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MAYOR PLANS MEETINGS ABOUT HOMELESS ISSUE

Mayor Ted Wheeler has scheduled several "Conversations on Homelessness" in February and March to outline how Portland is addressing the problem and to hear residents' ideas.

A news release says the mayor will "listen to your priorities for bettering our continued efforts and future budget decisions tied to the issue."

A meeting scheduled from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 will be in the Beaumont Middle School cafeteria, 4043 N.E. Fremont St. A meeting from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on March 3 is scheduled at the University of Portland, Bauccio Commons, 5000 N. Willamette Blvd.

Other meetings are planned 9 a.m. to noon on Feb. 1 at PCC Southeast Community Hall, 2305 S.E. 82nd Ave., and 9



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a.m. to noon on March 7 at the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 S.W. Capitol Highway.

Registration is requested at www.portlandoregon.gov. Those unable to attend a meeting may add comments to the link.

KEEP NEIGHBORHOODS IN TALKS, SAYS MAYOR

Mayor Ted Wheeler said the city's code affecting neighborhoods and other community groups needs evolution and added, "I believe we should work with the neighborhood associations to make them more inclusive, not abolish them."



WHEELER

Public testimony has broadened the discussion on how the city should expand civic engagement, Wheeler said Jan. 9 after 11 people testified to City Council about proposals to change City Code 3.96.

Commissioner Chloe Eudaly has proposed changes to the code to expand services to a wide range of cultural, language, disability and other organizations.

Some of her initial wording omitted references to neighborhood associations, and she made disparaging remarks about the groups and neighborhood volunteers when her proposals became known last year.

However, she apologized for initially omitting references to neighborhoods

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and said her intentions have been misunderstood. She has no intention of defunding neighborhood associations, she said. If she really wanted to get rid of them, she added, she would "derecognize" about half of them, which she said weren't following certain regulations.

Testimony in January and an earlier hearing in November said the Office of Civic Engagement, overseen by Eudaly, didn't discuss assistance for expanding services to more groups. Nevertheless, many who testified said they supported the idea of expanding services.

Commissioner Amanda Fritz said she would offer amendments to current proposals.

Commissioner Jo Ann Hardesty said she was concerned about time lines in the proposals. She also suggested reaching out to more people beyond an intergovernmental group that Eudaly proposes to work on code changes in 2020. The date for another council discussion wasn't available at press time.

"Everybody Reads 2020," has selected Tommy Orange's debut novel, "There There." It follows 12 Native people in urban America. Each character contends with issues of identity, memory and belonging.

Many library branches have scheduled discussions about the book in the Pageturners program. In addition, a series of cultural, film and musical events, suitable for all ages, has been planned in February and March. Free copies of the book are at branch libraries, while supplies last. Events are listed at www.multcolib.org.

The author will speak at 7:30 p.m. March 5 in the Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, 1037 S.W. Broadway. Tickets are available from www.literary-arts.org.

AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL CELEBRATES 30TH YEAR

The Cascade Festival of African Films is celebrating its 30th anniversary in a free, five-week event running through Feb. 29 with feature films, documentaries and short films from more than 20 countries.

The showings are Wednesdays through Saturdays at the Moriarty Auditorium

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on PCC's Cascade Campus, 715 N. Killingsworth St., or The Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd. The list of screenings and director appearances is at www.africanfilmfestival.org.

While only 400 filmgoers attended the screenings 30 years ago, the audience has now swelled to more than 5,000 each year.

"We are a city hungry for perspectives and experiences that broaden our understanding of the wider world and bring into focus our place in it," said PCC President Mark Mitsui.

The festival will conclude at The Hollywood Theatre with attendance by Sephora Woldu, director of an Eritrean/American production, "Life Is Fare." The film will begin at 7 p.m. on Feb. 29. It explores the struggles and joys of being part of an immigrant community in the United States.

THREE GROUPS PLAN DANCE, ACROBATICS SHOW

An aerialist dance company, a contemporary dance company and a circus company are combining their work for a show of dance, acrobatics and aerial. They call the performance "Junction: Fertile Ground Festival."

The artistic groups are A-WOL Dance Collective, the aerialist dance group; push/FOLD and Tempos Contemporary Circus, an ensemble combining dance, music, acrobatics and physical theater.

Performances suitable for all ages are scheduled at 8 p.m. on Feb. 1 and 2 p.m. on Feb. 2 at 513 N.E. Schuyler St. Information is available at www.awoldance.org.

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An aerialist dance company, a contemporary dance company and a circus company are combining their work for a show of dance, acrobatics and aerial feats called "Junction Fertile Ground Festival" on Feb. 1 and 2. (FotoVox)

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The Multnomah County Library has checked out a record-breaking three million digital books. The county library is one of 73 systems around the world that surpassed a million checkouts through Rakuten OverDrive, the leading digital reading platform.

The accomplishment illustrates the continued growth and importance of the library's lending of ebooks and audiobooks, along with the creative ways the library has served its community with digital services.

"Multnomah County Library is a top-circulating library in the country for digital content, and in the past five years, e-book checkouts have grown by 210 percent," said Kady Ferris, the

electronic content librarian.

The library has provided readers round-the-clock access to ebooks and audiobooks for several years. In 2019, the highest-circulating title across both formats was "Becoming" by Michelle Obama. Romance is the most popular genre in a catalog that also includes mystery, fantasy and young adult.

Other top e-book titles borrowed from the digital collection include "Educated" by Tara Westover; "Americanah" by Chimamanda Ngoze Adichie; "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens and "Crazy Rich Asians" by Kevin Kwan.

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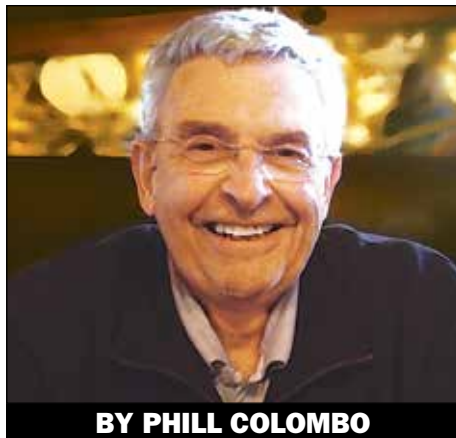
In two separate, well-attended, mid-January sessions, city commissioners listened to individuals, neighborhoods and interested groups explain how best to increase resident densities in parts of the city currently zoned for single-family homes. In both oral and written opinions, neighborhood groups cautioned against moving in a direction that would destroy traditional residential character and livability.

United Neighborhoods for Reform, a coalition of neighbors formed to oppose excess residential demolitions, characterized the residential infill proposal as a “one size fits all” plan. The group suggested a better plan would “require infill housing to be designed to be compatible with nearby housing, in size, height and setbacks.”

