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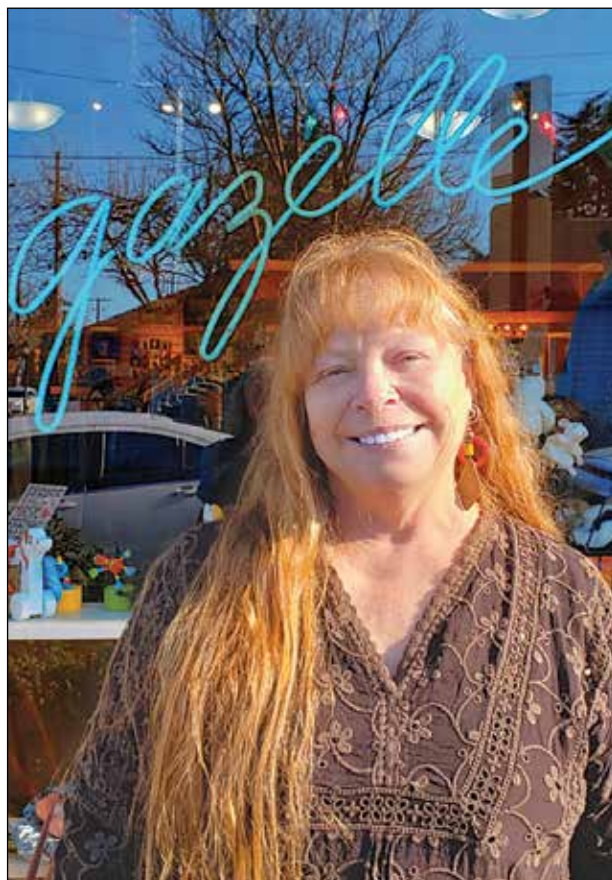
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A VALENTINE TO OUR READERS

With a new year underway, a new administration in Washington, new leadership in city hall and new vaccines being released, we at the Star are feeling new hope for a Spring that will revitalize our neighborhoods and rejuvenate our city.

There is much to do. For all of us. Our city has been challenged – its strength sapped and its beauty marred.

At the Star, we continue to advocate for vibrant and inclusive neighborhoods that promote a strong and sustainable economy, through locally-owned, small business that remain the spine of our community and the invincible heartbeat of our city.

We have been buoyed by the support, encouragement –and occasional checks – we get from readers like Roseway neighbors Alicia Gross and Elysia Lindfield, who believe in our mission and share our commitment. Thank you!

It is time for all of us to roll up our sleeves and engage in the hard work and challenging dialogue needed to rebuild our community. We look forward to working with all of our neighbors and believe that, together, we will succeed. If you have suggestions on how the Star can help going forward, please email editorial@star-news.info.

Longtime Roseway neighbor Jackie Colombo passes away

Longtime Roseway neighbor and St. Rose parishioner Jackie Colombo passed away on January 12. She was the wife of Star Reporter Phill Colombo. Born at Emanuel Hospital to Don and Mary Shepherd, Jacqueline Dee lived most of her life in Northeast Portland's Kerns and Roseway neighborhoods. Jackie attended Beverly Cleary and Harvey Scott elementary schools, Madison High School, the John Cameron Swayze School of Broadcasting in San Francisco and Portland Community College.

Jackie worked at several radio stations in Lincoln City, Elk City, Oklahoma and Ohio. It was at her final broadcasting job that she met Phill Colombo. He worked AM, and she worked FM. Jackie returned to Portland in 1969 and taught dancing at Arthur Murray Studios. After a brief phone and USPS courtship, Jackie married Phill in Jamaica, New York, on August 23, 1969. The couple took up residence on Long Island.

Jackie's first parental experience came when she and Phill were hired to take care of 12 pre-adolescent and teenaged boys at St. Mary of the Angels Home in Syosset, New York – a job they held for three years. Jackie became a natural mother when son Tony was born in 1972. She and Phill moved to Portland when it became known that a second child was on the way. Daughter Nikki was born in 1974 in Portland.

