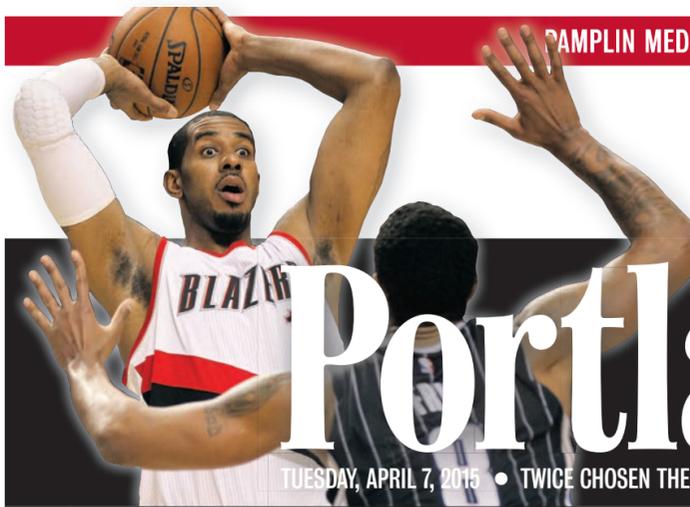


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## IS TRADE TREATY THE FAST TRACK TO BIG BUCKS?

Wyden in middle of heated debate over legislation

By JIM REDDEN  
The Tribune

Ron Wyden's ears must have been burning Friday. Oregon's senior U.S. senator was both praised and criticized for working on new international trade legislation in Congress at an April 2 event in Portland.

"Wyden is playing a big role in the negotiations," Christopher Wank, senior director of international policy for the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, said during a panel discussion on trade sponsored by the Portland Business Alliance at its downtown offices. The national business organization supports the legislation, saying it will pave the way for boosting international trade and creating hundreds of thousands of new American jobs.

But Wyden, the senior Democrat on the Senate Finance Committee, was denounced by dozens of protesters outside the event for his discussions with Sen. Orrin Hatch, the Republican chairman.

"Senator Wyden, time to repent, no back-room deals for the 1 percent," chanted the protesters, who claimed the legislation will pave the way for shipping jobs overseas.

The differences between the two sides are stark. Wank visited town with Jay Williams, the U.S. assistant secretary of commerce for economic development. Both men support the Obama administration's efforts to win U.S. Senate approval of the first new international trade agreement in 20 years, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) between America and 11 Asia-Pacific partners. They argued it is necessary to keep America a major player in international trade.

"The global economy is here to stay with or without."

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TRIBUNE FILE PHOTO

The Obama administration is attempting to win U.S. Senate approval of the first new international trade agreement in 20 years, the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) between America and 11 Asia-Pacific partners.



## OREGON'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR BRETT BIGHAM

# FIRED

District-funded probe blames ego, absences

Brett Bigham, a transition skills teacher at Multnomah Education Service District, was terminated Friday after being put on administrative leave March 20. He is the 2015 Oregon Education Association Teacher of the Year.

"What my district has done is ugly and unacceptable, but from it will come great good."

— Brett Bigham, Oregon Teacher of the Year

## Bigham says troubles began over his sexuality

Oregon's two-time Teacher of the Year has been fired.

Brett Bigham, a life skills teacher for 18-to-21-year-olds with developmental disabilities, had been placed on administrative leave Friday, March 20. He was terminated last Friday, April 3.

The move comes amid a long history of turmoil at the Multnomah Education Service District, including that which led to the recent ouster of Superintendent Barbara Jorgensen.

Laura Conroy, a spokeswoman for the district, says the two cases are unrelated. She echoed criticism found in an Oct. 20, 2014, district-funded investigation that

STORY BY SHASTA KEARNS MOORE  
PHOTOS BY JAIME VALDEZ

Bigham had let his Teacher of the Year status go to his head and lead to too many absences.

"Our hope was that after he concluded his 2014 Teacher of the Year duties that he would re-engage and focus on the classroom for the 2014-15 school year," Conroy says, adding that "excessive time away and distraction during class

time" continued to occur.

Bigham says the basis for their decision is "a complete load of crock" and that they skipped over the standard procedure for termination of a contracted teacher.

"I believe this is more bullying and harassment because I refuse to sign their nondisclosure agreement," he says.

The troubles, Bigham says, started when he began to use the national stage to speak about his sexual orientation.

### 'Gag order'

Bigham was named Oregon's 2014 Teacher of the Year by the Oregon Department of Education and the 2015 Teacher of the Year by

the Oregon Education Association union. The former is part of a nationwide program in which Bigham visited the White House and met with President Barack Obama.

His selection represents a lot of firsts for the Oregon Teacher of the Year title: the first special education teacher, the first teacher of students outside of the K-12 grade levels, the first teacher to concurrently earn ODE's Teacher of the Year and OEA's Teacher of the Year.

But it is another first that Bigham says is causing him enormous strife with the district.

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# Pembina may be hit with costly obstacle

## City may ask for millions to offset carbon emissions

By STEVE LAW  
The Tribune

The Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission, concerned about promoting fossil fuel use if it approves a propane export terminal, may seek to charge the Canadian exporter \$6.2 million a year to offset its carbon emissions.

Alberta, Canada-based Pem-

bina Pipeline Corp. wants to build a \$500 million propane export terminal at the Port of Portland, bringing the fuel here by train from Canada and then shipping it to Asia.

The Planning and Sustainability Commission plans to hold its final hearing on the controversial project Tuesday, April 7, and then vote whether to grant Pembina a required zone change. Pembina's proposal has raised the alarm among environmentalists concerned about its carbon footprint, and among North Portland residents who worry about potential explosions and other disasters.

Now the proposed carbon offset proposal — and its hefty price tag — could be another obstacle for Pembina.

Pembina has argued that



Port of Portland and Pembina representatives stand near the site of a proposed propane pipeline over the water, which requires an environmental zone change. TRIBUNE PHOTO: JAIME VALDEZ

much of its propane will be used in Asia to displace coal and oil, thus reducing carbon emissions, or to make plastics. When propane is used as an ingredient in plastics manufacturing, the carbon is embedded in the products and doesn't get

emitted as a greenhouse gas that contributes to global warming.

A subcommittee of Planning and Sustainability Commission members, including Chairman Andre Baugh, devised the new carbon offset proposal. They

### WHAT'S NEXT?

The Portland Planning and Sustainability Commission will conduct a public hearing on the Pembina project starting at 3 p.m. Tuesday, April 7, and then render a decision. It has allowed five hours for the issue. The gathering is at 1900 S.W. Fourth Ave., on the second floor.

presumed that half the propane would be used to make plastics, and another 30 percent would be used to displace coal and oil. But the emissions resulting from the remaining chunk of fuel would be sizable, the equivalent of 921,352 metric tons of carbon emissions a year. Using the 2014 price of carbon emissions from Europe's cap-and-trade system,

\$6.77 a ton, that translates into more than \$6.2 million a year.

Commissioners proposed the city levy that amount over a 25-year period, using the funds to reduce carbon locally, such as by promoting wind and solar electricity, or planting trees.

It's not clear yet if the city will go for the \$6.2 million annual charge, or if it's a deal-breaker for Pembina. Tom Armstrong, the city supervising planner who is coordinating the land-use proceedings, says it's best to put that figure into perspective.

"That \$6.2 million works out to be about a penny a gallon for the 560 million gallons that they're looking to move through here each year," Armstrong said. The current whole-

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# Treaty: Sides starkly different

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out us. The United States is the world's largest economy, its only superpower, and we should engage from a position of leadership," Williams told the room full of Portland-area business and civic leaders, including Jill Eiland, Northwest region corporate affairs manager for Intel, and Bill Wyatt, executive director at the Port of Portland.

The treaty is also supported by the PBA, which believes it will boost the Oregon economy by increasing state exports through the Port of Portland. The organization says Oregon businesses already export to eight of the 11 Asian-Pacific countries the treaty would cover, and that its approval would be especially beneficial to small- and medium-size businesses, which currently comprise 88 percent of Oregon's exporting companies.

"Last year \$21 billion worth of goods were exported out of Oregon, including \$5 billion worth of agriculture products. Trade is not only good for jobs, it's good for the farm economy," said Doug Badger, director of the PBA's International Trade Association.

The protesters, who included representatives of AFL-CIO trade unions, disagree. They argue the treaty will allow big corporations to profit by skirting U.S. labor, consumer and environmental laws.

"It's a huge issue for us," said Roger Gayton, business representative for Local 28 of the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees.

The legislation Wyden is negotiating is not the treaty itself, however. It is the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) that would authorize the U.S. Senate to ratify the treaty. The authority expired in 2007 and needs to be renewed for the vote to occur. The version being negotiated would lay out conditions Congress wants to impose on any new international trade treaty, and then require an up or down vote in the Senate without amendments on treaties submitted by the president.

Wyden says the TPA is a chance for Congress to "do trade right" by setting standards to ensure transparency, congressional oversight, and enforcement of the conditions. In speeches and statements, Wyden has said it can uphold such Oregon values as protecting the environment, human rights, labor and free speech.

Williams and Wank agree, admitting that some previous international trade agreements were flawed. Williams said he was the mayor of Youngstown, Ohio, when its economy was devastated by "disinvestments" encouraged by the North American Free Trade Agreement. But he said

## A THREAT TO WYDEN?

The opponents of the TPA and TPP are pressuring Sen. Ron Wyden by threatening to run a candidate against him in the 2016 Democratic primary. Democracy for America released a survey last week saying 93 percent of its 25,000 Oregon members want someone to run against Wyden if he strikes a deal with Sen. Orrin Hatch.

Wyden has not appeared vulnerable in previous elections, however. He entered national politics by upsetting incumbent Democratic Third District Congressman Bob Duncan in the 1980 Primary Election, then winning the General Election with 71 percent of the vote. Wyden was reelected to the U.S. House of Representatives seven times, never dropping below 70 percent of the vote. In 1996, he narrowly defeated Republican Oregon Senate President Gordon Smith in the Special Election to replace U.S. Sen. Bob Packwood. Wyden then won a full term in 1998 with 61 percent of the vote, and was reelected in 2004 with 64 percent, and was reelected again in 2010 with 57 percent of the vote.

Youngstown is enjoying a renaissance now, largely due to international trade.

"There are lessons to be learned from trade deals done 15 and 20 years ago," Williams said.

The protesters denounced the TPA as "fast track" that will prevent the U.S. Senate from adequately debating and revising treaties to protect workers, consumers and the environment, however.

"We want Wyden to vote against fast track," Gayton said.

Nationally, the TPA and TPP are opposed by a coalition of groups traditionally aligned with Democrats, including some environmental, consumer, labor and social justice organizations.

Both sides have released polls to support their positions.

According to a DHM Research poll commissioned by the PBA in April 2014, 90 percent of Portland-area voters believe it is important for Oregon's elected leaders to support the development of international trade; 71 percent think international trade is good for Oregon because it creates area jobs and grows the state's economy; and 62 percent believe increasing the promotion of Oregon products abroad to open up and expand markets should be prioritized.

But the Democracy for America advocacy organization released a poll in February 2015 that said 63 percent of Oregonians oppose the TPP and 73 percent oppose giving the president authority to push trade agreements through Congress without broad public debate or amendments. It was conducted by Public Policy Polling.

# Bigham: First openly gay awardee

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Bigham is the first openly gay Oregon Teacher of the Year, a fact he made clear during a Jan. 26, 2014, speech at the Columbia Gorge Education Service District and at several subsequent events.

He says that after the speech, his supervisor, Jeanne Zuniga, told him: "You need to stop saying you're gay in public. If you keep doing it, someone is going to shoot you in the head."

Bigham says he brushed off her warnings and continued speaking about his sexual orientation until he was, he says, "given an order that I was no longer allowed to write or speak anything, day or night, unless my district approved it."

According to a district-funded investigation, this was not an order but a suggestion because of an inaccurate March 16, 2014, opinion piece, which appeared in The Oregonian and criticized Common Core school standards. Bigham says the piece was controversial, but not nearly as strongly worded as the essay his supervisors signed off on for his Teacher of the Year nomination.

The fight has evolved into a flurry of complaints: two at the Bureau of Labor and Industries and two at the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission.

In them, Bigham claims that he was retaliated against in numerous demeaning ways, including being asked to clean his supervisor's office and get coffee for administrators.

"I had no choice but to file a complaint," Bigham says. "I couldn't do my job."

## Report blames Bigham's ego

MESD is in a pickle. It is not legally allowed to talk about personnel issues.

"We can't comment on the specifics of Mr. Bigham's situation," says Laura Conroy, MESD spokeswoman, noting that neither his paid administrative leave nor his termination were for any disciplinary



TRIBUNE PHOTO: JAIME VALDEZ

The 2015 Oregon Education Association Teacher of the Year Brett Bigham says he was fired in retaliation for his filing a complaint of discrimination based on his sexuality. The district says Bigham refused to work with them and was not engaged in his classroom.

reason. "MESD's policies include the ability to place any employee on administrative leave when they decide (to)."

(That assertion is currently under dispute with Bigham's union.)

So, they hired Jim Buck, an investigator, to interview employees and write a 17-page report on the allegations. In it, Buck says Bigham's ego is to blame as he is blowing encounters out of proportion with reality.

"... Mr Bigham carried on with at least 180 events and there was little to no controversy regarding them, which reinforced administrative perceptions of no problem in this arena," Buck wrote. "The fact that (Superintendent) Barbara Jorgensen asked him to speak at all the MESD graduations seems wholly inconsistent with a 'gag order' that Mr. Bigham was touting with external groups."

The report also notes that Bigham's sexual orientation doesn't seem to have anything to do with the majority of his claims of a hostile work environment.

"Mr. Bigham displays a propensity to exaggerate certain elements in a communication," Buck wrote. "That unfortunate attribute diminishes his credibility as his assertions often are supported only by his skewed perspective or interpretation of communications rather than actual state-

ments."

"That thing is full of lies," Bigham says, claiming that he has evidence backing up his version of events. "I have proof — he (Buck) didn't ask me for my backup stuff."

## What's fair for Teacher of Year?

Conroy says the district, which nominated Bigham for the honor, supported Bigham's Teacher of the Year status through two months of paid leave.

Bigham disputes that claim, arguing that he took a total of 15.5 days off for Teacher of the Year duties, plus five sick days.

(The district already has hired a substitute teacher through the end of the school year, including the May 15 prom that Bigham started.)

On Jan. 27, Jorgensen sent a letter to Bigham denying his request for leave for Teacher of the Year-related events.

"At this time, I believe you are of greatest benefit to your students when you are in the classroom," Jorgensen wrote. "Accordingly, please be advised that I will not be approving any future leave requests by you related to speaking engagements or conference attendance unless I deem such requests to be directly related to and in support of your instructional responsibilities with the District."

But Gresham High School teacher Michael Lindblad says since becoming Oregon's 2015 Teacher of the Year, requests to speak have come from all corners of the state.

"I have been pretty busy," Lindblad says, counting up 25 events since his selection was announced in November. Lindblad says at the National Teacher of the Year conference in February, he learned that 20 states give their teachers the year off to travel — South Carolina even gives their Teacher of the Year a car — and speak. "We were really laughing on how different each state approaches this," he says.

Lindblad says in Oregon, the amount of class time a Teacher of the Year misses does come down to a negotiation between the district and the teacher, but he also says that going to speak is a big part of the honor.

"At the National Teacher of the Year conference, they train you to go out and use this opportunity to go out and make change in the world," Lindblad says. "To me, I can't think of anything more important."

Bigham agrees. He says he feels an obligation to speak out for his students, who are often marginalized in society because of their disabilities, and to let children struggling with their sexuality know that "it gets better."

He says his best friend committed suicide when he was a sophomore in high school because of his struggle with his identity.

Bigham says he is happy that pictures of his partner and him — along with the news stories of his success as a teacher and struggle with MESD — have been spread all over the world on wire services and the Internet where young people might be inspired by them.

"What my district has done is ugly and unacceptable, but from it will come great good," Bigham says.

He adds that he will continue to fight.

"I have to. I can't let 'You get crushed,' be my message."

## STILL SEARCHING FOR A NEW SUPERINTENDENT

The search for a new superintendent for the largest Education Service District in the state is underway with the March 31 announcement of a search firm hired to aid in the process.

The Multnomah Education Service District board hired Washington-based Northwest Leadership Associates after its March 5 decision to bar Superintendent Barbara Jorgensen from the building. Jorgensen is said to be working from home while the details of her separation agreement are worked out. She has not returned email requests for comment.