The Rose City Park Neighborhood Association, after receiving more than 200 responses to an online survey and meeting with its land use and transportation committee, said most respondents opposed the infill plan, taking the proposal to task because it “did not promote affordable housing for moderate or low-income residents.”

The association “strongly recommended” that council urge conversion of existing homes rather than demolition, preserve neighborhoods by helping residents remodel homes to create more units, implement higher densities within walking distance of frequent transit corridors that promote the use of transit, and enhance the vibrancy of higher intensity urban areas as identified in the 2035 comprehensive plan.

Residential Infill Project Manager Morgan Tracy said council did not set a



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specific date for a vote.

“We have a work session January 29 to discuss initial amendments,” said Tracy. “We’ll have another work session in February to discuss amendments that council may introduce.”

Tracy added that a hearing on the amendments likely to move forward would be followed by a vote on the complete residential infill package.

GROWTH PREDICTIONS SPUR TRIMET PLAN FOR SERVICE AND FACILITY EXPANSION

Already operating thousands of bus and train trips, carrying 300,000 passengers each weekday, TriMet is planning to expand service and facilities to meet a predicted increase in transit use.

One expansion facet is a new bus garage in Cully at 4421 N.E. Columbia Blvd. Buses are already being stored at the location and plans are in place to accommodate the return of higher-capacity, articulated vehicles as well as buses that run on electricity.

“In the near term, we need space for about 150 buses, operators, mechanics



Rose City Park Neighborhood Association President Tamara DeRidder, bottom left, reviews online responses of more than 200 neighbors. Most respondents were opposed to a residential infill project under city council consideration. (Phill Colombo)

and support staff,” said Roberta Altstadt, TriMet spokesperson. “Ultimately, 300 buses will begin and end their trips at the new facility.”

TriMet will employ about 330 bus drivers at the Cully garage, plus up to 100 maintenance, cleaning, training, management and other support positions, Altstadt added.

The bus barn is in its design phase, with construction slated to begin in 2021. Full service is expected to begin in late 2022.

“As a national leader in the use of disadvantaged business enterprises, TriMet is once again maximizing contract work with firms owned by women and people of color,” said Altstadt. “As of summer 2019, about 18-percent of the Northeast Portland garage design work had been performed by disadvantaged businesses.”

Expansion plans are also in the works for MAX light rail’s Red Line, currently serving stations between Beaverton and Portland Airport.

“The line will be extended to Hillsboro, providing more people with a direct trip to the airport,” said Altstadt.

The line’s routing through Gateway Transit Center will also be improved with an additional track and boarding area just to the south of the Gateway facility. The rail project is also in the design phase and is expected to begin expansion and construction sometime in 2021.

For more information, visit www.trimet.org/redlineimprovements.

CITY OFFERS ‘FREE’ GRAVEL STREET RECONDITIONING

Portland’s Bureau of Transportation now offers service for gravel streets.

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Work was begun in the winter of 2018 in Southeast Portland. This winter, the bureau will cover the rest of Southeast, North and Northeast Portland and will complete the three-year cycle in late 2020.

After streets are reconditioned, the city expects property owners to undertake ongoing street maintenance fronting their properties.

For more information, visit www.portlandoregon.gov/transportation.

APPLICATIONS, PERMITS, UPDATES

In **Arbor Lodge**, Greenwich Portland Lofts of Clackamas has plans under review to build two new, three-story, 14-unit apartment buildings with basements at 6814 N. Greenwich Ave. A 1100-square-foot manufactured home has occupied the property since 2004.

In **Beaumont-Wilshire**, Antonio and Judith Stringer have been issued a permit to deconstruct a 2130-square-foot, single-family residence and detached garage built in 1924 at 4537 N.E. 35th Place. Plans to build a new two-story, single-family residence are being reviewed.

In **Boise**, Lois Nathan is seeking assistance with applications to construct three new attached, three-story townhouses at 3773, 3781 and 3789 N. Vancouver Ave. A 1900-square-foot single-family residence with a detached garage has been on the property since 1906.

In **Concordia**, Bar Drawer has requested assistance with plans to renovate, seismically upgrade and convert a 9600-square-foot single-story warehouse built in 1929 at 3825 N.E. Killingsworth St. to a two-story, five-unit apartment building with a shared courtyard.

At 5045 N.E. 24th Ave., West Coast Development Group of West Linn has been issued a permit to construct a new three-story duplex with one garage. A deconstruction permit for a 1650-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1910 was issued in October.

In **Hollywood**, Caudaloso has asked for early assistance with an application at 1675 N.E. 41st Ave. to build a new community building with 16 independent residences. Mutual support, shared services, personal autonomy, security and ease of maintenance would be provided by offering spaces for gathering, fitness, therapy, creation and enjoyment of art, meal prep, family-style dining and an on-site space for creative work, including an art therapy studio, music therapy studio and display/gallery spaces. A permit to deconstruct the 1600-square-foot mixed-use building on the property since 1922 was secured in December.

In **Humboldt**, ABN Development of Northeast Portland has been issued a permit to build a new five-story, 55-unit apartment building at 4750 N. Albina Ave. Last summer, ABN was issued a permit to demolish a 3500-square-foot warehouse at 4734 N. Albina built in 1955.

In **Irvington**, David DeBlasio and Sheri Anderson have sought early assistance at



TriMet planners are working on bus and light rail facility and service improvements including an additional track and boarding area north of Gateway Transit Center for MAX riders to and from Portland Airport. (TriMet)



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The former Tonic Restaurant in Kerns is no more. In January, the city issued a demolition permit for the structure, built in 1929, to make way for a new five-story, assisted living facility with 65 off-street parking spaces. (Phill Colombo)

1737 N.E. Broadway with an application to deconstruct an existing 1800-square-foot structure built in 1900 and construct a new three-story, 18-unit apartment building with no off-street parking.

In **Kenton**, the City of Portland is reviewing plans submitted by Montana Kenton Holdings to construct two new, three-story apartment buildings with basements at 7750 (16 units) and 7760 (14 units) N. Montana Ave. Early last year, the 1100-square-foot, single-family residence at 1269 N. Farragut St. was deconstructed. It was built in 1916. At 8505 N. Drummond Ave., Scot Harger has secured a permit to build a new two-story, single-family house with a single-vehicle garage on a vacant lot.

At 7530 N. Interstate Ave., North Portland Apartments of Clackamas has plans under review for construction of a new three-story, mixed use structure with a basement, commercial space on the ground floor and 17 dwelling units on the upper floors. Plans also include 14 sleeping units on the first floor and in the basement.

In **Kerns**, the former Tonic Restaurant at 3100 N.E. Sandy Blvd. has been razed, and the City of Portland continues reviewing plans of Sandy Lot Portland of La Jolla, Calif., for a new facility with 115 memory care and assisted living units. The approximately 118,685-square-foot, five-story building will include lobby, bistro, offices, salon, and a theater for resident use on the ground floor with a 65-space parking structure. Parking access is proposed off N.E. Hassalo St. on the south side of the property.