Jackie worked as a bank teller at the Foster Branch and then at the downtown office of Wells Fargo when it was known as First Interstate Bank. Several receptionist



JACKIE COLOMBO

and bookkeeping positions followed, before she retired in 2007. Jackie was very active at St. Rose of Lima Church, serving on the pastoral council, as a liturgical reader and as an extraordinary minister of communion. She trained altar servers for many years and presided over the St. Rose St. Vincent de Paul conference. Jackie was instrumental in setting up a St. Vincent de Paul satellite food pantry at the Hollywood East apartments. She met monthly with a group of ten couples whose children went to St. Rose School together. They referred to themselves as The Other Nine

Jackie is survived by husband Phill, son Tony, daughter-in-law Shannon, daughter Nikki, grandchildren Haven and Walter, sister Dominique and brother-in-law David Skill of Plano, Texas and nephews and nieces Maryann, Beth, Brent and Andrea. A funeral mass was offered at St. Rose Church followed by committal at Rose City Cemetery. ★

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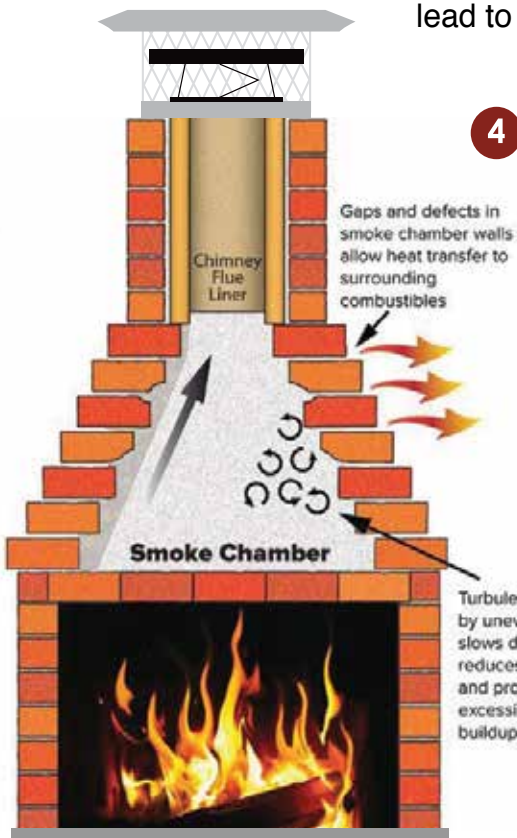
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NORTHEAST NEIGHBORS RESPOND WARMLY TO CAMPERS IN NEED

Portlanders really care about people who have trouble meeting their basic needs, said Jenn Louis, who describes herself as a "conduit" of care for people who need warm clothing, clean socks, tooth brushes and warm meals.

Several months ago, her boyfriend was culling sweaters from his closet. Louis decided to take them to a homeless camp she had seen not far from her home in Sullivan's Gulch. Walking in, it looked a little different from passing by in her car, she said. She started talking to the campers and realized they could use a hot meal.

Louis is a trained chef who owned three restaurants until a few years ago – Lincoln, Ray and Sunshine. She's been writing cookbooks since then and her latest, "The Chicken Soup Manifesto," featuring recipes from many countries, was published in September.

Now she takes about 30 hot meals to a half-dozen camps three or four days a week and distributes warm clothing, toiletries and batteries for flashlights. It's all donated, she said, even the food. In addition, she knows a gleaner who collects dated foods for social service agencies and provides Louis with items, too. A commercial bakery periodically donates bread, and Louis makes sandwiches.

A regular donor provides meats, including the hamburger that Louis transformed into an Asian dish, served with a bok choy salad. When she had potatoes and smoked sausages, she also had Mozzarella cheese, which became a dish served with roasted tomatoes and oregano.

"I'm very conscious of not having anyone rely on me every day. I'm just taking some of the stress off living outside," she said. "I believe if people's basic needs are met, they can think about what they need to do to get back on their feet."

Louis is gradually getting to know

people in the camps and finds there's no one reason why people are unhoused. Increasingly, she said, she's learning that some don't have housing because they can't get jobs in the pandemic.

While some people see the unhoused as "the other," she said that's a mistake. "They are people, just like you and me."

She has a list of donations needed on Amazon and on her website, www.jennlouis.com, or Instagram, @jennlouis.

SULLIVAN'S GULCH PAIR RECYCLES STYROFOAM

Two Sullivan's Gulch neighbors know what to do with the Styrofoam blocks left from holiday gift packaging. "Recycle it," say Meg Vogt and Dave Brook.

The two have teamed on neighborhood recycling programs in the past. This year, the city and Metro didn't sponsor a recycling event, possibly because of COVID-19 concerns, said Brook, the neighborhood association chair. However, he and Vogt decided to organize an event by themselves.