Board members and superintendents the Tribune spoke to are not saying why Jorgensen is no longer welcome at the district. But they do say what they are looking

for in their next superintendent.

"Strong leadership," says incumbent board candidate Doug Montgomery. "(Someone) who has the endorsement of the eight customer school districts within the county."

"Someone who has a real talent for working collaboratively," says board Vice Chairman Nels Johnson.

The previous MESD superintendent also left under mysterious circumstances. Ron Hitchcock, currently Assistant Superintendent of Clackamas Education Service District, filed a complaint after the board fired him in 2012, but later withdrew it.

"It was different reasons than this superintendent," was all board chairman and former Multnomah County Sheriff Bernie Giusto would

say. "Not the same kind of reasons at all."

With a staff of 425 and a budget of \$72 million, MESD is one of 19 umbrella districts in the state that offer school districts economies of scale on uncommon and expensive needs, such as nursing supports, special-education services, technology needs, teacher training and alternative education options for juvenile criminals.

MESD covers the eight school districts of Multnomah County, which have about 100,000 students in all.

"I so, so want to see it become what it can be," says Parkrose School District Superintendent Karen Gray, "and I think under the proper leadership it can turn into something that will be awesome."

— Shasta Kearns Moore

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Sisters Lana, 6, left, and Ariana Muffenbier, 8, share the giant stuffed bear they won with the sticker-wrapped egg they found at the Alpenrose egg hunt.

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# Pembina: Panel to vote on required zone change

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sale price of propane is about 70 cents a gallon, he said, "and that's at a pretty low level right now."

**Safety risks mitigated**

Safety concerns have been the other major hurdle for Pembina, but the company recently submitted a revised report by consultant DNV GL, a Norwegian company that specializes in safety reviews for the world gas and oil industry.

"The net result of the modifications is an overall reduction in risk for the facility," reported Eric Dyck, Pembina's local project manager, in a new report to the Planning and Sustainability Commission.

DNV's updated review, called a Quantitative Risk Analysis, earlier calculated that the operation could result in one death in 38 years, and that would likely affect workers on-site and not

neighbors in North Portland. The new review says that was overstated.

"The total potential loss of life is now equivalent to one statistical fatality every 180 years," Dyck reported.

Due to concerns about the safety of neighbors on Hayden Island and Marine Drive, Pembina asked DNV to separate out risks for its own work force and the nearby population. DNV projected one statistical fatality for every 240 years for on-site workers and one statistical fatality every 670 years for the off-site population.

Driving a car would be more dangerous than the propane terminal, at that rate.

A team of neighbors who wrote a "white paper" on safety risks raised the specter of a Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosion, or BLEVE, in which an explosion in one rail car or refrigerated propane tank sends shrapnel at rapid

speeds, setting off a domino-like series of explosions.

DNV supplied more data about that, saying "shrapnel" could travel as far as 0.7 miles from the site. That's about half as far as the nearest homes at Class Harbor, a floating home community off North Marine Drive.

The city hired an independent engineering consultant, Clackamas-based Akana, to review the Norwegian company's Quantitative Risk Analysis, or QRA.

Akana reviewed propane spills or releases over the past five years at nine comparable domestic propane terminals. There were no releases at seven of the terminals, and releases at the other two terminals did not seem to raise any cautionary red flags.

Overall, Akana said the Norwegian company's report was fair: "The Pembina Portland Propane Terminal QRA is generally a thorough and realistic evaluation of the potential risks and consequences that can be ex-

pected due to the operation of the proposed terminal," it concluded.

At a March public hearing when the first safety review was revealed, residents questioned why it didn't include the risk of injuries. In the revised analysis, DNV included a map showing the odds of injuries to neighbors. DNV's conclusion: the odds of an injury to the nearest residents are about one in every 10 million years.

**Train transport still a concern**

Some neighbors have praised Pembina's safety record and approach, and are now focusing on the hazards of shipping the propane by rail from Alberta, including through the Columbia River Gorge, and then shipping it over the Columbia River all the way to China and other Asian markets.

"The real issue is the trains with the propane in them; that's way, way up on the top of the list," said Chris Fountain, a

Class Harbor resident.

Pembina has said it will use modern rail cars, but relies on rail carriers to assure the safety of its deliveries.

Fountain and other neighbors point out that Pembina will only have possession of the propane for a small percentage of the time.

Amid all the furor about Pembina's safety features and the carbon footprint of Portland serving as a trans-shipment point for fossil fuels, it's easy to forget that all Pembina requires at this point is a simple zone change, allowing it to transfer the propane over a short pipeline to get it from storage tanks at the Port of Portland's Terminal 6 onto a waiting ship moored in the slough south of West Hayden Island.

City planners have raised no objections to that idea, and Akana concurred. The QRA does not "provide a basis for rejection" of that zone change,

Akana wrote, because it calculated the odds of leaks from the pipeline would be one every 1,923 years.

If the Planning and Sustainability Commission approves the project, the issue would go to the Portland City Council for final review.

However, John Talberth, president of the West Linn-based Center for Sustainable Economy, argues the city lacks the jurisdiction to approve the propane terminal, because that properly falls to the state Energy Facility Siting Council.

Armstrong said that's a separate issue, and the city is only considering a zone change right now.

But Talberth says if the City Council approves the project, he'll keep fighting, appealing it to the state Land Use Board of Appeals.

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# Senators, hot air, and 30-foot blimps

A group of Internet advocates has been following U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden from Oregon town hall meeting to town hall meeting...with a blimp. They told us on the air last week that Wyden holds the key to "backroom negotiations" involving Internet freedom, so they park the 30-foot blimp wherever he goes as a reminder of the power he wields. Odd, it's usually the politicians who show up at meetings full of hot air.



## Mark&Dave UP IN THE AIR

tuning a bill that would keep patients' gun ownership status from being included in their medical records. Patients there are increasingly concerned that doctors inquire about gun ownership, saying it's nobody's business. If they think the gun question is an invasion of privacy, wait until the doctor puts on a glove.

A small 32-acre city is being erected in Michigan whose sole purpose will be to test driverless cars. Manufacturers of self-driving vehicles around the world will be able to test their automobiles against each other, pedestrians, animals jumping into traffic, you name it. Really, they don't need to build a whole new city to find empty streets. Just use Detroit.

Props to Salt & Straw Ice Cream, which collaborated with local school kids in developing new flavors. Tyler Malik, chief ice cream maker at S&S, and the kids enticed us with Trail Mix, Cow Patty, and Stop Guac and Roll. Fifteen percent of sales go to the schools that participated. Sounds like a great way to cover the cost overruns on the new Sellwood Bridge. We wonder what "Crumbling Concrete" would taste like.

Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has been named grand marshal of the 2015 Portland Pride Parade. Will her husband, Dan, ride with her that day? It was going to be John Kitzhaber, but he's now tapped to be the piñata at Cinco de Mayo.

Between the governor and "Peety The Carpet," parade season has been a hoot this year, no?

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What is the most goddess city in America? Naturally you think Las Vegas or New York, but according to the Public Religion Research Institute's American Values Atlas, it's Portland, Ore. (Seattle and San Francisco tied for second.) If we had one Christian for every pothole, we'd be off the list.

At the risk of our own kids throwing this in our faces, the Journal of Educational Psychology has determined that 60 to 70 minutes is the optimal amount of daily homework for kids studying math and science. Any more than that and you risk lower test scores. Maybe Sylvia Hayes was right, doing less is more.

Speaking of the former first lady of Oregon, or whatever she was, or wanted to or still wants to be called, the Oregon Department of Justice has denied her request that the state cover her legal bills in a bid to keep her personal emails private property. We figure it's the first time she wasn't able to get money for nothing.

The legend of the Portland Loo is now spreading to Denver, Colo., and Cincinnati, Ohio. In Denver the Portland Loo may be the answer to the city's growing public urination problem. The downtown ballpark, museums and concert venues result in places to go with no place to go. We're happy we could help the Mile High City, but can we please start being known for exporting something other than public toilets?

# Outdated security software left state data vulnerable

Tests find flaws that may put website users at risk of identity theft

By HILLARY BORRUD  
Capital Bureau

**SALEM — Oregonians who used state websites to pay child support, file unemployment claims, and renew their vehicle registration in recent months were vulnerable to attackers who could intercept Social Security numbers and other sensitive information.**

The state and private contractors left the door open to what is known as a "man in the middle attack" by using outdated encryption protocols on some websites. In that scenario, the attacker intercepts data as it's passed from the sender to the intended recipient.

A spokeswoman for the Employment Department said Thursday, April 2, that to her knowledge, no one's personal information had been compromised due to the weakness.

State employees do not know how many websites might have this vulnerability because although some information technology work is centralized at the Department of Administrative Services, many agencies have autonomous IT teams and websites, according to Oregon Chief Information Security Officer Stefan Richards.

The Pamplin Media Group/EO Media Group Capital Bureau tested more than a dozen websites and found several with outdated encryption protocols and other weaknesses. Most of the websites tested were on a list of vulnerable websites that a private Web developer sent the Department of Administrative Services in early February.

For example, the Employment Department website still uses the encryption protocol TLS 1.0 that has been known to be vulnerable for years, including at a portal where peo-

ple are asked to enter Social Security numbers to file an unemployment claim.

A Web portal for Department of Human Services employees uses another older protocol, SSL 2, although the agency's chief information officer Kristen Duus said the site does not contain sensitive information and the agency plans to upgrade it in a couple of weeks.

The Capital Bureau found two other state websites — the child support payment portal at the Oregon Department of Justice and the vehicle registration renewal portal at the DMV — using a newer, but still outdated and vulnerable, encryption technology called SSL 3.

"That does sound bad," wrote Jacob Hoffman-Andrews, senior staff technologist for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, in an email Wednesday, April 1, after he learned of the situation. "It's not likely to lead to bulk data breaches, but it means that individual's data is at risk whenever they are accessing these websites."

Richards, the state's chief information security officer, also said the older protocols are known to be vulnerable. "I'm a little bit surprised there's SSL 2 out there," Richards said. He added that the problem "needs to be fixed" and "there's kind of no excuse not to get rid of (SSL 2)."

Richards and a spokeswoman for the Department of Justice said in these cases, they need to assess how it would affect the public when they transition from the outdated encryption protocol because many people still use outdated versions of Web browsers that would not display websites with newer technology.

For example, Richards said, people working on computers running Windows XP, which

can use up to Internet Explorer 6, would not be able to use that browser to view websites with updated encryption technology.

"We receive nearly a \$1 million a day in child support payments, serving thousands of Oregon kids and families," DOJ spokeswoman Kristina Edmunson wrote in an email. "We are currently in the process of updating our system, and we are always trying to balance security with user needs. Any quick changes to our system can have an immediate impact on Oregonians — especially those who are using older smartphones, iPads, etc. Older computers and processors can't always support the higher security measures."

### Known vulnerabilities

That issue has not stopped some state agencies from upgrading their website security.

For example, the state Department of Revenue website where people can pay their taxes (payortax.com), uses one of the more secure encryption protocols.

The Capital Bureau tested select state websites using a free online tool from the cyber security company Qualys.

The Department of Justice actually started transition away from SSL 3 approximately six months ago, and child support is the last area to receive the upgrades. "It sounds like this has been a slowly rolling process," Edmunson said Thursday, April 2.

Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum has identified cyber security as an important issue, and is pushing for the Legislature to pass a bill that would expand protections for consumers' personal data. The legislation also would allow the state Department of Justice to pursue civil penalties against individuals and organizations that fail to comply.

David House, a DMV spokesman, said the vehicle registration renewal portal is handled by the Department of Administrative Services and the contractor NIC Inc. The Oregon Department of Transportation where the DMV is housed did make a security improvement on its end April 1, when the agency upgraded its digital certificate to replace a certificate that expired March 31.

Richards said even if the Department of Administrative Services where he works decided the entire state government should switch to a newer, more secure encryption technology, it could not order all agencies to make the change. DAS is assessing how many people who use old versions of Internet Explorer and other Web browsers that would be cut off from state websites if agencies upgrade to technology that doesn't work with those old browsers.

If the state tomorrow stopped supporting old versions of Web browsers that still use older encryption, "we'd have to be willing to have as much as 29 percent of our citizens not accessing our sites," Richards said. And despite known vulnerabilities, "You'll find lots of sites running SSL 3," Richards said.

### A very high priority

For approximately a month, the state has been assessing the impact that an update would have on people with old Web browsers. Benjamin Kerensa, a Web developer in Portland, contacted the Department of Administrative Services on Feb. 6 and told staff he had noticed encryption protocols were outdated. Richards said Kerensa's calls and emails caused the Department of Administrative Services to look into the issue, but it also was his understanding that employees at the state data center already were aware of the outdated encryption on some websites and were working on a solution.

At the Employment Department, Legislative and Public Affairs Manager Andrea Fogue said the agency has been forced to continue using TLS 1.0 because its computer servers are so old. The agency suffered an unrelated bulk data breach in October that affected more than 800,000 people. It is still under investigation by the Oregon State Police and FBI.

The agency is replacing its servers as part of an IT modernization project, but she declined to provide the age of the old servers because that might reveal vulnerabilities that attackers could exploit. Fogue said IT employees have taken additional steps to encrypt the sensitive information entered by people who use their website so even if an attacker intercepted the information, "it would take years" to decipher.

"This points to why this is such a high priority for us that we're taking on this IT modernization project," Fogue said. "It's something that we are not only aware of, but it's a very high priority for us to address."

*Hillary Borrud is a reporter with the Pamplin Media Group/EO Media Group Capital Bureau in Salem.*

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More time, thought needed to consider impact of Uber, Lyft

# CAB COMPANIES UNDER SIEGE

## MYVIEW

By Raye Miles

On April 9, the Private For Hire Transportation Innovation Task Force will present recommendations to Portland City Council for new regulations allowing Uber and Lyft to roll into Portland.

If city leaders approve the recommendations, the pursuant revisions to our city's code will have a deep and resonant impact that goes way beyond how you get from here to there.

Whatever your opinion about whether Portland should allow you to hail a ride with a stranger by using a smartphone, there's much more to this issue than just its subtle "Portlandia" comparisons.



MILES

In short, the task force suggests allowing an unlimited number of taxi and transportation network company (TNC) vehicles on the streets of Portland. The task force also suggests allowing Uber and Lyft to charge whatever they want for rides, while continuing to impose regulated meter rates on taxis. This skewed combination will most certainly turn what Commissioner Steve Novick has called "taxis gone wild" into "taxis gone bust."

Let me say upfront that the Transpor-

tation Fairness Alliance, which represents Portland's taxi companies, appreciates the task force's attempt at creating a level playing field for taxis and TNCs, even as the resulting recommendations are anything but level.

However, this group of private citizens with varying (and sometimes blatantly biased) interests has been handcuffed by limited information given to them by the Portland Bureau of Transportation, spoon-fed information given to them by Uber's favorite City Hall staffer ... and that restrictive April 9 timeline.

With the exception of one hourlong opportunity in February, Portland's taxi companies have been shut out of what reasonably should have been a communicative, give-and-take process. This occurred while the task force set out to make life-changing decisions for cab companies and drivers.

If you were a plumber, engineer or doctor and this was happening to your industry — in a city in which you've been vested for the better part of a century — you'd want your experienced voice to have a seat at the table, right? You'd at least want the opportunity to correct misinformation.

Here are a few highlights of what will happen if the current recommendations are put into effect:

The task force is calling for the immediate entry of an unlimited number of for-hire vehicles before a comprehensive solution is developed. Deregulation

like this surely will put some of Portland's smaller taxi companies out of business.

The task force also wants to remove all fare regulations for TNCs, meaning Uber and Lyft could charge anything at any time, except in a city emergency, and no one can say anything about it. Given Uber's propensity for surge pricing, you can count on that short hop home after the bars close on a Saturday night costing significantly more than what you paid for in drinks that evening.

If the cab companies fold, citizens with disabilities, senior citizens and others with short-ride needs will suffer. If the task force had been open to taxi industry commentary, perhaps the group's recommendations would have included real solutions for dealing with these citizens. As it stands now, these people will be marginalized.

If the cab companies fold, their wheelchair vans will disappear. This will put the onus back on the City of Portland — and, ultimately, the taxpayers — to provide reliable transportation to this vulnerable population.

An unlimited number of for-hire vehicles on Portland's streets will irreparably harm Portland's community of immigrant drivers who already have limited options for making a living wage. Supply will outweigh demand, pushing much of this population out of the industry.

Indeed, the wage potential for all drivers in the marketplace will be severely

compromised, ultimately resulting in fallout of our industry's most dedicated drivers. It won't matter if they're driving for a taxi company, or for Uber — they'll no longer be able to make a living.

