struggling economically and we need to help them."**

— Sandra McDonough, Portland Business Alliance

- Better connecting educational opportunities to good-paying careers as part of the ongoing school reform initiatives by Kitzhaber. Additional funding for STEM classes (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) was a recurring theme.

- Increasing jobs in natural resources fields such as agriculture and forestry to help end rural unemployment and poverty. A new idea was generating support for food-producing businesses, much like the focus on high-tech, sportswear and sustainable development clusters.

### Work isn't done

Despite the unanimity at the summit, some of the proposals are controversial. For example, a number of environmental organizations oppose the Columbia River Crossing, tak-

ing more water out of the Columbia River for agriculture in Eastern Oregon, and current proposals to increase logging.

Council leaders noted that the Legislature mostly approved the major strategies in its most recent business plan adopted during the 2013 legislative sessions. The plan called for reforming the Public Employees Retirement System, increasing education funding and financing the Columbia River Crossing.

"We had a good year, but our work is not done," said John Carter, chairman of both Schnitzer Steel and the Oregon Business Plan.

PERS reforms face a legal challenge from a former public employee who argues that they violate the state's contractual obligations with retirees. Many environmental organizations are opposed to both the CRC and proposals to increase logging and take more water from the Columbia River for agriculture.

Not everyone is convinced the Oregon Business Plan is effective. One critic is Lainie Block, a Portland lawyer and advocate for more career and technical training in the public schools. She notes that such programs have been reduced at Benson High School despite calls for them to be increased statewide in previous plans.

"Unfortunately, policies are being dictated from upon high by unqualified advisers without experience in public education best practices or skin in the game," Block says of new education reform efforts.

Summit leaders acknowledged that some factors were beyond their control. Carter expressed concern about the extreme partisanship in Washington, D.C., that prevents Congress from increasing federal infrastructure investments. And others worried that Europe is either in recession or slowly recovering from it and that China's growth is off its historic pace, reducing the demand for Oregon-made products.

Nevertheless, they note that manufacturing is continuing to improve and that Intel, which was called "our anchor employer," is still investing heavily in its plants in Hillsboro and Washington County.

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# Let Amazon drones deliver manners to Ohio

By MARK MASON & DAVE ANDERSON  
The Tribune

The list is out on the most rude states in America. Ohio was named most likely state to curse — Oregon did not make the list. We're guessing they didn't conduct the survey during rush hour traffic.

Rocky King, the head of Cover Oregon, is taking a medical leave of absence to deal with previously diagnosed health issues. We wish him well and really hope he can find a website where he can sign up for good insurance.

Meanwhile, Volvo says they'll put self-driving cars on the market by 2017. Why worry? We fly in planes that are pretty much automated. Here's the part that gets us excited: You will be able to get out of your car at your destination and it will go find a parking spot — all on its own. However, at a Timbers home game, it will likely just have to drive around until it runs out of gas.

Amazon is experimenting with unmanned drones to deliver packages to their customers. Imagine one day a drone will come flying overhead to drop off your favorite book or new kitchen gadget, all within 30 minutes of placing your order. With all the drones in the sky, how will we know if it's a new product from Amazon or something more sinister from the U.S. government?

Nearly a year later, the 911 calls from the Newtown school shooting finally were released, only after a lengthy court battle. Some argued, out of respect for the families, they should remain sealed. We think everyone should hear the horror of that afternoon. Gun violence is sanitized by video games and movies. The 911 tapes are real life, real terror and real-life fear. How can we have a meaningful debate



## Mark & Dave UP IN THE AIR

about gun control and school safety if we are not exposed to the ugly underbelly of violence in America?

The mysterious diner (@tipsforjesus) who leaves monster tips for servers he encounters across the country has blessed a Port Orchard, Wash., bartender with a \$5,000 tip. This altruistic angel has handed out more than \$50,000 in "tips" but gets us wondering: what a shame it isn't simply gifted to these people. Tips are taxable. If the money was simply gifted, the bartender(s) at Moon Dogs wouldn't have to hire an accountant to figure out what they really get to keep. Leave it to us to look a gift horse in the mouth.

With an improving economy, tax receipts are on the rise. But is the city happy with that? Not likely, because slipping away is the city's last opportunity to plead poverty. Hence the reports of a task force being formulated to map out new transportation funding sources: taxes and fees. Here's hoping it goes the same way as the carbon tax idea.

More and more Americans are retiring in Latin America. Why are Mexico, Panama, Costa Rica and other southern realms so popular? The cost of living is much cheaper than in the U.S. — and the water bills are much lower than in Portland.

A new poll shows that Americans feel that only one-third of other Americans can

be trusted. Pretty sure the IRS considers that number generous.

Think we're kidding about not getting along? The National Republican Congressional Committee has produced a T-shirt and coffee mug with the slogan "Happy Holidays is what liberals say," an attempt to gain traction using the "war on Christmas." Enough already. Just because someone says "Happy Holidays" doesn't mean they are liberal, does it? Could it be they want someone to have, heaven forbid, a happy holiday? Despite our little rant, the shirts and mugs have sold out. Happy holidays to you.

Ferrari's new 458 Speciale, the "affordable" \$250,000 production car launched this week. The car is so exclusive we are told fewer than half of prospective buyers will ever be successful in their applications. Good thing, because the car doesn't come with a radio. Why? A Ferrari executive says, "The car is the entertainment, and the noise of the car is, of course, the music." They'd rather listen to engine noise than hate radio?

Barack Obama says he wants to host ESPN's Sports Center when he retires. After the health care rollout, there is nobody more qualified to talk about fumbles than the president.

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# Ready to roll: Portland Auto Show, charity preview set

February event will feature new, exotic and concept vehicles

By JIM REDDEN  
The Tribune

Big changes are in store for the 2014 Portland International Auto Show.

For starters, it has been pushed back to early February to allow even more new vehicles to be included. And the Sneak Peek Charity Preview Party started last year is being expanded to allow more people to attend and more money to be raised for charitable organizations.

The 2014 show has moved from late January to Thursday, Feb. 6, through Sunday, Feb. 9. The preview party is scheduled for the evening of Wednesday, Feb. 5. Everyone who attends on any day will be able to see more than 500 new production, exotic and concept vehicles, many featuring the most advanced performance and high-

mileage technologies.

In addition, those attending the preview party will be able to sample hors d'oeuvres from local executive chefs, enjoy wine

related exhibits. They include the Clean Tech Center, which showcases the latest in green technologies; the Great Outdoors, which features options for enjoying nature; and the Mobility Zone, which demonstrates transportation equipment for the physically challenged.

The show also features nonautomotive exhibits. They include the Healthy Life Garage, where wellness information and services are available, and the Kids Zone play area.

Ride and test-drives will be offered by various manufacturers at numerous locations outside the center.

More information, including hours and ticket prices, is available on the auto show website, [portlandautoshow.com](http://portlandautoshow.com). Tickets for the preview party also can be purchased there.

**Ticket prices for the preview party have been reduced to \$100, which is tax-deductible. Once again, all of the money is going to four charities.**



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## Can next governor juggle right priorities?

It's yet to be seen whether Oregonians will ever grow weary of John Kitzhaber as governor, but his desire to seek an unprecedented fourth term in office provides an opportunity for voters to assess just what the state can accomplish in the next several years.

Kitzhaber's announcement that he will seek re-election — which was hardly a surprise — came on the same day as the annual Oregon Business Plan's Leadership Summit at the Oregon Convention Center. The governor also was keynote speaker at that gathering on Monday and he has embraced the business summit's stated goals, which include smart public policies such as strengthening rural economies to benefit the entire state.

The business plan's policy playbook could, in fact, serve as the legislative agenda for any candidate — Democrat or Republican. That's because it has been developed using a nonpartisan approach and with voluminous input from the very business leaders who are creating and sustaining jobs in Oregon.

As the 2014 election approaches, we hope to see a vigorous challenge to Kitzhaber from whoever becomes his Republican opponent. Oregon benefits from a competitive race that features a healthy exchange of ideas and inspired debate. Yet, no matter who is elected, we also expect that the state's economic agenda will retain some consistency.

The Oregon Business Plan has helped the state make steady progress over the past decade on issues that are of direct concern to the economy. In 2013, for example, the business plan's three top goals were to fix the Public Employees Retirement System, invest wisely in education and build the Columbia River Crossing.

The Legislature responded positively — if not always completely — to all three of those imperatives. At the business summit Monday, House Speaker Tina Kotek and Senate President Peter Courtney — both Democrats — appeared alongside Republican leaders Sen. Ted Ferrioli and Rep. Mike McLane to discuss how they were able to cooperate in both the regular 2013 session and a fall special session to ac-

complish shared goals.

As the 2014 legislative session approaches, the Oregon Business Plan again has identified strategies for continuing the state's economic progress. The main ones are:

- Replacing the Interstate 5 bridge over the Columbia River. Despite the Washington Legislature's unwillingness to go along with the Columbia River Crossing as designed, Kotek and others made it clear the matter is not closed. The Legislature is likely to pursue an Oregon-only financing package that will qualify for the federal dollars needed to complete the bridge.

- Addressing the need to invest in other forms of infrastructure — not just one bridge project. These other priorities include: university research centers; road and transit improvements; energy production and transmission; and water and sewer facilities.

- Making sure students and workers receive the education and training necessary to meet the requirements of current and future employers. Too many people in Oregon are earning less than they should be-

cause they lack the skills that would land them a better-paying job.

- Helping to revive rural Oregon's economy by unlocking natural resources and allowing those communities to grow their own economies through expanded timber harvests and farming.

This latter priority is one that receives too little attention in the Portland area. As Ferrioli pointed out, however, Portland and its suburbs have a great deal to gain from a stronger rural economy. Thousands of port-related jobs in the metro area depend on the export of agricultural products such as wheat from Eastern Oregon. Also, if rural communities generate more jobs and income taxes, that will mean more school funding for all of Oregon.

These issues should be important to all candidates for governor next year, but the 2014 Oregon Legislature and current governor must pursue these goals in the meantime. While Oregon has made progress on its economic agenda, the Oregon Business Plan is absolutely correct in noting that this state still has too much poverty and too few family-wage jobs.

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## Today's labor lesson: Avoid a strike

Neither the Portland Association of Teachers nor the Portland Public Schools administration professes to want a strike. Neither side has anything to gain from an actual teacher walkout.

So, it is encouraging to see this week that the two sides in this prolonged contract dispute are talking extensively and at least starting to compare the data on which they base their conflicting negotiating positions.

Before late last week, contract negotiations appeared headed in an unfortunate direction. The Portland School Board had declared an impasse, teachers had filed an unfair labor complaint against the district and the clock was ticking toward a possible forced contract implementation and strike vote.

During separate editorial board meetings with the Portland Tribune during the past two weeks, we also heard just how far apart the two sides were — not just on the

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issues, but also on a basic understanding of the dollars and cents of their proposals.

With mediation continuing into this week, it's too early at this writing to say the possibility of a strike has evaporated. Yet, both sides have backed off their fiercest rhetoric and seem focused on solutions.

We have tremendous sympathy for teachers in Portland and elsewhere who are being asked to handle ever-larger class sizes and at the same time take their students to new heights of rigor and achievement. In some cases, it's a nearly impossible job.

It's also unreasonable, however, to think the district will have the financial ability in the long term to provide generous raises, maintain the cost of current employee benefits and pay extra compensation to teachers whose class sizes exceed a certain limit, as teachers propose.