Vogt has an old blue school bus, the "Dog Bus," to transport canine clients to walking sites. She volunteered the vehicle for transporting Styrofoam to Agylix in Tigard. In just two hours on a Saturday morning in January, neighbors brought enough blocks of the packing material to fill the bus.

Vogt, with Brook squeezed between a couple of the blocks, drove the bus to Agylix, which recycles all forms of polystyrene, including Styrofoam, coffee cups, meat trays and to-go containers. The company website says it converts waste plastics into high-value oils and chemical products.

"It's exciting that we in Portland have something to do with our Styrofoam," Brook said. "I'm sure every neighborhood could do a recycling event."

ROJAS HEADS COALITION OF NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOODS

Jessica Rojas has been named interim executive director of the Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods. The former director, Adam Lyons, has joined the staff of City Commissioner Mingus Mapps, who was elected in November.

Rojas was associate director at the coalition for many years and, earlier, community outreach coordinator. She provided technical assistance, advocacy support and training for community and environmental groups in North and Northeast neighborhoods.

In a coalition newsletter, Rojas paid tribute to Lyons: "During his tenure at NECN, he stabilized our organization and expanded

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Jenn Louis, center, with two neighbors who stopped by with a car load of quality food donations for her relief efforts. 'It really does take a village,' she said. Thank you to everyone for contributing.' (Jenn Louis)

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Meg Vogt, right, who often helps with recycling programs in the Sullivan's Gulch neighborhood, sees her old bus filling with blocks of post-holiday Styrofoam brought by neighbors. She and resident Dave Brook took the Styrofoam to Agylix, a Tigard recycling company. (Dave Brook)

our scope of work to be more inclusive of low income and houseless community members. He supported us expanding our outreach in the faith sector, which has led to a new Coalition of Alternative Shelter Providers, in collaboration with the Interfaith Alliance on Poverty.”

Lyons also served on several city, county and regional panels related to budgets and community health and safety.

The coalition office has several new staff members, Rojas said. Lisa Loving is communications coordinator and Charlotte MacDonald is fiscal sponsorship coordinator. The office manager, Jona Davis, is now the coalition's representative on the Environmental Justice Committee of the local NAACP.

Issues that neighborhood organizations are working on now, she said, include air quality, affordable housing, mutual aid, neighborhood history, emergency preparedness and community safety. “Many, if not all, would welcome new participation, energy and support,” Rojas said.

FIND HAPPINESS IN PAINTED STONES

Ida Galash has been encouraging neighbors to plant milkweed to support monarch butterflies because they lay eggs only on the plant, and milkweed is what their caterpillars need to eat. The Irvington resident has become so concerned about the dwindling numbers of the butterflies on the west coast that she has started giving away milkweed seeds.

The annual holiday count of monarchs at the winter sanctuary in Pacific Grove, Calif. was fewer than 2000 in 2020, Galash said. The number was 300,000 in 2016, but fell to 30,000 in 2019. Citizens have tried to get monarchs on the endangered species list, she said, but federal officials have said others species would be listed ahead of them.

The butterfly's orange wings are laced with black lines and bordered with white dots.

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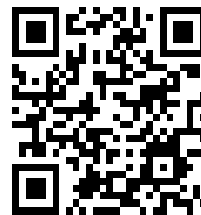
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Butterfly activist Ida Galash has been attaching seed packets to stones that she paints and places around the neighborhood for people to discover. The milkweed seeds grow plants that are needed to support a healthy monarch butterfly population. (Ida Galash)

Their seasonal migration takes monarchs from Canada and the Pacific Northwest to California and Mexico for the winter.

“Clearly, it will be up to the individual gardener, homeowner, renter, business and person with room in a flower pot to keep them from becoming just a memory on the west coast,” Galash said. She also recommends planting other native plants to attract bees and birds. Avoid herbicides and pesticides that can kill insects and affect birds, she said.

Galash has placed packets of seeds in a box on the Monarch Waystation she created on 24th Avenue near Klickitat Street. She also has been attaching seed packets to stones she has been painting. Some have snowflakes and some have monarch butterflies. She places them around the community for people to discover, she said, “as a way to spread a little happiness.”