Take all of these certain outcomes, along with the seemingly impossible April 9 deadline, and you have all the makings for premature decisions that will have severe negative effects on all of our citizens, not just the tech-savvy ones. While the repercussions will not be as impactful to ambulatory individuals who own a smartphone, or the general community at large, it will be demoralizing to people with disabilities, the elderly, and lower-income citizens who are dependent upon taxi service.

Allowing Uber and Lyft to begin offering rides before all of these issues are carefully considered will prove problematic. And, trying to place regulations on Uber after the fact will be impossible. We believe solutions can be reached, and are committed to resolving them, but on a realistic timeframe and with all parties fully involved in the process.

Raye Miles, president of Broadway Cab & Sassy's Cab Co., offers these comments on behalf of the Transportation Fairness Alliance. The Transportation Fairness Alliance represents Portland's taxi industry and includes drivers and management from Broadway Cab, Green Transportation, Portland Taxi Cab Company, Sassy's Cab Co., Union Cab PDX, and Radio Cab.

## READERS' LETTERS

# Electric cars put money back in pocket

Regarding the item in your paper (*Electric cars benefit people, economy, air*, guest column, March 10) and my own experience: Buying or leasing a new electric car actually saves the driver money each month. That means that the masses can drive electric and save cash each month. You don't need to be wealthy to drive an electric car.

I'm happy to share details on the savings. My previous car (a 2002 BMW 325) required \$250 per month in gas, while my electric car (Nissan Leaf) uses \$30 per month in electricity, a savings of \$220 each month. As for oil changes, my old car cost \$80 every three months while the electric car costs nothing, plus the personal time I save not having to deal with oil changes. I'm busy, so I don't have time for oil changes and other car maintenance. That has been an unexpected bonus.

Judith Huck  
Southeast Portland

### Give homeless shelter, options

We have 1,700 people living without shelter, when a Fred Meyer \$89 greenhouse is big enough to stand and lie down in and has shelves for storage. A little more than \$1,500 now helps more than any 10-year plan. Put them on land that needs cleaning up or in back-

yards and on farms. Set up camps where Forest Park needs ivy cut or where campers can clean the Willamette River of floating trash.

Then work should be done on bike inns or hostels so baths and beds are available at least once a week. The right to shelter is infinitely better than chasing the homeless around like they're criminals.

Sharon Joy  
Northwest Portland

### McLoughlin, Lee statues good enough

I want to register my complaint about wasting money and time on discussions to replace statues representing Oregon in the National Statuary Hall at the U.S. Capitol. Dr. John McLoughlin certainly deserves to stay there, as does Jason Lee (yes, I have seen those in person).

What a waste of time to have a panel make these decisions. Leave the statues we have since they deserve to be there, and quit wasting time on stuff like this, not to mention finding funds to make two more statues.

Oregon has many needs, and the priority should be working hard to solve our big problems instead of dishonoring McLoughlin and Lee. Our Oregon statues do not need to be changed, and our elected officials need to get on with the re-

al work instead.  
Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen  
Southwest Portland

### Who's real target of background checks?

Expanding the background checks will not work (*Gun sale background check supporters make a new push*, web story, March 16).

You cannot convict a felon or any other prohibited person for not completing the background check since that would be a violation of their Fifth Amendment right. It already has been decided at the Supreme Court level. It already is illegal for them to be in possession of firearms. So who are these bills truly aimed at?

Read more on the case: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/H. Brian Coleman>  
Sandy

### Proposal would challenge corporate 'rights'

I was born, raised and schooled in Northeast Portland. When I returned home for a vacation from New York City this spring, I was alarmed not only by the early blossoms and sparkling high-rises. I was astonished that — on one I spoke to had heard of the Oregon Community Right Network and its

brand-new effort to amend the state Constitution. I thought it would be the talk of the town.

The amendment would elevate laws passed in Oregon above private corporations' constitutional "rights." This would mean that if a city were to pass a law that conflicts with a corporate "right," the local law would win out. The opposite is true, today.

This would be a paradigm shift, empowering many forms of activism like anti-GMO, anti-fossil fuel, anti-gentrification and others. Signature gatherers from across the state are now collecting the 1,000 signatures needed to qualify for a ballot title. After this stage, they will proceed to collect signatures to get on this fall's ballot.

I'll be watching from New York to see if my home state becomes the first to structurally challenge the supremacy of corporate "rights."

Simon Davis-Cohen  
Northeast Portland

### If you want to work in Portland, then live here

I moved to Oregon in 1972, and in spite of Gov. Tom McCall's "come, but don't stay" dictum, I stayed. Were new Oregon residents willing to leave their cars at home and move into Oregon's urban centers in Port-

land, Salem and Eugene, I would say, "Come on."

But if they're going to increase the suburban sprawl in Washington, Clackamas and Clark counties, I wish they would stay where they are.

The city of Portland should not be in the business of making it easy to commute into Portland.

If you want to work in Portland, live in Portland.

Brian Allan Cobb  
Northwest Portland

### Background checks will slow violence

Please share my concerns about gun violence in Oregon that are exacerbated by the poor background check system. Did you know that about 40 percent of gun sales go through private, unlicensed dealers and the lack of background checks makes it too easy for felons and domestic abusers to purchase guns privately?

The Portland news is full of half a dozen shootings every day, and I wonder where these people get guns.

I support the Oregon Legislature's attempt to alleviate this situation by requiring a background check for every firearm exchange in the state.

Please join me in that support.

Marlene Broemer  
Lake Oswego

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*In Loving Memory*

**Lucile Clara Mott**  
August 4, 1927 - March 23, 2015

Lucille Clara Mott was born in South Dakota. As a teenager In 1947 she moved to Cascade Locks, Oregon and later to downtown Portland where she worked as a waitress in the Chocolate Lounge at Lipman's department store.

On October 23, 1961 she married the love of her life, Ronald Lloyd Mott. They spent 54 wonderful years together. Lucille loved spending time with her family, was very active in the church, taught Sunday school and was a Charter member at Mountain View Christian Church.

On October 10, 2014 Lucille was preceded in death by her husband.

She is survived by her son Steven (Debbie) Mott, Arlene (John) Aho, 7 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

Services will be held Saturday April 18th at 1pm at Mountain View Christian Church, 1890 NE Cleveland, Gresham Oregon 97030

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*In Loving Memory*



**Kiyoko (Kiyo) Nagae**  
July 17, 1922 - March 14, 2015

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11:00 am, Saturday April 25, 2015, at the Greater Gresham Baptist Church located at 3848 NE Division Street, Gresham, Oregon for Kiyoko (Kiyo) Nagae, who died March 14 of natural causes at the age of 92.

Kiyo was born on July 17, 1922 in Portland, Oregon. Her parents, Suyekichi and Isa Kimura, emigrated from Japan at the turn of the century. Kiyo grew up in Carver, Oregon and graduated from Oregon City High School. Her family farmed in Carver, raising berries and vegetables. In May of 1942, Kiyo and her family — along with other Japanese Americans — were interned at the North Portland Livestock Pavilion. That fall the internees were transported to the Minidoka internment camp in Hunt, Idaho. During the War, Kiyo was paroled out of Minidoka and work on a farm in rural Idaho. After the War, she moved to Phoenix, Arizona to work on her brother's farm. Thereafter, she returned to Oregon and then married Shigenari (Shig) Nagae on December 24, 1945. Shig and Kiyo farmed in Boring, Oregon for over 40 years. They retired in 1989, and moved to Gresham, where Kiyo resided until shortly before her death.

Kiyo had a real zest for life. Though her life on the farm entailed hard work and included many lean years, she found joy for herself and for those with whom she worked. She had a great sense of humor and loved to joke, fostering that spirit among her co-workers, even though she often became the object of their jokes. Competitive by nature, she would make up games to brighten the days, such as who could pick the most strawberries in a given time. Despite the physical demands, Kiyo loved to work. For many summers after retirement, she worked at the Fujii Farms fruit stands, and she continued to make new friends at her gym, enliven her work environment, and gift her much-loved bundt cakes to family, friends, and even her aerobics teacher!

When not working, Kiyo loved to bowl, playing in a league for many years. She also loved to play cards with friends, especially if there were pennies, nickels, dimes or quarters involved. All who knew her could attest to her passion for the Portland Trail Blazers. She had her favorite players, and could talk Blazer basketball with the best of them. Outdoor hobbies included matsutake mushroom hunting--she had secret places that she never revealed, clam digging in early mornings at Copalis Beach in Washington, and flower gardening. Her travels included trips with friends to Spirit Mountain and Reno, a trip to Hawaii with family, and three trips to Japan. In recent years she enjoyed cruises to Mexico and Alaska.

She shared her talents and enthusiasm with a number of organizations, including the Gresham Troutdale JACL as a volunteer on several committees, and Tickle Creek Road Neighborhood Women's Club, the Busy Bee Club, where she will be remembered for, among other things, her chow mein and egg foo young.

Kiyo is survived by four children, daughters Linda Ozawa, Ontario, Oregon and Peggy Nagae, Portland, Oregon; sons Jerry Nagae, Seattle, Washington and James Nagae, Portland, Oregon. She is also survived by eight grand children: Sarah Nagae, Marci Ozawa, Stuart Nagae, Aspasia Bartels, Kelsey Bigelow, Jared Nagae, Tyler Nagae and Jessica Nagae. Kiyo also leaves four great grand children: Calliope Nagae, Sabrina Elkan, Violet West and Tallulah Nagae.

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**Harold Floyd Loucks**  
September 19, 1920 – April 1, 2015



Harold was born September 19, 1920 in May Township, Minnesota one of four children born to Floyd and Beryl (Briggs) Loucks. He was raised and educated in Pillager, MN. Harold served with United States Army during World War II. After his honorable discharge in 1945 he drove Milk Truck for Land O Lakes.

On September 26, 1947 Harold married Alta Fornshell and to this union five children were born.

The family moved to Oregon in 1952 where Harold worked for Reynolds Aluminum and the Multnomah County Sheriff's office. After retiring from Tecktronix, Harold did security work for ABM Security working until he was 90 years old.

Harold was an avid outdoorsman; enjoying hunting and fishing. He shared this passion by being a Boy Scout leader and Hunter Safety instructor.

Harold was preceded in death by his wife in 2012.

He is survived by his children; Gary Loucks, Wes Loucks, Pam Wetmore, Dale Loucks and Brian Loucks, nine grandchildren, and 24 ½ great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 11, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cherry Park Presbyterian Church 348 SW Cherry Park Rd, Troutdale, OR 97060

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*In Loving Memory*



**Nancy Ann Painter**  
October 21, 1937 – March 30, 2015

Nancy was born to Leo and Mary Westrup on October 21, 1937 in Minneapolis, MN. Nancy graduated from Grant High School in 1955. She met Rod Painter on a blind date on Valentines Day in 1960 and the two were married in August that same year.

Rod and Nancy had two children, Ron and Keri. Nancy worked as a secretary for the Centennial School District before retiring in 1995. Nancy was a gifted seamstress and enjoyed reading, traveling, and spending time with treasured extended family and dear friends.

Nancy was preceded in death by her son, Ron, and her brother, Ken. She is survived by her husband, Rod, brother, Richard Westrup, and daughter, Keri and son-in-law, Doug Lightfoot.

A funeral service will be held Friday, April 3, 2015 at 1:00p.m. at Gresham Memorial Chapel 257 SE Roberts Ave. Gresham.

The family suggests contributions to the Alzheimer's Association 1650 NW Naito Parkway, Suite 190, Portland, OR 97209

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**David Endresen**  
January 4, 1947 - March 26, 2015



Funeral service will be held on Sunday, April 12 at 2:00pm at Gresham Memorial Chapel. Committal service Monday at Willamette National Cemetery at 2PM with Honors.

David Arthur Endresen was born January 4, 1947 in Pasadena, California to Harold and Barbara (Marth) Endresen. He passed away March 26, 2015 at the age of 68, in Gresham. The family moved to Boring, Oregon to live on the Endresen farm when he was about 5. He attended Pleasant Valley Grade School and graduated from Centennial High School in 1965. David served as an Army MP in Tokyo, Japan during the Vietnam era and upon returning stateside joined the J.C. Penney Eastport Plaza's management training program. There in 1970 he met the love of his life, Noreen Fitzgerald. They married July 3, 1971 in Portland and resided in Gresham. J.C. Penney transferred David to the Union Avenue store and then to the Yakima, Wa store soon after their daughter, Kerri's birth in 1975. A son, Eric, followed in 1977. In 1979, David and Noreen decided to return to the Gresham area & David became involved in the carpet industry. He enjoyed the sales rep's challenges. He worked for the Cronin Co. in the 80's and 90's. In his last working years, he worked for Hickory Springs Manufacturing and retired in March, 2011. David enjoyed fishing, golf, playing cards, bowling and traveling with family and friends. He traveled to such places as Hawaii, the Caribbean, Hong Kong, China, Mexico, Europe and Canada. He is survived by wife, Noreen; daughter, Kerri Bryant (Joe) and their two children; son, Eric, and his two children; sister, Diana. He was predeceased by his parents and younger daughter, Beverly. The family suggests contributions to The Salvation Army in memory of David.

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Carol Lynn Hedges, 77, of Sandy, Oregon passed away March 27th after years of complications from a car accident in 2008 surrounded by her loving family and friends.

She is survived by her beloved husband Larry, her sons, Blane, Robin (Jody), Tony (Kathleen), and her daughter Shelly (Jeff). Carol is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Born September 17th, 1937 in Alameda, CA to Francis and Twilah Brown, she was the youngest of three children. Carol became a wife and mother young in life and while she had many interests and hobbies including skiing, swimming, crocheting, scrap booking, and a love of travel. What truly defined her was her dedication as a mother and family member. When anyone needed her she was always available to do whatever she could to help; whether the task was nursing the sick, giving someone a place to stay, or sharing a meal, she was always generous and willing. Carol loved being a mother and worked hard to be the kind of parent she would have wanted for herself. She was always happiest when surrounded by her family.

A memorial service and reception will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in Sandy Oregon at 16317 SE Bluff Rd. on April 11 at 2015 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, remembrances in Carol's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Arrangements by www.omegaservices.com.

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# PPS takes heat over administrative raises

*Supporters: District suffered from lack of qualified candidates*

By SHASTA KEARNS MOORE  
The Tribune

Portland Public Schools is in a bit of controversy after news stories appeared detailing administrative pay raises of 10 to 20 percent during the past four years.

"It was pretty shocking," says Gwen Sullivan, Portland Association of Teachers union president. "When they are getting paid at such a high level, it's difficult to justify many of the increases that were reported."

Board member Steve Buel and others say they feel blindsided by the increases.

"I owe my constituents an apology," Buel wrote on his Facebook page. "I had no idea the increases were of this magnitude. Nobody bothered to tell the school board, and this type of information is not clear in the budget document. I needed to ask and didn't. My assumption was we would be informed about any exorbitant raises. I was wrong. So I apologize."

But board co-chairwoman Pam Knowles says salaries are posted online, none of this is new information and the increases are part of a board effort to try to attract and retain qualified candidates for their jobs.



Portland Public Schools Superintendent Carole Smith is facing criticism over big pay increases for administrators. Board co-chair Pam Knowles says the raises were needed to make up for years of no raises.

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"There really isn't any surprise to any of this," Knowles says. "We had known for many years that our administrators had been paid below market."

In fact, she says, "we lost a lot of them because they were paid below market."

Knowles — who was chief operating officer of the Portland Business Alliance — says Sean Murray, the district's chief human resources officer, took a pay cut to come to the district from the Portland Police Bureau. (Murray received a 2.3 percent, or \$3,284, raise over last year.)

"We always talk about having

the best teachers in front of the classroom," Knowles says, "but we also need the best supervisors running the district."

PPS Director Bobbie Regan says the board did ask Superintendent Carole Smith to look at comparative salaries for other administrators in similar-size districts. (The request occurred at the Oct. 15, 2012, meeting, before Buel was elected.)

"I certainly had an expectation that we would be hearing back and that we would be getting a report back, like we do for other things," Regan says. "And that didn't happen."

Regan says she doesn't necessarily have a problem with administrators being paid more, but that the process should have been more transparent.

She has called for a discussion of the issue at a future board meeting, but says her request has been denied by the co-chairs. Knowles says the discussion will happen as part of the budget process and that there is no reason to make it a separate matter.

"I want to stay focused on our workplan and work through that," she says.