Although it's true that PPS is in better financial shape than most Oregon school districts, over time the union's proposals taken in full would drain the district's finances, leading to fewer teachers — and, you guessed it, even larger class sizes.

This relationship between overall employee compensation, available resources and class sizes is just one reason why these contract talks have taken longer than in the past. As noted in a Dec. 5 article in the Portland Tribune, there is a better way to work through these issues and conduct future contract negotiations. Interest-based bargaining has been successful in other school districts and should be pursued as well by the Portland district.

In the meantime, a holiday gift for Portland schoolchildren would be for the adults on both sides to continue the progress being made and reach agreement without further discussion of deadlocks and strikes.

### READERS' LETTERS

## Strengthen, don't relax, timber laws

Barry Bushue's guest column supporting the so-called Healthy Forests for Healthy Communities Act (*Time for Wyden to help forests, rural areas*, Nov. 14) seems reasonable if you're unfamiliar with the history of forest mismanagement on public lands of the Northwest. Of course what he's really asking is to have the fox in charge of the hen house.

The reason Oregon's forests are in such poor condition is because the timber industry, with support from public agencies, for decades overharvested healthy stands and long ignored reasonable appeals for sustainable practices that took more than just timber growth and yield into consideration.

The industry encouraged monocultures dominated by profitable tree species and thinned sparingly when industry/agency-funded planters overstocked stands that had been clear-cut. Pre-commercial and commercial thinning don't generate much (if any) revenue and are easy to ignore.

The industry also encouraged aggressive fire suppression, which compounded the effects of overstocking and fueled the catastrophic fires we're now experiencing. They pressured the agencies to build and maintain far too many roads and harvested sensitive areas such as riparian zones where trees grow big and tall.

When environmentalists fi-

nally got a foothold (with the spotted owl) to combat these abuses, they gained the industry's and agencies' attention. Some operators simply packed up and moved on, leaving their former employees in the Northwest to fend for themselves. Others hired foreign workers when stimulus money was garnered to help them out. A few claim they suddenly got religion.

I live in small-town Central Oregon and spend a lot of time recreating on public lands. While I agree there are opportunities to harvest a bit more timber on public forests, we can do so under the current laws governing such activities. We don't have to relax major environmental laws. With the added pressure of an ever-growing human population, we actually need to strengthen them.

Bill Rhoades  
Madras

### Kids need healthy, fresh food programs

Childhood obesity now is described as an epidemic, currently affecting 12.5 million children between the ages of 2 and 19 (*New group wants to build small farms on school grounds*, web story, Nov. 4).

Although lifestyle behaviors play an obvious role in the development of obesity, there are a number of environmental factors that may take precedence. According to the Journal of Pre-



Timber harvesting under the "Healthy Forest" proposal might sound good to some, but a letter writer says the plan could be a "fox in the hen house" for Oregon's forests.

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### Schoolyard Farms' impact is immediate

As a student in Portland State University's master of public health program, I wish to urge fellow residents to support programs like Schoolyard Farms (*New group wants to build small farms on school grounds*, web story, Nov. 4). Schoolyard Farms is an example of an effort to connect youth in schools with fresh, nutritious foods.

Like other farm-to-school efforts, Schoolyard Farms aims to address the alarming number of hungry Oregonian children while simultaneously tackling the prevalent concern of childhood obesity by providing schools with ready access to produce grown on school grounds.

Consider the immediate, tangible rewards of such a program.

Kristi Lemos  
Milwaukie

Schoolyard Farms will work directly with students by hosting classes, camps and workshops to teach life sciences and plant biology, giving them a more holistic understanding of what goes into growing the food they consume.

By including the local community and giving children a sense of ownership and accomplishment in such a worthwhile activity, this organization can help develop a community's sense of solidarity. This type of social cohesion, studies suggest, is associated with safer communities and healthier people.

Knowing the potential of Schoolyard Farms' impact on your local community, please support them by visiting [indiegogo.com/projects/grow-schoolyard-farms](http://indiegogo.com/projects/grow-schoolyard-farms).

Jack Phillips  
Southeast Portland

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## MYVIEW ● State lawmakers should expand access to early childhood education

# Quality preschool will reduce future crime rates

By Daniel Staton

As the Multnomah County sheriff, I make no apologies for arresting people who threaten public safety. But I also know from research and from my personal experience that we can't simply prosecute and incarcerate our way out of crime problems. The best way to create safer communities is to prevent more people from turning to crime in the first place.

Education must be the focal point of that strategy. Nationwide, seven out of 10 offenders in state prisons don't have a high school diploma. That includes 48 percent of the more than 16,000 incarcerated in Oregon's prisons and jails who do not have diplomas, which cost our taxpayers \$769 million each year.

Getting more children into quality preschool programs will change this trend. The proof is found in numerous reports by Fight Crime: Invest in Kids, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization of more than 5,000 law enforcement leaders.

Its recent report, "I'm the Guy You Pay Later" (fightcrime.org/wp-content/uploads/OR-Im-the-Guy-Report.pdf), highlighted research that compared outcomes for children who did and did not participate in the Chicago Child Parent Centers program, which served more than 100,000 children, most from low-income families.

The research, which was published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, followed these children for decades into their adult lives and found that nonparticipants were 70 percent more likely to be arrested for a violent crime by age 18. Participants were 40 percent less likely to be placed in special education and 29 percent more likely to have graduated from high school by age 18.

Those who did not participate in a similar program in Michigan were five times more likely to be chronic lawbreakers by the age of 27, while participants were 44 percent more likely to graduate from high school.

These outcomes make perfect sense when you look at studies on state preschool programs in New



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Multnomah County Sheriff Dan Staton recently joined several law enforcement officials from across the region to promote early childhood education as a tool to fight crime.

Jersey, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Arkansas, West Virginia, New Mexico, North Carolina and others. The studies showed a range of benefits for participating kids, including a lower need for special education, fewer developmental delays and significant gains in mathematics and literacy that lasted well into the elementary school years.

With this in mind, I offer some bad news and good news. The bad

news is that Oregon's state prekindergarten program serves only 10 percent of our 4-year-olds. Those who don't participate are missing out on a program that ranks very high on the National Institute for Early Education Research quality standards checklist, with small classes and teachers with specialized early childhood training, among other qualities.

The good news is that we have a

historic opportunity to expand access to the program. Bipartisan legislation known as the Strong Start for America's Children Act would give Oregon and other states nationwide billions of dollars to create, strengthen and expand quality preschool programs. States would be in the driver's seat when it comes to creating their programs and ensuring they meet quality standards that have a proven impact on children's

long-term success.

This legislation will be working its way through Congress and undoubtedly will focus on the return on investment for preschool programs. That means even more good news for this legislation.

The "I'm the Guy You Pay Later" report estimates that full implementation of the state federal proposal ultimately will lead to a reduction of 1,400 people who are incarcerated in Oregon each year and save taxpayers as much as \$77 million each year due to reduced costs for crime and incarceration.

Equally important: A well-respected, independent analysis of more than 20 different studies of preschool programs showed they can return, on average, a "profit" to society of \$15,000 for every child served, based on lower crime, welfare, special education and other taxpayer-funded costs.

The legislation also comes at a prime time for quality preschool support among lawmakers. In 2013 alone, governors of 25 states proposed or signed into law significant expansions of state preschool programs. Law enforcement leaders nationwide support their leadership, as evidenced by a recent Mason Dixon poll showing eight out of 10 want Congress to make the state-federal preschool partnership a reality.

Simply put, we are at a fork in the road. We can continue with the status quo, which is leading too many people to failure in school and involvement in crime, at a huge cost to Oregon taxpayers. Or, we can take a different course that acts on the power of preschool to lead more kids to success in school, high school graduation and savings to taxpayers.

I urge our elected leaders to take the right path for the sake of kids today and crime reduction in the coming years.

Daniel Staton has served as Multnomah County sheriff since January 2010. He has been with the sheriff's office since 1989. He and Multnomah County District Attorney Rod Underhill and Portland Police Chief Mike Reese are among those promoting early children education as a way to reduce future crime.

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by Eugene Shaffer

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## STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Molly enjoys taking long bicycle trips to see her friends and family. She can ride her bike to her friend's house and arrive at 5 p.m. if she rides at 20 mph. She would arrive at 3 p.m. if she drove 30 mph.

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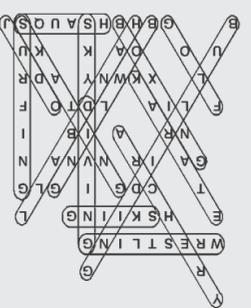
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You are required to file a written Answer to the Petition within thirty (30) days following the first publication date that appears below, exclusive of such date. Should you fail to answer the Petition within the time prescribed, your parental rights will be terminated.

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**Police, Target lets kids shop for presents**

The Portland Police Bureau Youth Services Division and Target stores will help 50 children shop for Christmas presents as part of the Heroes and Helpers program. The children will shop at the Target Galleria in downtown Portland and the Target store at Jantzen Beach.

Portland police officers will help children at each store select clothing, school supplies or toys for Christmas. Local school resource officers chose the children from families that needed assistance this holiday season. Each of the 50 children will use a \$50 Target gift card to buy presents.

**Urban League turns to Indigogo for report**

One of the oldest civil rights organizations in Oregon is turning to crowdfunding as a way to tell the story of Oregon's black community.

On Monday, the Urban League of Portland launched its first crowdfunding campaign on Indigogo.com to fund the latest version of its State of Black Oregon report, which will be published in the fall 2014.

The crowdfunding campaign

features a one-minute video called "I See You" by Portland filmmaker Dawn Jones of Hearts & Sparks productions, with music by the Cabin Project.

The Urban League's Indigogo campaign hopes to raise \$35,000 toward the cost of production. Although the Urban League will continue to seek funding to cover the more than \$100,000 price tag from conventional funders, the "I See You" campaign marks a milestone for the organization's grassroots fundraising.

"We want the black community, our members, and champions of justice everywhere to feel ownership of this 'State of Black Oregon' report," says Michael Alexander, Urban League of Portland president and chief executive officer.

The last "State of Black Oregon" was released in 2009 and is considered a major snapshot of one of Oregon's growing communities of color.

**Fire Bureau hosts Santa Safety event**

Portland Fire & Rescue will host its eighth annual Santa Safety Saturday Dec. 14 at the Historic Belmont Firehouse, 900 S.E. 35th Ave.

The annual event includes

Santa, who will encourage young people to learn about fire safety this holiday season. It's also an annual fundraiser for the firehouse, with a suggested \$5 donation.

The event is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Heathman manager earns statewide award**

Chris Erickson, general manager of The Heathman Hotel in Portland, has been named the Lodging Operator of the Year by the Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association.

Erickson is past chairman of the Oregon Tourism Commission, chairman of the Travel Portland Executive Board and is a member of the Metropolitan Exposition Recreation Commission.

The Oregon Restaurant & Lodging Association represents more than 10,500 food service locations and 2,200 lodging establishments with about 155,000 employees.

**Johnson named Lewis & Clark law dean**

Jennifer J. Johnson has been named the new dean of the Lewis & Clark Law School.

Johnson, the Erskine Wood Sr. Professor of Law, has been

part of the law school faculty since 1980. She begins her new job June 1 and will succeed Robert Klonoff, who is stepping down at the end of the academic year.

Johnson is a 1973 graduate of Mills College, and received her J.D. from Yale Law School in 1976.