In **King**, Town Developments of Vancouver, Wash., has been issued a permit to construct a new three-story duplex with a single-vehicle

garage for each unit at 3915 N.E. 10th Ave. An 880-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1977 is being voluntarily deconstructed.

In **Lloyd**, Kalberer Company of Southwest Portland has requested early assistance with plans to build a new structure at Seven N.E. Oregon Street just south of Rose Quarter Transit Center for what is described as a healthy mixed-income, mixed-use, transit-oriented community that would feature art and culture and affordable living while demonstrating "profound environmental design." A 9200-square-foot garage has occupied the property since 1924.

In **Montavilla**, the Susan J Witt Revocable Trust of Franklin, Mich., has been issued a permit to deconstruct a 3,400-square-foot commercial building on the property since 1920.

In **Piedmont**, Dekum Properties LLC has plans under review to build a new four-story, 39-unit apartment building at 308 N.E. Dekum St., where some units would have outdoor patios. A 2300-square-foot triplex has occupied the property since 1967.

In **Rose City Park**, VWR Development of Northwest Portland has completed framing the fourth floor of the Sandy 51 Apartments at 2351 N.E. 51st Avenue. The six-story, 85-unit apartment building is targeted for completion in November or December 2020. Unit pricing will be set in line with market value at that time.

In **Roseway**, Marya Deda has been issued a permit to build a new single-family, two-story home with a single-vehicle garage at 4204 N.E. 76th Ave. A 1300-square-foot, single-family residence has stood on the property since 1929.



The Rose City Park neighborhood's skyline is being transformed by VWR Development's Sandy 51 Apartments. The addition of 85 units of market rate housing is expected to complete toward the end of 2020. (Phill Colombo)



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LIVING IT UP AT LLOYD CENTER



BY ERICA SOMES
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ERICA'S MALL HISTORY

I'm a child of the 1980s. I grew up in the era of big hair, Guess jeans and blue mascara. Where did we wear our zipper-ankled jeans, high hair and blue eyelashes? We wore them to the mall, of course.

In 1984 I remember buying my first cassette tapes at a Kmart in Boise, Idaho. It was exciting. I even had a Kmart Blue Icee. The tapes I bought were Alabama's "Roll On" and Michael Jackson's "Thriller." Boise didn't have a mall until 1988.

LLOYD MALL HISTORY

Oregonians have always been on the leading edge. In 1960, the world's largest mall opened in Northeast Portland. Oil tycoon Ralph B. Lloyd dreamed up Lloyd Center in the 1920s. It didn't become a reality until seven years after Lloyd died. Lloyd Center was hailed as a



Orange Julius Owner Bob Slayton, right, has been part of the Lloyd Center scene since 1960 when he was 17 years old and renting out skates at the ice rink. Manager Elizabeth Navarro, left, has worked for him for 25 years. (All photos by Erica Somes).

destination, with open-air shopping, 100 stores and a famous ice rink. Louis Armstrong performed a concert there in July of 1965. There was even a billboard in New York City advertising the mall as being "only 3000 miles away."

Lloyd Center now boasts more than 200 stores and has changed ownership multiple times. It is no longer open-air, because, well, it rains a little here.

BOB SLAYTON'S MALL HISTORY

In 1960, Bob Slayton was 17 years old and a student at Franklin High. He worked at the ice rink, renting out skates and eventually became manager of the rink and a world champion barrel jumper. He is now owner of Orange Julius in the food court.

BRASS TACKS

I've focused on the historical aspects of Lloyd Center. The history is where it gets interesting. I fell in love with the mall while working on this piece. It has chess, happy-hour bridge, carmel corn, 94-year-old frozen drinks, love stories and even a barrel-jumping champion.

ORANGE JULIUS

In 1926, there was a drink stand in Los Angeles owned by a man named Julius Freed. His original recipe was made with fresh oranges and people would say, "Give me an orange, Julius." The beverage became popular and was even the official drink of the New York World's Fair.

In the 1980s and 90s, I would go to

a mall every summer with my cousin Rebecca. We would get an Orange Julius and walk around. When my kids were young and the sweltering summer days would come, I would escape my hot house for the air conditioning of Lloyd Center. My kids would ride up and down the escalators and we would all have an Orange Julius to sip on.

Julius Freed no longer owns Orange Julius. Trazillionaire Warren Buffet does. The recipe hasn't changed much. You can get it with added protein now and they have more flavors, like pineapple, mango and strawberry-banana. The Lloyd Center franchise is still owned by barrel jumping, Lloyd Center historian Bob Slayton. So there is a direct line from trazillionaire to Orange Julius to world champion barrel jumper. And he made me the best Orange Julius the other day!

SEE'S CANDY

In 1921, Charles See and his mother Mary moved to Los Angeles to open a candy shop. They sold homemade Peanut Brittle and hand-dipped Bon Bons. At the 1939 World's Fair in San Francisco, See's introduced their candies to the world. See's became a household name and World's Fairs seemingly became a way to foretell future mall success.

In 1972, Warren Buffet bought See's Candy. That's the same trazillionaire investor who owns Orange Julius. It's like karma and fate went on a date to Lloyd Center. And you know what they did when they got there? They went Ice Skating!

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STAR ERICA ON THE BLOCK



Tally, left, and Jerry Leonard at the Lloyd Center Ice Rink.



Grant, left, and Dung at the Portland Chess Club.



Ron at Portland Bridge Club.

LLOYD CENTER ICE RINK

When I was growing up in rural Idaho everyone had their own skates. We did not drive to a mall and rent skates. We skated on ponds, outside, in nature. Sometimes we would fill our yards with water and try to make our own rink.

Lloyd Center was the first shopping center in the world to have a rink. Jerry and Tally Leonard have been skating there since the 1960s. A friend convinced Jerry, who lived in Yakima, to come down to Portland to meet Tally.

“She told me there was a woman who skated just like me,” said Jerry.

Now, 48 years later, the Irvington couple have two grown children, two grandchildren and still skate four days a week. They wear matching outfits and, if you visit the rink around noon, you’ll probably catch a glimpse of them, gliding around the rink. I saw them on two different days and they are breathtakingly beautiful.

Bob Slayton, the aforementioned owner of Orange Julius, learned to skate at Lloyd Center. He met his wife skating. He’s still married. His children and grandchildren have all worked at Orange Julius and he’s still a successful business owner. It all started at the Lloyd Center Ice Rink.

For more information, call 503-288-6073 or visit www.lloydice.com.

JOE BROWN’S CARMEL CORN

The only original business remaining in Lloyd Center since the mall opened in 1960 is Joe Brown’s Carmel Corn.

It’s in the exact same place today as it was when it opened 60 years ago. The aroma of carmel corn has attracted generations of Portlanders now and the glass window bay is still filled with glistening, golden-brown corn that magically beckons.