CENSUS MAY REQUIRE NEW LEGISLATURE LINES

Education, civil rights and transportation are among issues that are important for the 2021 legislature, said state Sen. Lew Frederick, D-Portland, who is now working with colleagues on Zoom and in small groups because of the COVID pandemic.

However, redistricting – drawing new district boundaries for state legislators and federal representatives – deserves a lot of attention, Frederick said in a question-and-answer Zoom session

hosted by Westminster Presbyterian Church. His Senate District 22 covers North and Northeast Portland.

Because of growing population, Oregon may gain a sixth U.S. representative, said the senator, who sits on the committee that will oversee redistricting when U.S. Census information is released. Nevertheless, that same growth has resulted in new apartments along main streets where population was lower 10 years ago when current districts were drawn.

For example, multi-level apartments along Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and Mississippi Avenue have brought more residents to the area, which means that legislative districts may be considerably different than they are now, Frederick said.



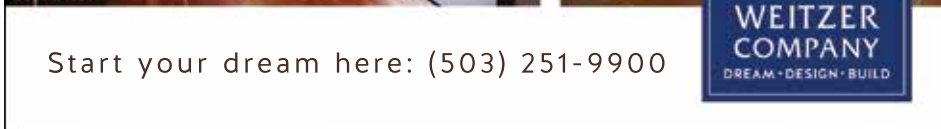
Ten years ago, when redistricting followed the release of the last U.S. Census figures, the Legislature succeeded in drawing new boundaries without a court challenge, he said.

This year, he said, “There will be people upset. There always are.” But the legislators intend to try to balance numbers and demographic data to make districts evenly balanced by population, he said.

Frederick has introduced 17 bills dealing with education, he said. One of his concerns is educating for learning rather than achieving a test score. In health care, he said, the pandemic has shown holes in the state’s safety net that need to be mended.

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STUDENTS MAY APPLY FOR ROSE FEST COURT

Young women who are juniors or seniors in high school may now apply to be one of 15 members of the 2021 Rose Festival Court, sponsored by Unitus Community Credit Union. The application deadline is Feb. 24. Students must be enrolled in 4A, 5A or 6A schools in Multnomah, Washington or Clackamas counties. Applicants also should have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and show a minimum 20 hours of community service. Details are available at www.rosefestival.org.

Announcements of court members are expected in March, followed by orientation meetings in April. The court is expected to travel to community events, hospitals, youth organizations and civic groups in May. Each member receives a \$3500 scholarship to any accredited college, provided by the Randall Group.

SEWER WORK CONTINUES ON NORTH MISSISSIPPI

The Bureau of Environmental Services will be reconstructing the public sewer system on North Mississippi Avenue into May, according to a news release. The work, between North Shaver and Fremont streets, will increase the capacity of the 100-year-old sewer, relieve backups and reduce flooding. Construction schedule may fluctuate due to weather and COVID-19 restrictions.

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work area during construction hours of 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday and some Saturdays. Equipment and materials may be stored over night on nearby streets.

PANEL TO REVIEW COUNTY CHARTER

Residents interested in a comprehensive review of the Multnomah County Home Rule Charter may apply to join the Charter Review Committee, which meets every six years. Applications must be received by March 1 at the Portland Office of Community Involvement.

The committee may recommend such things as the powers of the County Chair, the salaries of commissioners and other charter changes.

An online application form is at www.multco.tfaforms.net. A paper application may be downloaded at <https://multco.us/file/94302/download> and mailed to the Office of Community Involvement, 501 S.E. Hawthorne Blvd., Suite 192, Portland, OR, 97214.

The committee members will be selected by mid-August by state legislators representing county districts. The committee is expected to meet at least once a month or more often, if needed, between September 2021 and August 2022. Interviews aren't expected. Selection will be based on the application forms. Additional information is available through the Office of Community Involvement at 503-988-3450 or community.involvement@multco.us.

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The Laurelhurst Club building at 3721 S.E. Ankeny St., closed since early 2020 when COVID-19 restrictions were imposed, is now owned by the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association. President Jeff Martin said the association would eventually restore the building to its original 1914 use as a community center.

“When feasible, LNA plans to again make the building available for community uses, as in the early years of Laurelhurst,” he said. “Over the winter, LNA plans to refresh the interior and landscaping, rebuild the website, and get the building ready to re-open.”

Characterizing taking over operation of the club as a “big commitment for the association,” Martin pointed out the uniqueness of LNA assuming ownership for the nearly 4000-square-foot structure.