**Columbia River Highway project completed**

Renovation of the Historic Columbia River Highway and the 1918 viaduct surrounding Vista House has been completed and one of the state's most popular tourist attractions has re-opened.

The project has meant lane closures and, on occasion, full closures of the Historic Columbia River Highway that winds around Vista House.

The project restored the 600-foot Crown Point viaduct and its 29 support columns. Vista House, part of the Oregon State Parks system, underwent a five-year restoration, completed in 2005, and was not involved in the project.



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**Chocolatiers: Buy from farmers**

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Master Chocolatier Julian Rose makes milk chocolate shavings as a decoration in the test kitchen of Moonstruck Chocolates. TRIBUNE PHOTO: JONATHAN HOUSE

says. "We expect attendance of over 10,000 this year."

Kent says it makes sense that Portland is winning recognition for its hand-crafted chocolates. "This is such a foodie town with a lot of artistic people," she says. "Consumers here are conscientious about where their food comes from... and we have a real winter, which lends itself to chocolate-eating."

Julian Rose, master chocolatier at Moonstruck, said that based on pre-orders, the company will see holiday sales up 5 to 8 percent from 2012. That's in line with the company's sales growth of the past six years.

Fine chocolate, it turns out, is considered comfort food even as consumers have faced tighter budgets and a difficult job market, say the chocolate-makers.

"They may buy less, but they don't want to compromise on quality," Rose says.

This year, Moonstruck offers 30 holiday gift items at its website, including a 24-piece boxed "Holiday Truffle Advent Calendar" for \$65 and a 9-piece "Oregon Distiller's Truffle Collection" for \$20. Least expensive — a dark chocolate Rocky Road Santa tree ornament for \$7.50.

**Holding the line on prices**

Chocoholics won't see price increases this year despite a steep run-up in the past six months in the cost of two basic ingredients: cocoa and cocoa butter.

According to the London-based International Cocoa Organization, a harvest shortage in Africa has pushed global cocoa prices from \$2,197 a ton in February to \$2,730 this month.

Sarah Hart, owner of Portland's Alma Chocolate says she expects to be smarter about efficiencies to keep her truffle

production costs in line.

"Portland is a city where people pay attention to food detail," Hart says. "We like craft food in general — wines, beers and coffee. It's about being in the Willamette Valley where people support local and like quality."

She describes the holidays as the time when "things go berserk" in her shop and is predicting a 20 percent increase in sales.

At Moonstruck, Rose explains that connections to international suppliers — who buy cocoa on contract — have helped the company avoid production cost increases.

"At our level we are constantly striving for a visually beautiful and delicious chocolate," Rose says. "We've gotten a bit more efficient about doing it at every level."

**Buying direct**

Charley Wheelock, who co-owns Woodblock Chocolate with his wife, Jessica Wheelock, in Portland said he avoids commodity pricing by buying direct

from cocoa bean farmers in such places as Peru and Ecuador.

"We pay a premium price (two or three times the commodity price) for our beans," he said. The business sells what it calls "bean-to-bar" chocolate made from scratch.

Woodblock starts with raw cocoa beans that are roasted and hand-processed.

"We encourage our customers to try chocolates originating from different countries," Wheelock says. "Each is unique. I get excited about flavors from origin to origin."

A Woodblock gift box, including chocolate bars and other items, sells for \$90. Bars go for \$4 apiece.

Jesse Manis who operates two Cacao chocolate drink shops in Portland, sees another strong year for all things chocolate. His shops also sell chocolate bars, caramels and other goodies.

"Chocolate is a funny thing. When times are tough chocolate becomes that affordable luxury," Manis said. "Our sales in the past several years have

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**Who:** 80 chocolate vendors, plus wine tastings  
**Proceeds benefit:** Oregon's World Forestry Center  
**Tickets:** \$12 adults; \$10 seniors; \$8 students, and \$7 children (5-12)  
**Web site:** [chocolatefest.org](http://chocolatefest.org).

been up 5 to 10 percent. We'll see another increase this year."

Asked in a recent Wall Street Journal story why Portland has become the nation's Wonkaland, Manis responded by saying, "There is less fear here about breaking rules."

With that in mind, how about a "Crater Lake Pepper Vodka Truffle" from Moonstruck or a "Madagascar Sambirano" bar from Woodblock Chocolate, or maybe a box of "All Salted Lavender Caramels" from Alma Chocolate?

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# PERS: Early retirement perks could be lost

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Doran says. "It was kind of a no-brainer."

One-third of all PERS-covered public employees are now eligible to retire, says David Crosley, PERS spokesman. Many of them get more anxious whenever there's talk in the air of PERS reforms, he says, as there was throughout this year's regular legislative session and the fall special session. PERS retirements often jump in years when there are regular legislative sessions, Crosley says.

But the much-publicized PERS cutbacks made by the Legislature this year — reducing cost-of-living adjustments and ending a tax subsidy for out-of-state retirees — only affect people once they are retired, Crosley notes.

Public employees still on the job won't face those cuts until they retire, and there's nothing they can do to avoid them, he says, unless the courts overturn the PERS reforms.

But there were two changes made by the PERS board this year that will reduce pensions for those who retire starting Jan. 1.

## Board actions

The PERS board reduced the 8 percent "assumed earnings rate" to 7.75 percent, and it updated actuarial tables to adjust for changing life expectancies and related factors.

The pension system operates with an assumption that its investments will earn enough to boost workers' regular retirement accounts by 8 percent a year. Tier 1 public employees, who joined PERS before 1995, are guaranteed their regular accounts will grow 8 percent a year, no matter how PERS investments fare. If those em-

ployees retire under the Money Match program, PERS calculates their pensions on the assumption their funds will continue to earn 8 percent a year.

But professionals now project that investments won't earn as much in coming decades, so the PERS board dropped its assumed earnings rate to 7.75 percent. As a result, when Tier 1 workers retire under Money Match, their pensions will be "annuitized" — converted to a monthly payment for life — assuming their accounts will earn slightly less in future years.

The changes in actuarial tables also reduced pensions somewhat, and the combination caused many public employees to hit the exit doors rather than see their pensions fall.

But when the PERS actuary calculated the impact of the two board decisions, it turned out to be relatively small. And, it's important to note, the reductions only affect Tier 1 members retiring under the Money Match calculation. Those who joined the system since 1996, or who retire under the formula — a fixed percentage of their final average salary for each year they work — won't see any reductions from the two board changes.

For those affected, it's roughly a 2 percent hit. The PERS actuary calculated that a typical 55-year-old retiring Dec. 1 on Money Match would avert a 1.9 percent reduction in his or her pension that takes effect starting with 2014 retirees. A 65-year-old in the same boat would avert a 2.3 percent reduction.

But those employees could make up much or all of those losses merely by working several months longer.

## Pent-up desire to retire

People decide to retire based on multiple factors, including



Janice Avidan teaches math to her 4th-graders at Buckman Elementary School. She's one of about 100 Portland Public Schools teachers who filed to retire last week, the highest number in several years.

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job satisfaction, family situations, health care, children in college, and other funds.

Many people delayed retiring when the Great Recession ravaged their home values and other investments. That pent-up demand may partly explain this year's surge in retirements, because many people's home values have recovered, and the stock market hit record highs. That gives people more confidence about retiring, or the necessary earnings if they or their spouse plan to supplement PERS pensions with IRAs or 401(k)s.

Portland teachers face a more complex decision now.

"In the case of Portland, it's a perfect storm of events," says Ed Foster, a financial planner who works closely with the Portland Association of Teachers, advising teachers about retirement.

The early retirement incentives provide up to five years of health insurance and 50 percent of the cost of a spouse's insurance, Foster says. That enables people to retire before they reach Medicare eligibility at age 65, without having to shell out \$600 to \$1,200 a month for health insurance. Portland Public Schools also provides \$425 monthly stipends up to five years, or age 62, when workers are eligible for early Social

Security.

Foster, who says he's been "twice as busy" as ever this year counseling Portland teachers, has advised them not to retire because of the PERS cuts, because they could counter those by working several more months. But the potential loss of early retirement benefits is a much-bigger deal, he notes.

The maximum early retirement benefit is worth up to about \$79,500 over five years, says Michelle Ridell, the school district's assistant chief human resources officer.

Mary Morris, an award-winning teacher at Da Vinci Arts Middle School in Portland, is one of many baby boomers facing a dilemma.

She turns 55 in February, and hoped to continue teaching until 58, when she'll have earned a \$2,400 monthly PERS pension. But if the district ends the early retirement incentives in June and she subsequently retires before turning 65, health insurance would cost a huge chunk of her pension. As a result, Morris is thinking about retiring before the school year is out, to retain her right to five years' worth of health insurance benefits and the monthly stipend.

"I feel like if I don't take this now, I'll never be able to afford to retire," Morris says.



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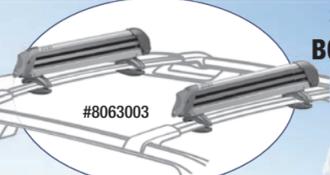
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Longtime Oregon Ballet Theatre dancer Alison Roper, performing in George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker" with Artur Sultanov and the OBT dancers (top), has prominent roles in OBT shows before her retirement after the season. Roper (above) joined the company nearly 20 years ago.

STORY BY  
Jason Vondersmith

## DANCING HER WAY THROUGH LIFE

Not many principal dancers in ballet companies reach the age of 40 and remain active. Wear and tear on the body, younger competition, and real-life demands usually get the best of them. But Alison Roper turns 40 in January and is still respected as an Oregon Ballet Theatre principal dancer, bridging the regimes of three artistic directors and starring in virtually every ballet, including "The Nutcracker," many times. An injured back, younger dancers and children haven't forced her to stop.

She'll be leaving on her own terms, retiring after the 2013-14 season.

"There are definitely people who do it," says Roper, of dancing till 40. "Within my sphere of acquaintances in dance work maybe a couple of handfuls. It's not a lot.

"It's not unheard of, but not the

norm. Here, everybody retired. They're all younger than me."

Roper doesn't plan to leave OBT. Instead, she'll transition into administration. But, her dancing days are not done, yet.

Roper will appear in George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker," OBT's signature show, Dec. 14 through 24 at Keller Auditorium. She has played many roles in "The Nutcracker" — Sugar Plum Fairy, Dew Drop Fairy, Arabian Coffee and Frau Stahlbaum — and never tires of dancing in the classic.

"It's still challenging," she says. "It still pushes me, choreographically."

**■ OBT's Alison Roper plans final bow as principal dancer, but not from ballet world**

Roper hails from the other Portland — Maine — and received formal dance training from The Portland School of Ballet, Boston Ballet School and OBT, which she joined in 1996 and became part of the dance corps the next year. She's by far the longest-tenured dancer at OBT. She also has performed with other companies, including the Trey McIntyre Project. During her time with OBT, she has danced for artistic directors James Canfield, Christopher Stowell and now Kevin Irving, who she calls a great addition to the company.

Roper will feature prominently in every OBT program through April

2014, with many leading roles in her final season. She said, upon her retirement announcement: "Dance is, for me, just like breathing. I dance when I am happy and when I am sad. I dance around the house when I am not dancing at work. I dance at the beach when I am on vacation. None of that will change because I've left the stage. I hope that when the audience here in Portland remembers me that they'll think of me dancing my way through the next chapter in my life."