The latest owner is a gregarious Northeast Portland native named David Ferguson. He remembers coming to Lloyd Center to hang out as a kid and always stopping by Joe Brown’s for some corn. When the opportunity came to buy the business, he pounced. His excitement in owning the carmel corn shop is contagious. I think he must be drinking Orange Julius and eating See’s Candy and getting ready to become the next Warren Buffet.

Ferguson comes into the shop daily, chatting with customers, helping his employees, laughing and telling stories about his memories of the mall. He loves Lloyd Center and he loves his Joe Brown’s Carmel Corn Shop. He is determined to keep Joe Brown’s alive and thriving.

For more information, call 503-249-2124.

CHESS CLUB

The Portland Chess Club has been around since 1911. They are a non-profit organization devoted to all aspects of chess and recently found a new home at Lloyd Center. The club offers adult play, tournaments and activities for children. They are beginning to organize summer chess camps for children as well.

Every Friday evening, the club has an open invitation for players of all abilities to drop in for free, open play. I stopped by on a Friday evening and met a man named Dung who drove from Eugene to check out the club and another man from Portland named Grant, who stopped in for the first time. Grant just happened to be drinking an Orange Julius. No joke.

I really love that chess is a multigenerational game that requires no common language. A 90-year-old man who speaks Spanish could play chess with a 10-year-old girl who speaks Swedish.

For more info, visit www.pdxchess.org.

PORTLAND BRIDGE CLUB

Bridge is a card game. I don’t know how to play, but when I went and observed the club in action one Friday afternoon, I was impressed. These people are dedicated and serious. They might even shush you if you’re being too loud. I was shushed many times. I found it endearing and

enjoyed it immensely.

Bridge is a fascinating community of people who enjoy the game and each other. Some people have been playing for 60 years. If you’d like to learn, they have lessons. If you don’t have a partner Bridge Pro David Brower will find you one.

Here’s what I learned about bridge:

There is basically no money to be won, but cheating scandals are famous. Don’t cheat. Or don’t get caught. Or don’t cheat.

Do not play with your husband or wife or significant other. Elwin, who has been playing for decades told me, “Women have been known to kill their husbands.” I assumed he was joking, but then we got shushed.

Friday at 5:30 is Happy Hour and everyone is happy. For \$10 you can chat with a light-hearted, smiling group of folks and have drinks and nibbles. Then play bridge for 3 hours and 20 minutes.

Every time you play is \$10. You can play almost every day if you want, but check the online schedule.

As I was leaving Bridge Club, a seasoned bridge player told me I had to come back and visit again.

“If you don’t come back, I won’t tell you about the whipped cream and hot tub cheating scandal,” he said.

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Savor the sweets, but check your bracket

By Janet Goetze
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It's February, with thoughts of hearts, flowers, chocolates and taxes. While enjoying the flowers and savoring the sweets, tax experts advise, check your tax bracket and how much has been withheld from your earnings.

Some taxpayers, especially those whose pay is automatically sent to the bank, may want to increase the amount withheld to cover taxes next year. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that affected withholding last year may still affect people who didn't fill out a new W-4 form for 2019 taxes, said April Gutierrez, managing director for Pacific Northwest Tax Service.

The act was designed to generate bigger paychecks through the year, but not to provide tax refunds if taxpayers didn't seek larger withholding, Gutierrez said.

This year, the Internal Revenue Service has new W-4 forms that taxpayers should be sure to fill out, she said.

The IRS also has new tax brackets for the 2019 and 2020 tax years. Brackets increase from year to year to account for inflation and to reduce "bracket creep," which may happen with inflation, according to AARP. Taxable income isn't the same as total income, however. Deductions lower the figure used for assessing taxes.

This year's tax season has some happy news because of changes in law. The standard deduction for married couples filing jointly rises to \$24,400, an increase of \$400 from the previous year, according to the IRS.

The Alternative Minimum Tax exemption amount rises to \$71,700 for 2019 and begins to phase out at \$510,300



April Gutierrez, managing director at Pacific Northwest Tax Service in Sullivan's Gulch, says the tax act that affected withholding last year may still affect people who didn't fill out a new W-4 form for 2019. (Pacific Northwest Tax Service)

(\$111,700 for married couples filing jointly with exemption, phasing out at \$1.020 million).

Other changes are part of a "tax extender" law passed by Congress at the end of 2019. Many extend tax deductions that had been eliminated for 2018 by the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Those who wish to take advantage of them for two years must amend their 2018 tax returns then use them for 2019, Gutierrez said.

Some of the extenders involve electric vehicles, mortgage insurance and medical expenses. And, in case you maintain railroad track, you are eligible for a 50 percent credit from qualified maintenance expenditures.

If you have an electric vehicle, under certain circumstances you may be eligible

to deduct a car charger installed in the garage. Regulations also cover "new qualified fuel cell motor vehicles" that offer a credit of between \$4,000 and \$40,000, depending on the weight of the vehicle.

Another "extender" treats qualified mortgage insurance premiums as interest for a deduction. This phases out for taxpayers with adjusted gross income over \$100,000 or \$50,000 if married and filing separately.

The floor for medical expense deductions has dropped from 10 percent to 7.5 percent of itemized expenses not covered by insurance or another means.

In 2020, employees can make larger contributions to their 401(k) or similar savings plans. The contributions may increase from \$19,000 to \$19,500. Workers age 50 and older have a catch-up limit

rising from \$6,000 to \$6,500 for a total limit of \$26,000.

Several tax preparation professionals have offices in North and Northeast Portland. In addition, the AARP Foundation Tax-Aide program offers free preparation for low- to moderate-income taxpayers, especially those 50 and older. Those using Tax-Aide should make an appointment, if required, and bring the previous year's tax returns, Social Security cards or taxpayer identification numbers and government-issued photo ID.

The **Lloyd Center Tax-Aide** site, 2027 Lloyd Center, has hours daily except Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday through Wednesday and 1 to 7 p.m. Thursday. Tax aides take walk-ins only but advise coming early because space is limited. Help is available in Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Mandarin and Vietnamese.

Other North and Northeast Tax-Aide sites include **Concordia University at Faubion School**, Northeast 29th Avenue and Rosa Parks Way, 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Fridays; **Multicultural Senior Center**, 5325 N.E. MLK Blvd., 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday; **North Portland library**, 512 N. Killingsworth St., 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. Thursday; **Dishman Community Center**, 77 N.E. Knott St., 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday; **Peace Lutheran Church**, 2201 N. Rosa Parks Way, 1 to 5 p.m. Tuesday; **Hollywood Senior Center**, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave., 1 to 4 p.m. Monday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; **New Columbia Opportunity Center**, 4610 N. Trenton St., 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday; and **Salvation Army Rose Center**, 211 N.E. 18th Ave., 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday.