“To our knowledge, we are the only neighborhood association that has taken on such a project,” he said. “There is much to do to return Laurelhurst’s historic club building to active use as a self-supporting resource for the neighborhood, with community, non-profit, and arts and culture uses.”

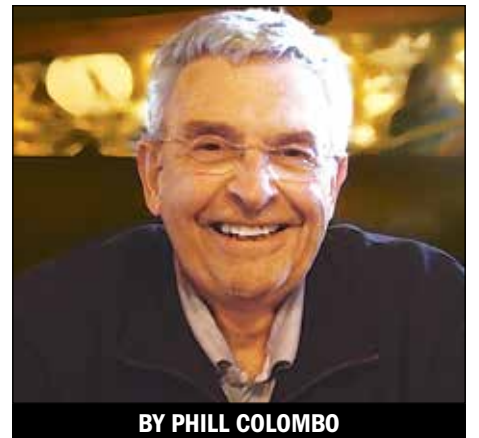
Martin expressed hope that neighbors and businesses would support the project. He said the association is looking for a manager to operate the club and generate user fees to pay bills. He said LNA is looking for “persons experienced with managing a venue and employees; who have marketing and business skills; are organized and self-directed; and can run the club as an income-generating business in partnership with LNA.”

Applicants can contact laurelhurstnewsletter@gmail.com with proposals. For more information, visit www.thelaurelhurstclub.com.

SANDY 51 APARTMENTS LEASING, MOVE-INS SLATED BY MID-FEBRUARY

A total of 86 apartments and more than 5000 square feet of ground floor commercial space has begun leasing at market rates in the six-story Sandy 51 Apartments at 2351 N.E. 51st Ave. in Rose City Park.

Commercial space will be priced between \$28 and \$30 per square foot, and studio, one-bedroom and two-bedroom apartments will lease between \$1099 and \$2499 monthly, according to Lori Franceschini, vice president of marketing for Coast Property Management.



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With move-ins scheduled to begin by mid-February, Franceschini said studio apartments will range between \$1099 and \$1499 a month, one bedrooms between \$1399 and \$1799, and two bedrooms between \$1999 and \$2499 monthly. Pricing is determined by square footage, views and floor space.

Under construction for the better part of two years, Sandy 51 was built on a site occupied by a Mexican restaurant since 1968 and a private house on the south end of the site. Franceschini noted that the ground-floor commercial space can be divided to accommodate several retailers and that there is also a live-work apartment on the street level. The building offers 19 parking spaces available to tenants.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY GOES REGIONAL

Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East and Willamette West Habitat for Humanity have merged under the new corporate title “Habitat for Humanity Portland Region.”

“As each organization has grown, it has become increasingly clear that we can have a greater impact in our region as a single organization that fully integrates our programs and staff,” said CEO Steve Messinetti. The decision to combine resources followed more than a year of conversation between boards and staff.

The year 2021 is the non-profit’s 40th anniversary working in the metro region with a long, successful track record. Since 1981, Habitat Portland/Metro East has partnered with more than 1700 people and Willamette West Habitat nearly 700 people, to purchase affordable homes and complete critical home repairs. Multnomah, East Washington and North Clackamas counties are seen by Habitat as intrinsically linked through community and workforce

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Set for occupancy by mid-February, Sandy 51 began leasing in January. The six-story, 86-unit building will have 4000 square feet of commercial space and 19 parking spaces on the ground floor. (Stratoscope)

★ STAR DEVELOPMENT NEWS



The 4000-square-foot Laurelhurst Club, built in 1914, was recently acquired by the Laurelhurst Neighborhood Association. The association is looking for an experienced property manager and plans to operate the facility as a community center. (Laurelhurst Club)



A rendering of 30 of the 100 low-priced homes Habitat for Humanity is building for families making under \$30,000. The project is in Kenton at the intersection of North Interstate Avenue and Kilpatrick Street. (William Wilson Architects)

connections, transportation planning and, unfortunately, by a worsening housing crisis that continues to push people farther away from finding safe and affordable places to call home.

“We view this as an opportunity for us to leverage each other’s combined strengths and resources, ramp up home production on the West side and in the greater Portland region, while increasing home repairs,” said Willamette West Board Vice Chair Jim Woodruff. “It is critical that we help more people realize the stabilizing impact that homeownership uniquely provides.”