The Tribune caught up with Roper, who has a husband, Michael Mazzola,

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## Mt. Hood sets sights on hidden cosmos

College's Star Projection system gets rave reviews

By ROB CULLIVAN  
The Tribune

Traveling through space is a privilege generally limited to astronauts, who must train years to do so.

But now you don't have to pore through science textbooks or learn how to deal with a low-gravity envi-

ronment to get a front seat on what astronauts see or, for that matter, what a space probe records.

Instead, you can buy a \$2 ticket to a show at the Planetarium's Sky Theater, located beneath the library at Mt. Hood Community College, 26000 S.E. Stark St., Gresham.

The theater debuted its new Star Projection System on Dec. 3, to standing-room-only crowds at three shows. Planetarium Director Pat Hanrahan coordinated with the University of Washington and Microsoft's Research Division — which

donated manpower to help install it — to adapt the new digital projection system to the planetarium.

In addition to Mt. Hood, OMSI, 1945 S.E. Water Ave., Portland, also houses a planetarium (visit omsi.edu).

Hanrahan says the new system at MHCC is similar to one used at the University of Washington.

"The new imagery capabilities of the new system are amazing," Hanrahan says. "The whole system

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Pat Hanrahan, MHCC Planetarium director, stands in front of a dome display of Saturn. The Planetarium allows you to view different perspectives of the planets and their orbits around the sun.

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### THE SHORT LIST

#### STAGE

##### 'Peter Pan'

Northwest Children's Theater puts on a world premiere of the Disney classic.

2 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m. various days, through Jan. 5, Northwest Children's Theater, 1819 N.W. Everett St., nwcts.org, \$18-\$22 adult, \$13-\$18 youth

##### 'Unwrapping the Unexpected'

It's mythical, personal, poetic and musical stories in the Portland Storytellers' Guild's "Tales of Unusual and Extraordinary Gifts." Stories include a Grimm Brothers fairy tale and a lighthearted look at Santa Claus.

7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Hipbone Studio, 1847 E. Burnside, brownpa-pertickets.com, \$10, \$8 students

##### 'The Shoemaker and the Elves'

Markham Elementary School plays host to Tears of Joy Theatre's holiday puppet show. It's the 1940s, and Frankie and Gino the elves arrive in New York City after being kicked out of Santa's workshop, but they keep busy at Footmeyer's Shoe Store.

7:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturdays, Dec. 14 and 21, 1 and 3 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 15 and 22, Markham Elementary School Theatre, 10531 S.W. Capitol

Hwy., tojt.org, \$18 adults, \$15 students/seniors, \$13 youth

##### 'White Christmas'

Irving Berlin's classic returns to Lakewood Theatre Company. It's the story of Bob Wallace and Phil Davis and their successful song-and-dance act after World War II, putting on a show in Vermont, and the beautiful sisters they meet. It features 17 Berlin hits.

7:30 p.m. most nights, 2 p.m. some Saturdays and Sundays, Dec. 13-29, Lakewood Center for the Arts, 368 S. State St., Lake Oswego, 503-635-3901, \$36, \$34 seniors

##### 'Beauty and the Beast'

Pixie Dust Productions puts on the Disney classic, which "tells the tale of an enchanted prince in the shape of a hideous beast and the intelligent woman who enters his life and must learn to love him if the curse is ever to be broken." Greg Tamblyn directs, Erin Charles plays Belle and Leif Norby plays Beast.

7:30 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, 2 p.m. Sundays, Dec. 14-29, Newmark Theatre, 1111 S.W. Broadway, pixie-dustshows.org, \$42.50-\$58.50

##### Live Wire! Radio

The stage/radio variety show features character actor Stephen Tobolowsky, NPR host Ophira Eisenberg, writer Lindy West and musical guest Blitzen Trapper and more. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, Al-



COURTESY OF PIXIE DUST PRODUCTIONS  
'Beauty and the Beast,' by Pixie Dust Productions, takes to the Newmark Theatre stage, Dec. 14-29.

berta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St., livewireradio.org, \$20, \$25 day of show, \$35 reserved

##### A Post5 Theatre X-mas

The theater group is doing a traditional Christmas show, the one-man "A Christmas Carol" by Phillip J. Berns, and an off-the-wall observations production, "No One Likes Scrooge."

"A Christmas Carol," 7:30 p.m. Monday-Wednesday, Dec. 16-18, Dec. 20-23, 2 p.m. Dec. 21-22; "No One Like Scrooge," 9:30 p.m. Fridays-Saturdays, Dec. 13-14, Dec. 20-21; Post 5 Theatre, 850 N.E. 81st Ave., post5theatre.org, pay what you can

#### MISC.

##### 'Homegrown DocFest'

Music by the Renegade Stringband, as well as food and drink, accompany the fall version of the short-film festival by NW Documentary.

7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Mission Theater, 1624 N.W. Glisan St., nw-documentary.org, \$7

#### MUSIC

##### 'Gospel Christmas'

The Oregon Symphony with the Northwest Community Gospel Choir and conductor Charles Floyd perform many high-spirited gospel favorites. It's a holiday must-see, selling out most shows. Floyd, a regular with Boston Pops, has participated in each of the "Gospel Christmas" shows since 1999.

7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14, 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 S.W. Broadway, orsymphony.org, starting at \$25

##### Handel's 'Messiah'

Portland Baroque Orchestra presents its annual holiday concert of Handel's 18th-century "Messiah," which includes the Portland conducting debut of Julian Wachner, a

Grammy-nominated music director of New York City's Trinity Church. It features, once again, Cappella Romana, and a roster of world-class soloists.

7:30 p.m. Friday-Saturday, Dec. 13-14, 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, First Baptist Church, 909 S.W. 11th Ave., pbo.org, \$28-\$69 reserved

##### The Dandy Warhols

The Portland band puts on its holiday show with Unknown Mortal Orchestra, Modern Kin and Bloco Alegria.

8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Crystal Ballroom, 1332 W. Burnside, mcmenamins.com, \$20, \$22 at door

##### School of Rock

The School of Rock will present "Best! Of Portland 3" featuring local teens jamming with such bands as Gaytheist, Sons of Huns and The Thermals.

7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, Wonder Ballroom, 128 N.E. Russell St., wonderballroom.com, \$13 in advance, \$16 at the door

##### Sharon Corr

Heads up: A member of the Irish pop family The Corrs, Sharon Corr is a singer-songwriter-violinist stepping out for a solo tour.

8 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23, Aladdin Theater, 3017 S.E. Milwaukie Ave., aladdin-theater.com, \$32.50 advance, \$35 day of show

# LiveMusic!

By **ROB CULLIVAN**  
Pamplin Media Group

**Dec. 13**

## Rock for the smart set

Formed in 1999 by a group of jazz students at the University of North Texas College of Music, progressive psychedelic folk rockers **Midlake** now consist of: Eric Pulido on vocals, guitars and keyboards; Paul Alexander on bass, keys, bassoon, guitars and backing vocals; McKenzie Smith on drums and percussion; Eric Nicholson on guitars and autoharp; Jesse Chandler on keys, piano, flute and backing vocals; and Joey McClellan on guitars and backing vocals.

You can watch them talk about their home base of Denton, Texas, in Rolling Stone's new web series *offmainst.com*, which documents the making of Midlake's new album "Antiphon." The album represents a bold move for Midlake, whose primary songwriter, Tim Smith,

left last year to create his own project, Harp.

If the slightly complex, well-arranged prog rock tracks off "Antiphon" are any indication, however, the band seems to have adjusted to its new reality and continues to sport its Radiohead-meets-Fairport-Convention-and-everything-in-between sound.

*Midlake, Sarah Jaffe, 9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, Wonder Ballroom, 128 N.E. Russell St. \$13 in advance, \$15 at the door. Info: wonderballroom.com.*

**Dec. 13, 14, 15**

## Trails of Christmas past

For the past two decades, **The Trail Band** has put on holiday benefit shows for the mentoring program Friends of the Children. Formed by Marv Ross of Quarterflash in 1991 to commemorate the 150th anniversary of the Oregon Trail, the Trail Band employs tenor horn, tuba, fiddles, hammer dulcimer, guitars, penny whistle, mandolin, piano, saxophone, spoons, bones, drums, bass, and recorders combined with their rich vo-



(Left to right) Musicians and off-collaborators Christina Cooper, Naomi LaViolette and Michele Van Kleef are playing some holiday shows at McMenamins' establishments, helping raise money for Oregon Food Bank.

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cal harmonies to play traditional folk tunes, marches, hoe-downs, and Native American melodies.

The band is releasing an album this year featuring live tracks from past Christmas shows.

Singer-songwriter Stephanie Schneiderman from Dirty Martini will sing a Hanukkah song, "Rock of Ages," this year as well, and sit in with the band for a couple of tunes.

*Holidays with The Trail Band, 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13; 7 and 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 14-15, Aladdin Theater, 3017 S.E. Milwaukie Ave. \$20 to \$39. Minors must be accompanied by an adult. Info: 503-234-9694, aladdin-theater.com.*

**Dec. 16, 19, 23**

## We three queens

Singer-songwriters Michele

**Van Kleef, Naomi LaViolette and Christina Cooper** are teaming up to raise funds for Oregon Food Bank with acoustic holiday shows in Wilsonville and Portland. The concert will feature winter and holiday songs written and arranged by the performers, with special guest dancers and a children's chorus from Innovative Dance Studios.

The three women met in 2009 at their children's pre-school and discovered they all were Wilsonville-based singers, juggling family life with performing, and have since collaborated on a number of occasions.

In addition to the women, performers include Tim Ellis on guitar, Bill Athens on bass and Ken Ollis on drums, as well as guests from Innovative Dance Studios.

*Michele Van Kleef, Naomi LaViolette, Christina Cooper; 6-8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16 and 6-8*

*p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, Wilsonville Pub & Old Church, 30340 S.W. Boones Ferry Road. All ages. A 21 and older show takes place from 8:30-10 p.m. Dec. 16 as well. \$5, 7-9 p.m. Monday, Dec. 23, Kennedy School, 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave., Portland. \$5. All ages. Info: mcmenamins.com.*

**Dec. 15**

## California dreamin'

**Tommy and the High Pilots** hail from Santa Barbara and certainly sound it, sunshiney, rockin' and bright, just like you imagine all those good-looking people in the Golden State feel whenever they have a party.

Inspired by everyone from Tom Petty to Maroon 5, this band creates danceable power pop that features Tommy Cantillon's strong tenor vocals, brother Michael's steady keys, Steve Libby new wave-y bass, and Matt Palermo's snappy

drums. Good clean fun, even when the band gets a bit dark and brooding on a few tunes on its latest album "Only Human."

*Tommy and The High Pilots, 9 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, Mississippi Studios, 3939 N. Mississippi St. \$8. Info: 503-288-3895, mississippistudios.com.*

## 'Round town

■ Slightly bluesy pop rocker **Anna Rose** sports a strong alto-soprano voice and writes radio-friendly tunes that are deep enough to please those who want to hear tough lyrics, but accessible enough for the club crowd. She's touring to support her second album "Behold A Pale Horse," much of which she co-wrote.

You can catch her opening for **Howie Day and Tyler Hilton** at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at the Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St. \$18 in advance, \$20 at the door. Parent/guardian must accompany minors. Info: 503-719-6055, albertarosetheatre.com.

■ **Duff's Garage**, 1635 S.E. Seventh Ave., will host a fundraiser from 2 to 10 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, for both The Ben Rice Band and Tevis Hodge Jr. for their upcoming trip to Memphis this January as they compete in the International Blues Challenge.