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'Attention Everyone!' will fly this month

By Erica Somes

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A-WOL Dance Collective is a non-profit organization based at 513 N.E. Schuyler St. in the Eliot neighborhood. Their acronym and mission is to promote "aerial without limits" through performances and classes that "defy expectation, ignite inspiration and foster creativity."

The collective began in 2003, with four dancers who would practice in church basements. The organization has evolved into a multi-faceted group of professional aerial dancers; pre-professional dancers known as "FlyCo;" junior aerialists known as "Aeros;" and more than 120 youths and teens, enrolled in classes.

This spring, A-WOL will perform a show called "Attention Everyone!"

"The show casts the dancers as strong and powerful symbols of raw beauty," said Sarah Burk, a Northeast Portland neighbor and seasoned dancer.

"The aerialists are harnessed throughout the show, signifying the control and restraints of life that they are continually trying to break free from," said Burk.

"Whether they are flying from a wooden



Sarah Burk has participated in every A-WOL Art in the Dark performance, except for one when she was six months pregnant. (Kevin Hlas)

beam to a steel form, or from a silk rig to a steel cage, the constant is that the dancers are so powerfully beautiful and strong."

The warehouse was purposefully incorporated into the dances, effectively

becoming an additional dancer.

"We wanted to work with our space. We are so grateful for it," said Burk. "The physicality of this show is challenging. In one piece, the dancers must maintain eye

contact the entire time."

That doesn't sound hard, but try staring at someone for just one minute. It's hard. Now, try dancing.

If you can't make it to the spring show, the pride and joy of A-WOL is their annual outdoor "Art In The Dark" event that takes place every summer at Mary S. Young Park in West Linn.

More than 2500 people attend the show annually. It begins at dusk. The illuminated aerial performance is rigged from the trees and accompanied by live musicians. Burk has participated in every Art in the Dark.

"Except for one when I was six months pregnant," she said. "It's my favorite show that I do for A-WOL. I can't imagine not doing it. I wait for it all year."

If the dancers are that psyched about performing, you know it's going to be amazing. I can personally say that it is a magical, mesmerizing and fantastical experience for performers and audience.

Tickets are on sale now for "Attention Everyone!" performances in February and March. For more information, call 503-351-5182 or visit www.awoldance.org.



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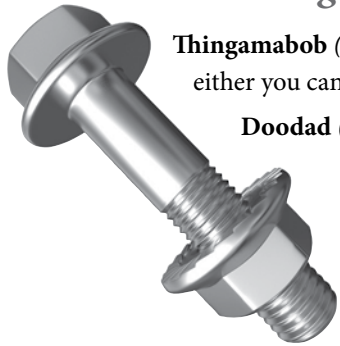
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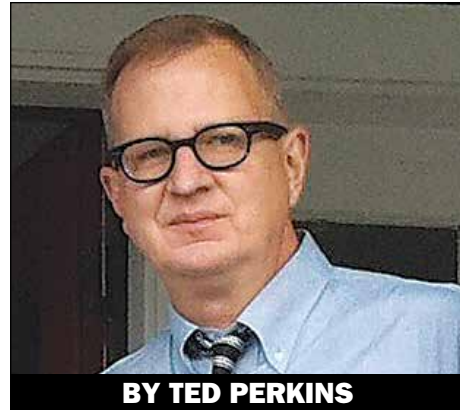


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SISTERS GOURMET DELI OPEN FOR BUSINESS IN BOISE

In October, Michaela McVetty and her husband Nick Roberge opened Sisters Gourmet Deli on the ground floor of the Mason Williams building at 4120 N. Williams Ave. in the Boise neighborhood. Completed in 2013, the space had previously been home to a series of restaurants owned by Sally Krantz, including Saffron Colonial. McVetty and Roberge took over the lease from Krantz and have no association with any of the previous businesses.

"We've been serving peace, love and sandwiches for three months now," said McVetty. "I've always felt like a restaurant was the best business to own. You get to cook all day and see the joy on people's faces while they eat the best sandwich they've ever had."

McVetty started cooking when she was 15 and opened her first sandwich shop nine years ago.

"I've done different restaurant concepts, but my heart always belonged to a colorful, happy, sandwich shop," said McVetty. "Something about the simplicity of fresh baked bread and quality ingredients screams nostalgia and bliss to me. I opened my first business when I was 20 and worked insane hours to pay the bills. I still love what I do and love trying new things. Sisters was born four years ago, with the support of many women cheering me on, painting walls, running deliveries and making sandwiches. In addition to our daily breakfast and lunch menu, we host events ranging from concerts to comedy shows. We're also

partnering with chefs at local food trucks for occasional kitchen takeovers."

McVetty and Roberge also own and operate two delis in the state of Maine.

"Our new deli in Portland is truly a community space," said McVetty. "My husband and I did most of the work. When we took over the space, we completely gutted it. We had to open as quickly as possible because we needed income. It was 20 days from the day we got the keys to the day we opened. The renovations have not stopped. I just ordered new chairs and a new coffee station. We're always rearranging furniture, hunting for new glasses and doing everything we can to make each sandwich-loving experience better."

"I fell in love with the space without knowing a ton about the neighborhood," said McVetty. "Between all the new construction and empty buildings, walk-in business has been rough. We're still getting word out that we're here and we're awesome. I am so grateful to the neighbors who support us. I want to give a huge shout out to the girls at Tiger Tiger Salon and my friends at Crisp who do everything they can to help us. There are so many incredible places here on Williams, like Memoz, Vintage Workshop and Blithe and Bonney. Anyone visiting the area should definitely go see Elliot the Tortoise at Reclamation."

For more information, call 503-708-5591 or visit www.sgdpx.com.

SPUD MONKEY'S WILL SWING SOON IN HOLLYWOOD

This month, Melissa Adams, her son Jason Harper and his wife Chrisanta Harper will open Spud Monkey's Bar and Grill in the former Columbia River Brewing space at 1728 N.E. 40th Ave. in the Hollywood district. The family currently operates two Spud Monkey's, one in Gresham and one near 172nd and Halsey.

"We are a bar that has a focus on great food," said Jason Harper. "We just do it right. Our customers can come in for an ice-cold beer or an amazing cocktail and grab some of the best food a bar and grill can offer. We have burgers, salads, sandwiches, a great happy-hour menu and more. We will have some live music

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Michaela McVetty has opened Sisters Gourmet Deli on the ground floor of the Mason Williams building in the Boise neighborhood. (Jane Perkins)

★ STAR BUSINESS BUZZ



Celebrity Chef Guy Fieri visited Chin's Kitchen in the Hollywood district to film for his Food Network show "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives." After the shoot, he returned with his cousin and friends for dinner. (Chin's Kitchen)

periodically, as well as fundraisers and special events. We love to get involved with our community."

The Spud Monkey's Hollywood team will include Manager Steven Julian and Bar Manager Millie Randol. The existing Spud Monkey's feature swings hanging from the ceiling, and the family plan to include that signature seating with their Hollywood outlet.