In 2021, the first year together, Habitat for Humanity Portland Region plans to have more than 100 homes under construction.

“I believe this stronger organization, coupled with the support of our generous and caring community, will reach more families than we ever imagined possible,” Messinetti said. “We are ready to get to work.”

PERMITS ISSUED

In Arbor Lodge at 7110 N. Greenwich Ave., Cedar Hills Development of Northwest Portland has permission to deconstruct a 1362-square-foot, single-family residence and detached garage built in 1920. The city is reviewing plans to construct a new, three-story, 19-unit apartment building with bike storage and a recreation room.

At 7350 N. Greenwich Ave., Structure Redevelopment of Clackamas has secured permission to build a new, three-story, 16-unit apartment building on vacant property. Deconstruction was approved a year ago for a 1117-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1944.

At 6606 N. Greenwich Ave., Block One Greenwich of Northeast Portland secured a permit to deconstruct a 1074-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1948. The city is reviewing an application to construct a new, three-story, 12-unit apartment building.

In Boise at 22 N.E. Skidmore St., BTS Homes of Vancouver, Wash., has been issued a permit to build a new, three-story duplex with a single-car garage on vacant property.

In Concordia at 5210 N.E. 34th Ave., Kimco Properties of Sandy secured a permit to deconstruct a 1064-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1920. Plans are being reviewed to build two, new two-story, single-family homes with attached single-vehicle garages.

In Cully at 5827 N.E. Prescott St., the city is moving ahead with deconstruction of a 992-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1925 while it continues examining plans for constructing a new, four-story public housing project with 50

apartments and community spaces.

In Eliot at 2320 N. Vancouver Ave., DIG RH Vancouver Apartments of Northeast Portland has permission to construct a new, three-story, 18-unit apartment building. A permit was issued in December to deconstruct an 869-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1900.

In Hollywood at 2015 N.E. 47th Ave., Right Bauer secured a permit to construct a new, two-story, five-unit apartment building. Permission was granted in December to deconstruct a 1664-square-foot, single-family residence on the property since 1910.

At 1675 N.E. 41st Ave., Caudaloso has been issued a permit to construct a new, five-story, 17-unit apartment building with a common area on vacant property.

In Humboldt at 106 N. Alberta St., the city is moving ahead with deconstruction of a 627-square-foot, single-family residence that was built in 1906. The city owns a half-dozen adjoining properties on North Alberta Street and North Williams Avenue.

In Kenton at 1400 N. Kilpatrick St., Habitat for Humanity Portland Region has secured permits to construct two new, three-story, apartment buildings with 30 units on vacant property.

In King at 4090 N.E. Sixth Avenue,

Renaissance Custom Homes of Lake Oswego secured permits to construct two new, two-story, single-family homes on property where a 1782-square-foot, single-family residence and a detached garage built in 1901 once stood. The city issued permits to deconstruct those buildings last September.

In Lloyd at 827 N.E. Oregon St., ATT Lloyd District secured a permit to install temporary tents along with office containers and a generator to be used as a COVID-19 testing site.

In North Tabor at 5505 N.E. Glisan St., Provi 3 PDX of Northwest Portland has been approved to construct a new, four-story, 22-unit apartment building on vacant property.

In Overlook at 5905 N. Interstate Ave., DEZ Development of Clackamas has final approval to demolish an 840-square-foot retail structure built in 1950. A permit was also issued to build a new, three-story, mixed-use building with 19 apartment units and partial first-floor retail space at 1515 N. Simpson St.

In Rose City Park at 1435 N.E. 62nd Ave., Barley POD has been permitted to deconstruct a 1208-square-foot, single-family residence and detached garage built in 1949. Plans are under review to build a new, three-story, three-unit apartment building. ★




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★ STAR STREETWISE

RACING TO ROSEWAY

The Roseway neighborhood is full of fun. It was difficult to pick just a few shops to feature this month, as the neighborhood offers so many classic and new businesses to choose from.

JUMP JUMP MUSIC

Dan Berkman, owner of Jump Jump Music, has been buying and selling used records since 1990. A small, low-profile shop, Jump Jump is known for its deep collection and reasonable prices. With a love of American roots, blues, soul, jazz, folk and international music, Dan was surprised in the '90s, when his store became a go-to place for DJs and producers looking for samples.