## Investigation kicked off by parent

The inquiry began when parent Kim Sordyl, a member of the Parents for Excellent Portland Principals, made a public records request on Feb. 11 for the salary figures for non-school employees making \$70,000 a year or more in the 2013-14 and 2014-15 fiscal years.

A response the next day listed the salaries for 195 PPS employees, of whom 66 made more than \$100,000 this fiscal year. Smith's widely publicized 27.5 percent raise equaling \$53,200 was also included in the data.

"I requested them because there was a rumor going around that some people said the superintendent wanted the 28 percent raise ... because what she really wanted to do was give her administrators raises," Sordyl says. "I wanted to see if that actually happened. And it did. In a big way."

The 2013-15 data shows administrators such as Lorenzo Poe, a former board member and current chief equity and diversity officer, received a 5.75 percent, or \$7,338, raise in the past year. Deputy Chief Financial Officer David Wynde received a 13.8 percent, or \$14,634, raise in the past year.

Sordyl then gave the data to Willamette Week, which published its story April 1. Its report compiles data since the 2011-12 fiscal year, which it says shows Poe received a 20 percent pay raise over four years.

Jon Isaacs, spokesman for the district who himself received an 8.3 percent increase in the past year, says the effort to get all PPS employees to market-competitive rates was from a direct request from the school board.

"We strive to be one of the best school districts in the country, and if we're going to do that, we need to be able to recruit top talent," Isaacs says.

He adds that the district aims to have school-based employees earning salaries in the 75th percentile of comparative school districts, while administrators would be in the 50th percentile — exactly in the middle of the average of their peer districts.

The process of bringing salaries in line with those goals, Isaacs says, is ongoing.

"It's been two years and it's still not done," Sullivan, the union presi-

dent, says she has never heard of the 75th percentile strategy.

"That's a fallacy. That's never been brought up in contract negotiations," she says. "They offered us zero."

Teachers have received 2.3 percent raises in each of the last two fiscal years.

## Changes coming on the board

Moving forward, Regan has put together an audit committee, which she hopes will examine issues like this.

"Let's have a transparent discussion about what fair means," she says.

But most people are looking to the next board election, May 19, for change.

Sordyl, the parent who brought the request, says she is campaigning for candidates Paul Anthony (Zone 2), Amy Carlsen Kohnstamm (Zone 3) — who is running against Regan — and Mike Rosen (Zone 7). There are four open board seats and 11 candidates.

As Rosen is running unopposed, the majority opinion on the seven-seat board is likely to shift regardless of the outcome of the other three seats up for grabs.

"It isn't just whatever the administrators want, but what is good for kids, and it is the school board's responsibility to keep the two straight," Buel wrote on his Facebook page. "Hopefully, having at least four people who understand this will be the result of the elections this spring."

# Mike Rosen: From underdog to watchdog

*Candidate says his top priority is to shape up administration*

By SHASTA KEARNS MOORE  
The Tribune

None of the 11 candidates running for Portland Public Schools' Board of Directors' four open seats speaks as candidly and forcefully as the one running unopposed in southeastern Zone 7.

Mike Rosen, a longtime activist in groups such as Stand for Children and Help Our Public Education (HOPE), has tough words for PPS leadership that he says has failed its students repeatedly.

"Here we are the first time in at least a decade and a half with a

stable economy and more money for schools and we have a school board that — in the majority — has no sense of responsibility to provide oversight to the administration that is tone deaf," Rosen says.

He says the idea to run for school board was born from the fight over instructional time in the district's high schools. The Portland Parents Coalition took that fight to the Oregon Department of Education and won, but PPS still says it is unable to provide enough instructional time to be in compliance with the ruling.



ROSEN

"OK," Rosen says, "that was a lot of work. Maybe the only way this has to change is to change the leadership."

But Rosen says he isn't necessarily talking about booting Superintendent Carole Smith.

"I think it's time for a school board that sets performance expectations for the superintendent that reflect much-needed, overdue outcomes," he says. "That's their responsibility. I'm hopeful that they'll be able to do that and that Carole will be able to rise to the challenge."

Former PPS school board member Julia Brim-Edwards worked with Rosen on the Portland Parents Coalition and says he will ask the tough questions.

"He's really focused on kids, a really strong advocate for get-

ting dollars in the classroom," Brim-Edwards says. "I also believe he will change the direction of the board and bring a new level of accountability to the superintendent and the central office."

Rosen himself works as a watershed division manager under City Commissioner Nick Fish at the Bureau of Environmental Services. He has a son in college and a daughter graduating from Cleveland High School this year.

Director Greg Belisle, who currently holds the seat, announced Feb. 10 that he would not run for reelection. Incumbents Ruth Adkins and Matt Morton are also not running. Rosen says he is excited to very likely sit on a board with a new majority approach.

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Portlander hopes to supplant plastic water bottles with made-in-USA glass version

By JENNIFER ANDERSON  
Pamplin Media Group

Eight years ago, as the public was just starting to discover the dangers of bisphenol A — the synthetic compound found in plastics that's linked to hormone problems and a scary host of other health problems — Minna Yoo was one step ahead.

The San Francisco nutritionist knew she didn't want to drink from plastic water bottles containing bisphenol A, and didn't like the after-taste of drinking from an aluminum water bottle.

Find out more

Love Bottle's charity work

Last year, Love Bottle partnered with the nonprofit Global Water to help build a clean-water station at a school in Guatemala. This year she's bringing the outreach closer to home:

■ A "Be the Change" bottle-design contest this spring at local Oregon Green Schools, featuring high schools that have taken action to ban plastic water bottles at their schools. The goal is to provide every student in the winning school with a Love Bottle.

■ Starting last month, \$1 per bottle sold will be donated to a charity of the retailer's choice (or buyer's choice, if sold online).

For more: lovebottle.net.

But she knew — and in fact preached — the health benefits of drinking lots and lots of water every day.

So Yoo found a glass water carafe and started using it as her personal water bottle — complete with a name label made from masking tape and Sharpie. She also decorated it with positive words like "love,"

"happiness," "sing," "dance," and "laugh," to bring good vibes whenever she took a sip.

When the bottle drew compliments, she customized versions for her friends. Then she bought the Love Bottle domain name and quit her job the next day to launch her business.

"It's not about making money; it's more about how to put love into this world and help the planet at the same time," says Yoo, 38, who was a pre-med student before going into nutrition.

She has since relocated to Portland and had two children, age 2 and 4. In February, Yoo reached a major milestone, striking a deal to have the Love Bottle made in the U.S. by Owens-Illinois, rather than China, as it has been since 2008.

It'll be made from 40 percent recycled glass.

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Love Bottle founder Minna Yoo works from her home office on everything from manufacturing and distribution to marketing and community outreach work. She launched a Kickstarter campaign this month to help raise funds to manufacture the glass bottle solely in the U.S.



Love Bottle has undergone several looks and designs over the years; the current one will soon be available in more retail locations after U.S. manufacturing takes off.

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## Come on down to Earth Day

Area celebrations include festival, cleanups, singing

By STEVE LAW  
Pamplin Media Group

The Portland Earth Day Coalition returns with the city's biggest Earth Day festival, this year for the first time at Normandale Park in Northeast Portland, on Northeast 57th Avenue and Halsey Street.

The event takes place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 25.

The festival features informational booths from more than 90 environmental-minded business and nonprofit groups, a full day of live music and a range of children's activities, says organizer Bob New.

"This is one of the most beloved events that spring has to offer in terms of starting out the outdoor festival season," he says.

New, who organized Portland Earth Day celebrations from 2006 to 2008 as a volunteer with the City Repair Project, stepped in to fill the void last year after the City Repair Project canceled its annual event in 2013 due to a lack of volunteers.

Last year's event attracted about 2,500 people, New says.

The Joy Now Project, which formed from the MarchFourth Marching Band, will orchestrate a children's parade featuring jugglers, stilt-walkers, unicyclers and others playing musical instruments.

Groups wanting to host booths can register until April 15.

Theme for this year's celebration is "We are the Future."

For more information, check out earthdaypdx.com.

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# Truce over Northwest forests unraveling

Industry interests say Clinton plan failed to deliver

By PAUL KOBERSTEIN  
For Pamplin Media Group

The Northwest Forest Plan, the icy truce that ended the 1990s timber wars, continues to unravel as two federal agencies look for new ways to manage forests.

By late April, the Bureau of Land Management says it will release a new plan to manage 2.5 million acres in western Oregon.

The BLM now intends to provide

the industry with more certainty about how much timber it can sell, which has been lacking for many years, said Portland spokesman Mike Campbell. How it will do so without violating environmental laws will be a closely guarded secret until the plan is released.

The U.S. Forest Service says it's four years away from releasing its plan to manage 22 million acres in 29 national forests from the Canadian border to Sacramento.

It held the first of three "listening sessions" to solicit public opinion on March 17 in Portland. Jim Peña, the agency's Northwest regional forest supervisor, said the 20-year-old

Northwest Forest Plan will no longer exist as an umbrella document applying to all forests equally. Instead, its principles — but not necessarily its specific strategies — will be embedded into the planning documents of each of the 19 forest units.

The timber industry expects to gain access to more timber than it has during any year since President Clinton's forest plan took effect, said Ann Forest Burns, vice president of the Portland-based American Forest Resource Council. Clinton promised the Northwest Forest Plan would deliver 1.1 billion board feet of timber annually, Burns said, but the Forest Service never delivered on that

pledge. Instead, she said the industry's allocation has been half that — or less.

If the new forest plan fails to provide enough timber, Burns said, "we will ask Congress to change the law." That could include two 1970s-era mandates, the National Forest Management Act and the Endangered Species Act.

Most of the 150 people in attendance were environmentalists, including a large contingent from Bark, which proclaims itself the defender of the Mount Hood National Forest. Bark is suing the Forest Service over a proposed plan to cut trees across a 2,000-acre swath near the Collawosh River southeast of Estacada.

The Forest Service or BLM could face a new round of lawsuits if they fail to protect enough wildlife habitat, said Andy Stahl, executive director of Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics.

"The Forest Service and its political masters want to cut more timber," he said in an interview at the Portland session. "To do so, they need to gut the Northwest Forest Plan. The trick is to make the bad new plan look green, using words like 'sustainable' and 'collaborate.'"

Conspicuously absent from the Portland session were timber workers. During the 1990s, it was not unusual to see workers protesting the loss of tim-

ber jobs by rolling noisy log trucks through downtown Portland.

The first three listening sessions were scheduled near the Portland, Seattle and Redding, Calif., airports, all close to freeways.

Industry leaders asked to have the sessions closer to where mill workers live and work, but that fell on deaf ears, said Bill Kluting of the Carpenters union.

The Northwest timber industry has lost about 100,000 jobs and about 275 mills since the Clinton timber plan took effect, he said.

"It never did work," Kluting said. "They have got to come up with something that works."

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# Bottles: Chinese operation troubling

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When the Love Bottles reach the end of their useful life, they can be fully recycled, without leaving harmful chemicals in the land and ocean like plastic does.

There are other glass water bottles on the market, but Love Bottle will be the first with a water-tight lid made entirely in the U.S. This will change everything, Yoo says.

"Our customers would say, 'Why are you made in China?'"

She'd tell them that U.S. manufacturers required about \$3 million to \$4 million in startup funds, which she didn't have, and that making a product in the U.S. cost at least five times more than in China.

"It was the only way to start the company, from where we were," she says.

## Troubled by overseas practices

Still, the manufacturing issue plagued her.

Yoo didn't like the environmental footprint of the Chinese manufacturing operation, and it required a lot of quality assurance work. She felt uncomfortable when she visited the factory in China in 2009.

"The conditions were better than I had feared," she recalls, but she couldn't find out her workers' wages and her offers to pay her workers higher wages were rebuffed.

Now Yoo has access to design and other resources at Love Bottle's new production site in Crenshaw, Penn., run by Owens-Illinois, the world's largest maker of glass containers.

She worked with Owens-Illinois's team to improve the design; it now has a classic, milk bottle-like timeless feel, with a

raised heart and her signature "UR" in a heart at the bottom, to let people know they are loved every time they take a sip.

The ceramic, silicone and stainless-steel parts are sourced from their makers in the Midwest, where they join up with the bottles in Chicago before distribution.

Yoo oversees the brand from her home office in Southwest Portland with the help of two employees — a sales rep and an operations manager; a student she met from Love Bottle's participation in a Portland State University Capstone Project.

"Portland is such a great place to do small business," she says, crediting the nurturing environment she found through networking groups like Starve Ups, a peer-mentoring accelerator.

Currently, Love Bottles are sold at about 100 retail loca-

tions across the U.S.; Yoo hopes when the new U.S.-made bottles debut this summer, that will open new doors.

Whole Foods, for instance, recently began requiring all of its new products to be 100 percent made in the U.S. or Europe.

On April 2, Yoo launched a Kickstarter campaign to help pay for the new round of manufacturing and design.

Within 30 days, she hopes to raise \$30,000. The link to that campaign is here: [kickstarter.com/projects/439833037/1514854695?token=646da76c](http://kickstarter.com/projects/439833037/1514854695?token=646da76c).

"With manufacturing in China, I was never comfortable shouting from a mountaintop," Yoo says. "Now that I have this, I can be 100 percent proud and excited and confident about our mission."

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# Earth Day: Cleanups offered statewide

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The annual Earth Day in Music and Song returns to Portland from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, April 24.

Everyone is welcome to celebrate the planet with an evening of instrumental and vocal performances, meditative singing, poetry and candle-lighting.

The First Unitarian Church hosts the event at Southwest



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LoveBomb Go-Go performs at the 2014 Earth Day celebration at Kenton Park. The festival returns this Earth Day at Normandale Park.

12th Avenue and Salmon Street in downtown Portland.

Featured musical entertainment this year is from Missa Gaia PDX Chorus, directed by Susan Peck, with Lauri Jones, Mary Ellen Grace and Tim Rap. Other guest artists are Sky in the Road and the Madrona Viola Duo, with guest pianist Gary Skye.

Stick around after the performances for refreshments and conversation in the Buchanan Room.

Organizers promise some mystery "nonhuman species" will be in attendance.

The event is sponsored by the Center for Earth Leadership, First Unitarian Church, Unity Church of Beaverton and the New Thought Center for Spiritual Living.

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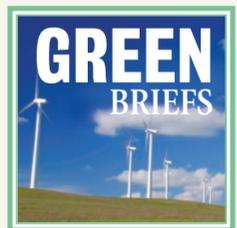
## Hop over to Dogwood City

Milwaukie, which calls itself Dogwood City of the West, hosts its own Earth Day event on Saturday, April 18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Volunteers will clean up and beautify downtown and the Johnson Creek confluence. Meet at City Hall at 10722 S.E. Main St. at 8:45 a.m. for orientation and breakfast.

Folks will reconvene at City Hall for lunch at 11:45 a.m.

Then those 21 and over are heading to Breakside Brewery for half-priced beer. Space will be provided for a plant and seed swap.

To register: <http://tinyurl.com/mm5d55e> or contact Jason Wachs, Milwaukie community programs coordinator, at 503-786-7568 or via email at [WachsJ@MilwaukieOregon.gov](mailto:WachsJ@MilwaukieOregon.gov).



## Bring on the birds

Want to add more native plants to your yard?

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Audubon is located at 5015 N.W. Cornell Road in Portland.

For more information: 503-292-6855, ext. 106.

## Bring on the popcorn

Enjoy a night at the movies while discussing how to save the planet, at the third annual Portland EcoFilm Festival from April 9 through 12.

The festival returns to the Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd. in Northeast Portland, with eight feature-length films and six shorts. Film screenings often are paired with talks by visiting filmmakers. Several films will have their Northwest or West Coast premieres.

For tickets and more information: [portlandecofilmfest.org](http://portlandecofilmfest.org) or [hollywoodtheatre.org](http://hollywoodtheatre.org).

## Look for spotted owls

Here's a chance to hike with a mission in Washington's beautiful Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

The Gifford Pinchot Task Force is organizing a full-day Timber Harvest Survey Trip on Friday, April 17, in the area west of Trapper Creek.

Volunteers should bring rain gear, hiking boots, lunch and a camera or cell phone to document what they see.

To sign up, contact Laurele Fulkerson at [laurele@gptaskforce.org](mailto:laurele@gptaskforce.org).

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The city's action follows seven local bumble bee die-offs related to the application of neonicotinoids on trees in the past two years.

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# New pesticide ban spurs pilot project at city rose gardens

*Advocates laud action to protect pollinators, insects*

By JENNIFER ANDERSON  
The Tribune

The Portland City Council on voted last week to ban the use of neonicotinoids pesticides, which the city currently uses at the International Rose Test Garden in Washington Park and at Peninsula Park.