"We will keep the darts from the previous business," said Jason Harper. "We'll have a jukebox and we plan to bring in a shuffleboard table. Our staff takes the time to get to know our patrons, so they all become part of the Spud Monkey family. We'll do improvements to the space as we go. You will see some minor changes, maybe a few more TVs. We plan on adding the lottery, so that will be new."

Melissa Adams started the Spud Monkey's company in Gresham more than ten years ago. Her son moved from Texas to run the business two years ago and his wife serves as media manager.

"We are new to the area," said Jason Harper. "My family is from the little town of Idaho Falls. There are more people living in Hollywood then there are where I grew up. We are really excited because all the companies and people we have met have been so nice. Everybody wants to see everyone succeed and we can't wait to become part of the Hollywood community."

The Hollywood Boosters plan to hold their monthly Happy Hour at the newly opened Spud Monkey's on February 20 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

"We pride ourselves on our overall product, our drinks, our food and, most importantly, our service," said Jason Harper. "We are excited to be able to expand into the Hollywood district and can't wait to take this next step with our business and the community."

For more information, call 503-253-1433 or visit www.spudmonkeys.com.

CHIN'S KITCHEN GETS HOLLYWOOD CLOSE-UP

In early January, Celebrity Chef Guy Fieri visited Chin's Kitchen in the Hollywood district to film for his Food

Network show "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives." The program will air in about two months, according to Chin's Kitchen owner Wendy Li.

After filming for two and a half days, Fieri returned for a fourth night to dine with his cousin and friends.

"Guy's team told us to make eight dishes and Guy then chose two special dishes for the show," said Li. "He chose the seafood dumplings and the pork and beef noodle soup. He is really a super nice guy. He is very humorous, funny, approachable and charming. He called me 'Chef Wendy' and I am very proud of that. He made me feel that being a chef is a proud and glorious profession. He spent 30 minutes teaching me how to make a special tomato sauce for spaghetti."

Sisters Wendy and Cindy Li bought the iconic Chinese cafe at 4126 N.E. Broadway in 2017 and have completed a thorough renovation of both the space and the menu – with an emphasis on fresh, authentic, handmade dishes from the sisters' native northeastern China. One of the oldest continually operating restaurants in Hollywood, Chin's Kitchen opened in 1949 and has been serving the neighborhood under a handful of owners for 70 years. The original owners retired in 1982.

For more information, call 503-281-1203 or visit www.chinskitchenportland.com.

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★ STAR BUSINESS BUZZ



Andrew Frazier of Frazier Wealth Management has moved his business to the former Albina Bank location in Beaumont Village. (Jane Perkins)

FRAZIER MOVES SIX BLOCKS WEST IN BEAUMONT

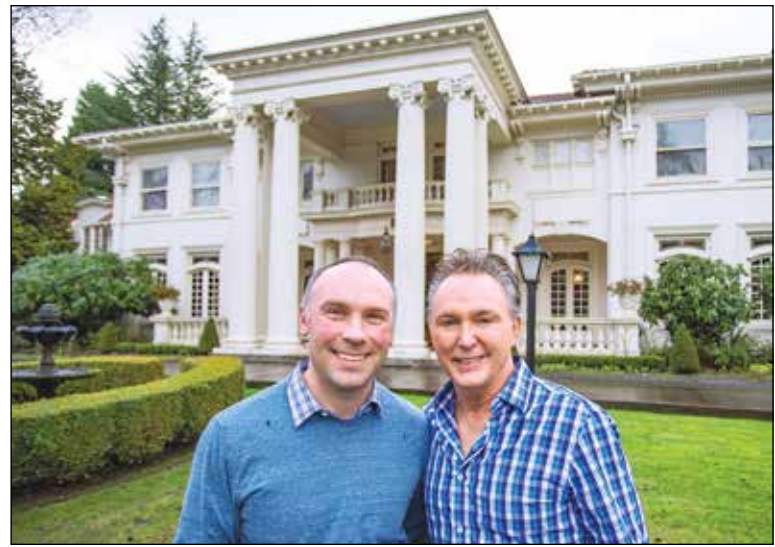
At the beginning of the year, Beaumont Business Association President Andrew Frazier of Frazier Wealth Management moved his business from 4605 N.E. Fremont St. in the Fremont Commons building to the former Albina Bank location at 4020 N.E. Fremont St. in Beaumont Village. Also making the move with Frazier is Wealth Advisor Greg Kimura.

“As much as we loved our previous location, this move was a no-brainer,” said Frazier. “Our new location comes with a long term deal, big windows on the street, a ton of sunlight and parking in the back. Our brand should get more exposure with the street side location. The build out was done over two months. The property manager’s contractor did most of the work and I followed up with some cosmetic improvements.”

Frazier was born and raised in Northeast Portland and grew up in Laurelhurst. He has been president of the business association for three years and coaches soccer at Grant High School in his spare time.

“I spent almost 15 years downtown working in the financial industry,” said Frazier. “The greatest decision I made was to move my business to the Beaumont corridor. I wish I had done it sooner. Getting to know the businesses on the street is one reason my experience has been so great and why signing a longer term lease was such an easy decision. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with everyone to make improvements and host events. I’m a big believer in giving back to the district. I love the walkability of Beaumont and I love running into people I know everyday.”

For more information, call 503-719-5366 or visit www.frazierwm.com.



Frank Groff and David Krause purchased the White House bed and breakfast in the Irvington neighborhood in 2017. The AAA federation of motor clubs recently recognized the property with its coveted Four Diamond Award. (Samer Saah)

IRVINGTON’S WHITE HOUSE LANDS TOP HONOR FROM AAA

The AAA federation of motor clubs has recognized Portland’s White House, a bed and breakfast at 1914 N.E. 22nd Ave. in the Irvington neighborhood, with its coveted Four Diamond Award.

Only six percent of the 27,000 lodgings AAA inspects each year reach that status. Frank Groff and partner David Krause purchased the Greek revival mansion in December of 2017 for \$1.9 million and have invested another \$1 million in its renovation. It was originally built in 1911 for timber baron Robert Lytle and now offers nine suites, several common areas and an 85-seat ballroom, available for wedding receptions, corporate affairs and celebrations.

“David and I hired top-notch talent and used only quality materials to revitalize the property,” said Groff. “We are particularly thrilled that this historic B&B is a point of pride for our neighbors and now has been recognized by AAA with this distinction.”

“AAA Four Diamond hotels are truly the best of the best,” said Marie Dodds, public affairs director for AAA. “There are many rating systems out there, but the AAA Diamond Ratings are the only one to use professional inspectors who visit each property. Our inspectors look at everything from cleanliness and ambiance to amenities and hospitality. Every property must meet and uphold our rigorous standards.”

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ROLOFF CONSTRUCTION RELOCATES TO FREMONT

Last April, Mike and Nathalie Roloff moved the offices of Roloff Construction to 4300 N.E. Fremont St. in Beaumont Village.