*Kevin Selfe, Karen Lovely, Franco Paletta & The Stingers, The Portland Blues Divas featuring Lucy Hammond and Melissa Buchanan, Bridge City Blues Band and Jeff "Drummerboy" Hayes are among those set to perform. Admission is a suggested donation of \$10. Info: 503-234-BEER, duffsgarage.com.*

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# Mt. Hood: Geology students also use system

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is based on Microsoft's free software called WorldWide Telescope and off-the-shelf projectors."

Financed through Mt. Hood funds, grants and admission fees to shows, installing the system cost a little more than \$50,000 — and it's actually cheaper, in 2013 dollars, than the planetarium's old projection system, which the theater will retain for use when needed.

"(The new system) greatly expands our capabilities of showing the night sky and also allows close examination of the planets, including Earth and the major moons of the solar system," Hanrahan says. "We can draw lines between the

stars, so you can get some idea of where the constellations are. I can connect all the stars in a constellation and zoom in on an area."

Using the system, Hanrahan can take students and audiences on a virtual journey through space, he says.

"You couldn't see any details on Mars with the old system," he says. "Now I can show you the biggest mountain in the solar system, Mount Olympus on Mars (which stands almost 14 miles high). We can 'climb up' the mountain, and I can also show you where the Mars Rover is, in Gale Crater, and show you what Mars looks like from various sides using 3-D imagery."

For displaying the night sky, the system uses images from

the National Geographic Palomar Observatory in California and images of the southern sky taken by the UK Schmidt telescope in Australia.

"We can also display the sky using images from other telescope surveys, including those from space satellites," Hanrahan says. "Overall, the new system provides an exhilarating experience and a powerful educational tool. It will also rank as one of the higher-resolution digital planetariums in the country with a resolution of about 10 million pixels."

Hanrahan adds that the system is not just for astronomers — he can modify it for use by other students at Mt. Hood, including geology students who can study earthquake patterns with it.

## Up in the sky

Live planetarium shows are presented the first Tuesday of each month at 6, 7:15 and 8:30 p.m.

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  - Feb. 4: Deep Sky Wonders
  - March 4: Jupiter and the Spring Sky
  - April 1: Mars Up-Close & a Lunar Eclipse
  - May 6: Unstable Stars
  - Jun. 3: Saturn & the Summer Sky
- Seating is limited to 70 people. Children are welcome to attend. The planetarium is wheelchair accessible. Admission is \$2 and free for Mt. Hood students and employees (identification required). Private group shows for \$100 can be scheduled between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Fridays.

# Bits&Pieces

By **JASON VONDERSMITH**  
The Tribune

## New works

The Fertile Ground Festival of new works has made an impact in its first five years and continues to grow. The 11-day event will feature more than 75 works in a variety of genres, including theater, dance and multidisciplinary arts from 40 producers at venues around Portland Jan. 23 through Feb. 2. Notably, it's a showcase for playwrights, actors, dancers, designers and producers.

Single tickets are being sold through individual producing

companies; festival passes are \$50 and are available at fertilegroundpdx.org. Full event listings are available on the website. Key producers are Artists Repertory Theatre, Hand-2Mouth Theatre, Theatre Vertigo, Portland Playhouse, Lakewood Theatre and more. Polaris Dance Theatre will again present "Groovin' Greenhouse" with a variety of choreographers and dance groups, and PDX Playwrights will present more than 15 readings of new works.

Fertile Ground was launched by the Portland Area Theatre Alliance in 2009.

## Jazz festival

It's not too early to make plans for the 2014 U.S. Bank Portland Jazz Festival, pre-

sented by Alaska Airlines, which takes place Feb. 20 through March 4 with the likes of Wynton Marsalis, Pat Metheny and the Yellowjackets. For info: pdxjazz.com.

## Holiday party!

You like ugly sweaters, delicious sandwiches, music and ping-pong? Check out the Pips & Bounce party, 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Recreate Fitness, 2001 N.W. 19th Ave. It's \$10 per person.

## Nonprofit money

The Oregon Community Foundation recently released its "Giving in Oregon Report," which found that Oregon nonprofits received more than \$1.6 billion in donations in

2011, a slight increase from 2010 giving.

Individual giving in Oregon has surpassed the 2007 mark, which came before the Great Recession. In 2011, Oregon (17th) outranked California (25th) and Washington (38th) in contributions as a percentage of income.

## More bars

From the For-What-It's-Worth department: Infogroup Targeting Solutions, in a study, found that Portland ranked in the top 10 nationally with eight bars per 10,000 residents. Pittsburgh tops the list with nearly 12 bars per 10,000 people, followed by St. Louis, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Orlando, Las Vegas, Portland, Omaha and Buffalo.

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# Roper: Retirement beckons

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and two children, John, 11, and Charlie, 4, recently to discuss her career and retirement after 18 years with OBT and other things:

**TRIBUNE:** You recently guest-danced in "The Nutcracker" in Santa Cruz, Calif.?

**ROPER:** Yeah, I do actually enjoy going out of town and doing performances. I've done guest scenes like this quite a bit. Generally the money is better for this type of thing. "Nutcracker" is the easiest guesting to pick up. If you have a couple of them, you can make \$5,000 to \$6,000 for four, eight or 10 shows. It's different than the normal job, which we're passionate about and love.

**TRIBUNE:** Why are you retiring?

**ROPER:** There were a couple of factors. I have a longtime chronic back injury, that I've dealt with my whole career. I got a stress fracture in my lower back when I was 13 and wore a lower back brace for nine months. Doctors told me not to dance. My parents took me to Boston and (other doctors) said, "She's fine."

The back problem never really healed up. I've been incredibly lucky and had a long career. But it has flared up in distressing ways a couple times, two or three years ago. I was in so much pain. I told Christopher, and he said it's not time to retire, but time to cut back a little bit.

Then, of course, he left. With Kevin coming in and the company decreasing in size, he wanted me to stay and made me a great offer. It seemed like the logical thing to continue the plan with Christopher, he encouraged me to (retire) after this season. I'm turning 40 and decreasing dancing, and I've never been injured in a way where I have missed shows. I've missed performances because of having babies.

**TRIBUNE:** It's been such a lengthy career, why?

**ROPER:** It is a little bit misleading. I started my career later than most. I quit dancing at 16, and went to college for two years, and I didn't go back to dancing till age 20. I auditioned for companies at 21, then started out here at 22. And, I've taken time off to have babies. All those little breaks on wear and tear on the body allowed me to enjoy longevity at the end of my career.

**TRIBUNE:** You remember your auditions at age 21, including OBT?

**ROPER:** This was the last of the auditions, and I expected a, "Thank you, you're beautiful, but you're out of shape. We're interested, but we can't offer you a job." James offered me an apprenticeship, and I almost fell over.

**TRIBUNE:** Indeed, Canfield hired you, and you've worked with Stowell and Irving. Talk about each of them.

**ROPER:** James gave me my career. He took a risk on me. Looking at me after I had been out of the dance scene for four years — that's uncommon, unheard of. Now it might be a little more common, a lot of kids might go off to college.

At that time (in the 1990s), it was unusual, especially because I was not in college for dance. James handed me the gift. He saw something in me that spoke to him. He's very special in my life for that. He taught me, also, not only him but the people he employed, about what it is to be a hard-working professional dancer — not just a professional dancer, "Here I am, I've made it, I've arrived, I'll dance now." James taught me you need to keep improving every day.

I really felt that (Christopher) was a very good boss, a very good man, who took a lot of in-



COURTESY OF BLAINE TRUITT COVERT/OBT  
Alison Roper has played several roles in George Balanchine's "The Nutcracker," including the Sugar Plum Fairy (above).

**"Dance is, for me, just like breathing. I dance when I am happy and when I am sad."**

Alison Roper

teresting care not just in dancers, but in who people were as people. He allowed me to play leading roles. He committed to making me a star of the company. I loved working for him. I really, really enjoyed those years with him, to the point that when he left (in December 2012), I told him maybe I will leave, too. He told me, "No, don't do that, you'll regret it, don't make decisions out of emotion." It was good advice.

Along came Kevin, and I thought, "We can't be lucky enough to get this guy." His résumé is unbelievable. I can't imagine OBT can be this lucky. Cross your fingers. Somehow, it worked out. With Kevin, I feel like I've known him for years. He has an ability, a willingness, to dig under the surface of what dance can mean. He's very interested in seeing dancers challenging themselves, "Maybe I can do more?" He's willing to push and get us there. I told Kevin the other day, "Wow, it's sad that I'll only have a year on your watch. I like where you're going with this. I'm bummed you came along late in my career."

**TRIBUNE:** You'll enjoy "The Nutcracker" at OBT for the final time?

**ROPER:** I love Balanchine's "Nutcracker," and I was thrilled when Christopher brought it in. It's still challenging, it still pushes me choregraphically. There are ways to expand and change it. Musically, it's very interesting. I do love coming back to it. There are definite roles where there's a lot of jumping, and it's become harder. You have to be in shape and warmed up.

**TRIBUNE:** You and everybody at OBT went through a tough 2012-13 season, with management upheaval and financial issues. Thoughts?

**ROPER:** That was a difficult year for us. Ironically, we ended the fiscal year very strong. We didn't have a major (fundraising) push, a major gap to fill. Incredibly, ironically, that had been a struggle in the preceding several years. There weren't a lot of senior management-level people, and we sold out "Nutcracker" and "Swan Lake," so our revenue from ticket sales was much larger than projected. I was working the last couple weeks in June, and I asked, "Should I be calling people and having people come in that have the pipeline and can bring money in?" And, they said no. Interesting way to end a year fraught with such emotion.

## 'The Nutcracker'

**What:** Oregon Ballet Theatre puts on the George Balanchine holiday classic with Kevin Irving as artistic director.

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays-Sundays, Dec. 14-24

**Where:** Keller Auditorium, 222 S.E. Clay St.  
**Cost:** \$27-\$144  
**More:** obt.org

**TRIBUNE:** You still enjoy dancing, and now it's time to retire?

**ROPER:** I really still love it. I've always told people who asked me what I was going to do next that, "I'm not even going to think about that, until I feel that I have to." You get signals from your body, it's time to start making a plan. I do really like it. I felt like if I could keep pushing through stuff, I definitely would.

I am at a place, I've asked a lot of my body and given a lot, and I have to respect my body enough. Christopher Stowell danced till 35, but on such a bad hip injury he needs a hip replacement and he's in his 40s. I don't want to retire and have surgeries. I'm bummed about retiring. People ask me, "Are you excited to be done?" And I say, "Not really."

**TRIBUNE:** You'll still do some guest-dancing?

**ROPER:** I do think I'll keep taking class, but not (dancing) 30 hours a week. But, taking class occasionally helps keep my back strong and loose. Some people quit and don't dance another step. I'm going to leave the door open, to see where my body's at. If people call me up, for guesting, maybe ... but, I will not be continuing as a principal.

**TRIBUNE:** What's your role at OBT going to be after dancing retirement?

**ROPER:** I'm already working in the administrative office, trying to learn the organization. I started off that adventure working in the development and fundraising department. I'll be a major gift officer. That'll get formalized throughout spring. We'll have conversations — what salary, the structure of the job. I'm actually really looking forward to moving into that side of the organization, because fundraising, in particular, I've enjoyed because it's so valuable and an integral part of any organization. I feel like the stress, the excitement, the importance of that particular department will touch a lot of the points that are important in me.