Parks Commissioner Amanda Fritz introduced the ordinance last Wednesday, with support by advocates including the Xerces Society, Audubon Society of Portland, Center for Biological Diversity and Beyond Toxics.

Neonicotinoids are one of the most widely used pesticides in the world, but have recently been found to be a major threat to pollinator health.

The Oregon Department of Agriculture documented seven bumble bee death incidents related to the application of neonicotinoids on trees since June 2013, six of which happened in the Portland metro area.

Portland Parks & Recreation currently relies on neonicotinoids to control the pest known as the rose midge, found only in the Rose Test Garden and Peninsula Park.

The neonicotinoid used to control the pest is called "imidacloprid," and applied in a granular form to the top layer of the soil.

The ordinance calls for a phased elimination of the neonicotinoid pesticide at these locations over time, while alternative pest control methods are developed.

## Bee Thinking about hives on 'Shark Tank'

Pesticides are never part of the equation at Bee Thinking, a Southeast Portland business that designs and sells handmade beehives that are sourced and built locally.

Owners Matt and Jill Reed have made a business of natural beekeeping, focusing on a minimally invasive and easy-to-use top-bar hive design, one of a few types they sell.

They'll take their business to the national stage on April 10 when they make an appearance on ABC's "Shark Tank," making a plea to the panel of investors for funds in exchange for a stake in their company.

"Backyard beekeeping is exploding throughout the world," Matt Reed says. "We hope our 'Shark Tank' segment informs the world about the critical role honeybees play in our ecosystem, helps people make better decisions in their daily lives in regard to pollinators and makes more people join the ranks of responsible beekeepers."

In the meantime, the city will continue "limited and judicial use" of the pesticide.

The ordinance calls for some immediate action:

- Parks staff will provide a plan to Fritz within four months to phase out all purchase of com-

mercial nursery stock, trees and other plants treated with neonicotinoids.

- City bureaus and offices will purchase plants that are neonicotinoid-free.

- Parks staff will develop a phase-out plan with goal for com-

plete phase-out by Dec. 1, 2017 unless otherwise justified.

Bee Thinking, 1551 S.E. Poplar Ave., started online in 2008 and then opened in Ladd's Addition, selling cedar beehives, beekeeping equipment and gifts.

Its sister store, Mead Market, sells a selection of imported and domestic meads. The store hosts natural beekeeping and mead-making classes.

Bee Thinking will be the latest in a string of Portland entrepreneurs to land on "Shark Tank."

In February, Portland footwear startup Sseko took its strappy sandal to the Tank, not landing a deal but seeing a huge spike in business afterward.

Heidi Ho organic vegan cheese swam with the sharks last fall, making a deal with investor Laurie Grenier for the \$125,000 in exchange for 30 percent of the company.

Scratch & Grain natural cookies scored big in January, inking a deal with shark Barbara Corcoran.

Moberi Pedal Car Smoothies, in 2011, and Wild Squirrel Nut Butter, in 2012, were two of Portland's "Shark Tank" pioneers.

The Bee Thinking episode airs at 9 p.m. Friday, April 10, on ABC.

— Jennifer Anderson

plete phase-out by Dec. 1, 2017 unless otherwise justified.

### Alternatives sought

In the meantime, the search for alternative methods begins.

"Neonicotinoids kill more than pollinators — they kill beneficial insects in the garden and the soil that help manage pest outbreaks," the ordinance reads.

Parks still will evaluate alternatives to address pests, including organic methods such as mulches, non-toxic sprays.

They'll also develop a management plan for the rose midge, not just for successful rose management "but as guidance to the general public, showing that successful pest management is possible with practices that protect bees and other pollinators."

A pilot project will test the viability of using alternatives to neonicotinoids to manage the rose midge and other pests in the park system.

The pilot will include test beds at Peninsula Park or other locations with rose gardens and will include consultation from experts at Oregon State University, businesses, nonprofit groups, government agencies and others.

Parks staff will monitor the test plots and report back two years after planting. If it's successful in combatting the rose midge and other pests, staff will do a cost-benefit analysis.

If the pilot is successful, Parks will convert all city rose garden beds to neonicotinoid-free methods, requesting increased funding for the new method in the city budget if necessary.

If the pilot is unsuccessful, neonicotinoid pesticide use may continue on a site-by-site basis as the ordinance allows.

# City OKs urban renewal shuffle

*Concessions made for low-income housing in South Waterfront*

By STEVE LAW  
The Tribune

The Portland City Council agreed to one final concession Wednesday to affordable housing advocates, clearing the way to grant final approval to Mayor Charlie Hales' plan to reshape the city's urban renewal program.

The council unanimously agreed to a resolution committing the city to break ground on an affordable housing project in the South Waterfront area by 2017 and to acquire a second affordable housing site in that area within the next eight years. Those two moves will help the city come closer to fulfilling a longstanding commitment to create ample affordable housing opportunities as it promotes redevelopment of the South Waterfront area. So far, the area along the river is dominated by mid-rise residential towers for affluent people, and housing advocates have taken the city to task for failing to meet its own targets there.

City Commissioner Nick Fish pushed for the new concessions, which require the city to build at least 200 units for people earning less than 60 percent of the city's median income at 2095 S.W. River Parkway. The city also is negotiating with the Zidell family to acquire another site for low-income apartments in the South Waterfront area. The family owns some 30 acres north and south of the Ross Island Bridge.

"I guarantee you, we have the sites to do this," Fish said. "We will acquire a second piece of dirt."

The city will have \$47 million in urban renewal funds, enough to build at least 270 affordable housing units in the South Waterfront area and acquire the second site, Fish said.

Hales' plan calls for changes to six urban renewal areas, including expanding the North Macadam Urban Renewal Area that covers the South Waterfront area. Fish took advantage of his position as a swing vote on that part of the plan to insist on more affordable housing there.

But that didn't quite satisfy a group of affordable housing advocates, including several former city employees, who said the city was forsaking its promise to create a mixed-income community along the South Waterfront.

"Unfortunately, the resolution doesn't go far enough," said Debbie Aiona, action chair of the League of Women Voters of Port-

land. Aiona and others pressed the council to delay approving Hales' urban renewal redo until the affordable housing sites were fully secured.

Fish noted that the advocates' efforts had succeeded in procuring more urban renewal funds — now estimated at \$47 million — to subsidize low-income housing in the area.

"One year ago, we had no path forward and we had no money," he said.

Fish evoked the memory of longtime low-income housing advocate Gretchen Kafoury, the former city commissioner, county commissioner and state lawmaker who recently died. Kafoury's last public appearance came in recent testimony before the Portland City Council on the South Waterfront housing issue.

"As Gretchen would say, that's not enough," Fish said, "but it's a hell of a start."

For Hales, Wednesday's vote was more of a finish than a start. It paved the way for final approval of his sweeping reorganization of urban renewal, which he called an effort to "right size" the program. For too long, Hales said, urban renewal was used as an "ATM" by the city, keeping property off the tax rolls to fund development projects. Indeed, the city was butting up against a state cap on how much land can be kept off the tax rolls.

His plan closes down fledgling urban renewal areas near Portland State University and the industrial waterfront, putting that property fully back on the tax rolls. It shrinks the boundaries of two highly successful urban renewal areas in the Pearl District and Airport Way, putting much of that property back on the tax rolls. And it expands urban renewal in the central eastside and South Waterfront, largely to take advantage of new development opportunities along the new Orange MAX line and near the Knight Cancer Research Center. Some of the land that was taken off the rolls near PSU was added to the North Macadam Urban Renewal Area.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz opposed expanding the central eastside district, but that was the lone dissenting vote on Wednesday.

Hales' reorganization initiative also shifts urban renewal money from the Pearl District to Old Town/Chinatown for office, retail and middle-income housing projects.

The endeavor figures to be one of Hales' signature achievements in his first term as mayor. It will shift an estimated \$197 million in property taxes to the city, Oregon schools and other local governments in the next few decades, instead of spending that money on urban renewal. Next year, \$6 million will go back to those taxing districts.

**"I guarantee you, we have the sites to do this. We will acquire a second piece of dirt."**

— Nick Fish, city commissioner



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# LEADING MAN

## Aldridge's refined game leads Blazers to playoffs

**T**rail Blazers star LaMarcus Aldridge sat down with the Portland Tribune for a question-and-answer session after scoring 21 points and grabbing 12 rebounds in Portland's 99-90 victory over New Orleans Saturday night at Moda Center.

**Tribune:** How are you feeling physically as the playoffs approach?

**Aldridge:** It's been a long season, but overall, I feel good, and this team is in a good position right now. I feel good about everything as we're heading into the playoffs.

**Tribune:** New Orleans

### Kerry Eggers



ON SPORTS

coach Monty Williams — who worked with you often as an assistant coach during your first five seasons with the Blazers — says you have played better since you returned from your left thumb injury. Do you think so?

**Aldridge:** I think I have. It has just made me focus on things a little bit more. I focus on my shooting form more. I've adjusted my shooting stroke so it doesn't bother me at all. I'm trying to rebound even more, focusing on grabbing the ball with two hands. I've gotten comfortable again with grabbing the ball with just my left hand, but it has made me lock in on everything I have to do.

**Tribune:** Initially, you planned to have surgery on the left thumb in January; then, after consultation with doctors, had a change of heart and decided to play through it. You told me a few weeks ago

you expect to have postseason surgery on the thumb. How is it feeling?

**Aldridge:** It varies. Tonight, it got hit a few times, and right now, it's pretty sore. But I've had games where I played the whole game and it didn't get hit, and I was fine. The last couple of games, I've had it whacked on, so it's been kind of sore. But I can deal with it.

**Tribune:** For a while, the right thumb was bothering you, too. How is that feeling?

**Aldridge:** It's been good lately. I haven't had that one whacked as much, so it's been great.

Trail Blazers forward LaMarcus Aldridge says he thinks he's playing better now than before he suffered a left thumb injury that at first had him headed for season-ending surgery.

TRIBUNE PHOTO: DAVID BLAIR

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## Two games in, Thunder a work in progress

AFL team has strong defensive line, but too many penalties

By STEVE BRANDON  
The Tribune

What do we know, and not know, about the Portland Thunder after two games?

We know they've won one and lost one — and both games went down to the final seconds.

We know they still have high aspirations for their second season in the Arena Football League.

And we know that Thursday's 7 p.m. clash with the Spokane Shock at Moda Center will tell us a lot more about them.

"We know we're physical and have a willingness to work hard," Portland coach Mike Hohensee says. "We also know we have a long way to go and we're very young, and we're making young mistakes."

The Thunder opened March 27 with a 42-37 victory against one of their West Coast rivals, fellow 2014 expansion team Los Angeles KISS.

Portland returned to Moda Center last Friday and lost 54-48 to the Tampa Bay Storm.

"I don't like all the penalties we've had — 11 the last game," Hohensee says. "That's just a



Portland Thunder defensive lineman Frank Trotter attempts to block a pass by Tampa Bay quarterback Jason Boltus in an Arena Football League game last week. The Thunder take on the Spokane Shock at 7 Thursday at Moda Center. TRIBUNE PHOTO: JOHN LARIVIERE

matter of not being disciplined and composed enough at times."

Already, though, the Thunder have demonstrated some calling cards — notably their defensive line and wide receiver Jamar Howard.

The D-line's pass rush was ferocious in the KISS game, swatting down passes and getting to L.A. quarterback Adrian McPherson.

Howard, a former standout at Central Missouri, has been both productive and spectacular in the first two games. The returning Thunder wideout, 6-4 and 215 pounds, has emerged as the Thunder's go-to receiver, even

though veteran QB Kyle Rowley says he's not looking specifically for Howard all the time and aims to spread the passing game around.

Howard leads the AFL in receiving yards (335) and is tied for first in TD catches (7). He ranks second in receptions (23).

But even Howard is the first to admit he hasn't been perfect, which Hohensee says puts him in the same boat as everyone else on the squad.

"He's still learning the system, trying to find a comfort level with it," Hohensee says of Howard. "We're a work in progress, even though we have a veteran here

and there."

The most veteran Thunder player is QB Rowley, a 36-year-old from Providence, R.I., and Brown University.

Rowley ranks seventh in the AFL in passing yards with 489 and is tied for sixth in touchdown passes (10), but he's No. 1 in completion percentage (70.2).

Hohensee, a former QB in the league, admits that as a coach "I'm very demanding" of his quarterbacks, "but I appreciate effort and leadership, and Kyle has those things."

So, what remains to be learned about the 2015 Thunder?

One question will be answered

tonight. After losing to Tampa Bay, "you could tell it really bothered a lot of our players," Hohensee says, "and a couple of players it didn't seem to bother as much. You get that at every level, but it's something we're going to continue to work on, because losing is not an option anymore. It's not acceptable."

"We're going to get to where the locker room is ecstatic after a win and feeling the pain after a loss."

How the Thunder deal with injuries will be another thing to watch in the coming weeks. Defensive back Matt Pierce is expected to be out for about another month with a broken hand he suffered in the opener. Defensive lineman Robert Hayes suffered a knee injury versus Tampa Bay.

"We have to have guys step up. We need everybody," Hohensee says.

As for the Thunder defense, Hohensee breaks it down this way:

"It's going to be interesting to see how we progress as a defense. We had a great showing versus L.A., and a great pass rush. But it wasn't as good last week. If our front guys can give our back guys more time to mature, we're going to be a tough defense to attack."

Offensively, "we're still

learning who's who," Hohensee says, adding that the Thunder need to be more than the Jamar Howard show.

"We're anxious for the next guy to step up — we don't want to be one-dimensional," the coach says.

At 1-1, the Thunder are tied with five other teams in the 12-team AFL. Only one team in their National Conference — the San Jose SaberCats — is 2-0. Only two teams in the American Conference — the Cleveland Gladiators and Philadelphia Soul — are 2-0.

Hohensee says it's too early to know how much parity the league will have this year, but there have been some signs of that, including last week's upset of the three-time defending AFL champion Arizona Rattlers by the expansion Las Vegas Outlaws. And the Jacksonville Sharks, who appeared loaded for a big season, are 0-2 with a pair of one-point losses.

Each team has 16 games to go before the playoffs; four of six teams from each conference will qualify for the postseason. The Thunder intend to make it there again.

"None of these games are making or breaking anybody at this time," Hohensee says. "Everybody, including us, is still trying to get a feel of what their identity is going to be."