“We live in the neighborhood and wanted to be closer to home and closer to the majority of our clients,” said Nathalie Roloff. “We have always enjoyed frequenting the businesses here and are happy to be a part of the mix. We have been in business for 20 years and opened in December of 1999.”

The Roloff team includes Wesley Callaway, production manager, Josh Hilton, architect, Ali Foster, field superintendent and Kerby, office dog.

“We are a design build firm, which means we handle both design and construction,” said Nathalie Roloff. “Our in-house architect coordinates directly with our construction crew. We have a wonderful crew. We help make all the decisions for our projects, from laying out the space in the most effective way to helping select every finish. We do a lot of up front work planning and scheduling, so our projects run very smoothly. Mike is highly mechanical and building is in his blood. Construction has been a great way for me to use my technical skills while exploring my creative side.”

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Mike and Nathalie Roloff, left, moved the offices of Roloff Construction to 4300 N.E. Fremont St. in Beaumont Village last April. (Jane Perkins)

★ STAR NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

SONGS, STORIES PLANNED

Feb. 13. 9-11 p.m. Fellow Pynins and Hanna Haas present an acoustic evening of storytelling and song. \$10-\$12. www.albertastreetpub.com. Alberta Street Pub, 1036 N.E. Alberta St.

THE SIRENS TO SING

March 1. 3 p.m. The Sirens, a Portland women's vocal quartet, presents "You Gotta Have Heart," a concert of pop, Broadway and jazz tunes. The quartet, formed in 2013, each year chooses a non-profit to benefit. This year's organization is The Community Transitional School, which seeks to provide a stable educational environment for students in K-8 grades who live with homeless and transient families in Multnomah County. Free-will offering. 503-459-3090. Handicap accessible. Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 N.E. Alameda.

SEE A PLAY

HUMOR IN 'SORDID LIVES'

Feb. 2, 6, 7, 8, 9. Thursday to Saturday 8 p.m. Sunday 3 p.m. "Sordid Lives" puts a comedic twist on a story of unconditional love, acceptance and coming out in a colorful, small-town Texas family. The clan has converged for the family matriarch's funeral, a good Christian woman who died after tripping over her lover's wooden legs in a seedy motel room. The menagerie of family members must come to grips with the calamity in the midst of feuds, resentments, remorse and reconciliations. Tickets \$20-\$24. www.TwilightTheaterCompany.org. BoxOffice@TwilightTheaterCompany.org. Twilight Theater Company, 7515 N. Brandon Ave.

FOR SENIORS

GRANDPARENTS GAIN AID

Feb. 3. 10-11 a.m. Continues first Mondays of the month. Grandparents and other relatives, raising children they may not have expected at this time in their lives, meet to share ways to deal with the stresses and joys of the life changes. Find proper ways to deal with the changes for the emotional and physical health of the adults and children. Free. 503-288-8303. Bridge Meadows library room, 8502 N. Wayland Ave.

BALANCE WITH TAI CHI

Feb. 3 and 5. 10-11 a.m. "Tai Chi: Moving for Better Balance" is a program developed by Oregon Research Institute researchers. The eight forms derived from yang-style tai chi progress from easy to difficult and the program reduces chances of falls. Free but \$1 donation appreciated. Information: 503-288-8303. Bridge Meadows, 8502 N. Wayland Ave.

FUN WITH ZUMBA GOLD

Feb. 3. 9-10 a.m. and continues Mondays. Feb. 7 at 3:30-4:30 p.m. continues Fridays. With Zumba Gold, dance to the beat of Latin-inspired and world music while making both low and high intensity moves. All fitness levels welcome. Free. 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

MOVE WITH GENTLE YOGA

Feb. 3. 10-11 a.m. Continues Mondays. Gentle yoga includes movement off and on the mat. Students must be comfortable getting on the floor. Bring a yoga mat. Beginners welcome. Free but donations welcome. 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

ENJOY LUNCH

Feb. 4 and 6. 11:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Continues Tuesdays and Thursdays. Meals on Wheels People lunch. \$3 for seniors over 60. \$7.89 for those under 60. 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

LEARN PINOCHELE

Feb. 6. 10:15-11:15 a.m. Continues Thursdays. Learn and play beginning pinocchle or refresh your game. \$1 donation suggested. 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

REMEMBERING AT CAFÉ

Feb. 6. 4:30-6 p.m. Continues first Thursday of the month. Those with Alzheimers and other types of dementia, along with their care givers, are invited to the "Memory Café" for socializing, singing along with the Hollywood Ukulele Group and enjoying Thai food. Sponsored by Emerson House. Information and RSVP (206) 324-8670 or franzs2008@yahoo.com or caitlinh@emerson-house.com. Authentic Thai, 3829 S.E. Division St.

HEAR ABOUT EYE HEALTH

Feb. 7. 1-2 p.m. Dr. David Sanders from Providence Portland Medical Center presents "Shining a Light on Eye Health and Wellness." Free eye glass cleaner kits offered to those who attend. Free. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

EXPLORE NUTRITION

Feb. 10. 9:30-11 a.m. Continues second Mondays. A nutrition, health and wellness support group offers support for exploring all things food and nutrition in food-related struggles and successes. Free. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

PILATES INTRODUCED

Feb. 11. 9-10 a.m. An introductory class in Pilates offers exercises to suit all abilities for building strength, flexibility, coordination and balance. Taught by Solara Jean, who has taught Pilates for more than 20 years. Free. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

LEARN E-DEVICES

Feb. 11 and 25. 9:45 - 11:45 a.m. Computer tutor John Lucas offers 45-minute sessions for one-on-one guidance to understand an electronic device. Bring the electronic device and charging cord. Appointments required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

CAREGIVERS GAIN AID

Feb. 11-March 17. 1-3 p.m. A six-week "Savvy Caregiver" program, developed by Emory University researchers, helps decrease caregiver stress and increase confidence of those caring for a family member or friend living with dementia. Learn skills to manage daily life, communicate more effectively, what to do when routine tasks become challenging, strengthen family and community resources and feel better about care giving. Free. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

HELP WITH DEMENTIA

Feb. 12. 1-3:30 p.m. Continues second Wednesdays. Feb. 23 at 2-3:30 p.m. Continues fourth Sundays. Alzheimer's caregivers support groups offer care givers and family members opportunities to share ideas for coping and caring. Drop-ins welcome. Free. 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

CELEBRATE LOVE

Feb. 14. 1-3 p.m. A Valentine's Day party, "Love Is Love," includes karaoke, live music and friendship in a partnership between the Hollywood Senior Center and SAGE, which offers advocacy and services for LGBT elders and allies. \$2 donation suggested. 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

MEET LOCAL ARTIST

Feb. 18. 8:30 a.m. Riders Club meets before traveling to see art and join in conversation with artist "Isaka Shamsud-Din: Rock of Ages." He came to Portland from Texas as a third-grader and has been honored for his work as an artist and social justice leader. Free. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Meet in lobby at Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

'A WILL IS NOT ENOUGH'

Feb. 18. 1-2:30 p.m. "A Will is Not Enough in Oregon" is a workshop covering how to safeguard assets and health care wishes. Attorney Richard Schneider presents information about a living trust, guardianship, conservatorship, power of attorney and how to avoid probate. Free. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

HEAR ABOUT B.B. KING

Feb. 19. 1-2 p.m. Gordon Neal Herman presents "B.B. King: Master Blues

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SHOW TIME FOR DOGS AT EXPO CENTER IN KENTON

For five days in January, almost all of the 330,000-square-feet at Portland Expo Center in the Kenton neighborhood was filled with dogs, dog accoutrements, dog owners, dog vendors and dog spectators.