**TRIBUNE:** Favorite roles?

**ROPER:** Trey McIntyre's "Like A Samba." I've done it a million times, taught it all over the country. That was definitely one of the high points of my career. I've loved the relationship I've had with Trey. Loved the ballet he just made last year, "Robust American Love." I also loved "Swan Lake" and "Sleeping Beauty" and those big lead roles.

**TRIBUNE:** Any fun things planned upon retirement from dancing?

**ROPER:** I want to learn how to downhill ski. We're not allowed to, not allowed to take high-risk activities. That includes a long list of things, like downhill skiing, water skiing, snowboarding, kayaking. I've always wanted to learn, my children want to learn. My husband is a good downhill skier. I want to go to Hawaii. Never been. I want to travel a little bit more. I also want to get more involved in my children's schools. As a dancer, my schedule has been very fixed, and you don't have a say. If you're on contract, you show up when they say show up. I look forward to the flexibility.



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Thursday, Dec. 12

**Blazers:** Former Jefferson High star Terrence Jones and the Houston Rockets pay a visit to Moda Center. Tip-off is 7:30 p.m. (TNT).

**Boys basketball:** Jesuit plays at Grant, and McKay is at Wilson, both 7:30 p.m. ... Roosevelt visits South Albany, 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 13

**Winterhawks:** Portland goes to Kent, Wash, for a 7:30 p.m. skate with Seattle.

**Boys basketball:** Clackamas is at Cleveland, and Madison is at Beaverton, both 7:30 p.m. ... Benson plays at Columbia Christian, 7 p.m. ... Lincoln has a 7 p.m. league game at South Eugene. ... Franklin is at the Sandy tournament, and Jefferson is at the West Linn tourney.

**Girls basketball:** West Linn comes to St. Mary's Academy for a 7 p.m. game. ... Central Catholic is at Forest Grove, 7:15 p.m. ... Jesuit is at Camas (Wash.), 7:15 p.m. ... In 7:30 p.m. games involving PIL teams, Lake Oswego comes to Franklin, Gresham goes to Jeff, Newberg is at Madison, Sandy visits Roosevelt, and Barlow plays at Wilson. ... At 7:15 p.m., Cleveland plays at Sunset. ... Lincoln is at league foe South Eugene, 7 p.m. ... Grant takes on Aloha in the Generals' tourney, 7:15 p.m.

**College women's basketball:** Oregon State welcomes Hawaii to Gill Coliseum, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 14

**Blazers:** Portland hits the road for four games, starting with Philadelphia at 5 p.m. PT (CSNNW).

**Winterhawks:** Seattle returns

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the favor, coming to Memorial Coliseum to face Portland for the second night in a row. The game starts at 7 p.m.

**Boys basketball:** The annual Steve Halligan Tournament is at Central Catholic High. ... Roosevelt plays host to McNary, 7:30 p.m. ... Franklin wraps up play in the Sandy tournament.

**Girls basketball:** The Grant tourney continues, with Aloha, Lakeridge and Evergreen in the field. The Generals are slated to play Lakeridge at 7 p.m.

**College men's basketball:** The Oregon Ducks come to Moda Center to play Illinois at 6 p.m. (ESPN2). ... Idaho, featuring former Jefferson High forward Stephen Madison, is at Stott Center to play Portland State at 7 p.m.

**College women's basketball:** PSU goes to Matthew Knight Arena for a 2 p.m. game with the high-flying Oregon Ducks of coach Paul Westhead. ... Portland goes to Fresno State for a 2 p.m. game. ... In a nonleague game, Concordia is at Pacific Lutheran, 6 p.m. ... Warner Pacific travels to Seattle Pacific for a 7 p.m. exhibition game.

Sunday, Dec. 15

**Blazers:** Portland is at the Palace of Auburn Hills to take on Detroit, 3 p.m. PT (CSNNW).

**College men's basketball:** The University of Portland plays host to Montana State, 2 p.m., at Chiles Center. ... Oregon State plays at Gill Coliseum against Maryland Eastern Shore, 3 p.m. (Pac-12 Networks).

**Portland Meadows:** Live horse racing starts at noon at the North Portland track.

Monday, Dec. 16

**Girls basketball:** St. Mary's has a 7 p.m. home game against Skyview of Vancouver, Wash.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

**Blazers:** Portland stops at Cleveland for a 4 p.m. PT game (CSNNW).

**Winterhawks:** Everett comes to Memorial Coliseum for a 7 p.m. game. The series between top U.S. Division contenders stands at 1-1.

**Girls basketball:** Jesuit plays at Milwaukie, 7:15 p.m.

**College men's basketball:** UC Irvine meets Oregon at Matt Knight Arena, 7:30 p.m. (Pac-12 Networks). ... Concordia plays at New Hope Christian in Eugene. The nonleague game starts at 7 p.m.

**College women's basketball:** Portland State travels to Atlanta for one game, against Georgia Tech, at 4 p.m. PT. ... Concordia is at Linfield for a 7 p.m. nonleague game. ... Whitworth visits Warner Pacific for a 7 p.m. nonleague game.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

**Blazers:** A four-game trip ends at Target Center against Minnesota, 5 p.m. (CSNNW).

**Girls basketball:** Beaverton plays at St. Mary's, 7 p.m.

**College men's basketball:** Oregon State has a 7 p.m. home date with Towson (Pac-12 Networks). ... Lewis & Clark visits Multnomah, 7 p.m. ... Warner Pacific meets New Hope Christian in Eugene for a nonleague game, 7 p.m.

**College women's basketball:** UP plays host to Cal Poly, 7 p.m., Chiles Center. ... Oregon is at home against Southern, 7 p.m.

**Portland Meadows:** Horse racing begins at noon at the North Portland track.

OregonDucksAlamoBowl

The match-up

Oregon (10-2) vs. Texas (8-4) in the Valero Alamo Bowl, 3:45 p.m. PT Monday, Dec. 30, San Antonio, Texas.

Backstory

Clemson and Oklahoma got BCS bowl berths, and Oregon didn't, after the Ducks' losses to Stanford and Arizona.

Texas coach Mack Brown's future is up in the air.

Quotes

Oregon center Hroniss Grasu: "A couple things didn't go our way. No one to blame but ourselves. It happened. Got to move on. Worry about what we can control. ... Getting a win in this bowl game will be huge for this program."

Texas offensive guard Trey Hopkins: "It's exciting to play a top-10 team, a very talented team that's been in the national spotlight all year, talking about possibly going to a national championship."

Who are the Longhorns?

Texas lost four games, badly, by an average of 22 points — BYU (41-20), Ole Miss (44-23), Oklahoma State (38-13) and Baylor (30-10). But Texas also

won six games in a row during the Big 12 season.

Quarterback Case McCoy, a 6-2, 200-pound senior, doesn't scare opposing defenses (157.1 passing yards per game, 57.4 completions, 11 TDs, 11 interceptions).

Jaxon Shipley has 55 receptions. Mike Davis has eight TD receptions.

The Longhorns' running game, which will surely be their ticket to win, averages 197.6 yards and is led by San Antonio native Malcolm Brown (6-0, 225, junior; 774 yards, 4.1 per carry, nine TDs) and Joe Bergeron (6-1, 230, junior; 341 yards, 5.2 average, four TDs).

The leading rusher, freshman Johnathan Gray, had 780 yards and four scores in nine games before suffering an Achilles heel injury and undergoing surgery.

The UT offense had 59 yards in the second half last week against Baylor.

The Texas defense features end Jackson Jeffcoat, a 6-5, 250-pound senior and son of former NFL defensive lineman Jim Jeffcoat. He leads Texas with 80 tackles, 21 tackles-for-loss and 12 sacks. Fellow D-end Cedric Reed has nine sacks. But the Longhorns struggle against mobile quarterbacks.

Oregon's issues

The Ducks need to work on run defense, and the offense needs to "keep the chemistry and building rhythm," QB Marcus Mariota says. "And, for me, especially, taking care of the ball" is key.

Grasu adds: "It all comes down to the offensive line. We have to be more physical. The effort is there. It's about executing, blocking, communication. We'll get it fixed."

A 10-win program

The Ducks have six consecutive 10-win seasons; the first 10-win season in program history came in 2000, which culminated with a 35-30 win against Texas in the Holiday Bowl. "Those guys set the foundation for what we've done here," Mariota says, of the Joey Harrington-led Ducks. "They set the tone and culture. It says a lot when a team goes 10-2 and is kind of disappointed. It says a lot of where we've come as a program and where we want to be."

Family tie

Jeffcoat's father is an assistant coach at Colorado. "He was giving me some pointers about them already," Jeffcoat says.

— Jason Vondersmith

OregonStateBeaversHawaiiBowl

The match-up

Oregon State (6-6) vs. Boise State (8-4) in the Hawaii Bowl, 5 p.m. PT Tuesday, Dec. 24, Honolulu.

Backstory

Boise State enters the game with an unusual amount of uncertainty for what OSU coach Mike Riley calls "the most consistent program in the country over the past decade."

There's the Broncos' regular-season record, solid but their worst since an 8-4 campaign in 2001. And there's the departure of coach Chris Petersen to Washington, leaving BSU in the hands of interim coach Bob Gregory for the bowl game.

Inside the Broncos

Boise State quarterbacks coach Jonathan Smith, a former standout QB at Oregon State, is among a staff that will remain intact for the Hawaii Bowl other

than running backs coach Keith Bhonapha.

"At first, (Petersen leaving) was tough on the kids," Smith says. "But now that we've practiced a couple of times, the kids are excited to play. They're definitely excited to play Oregon State."

"Bob is a good coach, a good person, very experienced, well-respected on this team. I think we'll be fine. (The loss of Petersen) is not going to be a huge factor."

Smith says the Bronco players "wanted to play a Pac-12 school and the best opponent possible. It worked out well."

Over the past eight years, Boise State has gone 92-12 — best of any FBS school — with two BCS bowl victories and two undefeated seasons (2006 and '09). This year's record includes losses to Washington (38-6 in the opener), Fresno State (41-40), Brigham Young (37-20) and San Diego State (34-31 in overtime). The

Broncos were 5-2 in Mountain West Conference games.

"We had some attrition, lost some good seniors, and had some players who didn't stick," Smith says. "We ended up being really young on both sides of ball, but especially defense. And we lost a couple of close games."

Boise State was balanced offensively, averaging 38.8 points while passing for 3,228 yards and rushing for 2,422 using a system Smith describes as having "spread-ish tendencies."

Boise State game plan

"We're always going to start with ways to run the ball," Smith says. "And we'll try to create some (pass) plays for longer yardage. We'll have a tough time if we nickel-and-dime it down the field. That makes it hard to continually convert against a solid defense like (the Beavers) have."