# MainEvents

Tuesday, April 7

**Winterhawks:** Portland at Seattle, Game 6, 7 p.m.  
**Mariners:** L.A. Angels at Seattle, 7 p.m. (Root Sports)  
**College baseball:** Oregon at Portland, 3 p.m.  
**College softball:** Oregon at Portland State, Gordon Faber Field, Hillsboro, 4 p.m. doubleheader ... Northwest at Concordia, 1 p.m. doubleheader.  
**College women's golf:** Portland State at Wyoming Cowgirl Classic, Maricopa, Ariz.  
**College women's soccer:** Tualatin Hills United at Concordia, 7:45 p.m.  
**Prep baseball:** Franklin at Madison, Benson at Grant, Lincoln at Cleveland, Wilson-Roosevelt at Pier Park, Portland Lutheran at Delphian, 4:30 p.m. ... Sunset at Jesuit, Putnam at Parkrose, La Salle Prep at St. Helens, 5 p.m.  
**Prep softball:** Madison-Hermiston at Delta Park, 3:45 p.m. ... Lincoln-Wilson at Rieke Elementary School, Grant-Cleveland at Woodstock Park, 4 p.m. ... Portland Adventist Academy at Valley Catholic, 4:30 p.m. ... Putnam at Parkrose, La Salle Prep

at St. Helens, 5 p.m.  
**Prep girls golf:** PIL at Heron Lakes, 3 p.m.  
**Prep boys tennis:** Central Catholic at Barlow, 3:30 p.m. ... West Salem-Lincoln at Washington Park, 4:15 p.m.  
**Prep girls tennis:** Central Catholic-Barlow at Parkrose Middle School, 3:30 p.m. ... Wilson at Grant, Lincoln at Westview, 4:15 p.m.  
**Prep boys lacrosse:** Central Catholic at La Salle Prep, 7 p.m. ... Southridge at Jesuit, 7:30 p.m. ... Century at Cleveland, Putnam-Grant at Delta Park, Oregon Episcopal School at Wilsonville, 8 p.m. ... Wilson at Tigard, 8:30 p.m.  
**Prep girls lacrosse:** St. Mary's Academy-Lakeridge at Buckman Field, 6 p.m. ... Grant at Lincoln, Cleveland-Central Catholic at Milwaukie, 7:30 p.m. ... Jesuit at Southridge, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, April 8

**Blazers:** Minnesota at Portland, 7 p.m. (CSNNW)  
**Winterhawks:** Seattle at Portland, Memorial Coliseum, Game 7, if necessary, 7 p.m.  
**Mariners:** L.A. Angels at Seattle, 7 p.m. (Root Sports)  
**Timbers2:** Portland at Real Monarchs SLC, 6 p.m.  
**College baseball:** Portland at

Seattle, 4 p.m.  
**Prep baseball:** Cleveland-Lincoln at Sckavone Stadium, Wilson-Roosevelt at University of Portland, Central Catholic-Reynolds at Concordia University, 4:30 p.m. ... Jesuit at Sunset, Oregon City at David Douglas, Parkrose-Putnam at Alder Creek Middle School, St. Helens at La Salle Prep, 5 p.m.  
**Prep softball:** Jesuit-Central Catholic, Madison-Roosevelt at Delta Park, 3:45 p.m. ... Franklin at The Dalles, 4 p.m. ... Sherwood at David Douglas, 4:30 p.m. ... Liberty at La Salle Prep, 5 p.m.  
**Prep track and field:** Central Catholic at Oregon City; St. Mary's Academy, Canby, Tualatin at Marshall, 3:30 p.m. ... Benson, Grant at Lincoln; Madison, Franklin at Roosevelt; Jefferson, Wilson at Cleveland; David Douglas, Barlow, Reynolds at Mt. Hood C.C.; Liberty at La Salle Prep, 4 p.m. ... Jesuit at Aloha, 4:15 p.m.  
**Prep boys golf:** PIL at RedTail, 4 p.m.  
**Prep girls golf:** Central Catholic-Oregon City at Stone Creek, 1 p.m.  
**Prep girls tennis:** St. Mary's Academy at Lakeridge, 4 p.m. ... Roosevelt-Cleveland at Willamette Tennis Courts, 4:15 p.m.  
**Prep girls lacrosse:** Oregon Episcopal School at Hood River Valley, 6 p.m. (all times Pacific)

# Birthdays

April 8, 1963

Terry Porter (age 52)

The Trail Blazers ambassador and former guard was born on this day in Milwaukee, Wisc. The 6-3 Porter went from Wisconsin

Stevens Point to an NBA playing career lasting from 1985-2002. A two-time All-Star, Porter starred for the Blazers from 1984-95 and had his No. 30 retired by the Portland franchise. He won the J. Walter Kennedy Citizenship Award in 1993 and was an NBA All-Star in 1991 and 1993. He served as an assistant coach for three NBA teams and was head coach for

Milwaukee and Minnesota.

April 7, 1977

Ben Petrick (38)

The Hillsboro product was a catcher-outfielder in the major leagues for parts of four seasons before retiring because of Parkinson's disease.

# TV&Radio

Tuesday, April 7

**Winterhawks:** Portland at Seattle, Game 6, 7 p.m., KPAM (860 AM)  
**Mariners:** L.A. Angels at Seattle,

7 p.m., Root Sports, KMITT (910 AM)  
**MLB:** San Francisco at Arizona, 6:30 p.m., KUIK (1360 AM)  
**NBA:** San Antonio at Oklahoma City, 5 p.m., L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 7:30 p.m.  
**NHL:** Minnesota at Chicago, 5:30 p.m., NBC Sports  
**College women's basketball:**

Connecticut-Notre Dame, NCAA championship, Tampa, Fla., 5:30 p.m., KXTG (750 AM)  
**Wednesday, April 8**  
**Blazers:** Minnesota at Portland, 7 p.m., CSNNW, KPOJ (620 AM), KKRZ (102.3 FM)  
**Winterhawks:** Seattle at Portland, Game 7, if necessary, 7 p.m., KPAM (860 AM)  
**Mariners:** L.A. Angels at Seattle, 7 p.m., Root Sports, KMITT (910 AM)  
**NBA:** Toronto at Charlotte, 4 p.m., Phoenix at Dallas, 6:30 p.m., ESPN  
**MLB:** Boston at Philadelphia, 4 p.m., San Diego at L.A. Dodgers, 7 p.m., ESPN2 ... SF at Arizona, 6:30 p.m., KUIK (1360 AM)  
**NHL:** Boston at Washington, 5 p.m., Dallas at Anaheim, 7:30 p.m., NBC Sports

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# FOOTBALL CONTINUES

# With Grimble, Peko, Beavers may have interior spots tackled

Both OSU tackles return to defense with eye on 2015

By KERRY EGGERS  
 The Tribune

**CORVALLIS — Whether or not Oregon State employs a 4-3 or 3-4 defense next fall — and the jury is still out — the Beavers' defensive interior should be fortified with more talent than it was a year ago.**

A healthy Jason Grimble and an academically eligible Kyle Peko would go a long way toward making it so.

Grimble is healthy, and Peko is eligible — sort of — so the view is optimistic as Oregon State continues its spring practice sessions under first-year head coach Gary Andersen.

When last we saw Grimble, he was gripping his surgically repaired knee after tweaking it in the third quarter of OSU's Civil War defeat. It was the end to a disappointing first season on the field with the Beavers for Grimble, the highly acclaimed Miami transfer who missed more than half the 2014 campaign following surgery to his left knee.

Peko? The Beavers' longest-standing mystery man since Simi Kuli practiced with the scout team all last season after a transfer from Cerritos College in Norwalk, Calif., waiting for academic qualification that never arrived.

On Thursday, both were in uniform and practicing, leaving Andersen feeling good about the possibilities.

"Jalen did some good things the first day," Andersen says, "and he had a smile when he was walking off the field. It was good to see that."

"Kyle is doing well. I'm proud of the way he handled his academics last quarter, which is the No. 1 priority right now. He has an opportunity now, and he's a good kid. For us, it's stay on him, grind him every single day, don't let him take a big deep breath."

The 6-2 Grimble is at 285 pounds, 25 less than at the end of last season, quicker and better-suited toward D-line coach Chad Kauha'aha'a's toward agility and flexibility.

"I'd like him to be at 280," said Kauha'aha'a, who was with Andersen at Utah and at Wisconsin. "I like all our (D-linemen) to be under 300. They don't need to be huge. If they have an opportunity to go to the NFL, then they can bulk up."

Kauha'aha'a has sent several former Utes and Badgers to the NFL.

"I had only one over 300 pounds, and that was (Philadelphia Eagles nose tackle) Beau Allen," Kauha'aha'a says. "(Carolina Panthers tackle) Star Lotulelei was 300 on a good day." Grimble was one of the na-

tion's highest-touted prep line-men. Out of Las Vegas, he committed to Southern Cal, then signed with Miami. After a sophomore season in the rotation with the Hurricanes, he transferred to Oregon State to be closer to home.

After a redshirt season in 2013, Grimble won a starting job despite dealing with a nagging back injury in training camp and through the early season. By the Beavers' fourth game, at USC, "I felt the best I'd felt since summer," he says. "I was juiced for that game, for obvious reasons."

Grimble was making an impact against the Trojans when he was hit by a high-low double-team, the chop block taking out his left knee. He suffered a torn meniscus and a partially torn MCL and PCL, undergoing surgery the following week.

After six weeks of rehabilitation, Grimble returned for the penultimate game of the season at Washington. On the third play, the knee gave out on him, sidelining him for the rest of the game. He played the final game against Oregon before the knee was reinjured in the third quarter.

A second surgery was a possibility, but "the doctors felt the best way to go was to rehab and get my leg strong. And here I am."

The 6-1, 300-pound Peko originally committed to Michigan State out of Cerritos, then opened up his recruitment. Ironically, he narrowed his choices to Utah — where Kauha'aha'a was D-line coach — and Oregon State before choosing the Beavers.

"I really liked Utah, but it didn't feel like the right fit," Peko says. "Oregon State did. I loved the coaches and loved all these (players). And after everything I've been through, they still have my back. I'm glad I made the decision."

Peko arrived in Corvallis in the spring of 2014 hoping to gain his academic eligibility by August. Problem was, several of his on-line credits from Cerritos didn't transfer. He took classes during spring and summer and thought he was clear to play. He practiced right up to the Beavers' season opener against Portland State when D-line coach Joe Seumalo delivered the bad news.

"The day before the game, Coach Joe said, 'You can't play,'" Peko says. "The compliance people said I was six credits short."

Peko played scout team last season with more than a tinge of regret. "I felt like I let the guys down," he says. "I was one of the top guys coming in out of junior college. I had a lot to bring to the team last year, and I didn't get to display that, which sucked."

Since then, Peko has continued to take classes and work toward the academic progression that will take him to graduation. He says he had a 2.9 GPA for 16 hours during winter term and is taking a full load again in the spring.

"I'm told if I pass them all, I'll be good to go next season," says Peko, who takes the blame for his academic deficiencies. "It was all on me. I should have done more in junior college. It was about priorities, and my priorities have changed now."

Peko was married to his wife, Giuliana, in December and she is

expecting their first child, a boy, in June. "I'm super excited," he says. Giuliana will transfer to Oregon State this summer. By then, Peko expects to be eligible to play what will be his final collegiate season.

In January, he had his first meeting with Andersen.

"I wanted to know if I had a spot on the team, knowing there was a lot of liability with my saga," Peko says. "I was excited and scared and nervous to see what he would say."

"We had a stern meeting. He said, 'You're either going to get it done, or you're not. It's either going to be a great story, or it's not. Let's make it a great story.'"

OSU's defensive coaches are experimenting with their frontal alignment for next season. For the first two weeks of spring ball, they worked mostly out of a 4-3. Over the final three weeks, they'll go mostly with a 3-4.

"I don't know if we're just dabbling in it, or we're moving toward it," Kauha'aha'a says. "We'll know more as we move forward."

Either way, Grimble and Peko — if he's eligible — will have an impact.

"It's good to have Jalen healthy," Kauha'aha'a says. "He gives us depth and flexibility. He can play tackle in the even front and nose guard in the odd front, and he can play end, too. There were a couple of guys I coached at Wisconsin who could swing it, and he fits that mold, as does Sumner Houston."

"It's unfortunate the things Kyle has had to go through here, but we're working to get him eligible, and he's on the right track. He's a tremendous talent. Athletically and physically, he has all the tools to be a great nose guard or tackle. The future is bright for him, and right now it's bright in the classroom, which is all we're focused on."

Grimble and Peko have become members of a mutual admiration society.

"I see a lot of great things in Kyle," Grimble says. "I tell people he's the player I want to be. He's powerful, he's strong, he's smart, and he knows what's going on in the field. Not to knock myself, but there are some attributes he has that I would love to add to my game."

Peko laughs when told of Grimble's assessment.

"I don't know what he's talking about," Peko says. "I want to get to where he's at. I was out a whole year and watched him play before he got hurt. I was thinking, 'I need to be like that guy.' I'm excited he's back out here. We feed off each other. It's good competition for the whole D-line."

While retaining loyalty to the previous coaching staff under Mike Riley, both players say they like what they see from Andersen's staff.

"Coach Riley and Coach Joe were good to me; they brought me here," Grimble says. "With the new coaches was a change, but an adaptable change."

"I love the new staff to death. They care for us, they push us, they want the best for us. They see the potential this team has. They know what we can be, and they're trying to get it out of us."

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across a run in the 10th inning to nip Washington 2-1. ... In round 2 of the PIL slate, Roosevelt wins 5-2. Jim Chambers of the Roughriders homers at Powell Park, and the baseball breaks the window of a Cadillac parked on Powell Boulevard.

The Jefferson Democrats win their sixth PIL Relays in the past eight years. Grant is a distant sec-



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ond in the nine-team, 37th edition of this annual boys track and field meet at Lincoln.

The Portland Pilots beat the Oregon Ducks in baseball 7-3 at Howe Field in Eugene.

The Portland Beavers break camp in Glendale, Calif., beating Vancouver 18-7 in their Grapefruit League finale. The Bevos head to San Francisco for their Pacific Coast League opener against the Seals.

Former UO football coach C.A. "Shy" Huntington will be honored at the Old-Time Athletes Association banquet at Multnomah Athletic Club.

# StatusReport

**Blazers:** Portland went into Monday's game at Brooklyn with a 50-26 record — and needing a 4-2 finish to equal last season's 54-28 record. Two home games remain, both against sub-.500 teams (Minnesota on Wednesday, Utah on Saturday). Portland has won six in a row at home over the Timberwolves. LaMarcus Aldridge is at 23.4 points and 10.3 rebounds in 35.6 minutes per game, with 38 doubles. Last season, he averaged 23.2 and 11.1 in 36.2 minutes and had 40 double doubles. He shot 45.8 percent from the field in 2013-14 and is at 46.6 percent this season.

**Winterhawks:** Going into tonight's Game 6 at Seattle, Portland has the third-leading scorer in the Western Hockey League playoffs in Oliver Bjorkstrand (3 goals, 7 assists, 10 points). Calgary's Adam Tambellini has 13 points, and Kootenay's Luke Philp has 12. Portland's No. 2 scorer is Nic Petan (4-4-8). The Hawks have a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven first-round series with the Thunderbirds.

**Thorns:** Portland kicks off its National Women's Soccer League season at 7 p.m. Saturday versus the Boston Breakers. Teams and rosters are in a constant state of flux because this is a Women's World Cup year, but the Thorns appear to have as solid a core group as anyone.

**Timbers:** Coming off a 3-1 home victory over FC Dallas on Saturday, Portland is poised for its first winning streak of the MLS season, with expansion Orlando City SC the foe at Providence Park at 2 p.m. Sunday.

**Thunder:** The Spokane Shock are 0-2 going into their Thursday visit to Moda Center for a 7 p.m. Arena Football League game vs. 1-1 Portland. Quarterback is a question mark for the Shock, who have had regular starter Carson Coffman and backup Warren Smith injured. In last week's 54-43 home loss to the Philadelphia Soul, Spokane started Jarrett Brown and then went to recent signee Matt Bassuener. Another QB is likely to see action against Portland, though.

# Eggers: Aldridge developing 3-point shot

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**Tribune:** After a five-game losing streak, the Blazers have responded by winning six of seven (going into Monday night's Brooklyn game). How do you feel about where the team is now?

**Aldridge:** We're hitting our stride at the right time. Guys are finding their rhythm. I've had rests on and off throughout the season. I'm getting ready to go.

**Tribune:** Williams describes you as "unguardable" at this point in your career. Do you feel that way?

**Aldridge:** (Laughs) That's big coming from Monty, because he was there from Day One. He helped me find my identity in this league. I do feel that way at times, but it's a gift and a curse. I might take a shot that's a horrible shot. I might make it; I might miss. I do feel at times teams can't guard me, so I've taken tough shots.

**Tribune:** You've worked hard in recent seasons to develop the 3-point shot. Now it's coming to fruition. What's your philosophy with stepping out from beyond the arc?

**Aldridge:** It's another weapon. I don't want to become a guy who just shoots 3's. That's not what I'm here for. Being in that mid-range area, playing on the block — that makes the team better. But I'll definitely continue to pick my spots.

**Tribune:** After averaging between seven and nine rebounds from your second through seventh seasons, you've upped that to double figures the past two years. You've added 25 pounds since you came into the league. Has strength made the difference?

**Aldridge:** I've been strong the last three or four years. It's been more a mind-set of learning how to position yourself and hold your guy off and go get (the ball). I've mastered holding a guy off with one arm, and I'm going to go get it. It was a conscious effort of me figuring out how to do it.

**Tribune:** How much fun has it been to be the leader of a team that has developed into a potential NBA finalist?

**Aldridge:** I've been a part of



LaMarcus Aldridge says the Trail Blazers "have it all" offensively, enough to get to the top of the NBA, and will work on their pick-and-roll defense for the playoffs. TRIBUNE PHOTO: DAVID BLAIR

three rebuilds here in Portland. To be leading a team that has a chance to really go somewhere, that's big-time for me. It shows how everybody's gotten better on this team and how the organization has tried to keep us competitive.

**Tribune:** How much better is your bench this season, and how important is that to what the team might accomplish in the postseason?

**Aldridge:** Ten times better — 100 times. To bring in (Chris) Kaman was amazing. His value can't be understated. You put somebody smaller in the game against him and he'll make you pay for it. Steve Blake has been valuable for (Damian Lillard). The over-the-top lob pass that Steve throws, 'Dame' didn't throw it at all last year. He's seen Steve throw it this year, and he's picked that up. And even CJ (McCollum), he's really grown. It's going to help us a lot in the playoffs.