The center has hosted the Rose City Classic Dog Show since 1948, making it the longest running event hosted at the center. As the largest dog show in the Northwest, it draws thousands of participants from all over the nation. This year, 173 breeds were judged. Competitions included agility, obedience, rally, good citizen and temperament.

Courtney Lewis has been showing Ryker, her Spinone Italiano, for about six years.

When asked why she enjoys dog shows, she replied "Because we are just plain crazy."



Oregon Humane Society Volunteer Susan Arnold and her border collie Bunnie wait their turn during the agility competition at the Rose City Classic Dog Show in January. (Lisa Lakes)

Judging by the sea of grooming tables, blow dryers, brushes, sprays and kennels, it appears to be a lot of work.

A family event, the show also encourages youth to participate. There is

an art contest for children in grades 1-12. Artwork is displayed during the event and prizes are awarded. The real joy, however, is to see the junior handlers, dressed in their best, proudly showing off their dogs. Working with animals is a great way for children to learn responsibility and compassion.

Agility drew the biggest crowds. Susan Arnold, an Oregon Humane Society volunteer, says that she adopted her Border Collie, Bunnie, with the intent of practicing agility.

"The dogs just love it," Arnold said.

Watching from the sidelines I can report that two-legged creatures love it as well.

A course was set up with the usual obstacles (teeter-totter, bridge, tunnels and hurdles) plus a "pause" station, which challenged the dogs to wait for a full five-second count before dashing on. Owners and dogs work as a team. The handler must give the correct cues so that their dog runs the course as required, taking obstacles in the proper order and from the designated approach.

There is some controversy surrounding the purebred dog world. Shelter advocates are struggling to check pet overpopulation and support puppy mill laws.

Many breeders now label themselves as "breed conservators." Perhaps the choice to own a dog is not a simple purebred vs. shelter dog dilemma.

Judging by the turnout at this year's event, there appears to be enough dog enthusiasts to keep responsible breeders and shelters busy for years to come.



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★ STAR NEIGHBORHOOD CALENDAR

Guitarist Riley "B.B." King with his guitar, Lucille, came from rural Mississippi to become a world-famous musician. Free but donations welcome. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

LEARN ABOUT 'VILLAGE'

Feb. 20. 12:30-2 p.m. Learn about activities and services offered by Northeast Village PDX to support seniors as they age in their own homes. New members and volunteers are welcome. Free. 503-895-2750. Hollywood library, 4040 N.E. Thompson St.

TAKE ADVENTURE TRIPS

Feb. 21. 1-2:30 p.m. Storyteller Paul Iarrabino, founder of Bold Voices, and Zoe Morrison, offer "Adventure Travel for Older Adults," especially for those with champagne tastes and beer budgets. Free. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 25. 11:30 a.m. Celebrate February birthdays with lunch and cake. Lunch is free for celebrants. Those over 60 pay what they can and under 60 are asked to pay \$7.39. 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

SIGNS OF DEMENTIA

Feb. 25. 1-2 p.m. The Alzheimer's Association presents "Ten Warning Signs of Alzheimer's and Dementia" which cause memory, thinking and behavior changes that interfere with daily living. Learn about common warning signs and tips for approaching someone who is experiencing changes in memory, the benefits of early detection and diagnosis and more. Free. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

SEE FILM OF 'HARRIET'

Feb. 28. 1 p.m. View "Harriet," a film about Harriet Tubman, her escape from slavery and her liberation of other slaves through the Underground Railway. \$1 donation suggested. Movie with subtitles 1 p.m. March 6. Seating limited to 35. 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

INGENERAL

LEARN GENDER IDENTITY

Feb. 6. 9-11 a.m. Learn gender identity essentials for health care with Jaiden Love, a trained counselor and transgender man. Interactive training includes using appropriate pronouns and names, ensuring that the health care team delivers affirming care with empathy and understanding. Free. Cascadia Garlington Health Center, 3036 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

FOCUS ON WELLNESS

Feb. 6. 5:45-8 p.m. Sheila Hamilton, an Emmy Award winning journalist, joins faculty, students and wellness experts in a "Being Well" speaker series: "Let's Talk About what We Don't Talk About." The series, from Concordia University's College of Health and Human Sciences, focuses on all aspects of health and wellness. Free. Concordia's George R. White Library, 2811 N.E. Holman St.

CULLY FLEA MARKET

Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Old school flea market every Saturday. Coffee, live music and lots of interesting vendors selling lots of interesting things. Email metalwoods salvage@gmail.com if you'd like a space to sell your treasures. Metalwood Salvage, 4311 N.E. Prescott St.

PLAN FOR WILSHIRE

Feb. 12. 6 p.m. Friends of Wilshire Park meet to continue planning for playground improvements. Facebook.com/FriendsofWilshirePark. friends@friendsofwilshirepark.org. Bethany Lutheran Church, 4330 N.E. 37th Ave.

HEARING LOSS OUTLINED

Feb. 20. 11 a.m. to 12 noon. Evonne Serpa, Au.D., doctor of audiology at Hearing Resources Audiology Center, speaks about hearing loss, hearing treatment and what to expect in seeing an audiologist for the first time. Free. Open to the public. www.necommunitycenter.org. 503-284-3377. Northeast Community Center, 1630 N.E. 38th Ave.

BLACK HISTORY TRIBUTE

Feb. 20. 12:30-5:30 p.m. "Power to Heal: A Celebration of Black History Month" pays tribute to African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society. A partnership with Multnomah County, Kaiser Permanente and Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare. Cascadia Garlington Health Center, 3036 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

HEAR PANTHER LEGACY

Feb. 23. 1-3 p.m. "Power to the People: The Black Panther Party's Legacy in Albina" is an oral history presentation and community conversation arranged by Vanport Mosaic. It is led by Kent Ford, a founding member of the party's Portland chapter of the 1960s black empowerment organization. Free. 503-988-5123. www.multcolib.org. North Portland library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.



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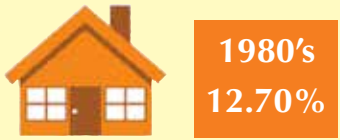
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