— Kerry Eggers

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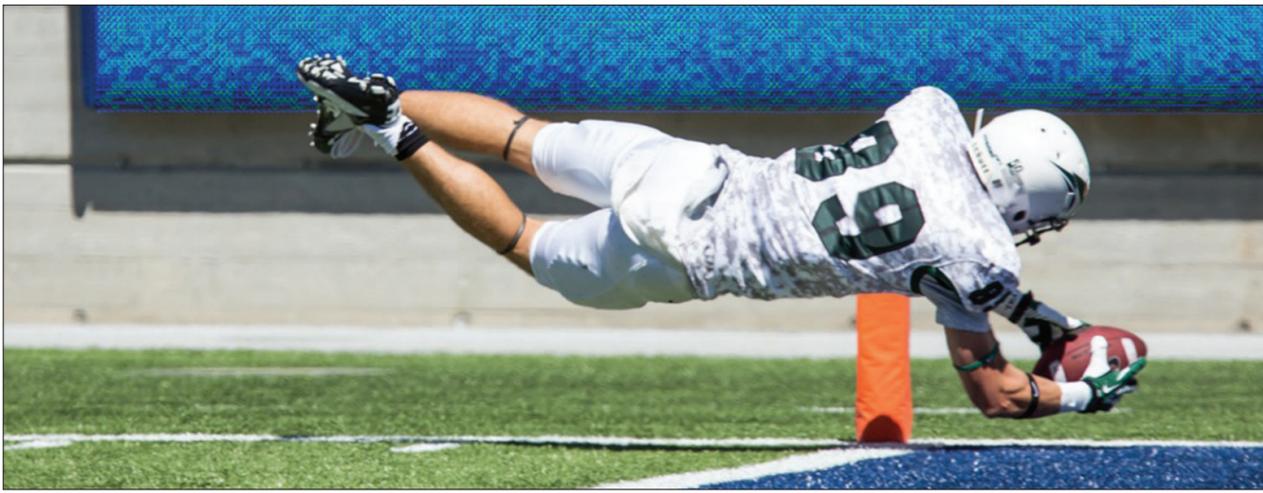
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**Kasey Closs made this and seven other touchdowns in 2013, when he led Portland State in receiving. Coach Nigel Burton says he is still trying to figure out a way to put the former Lake Oswego High star on scholarship.**  
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## Winterhawks

**Next:** Portland has a home-and-away weekend with the Seattle Thunderbirds. The Hawks will be at ShoWare Center in Kent, Wash., at 7:30 p.m. Friday, and then play host to the T-Birds at Memorial Coliseum at 7 p.m. Saturday.

Four more games remain on the schedule for December, including Tuesday's 7 p.m. Memorial Coliseum match-up with top U.S. Division foe Everett.

■ It's adjustment time for the Winterhawks, who are losing five players to national junior hockey duties.

Forwards Nic Petan and Taylor Leier and defenseman Derrick Pouliot are headed to Canada's selection camp in Toronto. They are expected to be gone for the world junior tournament in Sweden Dec. 26 through Jan. 5 as well.

Forward Oliver Bjorkstrand (Denmark) and defenseman Layne Viveiros (Austria) will play, starting Sunday, in Division I-Group A at the world junior in Poland. Both are expected back during the Christmas break.

"Petan, Leier and Bjorkstrand are three big-time forwards for us," Portland coach/general manager Mike Johnston says, "so we've got a lot of work to do with new lines and the power play and penalty kill units."

■ Johnston says this is a time for other roster players to step up and fill the gaps, and the Hawks have brought in three young reinforcements: D-man Justin Greer and forwards Skyler McKenzie and Colton Veloso.

■ Portland also has acquired the rights to NHL Minnesota D-man Mathew Dunba, 19, 6-0, 180, who could help them both reduce their goals and shots allowed and give their defensive corps some of the offensive component it has lacked since losing Troy Rutkowski, Seth Jones and Ty Wotherspoon.

■ At least the weary Winterhawks have had a few days to recharge after a tough weekend on the road.

Portland played at Edmonton, Red Deer and Calgary last Friday-to-Sunday. The Hawks took Edmonton to a shootout in a rematch of the Western Hockey League finalists of 2012 and 2013. Portland then beat Red Deer 5-4, before falling 4-1 to coach Mike Williamson's Hitmen.

"They were all different games," Johnston says. "We came back twice from two goals down against Edmonton, which has another good team. We were good at Red Deer. In Calgary, we ran out of energy. We just didn't have the jump we usually do."

■ One of the highlights of the trip was the start of the Red Deer game. Chase De Leo scored in nine seconds, with Bjorkstrand getting the assist.

"The puck went from the faceoff to behind the net, and we got it out front quickly," Johnston says.



VIVEIROS

# PSU's Closs waits for scholarship

Walk-on receiver overcame injuries, led Viks in catches

By **KERRY EGGERS**  
The Tribune

Nigel Burton has had some experience with walk-ons making good. During the Portland State head coach's time as cornerbacks coach at Oregon State, Mike Hass and Alexis Serna made names for themselves, winning the Biletnikoff and Lou Groza awards as the nation's top receiver and place-kicker, respectively.

"That being said," Burton says, "Kasey Closs' season was pretty special, for a guy who grew up and played like that so quickly."

Indeed, Portland State may never have had a walk-on enjoy a more productive first season than Closs, a transfer from Saddleback College in Mission Viejo, Calif., by way of Lake Oswego High.

The 6-3 junior receiver tied for eighth in the Big Sky Conference in receptions (63) and was second in the Big Sky and 11th in the FCS ranks in receiving yardage (1,167) to go with eight touchdowns this fall.

Closs, who was named third-team all-Big Sky, led the league in yards per catch at 18.5 and ranks third on the school's single-season receiving yardage list, behind only Randy Nelson (1,299, 1969) and Terry Charles (1,171, 1999).

Not bad for a youngster who got no offers out of Lake Oswego High and no Division I offers after two seasons at Saddleback. The biggest reason for that was injury. Closs was ticketed to be Steve Coury's go-to receiver and a two-way starter as a senior in 2009, but broke his collarbone in the season opener

against Central Catholic. He missed seven games, then returned for the regular-season finale against Oregon City, only to suffer a broken right tibia on the first offensive series.

That caused Closs to miss the playoffs and also most of the season for Mark Shoff's basketball team, for whom he figured to be the starting point guard.

Closs wanted to walk on at Oregon State but didn't get an invitation. Did he consider giving up on football?

"Not at all," he says. "I wanted to play, wanted to prove everybody wrong, wanted to prove even to myself that I could succeed at the Division I level."

Closs' best option was Saddleback, where he played as a freshman, then started as a sophomore. Even that didn't go smoothly. Midway through the second season, he tore a labrum, toughing it out the rest of the way.

No Division I scholarship offers came his way. A couple of Big Sky schools talked to him but passed on offering money, "probably because I was injury-plagued," he says. There was a Division II offer in Henderson, Ark., "but I wanted to play at the Division I level," he says.

A friend put him in touch with Burton, who met with him and offered him a chance to walk on at Portland State. Closs did, but surgery to repair the labrum caused him to miss spring ball in 2012, which led him to redshirt that fall.

"That was a blessing in disguise," Closs says. "We had a bunch of senior receivers, so the playing time would have been minuscule. It was a year for me to develop. I played with the scout team going against some very good defensive players. I got to work on my craft, learn our offensive system and get used to the speed at the D-I level."

Burton liked the way it worked out, too.

"We always knew Kasey had ability," says Burton, who recently completed his fourth year as PSU coach. "He did

## Vikings prep for Big Sky

**With his team deep into its preseason, Portland State basketball coach Tyler Geving still isn't sure exactly what to think of this year's squad.**

"We're a work in progress," Geving says.

After dropping their season opener to UNLV, the Vikings put together a four-game win streak before falling in consecutive games to Boise State and University of Portland. PSU plays host to Idaho at 7 p.m. Saturday.

"We're a good team," point guard Tim Douglas says. But we need to keep improving our defense and rebounding. We

need to work on getting back in transition and limiting our turnovers. Offensively, we need to work on moving the ball and playing together."

■ The Portland State women (2-3) have two tough Division-I basketball road games this week. They'll be at run-and-gun Oregon for a 2 p.m. Saturday game, then travel to Atlanta to face Georgia Tech at 4 p.m. PT Tuesday.

The Ducks are 5-2 and lead the nation with 99.3 points per game (while allowing 94.0).

The Jackets are 6-2 and have outscored their opponents by 17.4 points per game.

what all first-year guys do — struggled to adjust his first year. You normally recruit JC guys to come in and play right away, but truth be told, you'd like to redshirt them all. When the light finally comes on, it's usually in the second year."

Closs' second year at PSU was his first on the field as a player. He earned the starting nod during spring ball, having built strength to a frame that carried 200 pounds when the season started (and dipped to 180 by the finale against Eastern Washington).

It didn't take Closs long to make his presence felt. His only catch in a 57-17 rout of Eastern Washington in the opener was a 17-yard touchdown. On the Vikings' second play from scrimmage in the second game against California at Berkeley, Closs got loose behind the Bears' secondary on a deep drag pattern and hauled in an 81-yard touchdown catch.

As Closs celebrated with teammates, there were "lots of thoughts going through my mind," he says, laughing. "Did that really just happen? The

adrenaline rush ... the silence of the crowd, from it being loud to where you could hear a pin drop, it was amazing. For a kid growing up watching Pac-12 football ... it fulfilled my childhood dreams."

Closs caught five passes for 160 yards in the first half, missing most of the second half because of leg cramps. He kept going, grabbing 10 passes for 205 yards and a TD against Humboldt State, catching four for 111 yards and two scores vs. Cal Davis, finishing the season with 11 receptions for 191 yards and three TDs in a near upset of the No. 3-ranked Eagles.

"My season exceeded my expectations," he says. "I was just trying to contribute to the team. Having the year I had was the cherry on top."

The best thing about it was, Closs stayed healthy.

"Kasey had a great year," Burton says. "Considering how potent our run game was and having to deal with some quarterback shuffles, it was absolutely outstanding. Kasey is deceptively fast, and I give a lot of credit to him for his work



**Viking Watch**



CLOSS

## Tribune's ATHLETES of the WEEK

### PRO

#### Blazers



**DAMIAN LILLARD** — The 6-3, 2nd-year PG totaled 93 points and 19 assists as Portland beat Indiana, Oklahoma City and Utah, before losing to Dallas. Lillard was 27 of 58 from the field, 14 of 26 on 3-pointers.

#### Winterhawks



**BRENDAN LEIPSIC** — On tough, 3-game weekend trip, Portland's 5-10, 175-pound LW totaled 5 points, netting 2 goals in 5-4 victory at Red Deer. The tallies helped him reach the 250-point mark in his WHL career.

### COLLEGE

#### Portland



**KARI LUTTINEN**, basketball — 5-10 junior G scored a career-high 25 points against Boise State and 21 vs. OSU, going 10 for 10 on FTs in the 2 wins and adding 11 rebounds.

#### Portland State



**TIM DOUGLAS**, basketball — The Vikings' 5-10 junior PG had a game-high 27 points, making 5 of 8 from 3-point range, as PSU lost 92-76 at home to UP.

#### Oregon State



**SYDNEY WIESE**, basketball — The Beavers' Phoenix product, a 6-0 freshman guard, scored 16 points, with 6 rebounds and 3 steals, in a 79-73 road victory over Portland.

#### Oregon



**JOHNATHAN LOYD**, basketball — The Ducks' 5-8 senior G had career highs of 23 points and 15 assists as Oregon improved to 8-0, winning 115-105 in OT at Ole Miss. Loyd sank 14 of 16 FTs.

### TEAM

#### Concordia University women's soccer

The Cavaliers captured their 1st NIAA women's soccer title, beating Westmont College 1-0 to cap a 22-1-1 season. The Cavs won their final 18 games and outscored opponents 70-7 in 2013. The national championship was Concordia's 2nd (the 2011 women's track and field won the NIAA outdoor crown).

#### Central Catholic High football

The Rams beat Holy War rival Jesuit 38-28 in the Class 6A championship game at Jeld-Wen Field to complete a 14-0 season and win their 1st football state title since 1953. Central Catholic, which also topped the Crusaders during the regular season, averaged 54.6 points per game and allowed 18.5.