## Aldridge joins ranks of all-time greats

It's been a banner season for the Trail Blazers, with a Northwest Division championships, a 50-win season, and a legitimate chance to advance past the first round of the playoffs for the first time since the 1999-2000 campaign.

The straw stirring the drink has been power forward LaMarcus Aldridge, who played in his fourth straight All-Star Game in February — becoming the first Blazer to earn a starting position since Clyde Drexler in 1994 — and has enjoyed the finest of his nine seasons in a Blazer uniform.

The 6-11, 260-pound Aldridge — who sat out Monday night's game at Brooklyn for rest purposes — ranks among the NBA's top 10 in scoring (seventh with a career-best 23.4 points), rebounding (10th with 10.3) and double-doubles (eighth with 38).

**Tribune:** What is this team missing to get to the top?

**Aldridge:** Offensively, we have it all. We have every option

Aldridge leads the league in games with at least 35 point and 10 rebounds (four) and is third in games with 20 points and 10 rebounds (29). He seems likely to become the first Blazer to earn first-team all-NBA honors since Drexler in 1991-92.

In 30 games since his two-game absence due to a left thumb injury on Jan. 24, Aldridge has averaged 23.8 points and 10.3 rebounds, shooting .475 from the field with 18 double-doubles. In March, he set a franchise record with nine straight games scoring at least 20 points and shooting 50 percent or better (with at least 10 attempts).

This season, Aldridge has added a final piece to his offensive repertoire — the 3-point shot. After making 24 shots from the 3-point line in his first eight seasons, he is 33

locked up. Defensively, we're better than we've been. Our pick-and-roll defense at times, we need to get better. We'll work on that.

for 95 (.347) this season.

As he approaches his 30th birthday in July, Aldridge is at or near franchise marks in many career categories. This season, he has passed Drexler to become the club's leading rebounder, moved past Terry Porter into second on the scoring list and joined Drexler as the only Blazers with 5,000 or more field goals.

By his own account, becoming the greatest Blazer of them all has become an increasingly appealing proposition for Aldridge, who will enter free agency on July 1. The Dallas native has consistently said he intends to re-sign with the Blazers — who have promised a maximum contract — which would increase the possibility of him playing his entire career in Rip City.

— Kerry Eggers

**Tribune:** Do you think this team is ready to make the NBA finals?

**Aldridge:** I do. We've beaten all the best teams in the league.

We've competed. We've learned more as the season went on. This team can do anything.

**Tribune:** How much will you miss Wesley Matthews?

**Aldridge:** A lot. He's invaluable as far as his presence, his demeanor, his mentality, how he leads the guards defensively, how he makes defensive plays guys can't make.

**Tribune:** How do you make up for that?

**Aldridge:** We do it collectively. (Arron) Affalo is doing a good job filling in, and we're getting used to him. But we all have to do it together.

**Tribune:** Can you envision a parade down Southwest Broadway in late June?

**Aldridge:** (Smiles) Ahh ... got to take it one game at a time.

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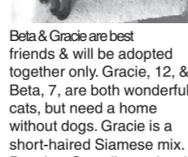
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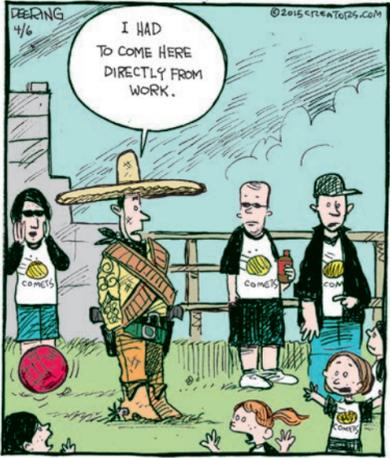


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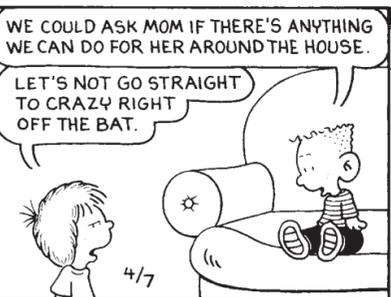
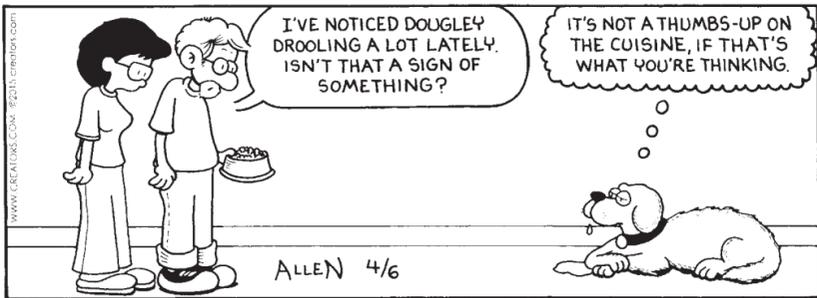
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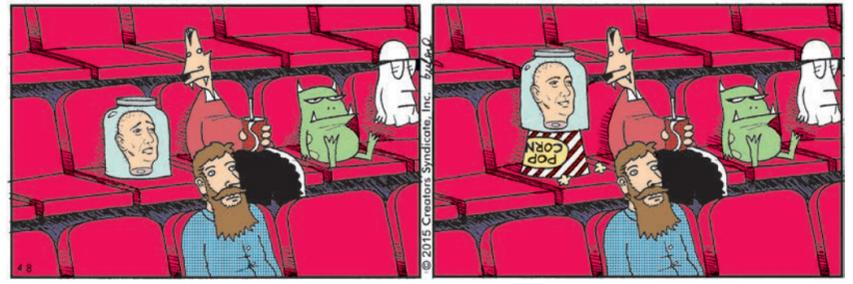
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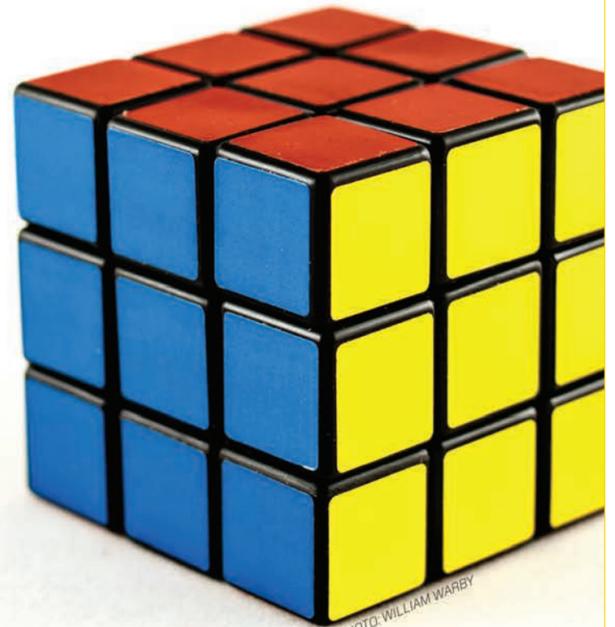
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MAZES, ILLUSIONS & BRAIN TEASERS



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Acupuncturists Stacy Spence, left, and Michelle Beeson are now providing services at Trainer's Club in Lake Oswego. PAMPLIN MEDIA GROUP: VERN UYETAKE

# Pinpointing wellness

Trainer's Club adds two acupuncturists to its staff

By KELSEY O'HALLORAN  
Pamplin Media Group

For Trainer's Club co-owner Jenny Lakey, acupuncture treatments are a way to unwind.

"It's just like floating on a cloud," Lakey says. "I feel completely de-stressed afterward."

Aside from simple relaxation, the treatments can also help patients cope with physical, emotional or spiritual pain, as acupuncturist Stacy Spence knows from experience.

"Acupuncture has really helped me process my trauma and heal from that, and let that go," she says.

Spence and fellow acupuncturist, Michelle Beeson, are now offering their services at the Trainer's Club to help people heal and live healthier lives.

After practicing in a downstairs massage room at the club since May, Spence and Beeson have moved to a clinic on the main level, and they are offering their services to club members as well as the general community.

"We set out to find acupuncturists because we feel like that's a really great adjunct for overall wellness," Lakey says. "We like to provide services that help people reduce visits to the doctor."

The Trainer's Club has offered acupuncture on and off since 2007 or 2008, Lakey says, but Spence and Beeson are its first acupuncturists in about three years.

Both practitioners work with patients on a full health plan, working to diagnose and treat ailments and recommending herbal formulas and nutrition supplements. They say acupuncture services are

meant to be part of a complementary treatment program that may include doctors, massage therapists and other specialists.

Spence combines both Eastern and Western medicine practices in her acupuncture, and focuses on helping patients achieve optimal health, whether that involves easing chronic pain or achieving a healthy weight.

Beeson uses classical Chinese medicine techniques. She takes a special interest in women's health, from increasing a hopeful mom's fertility to lessening a breast cancer survivor's pain, and also helps patients with pain reduction and overall wellness.

"All acupuncturists are different," Beeson says. "It's not 'one size fits all'; it's like finding a therapist."

Acupuncture treatments are all-inclusive and cost the same to members and non-members. The first treatment is \$150 and lasts 90 minutes, while subsequent treatments are shorter and are \$100 each. Beeson bills insurance for her services and Spence provides a superbill for a patient to bill an insurance company.

Non-members who schedule an acupuncture treatment will also have access to the Trainer's Club steam bath, sauna and showers at no additional cost. For an extra \$15, non-members may use the gym or attend a group class in conjunction with an acupuncture appointment.

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# Keeping ahead of cancer

Oral, head and neck cancer is the sixth most common cancer worldwide

Sometimes timing really is everything.

That was the case for Kaiser Permanente member and employee Kelly Vogel. During a routine exam last May, her dentist noticed a lesion on her tongue. Tests showed that the lesion was cancerous, which surprised her. As a healthy woman in her thirties, oral cancer was definitely not on her radar.

Her story is not unique. oral, head and neck cancer is the sixth most common cancer worldwide. Approximately 630,000 new patients are diagnosed annually, resulting in more than 350,000 deaths per year. Early detection is a key factor in beating this form of cancer and achieving a healthy outcome, as Vogel found.

In June, less than a month after her visit to the dentist, a surgeon removed part of her tongue and the lymph nodes in her neck to evaluate for cancer. Fortunately, the cancer hadn't spread to her lymph nodes, so Kelly did not require radiation or chemotherapy. She is now cancer-free and thriving in her busy life as a mother and a surgical technol-



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Both smoking and excessive alcohol consumption are considered high risk factors when it comes to oral cancer.

ogist at Kaiser Permanente Sunnyside Medical Center.

Vogel's story serves as a reminder of what you can do to minimize your risk — as well as warning signs to watch for.

### Reduce your risk

The most obvious way to reduce your risk is to not smoke. If you do smoke, stop. Excessive alcohol consumption also increases risk. Genetic factors beyond our control play a role, but we should all do what is within our control to maintain a healthy

mouth and body.

### Know what to look for

Many times oral, head and neck cancer doesn't have symptoms that you can detect. Cancerous and precancerous lesions do not always hurt. So be aware of persistent sores in your mouth that don't appear to be healing after four to eight weeks — especially if you have a history of tobacco use. Other symptoms of head and neck cancer can include difficulty or painful swallowing; new onset

numbness of the face, tongue, lip, or chin; change in voice quality; and neck swelling.

### Early detection is key

If you receive routine dental care, your providers can keep an eye out for precancerous lesions. These lesions can be tested and, if found to be precancerous, can be treated or removed so they never turn into cancer. At Kaiser Permanente, our dentists and hygienists are trained to do a comprehensive head and neck exam, looking for any swelling, lesions, masses, ulcerations, or abnormal coloring that could be cancerous or pre-cancerous.

Remember, for most cancers — including oral, head and neck — early detection and prevention can be the key to good health. Vogel's story is an important reminder that we all need to be vigilant.

"I don't fit the profile for oral cancer. That was the last thing I would have thought was going on," said Vogel, noting that the lesion was difficult for her to see and not painful. "The dental exam was obviously the first step in getting me on the road to diagnosis and recovery."

The author Kelly Dezura, DMD, is an oral and maxillofacial surgeon at the Kaiser Permanente Sunset Dental Office in Hillsboro.

# Managing your medications

Many take drugs that have opposite effects and neutralize each other

When it comes to managing medications, it is paramount that you understand every drug you use, whether prescribed, over the counter, or "natural."

Negative drug interactions are the most common causes of hospital admission. A good example is taking an antidepressant together with alcohol, which neutralizes the ben-

## David Lipschitz



### LIFELONG HEALTH

efits of the medication.

Another good example is the use of a beta blocker. This lowers the blood pressure, slows and prevents an irregular heart rate, and reduces the risk of a heart attack. Many patients requiring treatment for heart disease often have coexisting lung disease, including chronic obstructive lung disease and asthma. Here, treatment uses drugs having the exact opposite effect of a beta blocker. When used together, they neutralize each other.

With age, taking multiple medications is more and more common. Understanding your own medications can be difficult enough, but for the caregiver of a dependent loved one, the whole process can be particularly difficult.

This is especially true for patients with Alzheimer's disease or other memory conditions, because so many medications can impair memory. A study just published in the Journal of the American Medical Association showed that dementia is far more likely in patients taking anticholinergic drugs, including the antihistamine Benadryl (diphenhydramine), Elavil (amitriptyline), antispasmodics to treat abdominal pain and medications used to treat overactive blad-

der. Earlier research has shown that these drugs often accelerate the rate of memory loss in patients with Alzheimer's disease and other causes of dementia. Anticholinergic medications work by lowering acetylcholine levels in many parts of the body, including the brain.

Acetylcholine helps send neurological signals from one nerve cell to another. It mediates many important functions in the body, including retention of memory. One of the cardinal features of Alzheimer's disease is an impaired ability to retain short-term memory caused by a depletion of acetylcholine levels in the brain. Today, the drugs used to treat Alzheimer's disease attempt to raise concentrations of acetylcholine in brain cells by inhibiting the enzyme responsible for its breakdown. By increasing acetylcholine concentrations in the brain, we hope to improve memory and slow the progression of the disease.

Acetylcholine also plays a role in stimulating the bladder to contract (leading to urination) and regulates normal and integrated movement of the gastrointestinal tract (leading to the orderly movement of food). Acetylcholine is responsible for releasing saliva at the beginning of a meal, which explains why your mouth waters when you think of food.

Hyperactivity and dysfunctional contraction of the bowel and the bladder, such as "irritable bowel syndrome" or incontinence, are treated with anticholinergics — drugs that suppress acetylcholine levels. This causes the bowel to relax, relieving abdominal pain, and

together with diet can help control the very uncomfortable symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome. In the case of the bladder, anticholinergics cause the bladder to relax, expand more and contract more slowly.

Simply put, for patients with memory loss, treatment will aim to boost acetylcholine levels. For patients with hyperactive bowel or bladder problems, treatment aims to suppress acetylcholine levels. If you have both conditions, the situation is not good.

In some cases, you may be forced to choose one issue over another. For example, it may be more important to treat urinary incontinence or other medical conditions benefiting from the use of anticholinergic drugs despite the negative impact on memory. Luckily, in the case of urinary incontinence there are newer, more expensive medications that do not cross into the brain. These include Vesicare, Enblex and Toviaz.

When it comes to managing medications, it is vitally important that you understand the function of every drug you take.

For older adults, you should always avoid medications that can impair memory or contribute to memory loss. In the fight against negative drug interactions, a good pharmacist is your best asset.

Find a good pharmacist, develop a relationship with him or her, and stick with the same pharmacy. This way, you and your pharmacist will be a strong team in identifying and avoiding any possible side effects.

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MovieTime

By JASON VONDERSMITH  
The Tribune

The big screen

Last week, April 1, 3  
"Woman in Gold"; "The Hunting Ground"

This week, April 10  
"The Longest Ride" (20th Century Fox), PG-13, 139 minutes

About — An elderly man shares his life of love with a young couple on the brink of splitting. Stars — Scott Eastwood, Britt Robertson, Melissa Benoist, Alan Alda. Director — George Tillman Jr.

"While We're Young" (A24 Films), R, 97 minutes

About — A young couple enters the middle-age life of a married couple. Stars — Ben Stiller, Naomi Watts, Amanda Seyfried. Director — Noah Baumbach.

Next week, April 17  
"Monkey Kingdom"; "Child 44"; "Salt of the Earth"; "Ex Machina"

Home rentals

The latest top 10 digital movie purchases based on transaction rate, by Rentrak:

1. "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay — Part 1"
2. "Night at the Museum: Secret of the Tomb"
3. "Big Hero 6"
4. "The Hobbit: Battle of the Five Armies"
5. "Horrible Bosses 2"
6. "Whiplash"
7. "Birdman"
8. "Foxcatcher"
9. "Divergent"
10. "Fury"

Other favorites recently: "Exodus: Gods and Kings"; "Tinker Bell and the Legend of the Neverbeast"; "Gone Girl"

Doc spotlight

"For the Record"  
The documentary film by Marc Greenberg just enjoyed a world premiere at the SXSW Festival, and it'll be screening at Whitsell Auditorium at Portland Art Museum, 1219 S.W. Park Ave., at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 9 (\$9, \$8 students/seniors, \$6 children, nwfilm.org). It's about the profession of being a court reporter, which goes virtually unnoticed in the drama of a court room. The film tracks several stenographers as they strive to break the Guinness World Record and seize the title of World's Fastest Court Reporter.

Upcoming events

■ The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry will screen the colorful documentary "Secret Ocean" for free on Thursday, April 9, and it'll be followed by an exclusive question-answer session with the film's director, explorer Jean-Michel Cousteau, son of the famed late oceanographer Jacques Cousteau. He'll talk about his own experiences as an explorer and director, as brought to the big screen in "Secret Ocean," now appearing at OMSI's Empirical Theater. The screening happens at 9:45 a.m. Thursday, followed by the Q&A via Skype with Cousteau on the Empirical Theater's four-story-tall screen.

■ The Northwest Film Center will host "An Evening with Community-Based Storytellers," 7 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Whitsell Auditorium (\$9, \$8 students/seniors, \$6 children, nwfilm.org). Each of the storytellers will share stories of their interactive projects and documentaries, which indicate how journalists and media makers redefine storytelling to engage with communities. The filmmakers participating: Elaine McMillion, "Hollow," which examines the future of rural America through the eyes and voices of McDowell County, W. Va., residents; Michael Premo, "Sandy Storylines," Hurricane Sandy recovery; Laura Lo Forti, "NPMTTC Vanport Multimedia Project," honoring the stories of the Vanport Flood survivors; Jigar Mehta, "18 Days in Egypt," an interactive website documenting a year of revolution in Egypt. The storytelling discussion is part of the University of Oregon School of Journalism and Communication's "What is Journalism? Conference," April 9 to 11.

Prints Charming courts Rose Fest princesses

By CLIFF NEWELL  
Pamplin Media Group

Brian Geraths cannot stop walking, talking or smiling when he explores his new photography studio for Prints Charming on Boones Ferry Road.

"It's so new," Geraths says. Geraths got his new studio ready just in time for the array of beauty queens from the Portland Rose Festival. This is an assignment that only Geraths has been trusted with since 2000, and it has been a showpiece of Geraths' operation. It's no slam dunk either, because the festival board makes a new decision every year on who they want as their photographer.

"It was a divine orchestration," says Geraths of his gig as Rose Festival princesses photographer. His career has been marked by many divine orchestrations. Like surviving the Great Recession and meeting his wife, Cathy, a wonderful girl from New Zealand. Evidently, somebody up there likes Brian Geraths.

Now a master portrait photographer in demand all over the world, Geraths began his career with the dictum: no portrait photography.

"I really wanted to get into movies," Geraths says.

He even moved from his native Pendleton to Hollywood. But his Hollywood dreams evaporated when he saw a unimp beating up a prostitute



Brian Geraths is the king when it comes to shooting photos of Portland Rose Festival princesses, as he does here with Elli Simotas. He has held the prestigious job since 2000.

on a street corner. Suddenly, he knew he was really an Oregon homeboy.

Geraths still had no intention of being a portrait photographer, but then he came under the tutelage of Louis M.

Verbaere. "I was so blown away by his work," Geraths says. "I had no idea how complex portrait photography was."

Of course, Geraths went on to become a portrait photogra-

pher, starting his business in 1996, and he became an outstanding one who was in great demand. There were countless headshots, events, weddings, beauty queens, families, and high school seniors, of which

he says, "They were my bread and butter for years."

He also went all over the world, shooting real-life royalty such as Queen Noor of Jordan and NBA royalty like Earvin "Magic" Johnson.

EcoFilm: Four-day fest to show 14 movies

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have picked a better group of people to be involved with" in the early days of Greenpeace. Of the late Hunter, he says: "Amazing man. That's what drew me into this original involvement. He had a magnetic personality. He was a very honorable man. Everybody respected him. This was a man I could certainly trust in dangerous situations we found ourselves in, because he was personally going through it."

In a way, the work of Precious and his production people was just as important as the work of Greenpeace itself. "You capture that kind of brutality ... usually it's out of sight, out of mind, but when you bring cameras and capture it, you're hoping to then share that with the world. That's our purpose as filmmakers," he says.

While Hunter has died, Watson lives in France, because



the Canadian government won't let him back into the country, Precious says. He stays in contact with Watson, who he hopes can be connect-

ed to the EcoFilm Festival through Skype.

The 14-film lineup for the festival:

Thursday — "How to Change

the World," 7 p.m. (followed by opening night party at Velo Cult).

Friday — "The Epic of Everest," 7 p.m., a restored 1924 si-

lent film by Capt. John Noel about the tragic third-ever attempt to scale Mount Everest; "Le Semeur/The Sower," 9:15 p.m., a portrait of artist and seed producer Patrice Fortier.

Saturday — Nature in Stop-Motion Animation workshop, 10 a.m.; "All the Time in the World," 1:30 p.m., a family roughs it in the Yukon; "Just Eat It: A Food Waste Story," 4 p.m., food lovers living on discarded food; "The Breach," 6:30 p.m., a journey of wild salmon; "Monsoon," 9 p.m., a documentary exploration of a monsoon.

Sunday — EcoShorts, 1:30 p.m., short films; "Crying Earth" (about Lakota tribe and water) and "Chuitna Coal: More Than Salmon on the Line" (about safeguarding Alaskan salmon), 4:30 p.m., environmental films by Portland filmmakers; festival award winners, 7 p.m.

For complete info: portland-ecofilmfest.org or hollywood-theatre.org.

In the mid-1970s, Greenpeace members battled whale and seal hunters, and its images of brutal killings started to create environmental change, documented in the film "How to Change the World." COURTESY OF ECOFILM FESTIVAL

Dancers: NYC-bound

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young, most of them have not had the opportunity to travel, and they are all excited to get a taste of the "real world of ballet and be exposed to the very best in the industry. I am confident that they will embrace the opportunity and enjoy getting to dance among the very best dancers in the world," Ricles says.

Lichtenwalter, 13, estimates that she and other girls each spend 35 hours a week training in ballet, contemporary, jazz and tap at the studio.

"I love the choreography and performing and being on-stage," she says. Partridge, 12, says all the work is worth it. "I love the performances, and I love it when I am sore. It's a good feeling to know I've worked really hard and know I'm probably getting better each day."

As she looks forward to go-

ing to New York City, Partridge says she is "excited to be able to perform for all these incredible people I have heard of so many times before."

Ruby Staczek, 13, who lives in Eastmoreland, says the prestige of performing in New York excites her — "performing in the gala among other amazing performers, who might be an amazing person I have read about."

Francine Staczek, Ruby's mother, says that all the dance training is a "huge expense and huge time commitment," especially since her other daughter, Fiona, age 15, also is a dancer with the Classical Ballet Academy.

Dance takes up "almost every night and almost every

weekend, but it is so beneficial for them. They get discipline, and they love their teachers. I am so happy they have found something they love, and I would never take that away from them," she says.

Although Portland audiences can no longer see any performances of "Gongfu," which she choreographed, Ricles notes that each spring the Classical Ballet Academy performs a full-length "story ballet."

This year "we're performing 'Swan Lake' at Portland State University's Lincoln Hall on May 16 and 17. The eight young ladies who are in 'Gongfu' dance various parts in 'Swan Lake,'" Ricles adds.

For info: pdx.edu/boxoffice.

Kelly: Relatives far, wide

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they'll get any care (or anything else) from them, so maybe it's a wash.

Meanwhile, I don't feel all that alone. I've got my astronaut cousins Scott and Mark Kelly making big names for themselves (and, by extension, me).

I've got super-cool and super-rich hip-hop relatives Chris and R. Kelly, from whom I get much-needed and valued street cred, if not financial assistance.

When a conversation is lagging, I can always pull out capti-

vating yarns about my famous aunts and uncles, such as Emmett the clown, Gene the dancer, Walt the cartoonist and even Grace the actress-slash-princess.

After all, we're all Kellys, and I'm not ashamed to point that out. I'm also full of blarney, but that's a cross I'll just have to bear.

Former managing editor of several community newspapers, Kelly is chief of the central design desk for Community Newspapers and the Portland Tribune, and he contributes a regular column.

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JUST ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW

## Truth is, all Kellys are full of blarney

I confess to being curious about what would happen if I walked into a pub in Ireland and announced my name is Mike Kelly.

Would somebody buy me a drink, or would they shout, in unison, "So???" — you know, kind of like the rousing yell from the crowd at Cheers that always greeted Norm, only in this case with an edge of irritation. I've never been to the Emerald Isle, but the other person who lives at our house insists I would fit right in because, as she so aptly puts it, "you are completely full of blarney."

Guilty, perhaps, but that doesn't really help much in my quest to figure out if I belong to one of the largest families in the history of the world or if I'm just one of many, many, many denominational accidents that have occurred over time.

When someone is taking down vital information from me, and I tell them my last name, they almost always ask, "Is that with an E-Y?" — in spite of the fact that the Kellys with just one E far outnumber the E-Y ones.

And, when I'm asked my first name — and I hastily inject the oddball spelling dreamed up by my mom — I'm often told, "Now that's an unusual way to spell Michael." I invariably resist the temptation to say, "Yep, that was my idea. Of course, I could not yet talk on the day I was born, so when my mother admitted she was leaning toward calling her first-born Michael, I grabbed a pencil and scribbled this note: 'How about M-I-K-E-L?'"

There were two other Mikes in my first-grade class, and they both had all kinds of extra, superfluous letters in their names, while mine was exactly the way it sounded.

I'm pretty sure this whole spelling of names business took some dramatic turns at Ellis Island and other official international checkpoints when short-tempered bureaucrats decided long, complicated names (think Eastern Europe, Russia or anywhere else names tend to run more than six letters).

Later, Americans would change names for other reasons (Natalia Nikolaevna Zakharenko would become Natalie Wood, for example), but you know good and well that all sorts of monikers were abbreviated at the turnstile for plenty of suitcase-toting Polish and Czechoslovakian refugees.

But enough about other people. Let's talk about my name some more.

I've confessed in the past to being a sucker for the genealogy programs on TV that explore the backgrounds of various famous people — and one thing that we often learn from digging into one's ancestry is how muddled things get as we go back in time. We find blurring of lines, mixing of races and even some hitherto unknown DNA connections way, way back — usually on account of how there was hanky-panky going on then, just like now.

Based on that not-at-all-wasted time in front of my television, I'm ready to conclude that I'm pretty sure I'm related to all the other Kellys out there.

First of all, there are my brothers: Robert, Patrick and Casey, scattered from Junction City to Chicago — and all proudly bearing the Kelly name. Unlike me, they have all reproduced (some with more than one mate), and created Kelly descendants who live all over this land.

I, on the other hand, have failed in this regard. The other person who lives at our house and I at first were waiting to reach maturity. Then, as we neared the end of our 30s (with biological clocks loudly ticking), decided oh, what the heck — let's not do that after all.

We eventually may regret that choice, of course, because there will be nobody to care for us when we reach our golden years — which I estimate to be only a matter of hours away. However, we've noticed that none of our friends who do have progeny are all that confident

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# Portland!Life

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EcoFilm Festival features footage by group's cinematographer Ron Precious

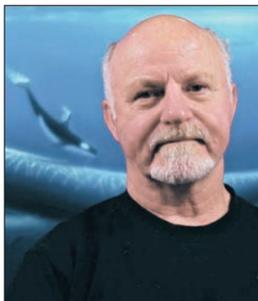
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Ron Precious enjoyed a long career in the movie business in Vancouver, British Columbia, but early work as an adult gave him the greatest satisfaction.

He served as cinematographer for Greenpeace, going on early expeditions in the mid-1970s as the organization earned its reputation as the stalwart in the world's environmental movement while combating the hunting of whales and seals. His video footage from 1975 to 1985 are part of the basis for "How to Change the World," the opening-night movie in the third annual Portland EcoFilm Festival, which celebrates environmental and nature films, April 9 through 12 at the Hollywood Theatre. He'll be in attendance for the screening at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Precious, 68, and now retired and living in Vancouver, looks back fondly at his time with Greenpeace and founder Bob Hunter and activist Paul Watson.

"I made a pretty good living



The footage of Greenpeace cinematographer Ron Precious and crew is part of the Portland EcoFilm Festival's "How to Change the World."

as a cinematographer, but nothing compares to the time I had for about 10 years," he says. "You got the adrenaline going, the fear factor — there were a couple situations where I was arrested and threatened with death. It's almost like being a war correspondent. It wasn't a war zone, but in some ways it was.

"For me, seeing the images (in the movie), I go right back as if it was yesterday, completely living in the moment."

Jerry Rothwell's film examines the burgeoning Greenpeace movement, including internal conflicts. It's a walk down memory lane for Pre-

vious, who hasn't seen the entire film, only parts of it. It's narrated by actor Barry Pepper. The film shows the historical footage (shot by a Precious assistant) of a harpoon from a Russian ship sailing over the heads of Hunter and colleague George Kortova off the coast of California, and the moment when Hunter and Watson stood in front of a Canadian seal hunt ship off the north coast of Newfoundland.

"I consider it the highlight of my life," Precious says, of being with Greenpeace, and later with Watson in the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society. "I'm so grateful that Jerry has made this film. It gives all of us a chance to really think about, yeah, we really did do something."

"At the time, when we captured that incredible moment of the harpoon and when Bob and Paul stood in front of the seal ship coming at them — these moments are iconic, but at the time we were thinking if we're the next people that'll be going into the water. If we survive this, we have some incredible footage."

Precious, given the nickname "rinpoche," or "precious one" in Tibetan, by Hunter, says he "couldn't

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The third annual EcoFilm Festival, April 9 through 12 at the Hollywood Theatre, explores environmental and nature issues in such films as: (from top) "Chuitna Coal: More Than Salmon on the Line"; "All the Time in the World"; "Le Semeur/The Sower"; and "Monsoon."

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## Dancers head to 'Olympics of ballet'

Eight local girls will perform 'Gongfu' in New York contest

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Eight young Portland-area women have qualified to participate and compete in the Youth America Grand Prix Finals, April 10 through 15 at the Lincoln Center in New York City.

Calling the event the "Olympics of ballet," Sarah Rigles, the director of the Classical Ballet Academy on Southeast Milwaukie Avenue in Portland (classicalballet.net), where all the girls train, adds, "This is the kind of opportunity every dance teacher wants for their students. Their success is a nice reminder that sometimes hard work pays off."

All eight girls performed a ballet called "Gongfu" in early February at the Youth America Grand Prix Las Vegas. There they earned high honors, which qualified them to take the dance to New York City.

In addition to competing on the Lincoln Center stage, the



Classical Ballet Academy members posing in formation are (from left) Ruby Staczek, Devin Lyon, Megan McEntee, Calla Lichtenwalter, Natalie Cheechov, Etta Partridge, Sophie Marcus and Annabel Kaplan.

eight girls will participate in workshops with renowned master teachers and the judges of the competition.

The dancers who will attend the Youth America Grand Prix Finals in New York City are: Natalie

Cheechov, Winterhaven School, Portland; Annabel Kaplan, Winterhaven School, Portland; Calla Lichtenwalter, Clackamas; Devin Lyon, Northwest Academy, Portland; Etta Partridge, Oregon City; Sophie Marcus, Northwest

Academy, Portland; Megan McEntee, West Linn; and Ruby Staczek, Clackamas.

Rigles said she is proud of all eight, and it has been a joy to see them grow up. "They have all trained at our school since they were

very young, most since they were 3. All of these dancers spend, on average, 20 hours a week at the ballet school. They are usually at Classical Ballet Academy six to seven days a week.

"After all the hard work, when I perform onstage is when I step into the role."

They are dedicated and talented," she says. "The Lincoln Center event is "where all of the major international and national companies come to scout and offer training scholarships as well as jobs. Everyone who is a future ballet star, as well as a current ballet star, is there," Rigles says.

"For these eight young ladies, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Many of our dancers have received scholarships through YAGP, and that is the real goal of participating. These girls are talented, young and ready to work hard," she says.

Because the girls are so

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