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A vision of the Oregon Convention Center set-up for the 2016 World Indoor track and field championships. COURTESY OF SKYLAB ARCHITECTURE

# Meet you at the 2016 World Indoors

For three days in March 2016, Portland will be the focal point of the track and field universe. Portland? Not Eugene?

For sure, the Track Capital of the United States, offered the biggest assist to the City of Roses landing the 2016 World Indoor Championships.

Now it will be up to the sports fans and business entities of Portland, as well as the rest of the region, to show it deserves a major international track and field event in an Olympic year.

"It's one thing to say it's a great idea conceptually," says Vin Lananna, the former University of Oregon coach now president of Eugene's TrackTown USA, which will serve as the local organizing committee for the '16 World Indoors. "It's another to write a check."

"It will be important we have a buy-in — that we sell out the Oregon Convention Center — and that the private sector supports this. If we really want to demonstrate that this region embraces the sport of track and field, and essentially owns it (in the U.S.) — and I have full confidence that we will — we need to get behind this."

The '16 World Indoors will be staged on a pre-constructed, wood 200-meter track inside the exhibit halls of the convention center, with bleachers seating a capacity crowd of between 6,400

**Kerry Eggers**



ON SPORTS

and 8,400. Lananna guesses 700 athletes from the 212 member countries, another 700 to 800 coaches and track and field officials, and a strong contingent of international media will invade Portland for the week.

"It's going to be a fabulous event," he promises.

Portland beat out Birmingham, England, for the right to become the first U.S. city to host the World Indoors since Indianapolis in 1987. Lananna was the point person in the delegation that presented the bid to the International Association of Athletics Federations in Monaco last month.

Birmingham had the advantage of having played host to a successful World Indoors in 2003. (The event, now staged on even years every two years, will be held at Sopot, Poland, next March.) Portland's hole card was the global reputation of Eugene's Hayward Field, home of the annually regaled Prefontaine Classic.

It didn't hurt that the Nike

World Headquarters and the Adidas North American Headquarters are located in our city. Adidas is the IAAF sponsor; Nike is the USA Track & Field Federation sponsor.

Plus, "the IAAF has long had an interest in hitting the U.S. market," Lananna says.

Lananna has experience at this kind of thing. Eugene played host to the 2008 and '12 U.S. Olympic Trials and will do it again in '16. Eugene will stage the 2014 World Junior Championships next July. Lananna has an ulterior motive. He hopes the World Juniors and World Indoors will lead to the third and most prestigious leg of the triumvirate: A bid for Eugene to have the 2019 World Outdoor Championships, an event that has never been held in the U.S. "No question, that's the big prize for us," he says.

(The World Outdoor Championships will be held at Beijing in 2015 and at London in 2017.)

The TrackTown USA exec says he received excellent cooperation from local and state governmental agencies, in particular Portland Mayor Charlie Hales, who sent chief of staff Gail Shibley to Monaco for the presentation. Also members of the Portland presenting committee: world 1,500 and mile record-holder Hicham El Guerrouj, a Moroccan who lived here for three years, and decathlon Olympic champion and world record-holder Ashton Eaton of Eugene.

Lananna said the U.S. Olym-

pic Committee came strong with support.

"If the U.S. wants to make a successful run at the Olympic Games in 2024, we have to host a major IAAF championship," he says. "It will be difficult for the U.S. to win an Olympic bid without embracing track and field as a major sport."

Eugene has no site available

to hold such a major indoor event. Lananna, with an eye on including the state and region, anyway, looked to Portland. The Moda Center, with the Trail Blazers as principal tenant, was

out. "It would take five to six weeks to set things up and take it all down," Lananna says.

Memorial Coliseum was a possibility, but there were infrastructure problems and not enough space to accommodate a 200-meter track with adequate sight lines.

Lananna had looked at the Convention Center five years ago as a potential site for the NCAA Indoor Championships. "We never went anywhere with it," he says, "but it was always in the back of my mind."

Playing host to the World Indoors in an Olympic year is an added bonus for Portland. More of the big-time athletes, especially those in the United States, will be inclined to par-

ticipate in preparation for the '16 Olympic Games at Rio de Janeiro that August.

"This is going to help our U.S. athletes win more medals at Rio," Lananna predicts. "It's going to allow them to compete at an international level without having to travel abroad."

The last time the World Indoors were held in the U.S. — Indianapolis in 1987 — they were staged at the 60,000-seat Hoosier Dome. Lananna was there.

"It was well-attended, but it was so big, and the seating too far from the action," he says. In Portland, "we'll have the crowd on top of the track. That's the whole beauty of it. You can not only see it, you can feel it and hear it and smell it."

Lananna won't be sure of capacity at the convention center for a while, but he envisions about 6,400, with hospitality and sponsorship suites on the curves. He says the maximum would be about 8,400. "Every seat will be fantastic," he says.

The TrackTown exec says ticket pricing will be "in line with any other professional sport" in the U.S., though it hasn't been set.

Athletes must meet IAAF qualifying standards in the 28 events, 14 each in men's and women's competition: 60 and 60 hurdles, 200, 800, 1,500 or mile, 3,000, 1,600 relay, men's heptathlon, women's pentathlon, shot put, long jump, triple jump, high jump and pole vault. Each country can have a maximum two entrants per event. Friday

will be the preliminary events, with finals on Saturday and Sunday.

Athletes, coaches and officials will stay at six designated hotels in the Portland area. There also will be two media hotels.

Lananna says it will take about five days to assemble and install the track and the bleachers.

The budget for the World Indoors, Lananna says, is hard to estimate.

"It's going to be somewhere between \$6 million and \$10 million," he says.

Can it be a money-maker? "We sure hope it can," Lananna says. TrackTown USA hopes to at least cover costs. "Any surplus goes to the next event we stage," he says.

Lananna will lead the fundraising drive moving forward. He has two-plus years to sell the meet to corporate sponsors and fans who want to be part of what qualifies as one of the biggest sports events in our state's history.

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Central Catholic High quarterback Aidan Wilder and the state championship trophy go for a ride after the Rams' 38-28 Class 6A finals victory over Jesuit at Jeld-Wen Field.

## After 60 years, Rams reclaim title

Central Catholic wraps up dominant season with victory over rival Crusaders



Ryan Nall of Central Catholic picks up a chunk of his 196 yards rushing on the way to one of his three touchdowns in last Saturday's Class 6A title win at Jeld-Wen Field.

By STEPHEN ALEXANDER  
The Tribune

For the first time in 60 years, Central Catholic stands atop prep football in Oregon.

The Rams outlasted Jesuit 38-28 to claim the Oregon School Activities Association Class 6A championship. It was the first appearance for the Rams since they won back-to-back titles in 1952 and 1953.

"It's unbelievable to think that it's been 60 years since our school and our community had this opportunity," Rams coach Steve Pyne said. "It was our hardest fought battle of the year, for sure."

Central Catholic's Ryan Nall ran for 196 yards and three touchdowns in Saturday's final at

Jeld-Wen Field. "To do something that people haven't done in 60 years ... it's amazing," he said.

Central Catholic (14-0) averaged 54.6 points per game while allowing 18.5.

The Crusaders (11-3) also lost to the Rams 45-31 on Sept. 20. And Jesuit lost its best play-catcher, running back/linebacker Joey Alfieri, to a knee injury in the Oct. 18 game against Aloha.

Jesuit's Chase Morrison ran for 217 yards and three touchdowns in the title game, before an announced crowd of 6,158.

Jesuit led 21-10 at halftime. "It was a great group of kids who had great chemistry," Crusaders coach Ken Potter said. "We played a great championship game. We just didn't quite have enough there at the end."

### More online

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Defensive back Aaron Washington makes one of his two interceptions for Central Catholic, which beat Jesuit for the second time this season and finished 14-0 for its first state title since 1953.

"To do something that people haven't done in 60 years ... it's amazing."

— Ryan Nall, Central Catholic running back

## Concordia dons first-ever NAIA crown

Hannah Scott scores winning goal as Cavs end string of second-place finishes

By STEVE BRANDON  
The Tribune

Been there before, hadn't done that.

Until now. The Concordia University women's soccer team, a perennial power, achieved its loftiest goal last week. The Cavaliers captured their first NAIA championship in the sport, winning four games in six days at the national tournament.

Concordia placed second in 2004, 2008 and 2011. On Saturday, the Cavs beat Westmont College 1-0 at Orange Beach, Ala., to secure the trophy. "It's very emotional," coach Grant Landy says. "To get over the hump means a lot to our current team, but also to the alumni that had put us in position before. I've heard from 30 to 40 alumni already."

The Northeast Portland school owns one other national title, in the 2011 women's outdoor track and field.

The 2013 women's soccer



Concordia soccer players swarm forward Hannah Scott (14) after her goal in Saturday's national championship game against Westmont. The Cavaliers went on to win 1-0 to claim their first NAIA title.

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team wears its crown in style, having won its last 18 games to finish 22-1-1.

In the finals, forward Hannah Scott's 65th-minute strike, from just beyond the penalty area into the top left-hand corner of the goal, gave the Cavaliers all the scoring they needed. The Cavs' staunch defense delivered again, helping Concordia outshoot Westmont 24-4.

It was the 12th shutout for goalkeeper Olivia Brock, who needed to make only one save in the championship game.

"We were good at both attacking and defending this year," Landy says. "It was a very complete team."

The Cavaliers outscored their 24 opponents 70-7. They went to overtime only twice, drawing 0-0 Aug. 30 with Westmont, of Santa Barbara, Calif., and beating Lindsey Wilson of Columbia, Ky., 2-1 in Friday's NAIA semifinals.

It was a young team, too, with just four seniors — Scott, midfielder Hannah Kimsey, defender Samantha Johnson and forward

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ward Alex Blalock.

The national tournament MVP, Concordia right back Jasmin Ayala, is a junior. Brock is a freshman.

Other underclassmen who started this season: defenders Kellie Skofstad and Becca Long, midfielder McKayla Madison and forwards Erin Hulsing and



Hannah Scott (right) gets a hug from teammate Jasmin Ayala after Concordia's NAIA title game victory. Scott was voted the most outstanding offensive player at the national tournament, and Ayala was named tourney MVP.

Ashley Ames.

The bench depth included defenders Shannon McMahon, Hannah Smith and Morgan Rooney, midfielders Annika Hayman, Maddie Aldrich and Ariel Kanable, forwards Alicia Alarcon-Evans and Alicia Kolter and goalie Nicole Franklin.

"When you have 26 players, not everybody can play, and the whole team did an incredible job accepting whatever role I gave them," Landy says.

The graduation of Scott, Kimsey and Blalock will take away three of the team's leading scorers (the trio totaled 22 goals and 26 assists this season).

"Those four seniors were steady all year, provided great leadership and were very, very

good at the national tournament," Landy says. "We're going to miss them."

But the Cavs will return top scorer Bobbi Eckler, who had eight goals and three assists for 19 points as a freshman midfielder.

Scott, Kimsey, Johnston and Ayala made the all-tournament team, with Scott named the outstanding offensive player.

Landy has guided the Cavs to 14 consecutive Cascade Collegiate Conference championships (15 in all) and 13 straight NAIA national tourney berths since taking over as coach in 1997.

"I'm still trying to take it all in," he says. "I think it's going to be a couple of weeks till we figure out what we've accomplished."