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Dan agrees with the Duke Ellington quote, "There's just good music and bad music," and Dan likes both. According to Dan, Fleetwood Mac and Pink Floyd are currently in high demand. Country fans seek music by Townes Van Zandt, Willie Nelson and Waylon Jennings. For blues records, the more raw and direct singers like John Lee Hooker and Howling Wolf are often asked for. Al Green, Aretha Franklin and Sade also sell well. Miles Davis, John Coltrane, Bill Evans and most anything on the Blue Note label gets jazz buyers excited.

"Right now, I'm pricing up some great records from Africa, a beautiful Angolan singer named Ruy Mingas, early South African Kwela music – somewhere between jazz, calypso and soul – and some West African music too," Dan replied when I asked him what's selling this month.

After collecting music for 30 years, it's still a thrill for Dan to discover unknown artists.

Jump Jump is open for drop in – just knock – but it's best to call ahead for an appointment. Masks are required. Payments can be made by PayPal or cash in store, or by credit card online.

ADDRESS: 7005 N.E. Prescott St. **PHONE:** 503-284-4828. **WEB:** www.discogs.com/seller/jumpjumppmusic. **DON'T MISS:** Meet store greeters Happy Puppy and Torby Cat and browse a huge selection of unique vinyl records and concert posters.

OHANA HAWAIIAN CAFE

Going on 16 years, Ohana Hawaiian Cafe is a neighborhood staple in Roseway and Rose City Park. Owners Matt and Sandie Ho have seen young families with kids grow up to have Ohana cater their weddings and graduations. Most Ohana staff have worked at the restaurant for at least five to ten years now and know the regular's orders by heart. Ohana serves its guests quality, homemade Hawaiian goodness, while treating everyone like family, and customers feel this genuine heart for hospitality.

Ohana's ahi tuna poke is super fresh, flown in from Hawaii every week and served Friday through Sunday, or until the kitchen runs out. All desserts are made in-house from scratch. Appetizers and main plates are hearty, delicious, island-family recipes. The drinks menu has tastes of the tropics, from fruit juices to beers and wines that have been crafted in Maui. Your taste buds will feel like they've gone on vacation.

I asked Matt about their most popular entree and he said that hands-down it's the Waimea plate, a combination of Ohana's two most popular items: teriyaki chicken and kalua pork with cabbage. It comes with a scoop of rice and homemade macaroni salad. Matt suggests you wash it down with the house made lilikoi (passion fruit) iced tea, a sure way to transport yourself to the islands! Finish with the famous Okinawan haupia pie (purple sweet potato with a layer of coconut custard on top of a macadamia nut shortbread crust). Fresh banana cream and chocolate haupia pie are also favorites.

Order online to pick up, or visit during business hours and take home. In the cafe, you can view the dessert display and purchase from a variety of freshly baked items. Ohana has taken steps to allow a safe pick-up experience for masked guests, including installing Merv 13 air filters, air purifiers, contactless payment and menus by QR code and hand-sanitizing stations. If you'd rather stay home, Ohana has partnered with Postmates delivery service. The menu on the website is accurate and up to date, and the



Owner Dan Berkman at Jump Jump Music. (All photos by Barb Hughes)

cafe is open for pick up seven days a week, 11 to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 to 8 p.m. Sunday. Experience the spirit of Aloha at Ohana Hawaiian Cafe.

ADDRESS: 6320 N.E. Sandy Blvd. **PHONE:** 503-335-5800. **WEB:** www.ohanahawaiiancafe.com. **DON'T MISS:** Garlic prawns with garlic butter noodles are a takeout special. Once people try it they keep ordering it. The noodles are addicting! For dessert enjoy the Guava Chiffon Cake, the February Valentine's special.

DR. TONGUE'S I HAD THAT SHOPPE

You can find all the toys your mother threw away at Dr. Tongue's I Had That Shoppe, specializing in character-related toys and collectibles from the '50s to the '90s. From 1993 to 2005, the store became a destination for toy collectors all over the world, under the name "Dr. Tongue's 3-D House of Collectible Toys." Ten years later, in 2015, owner Mark Pedersen, a fan of Second City Television, opened a new brick and mortar location in the Roseway neighborhood and an online Etsy store. The Fremont location is a little further out (literally and figuratively) than the previous store in the Buckman neighborhood, but still has the same great vibe.

With thousands of toys and collectibles, you'll find favorite childhood cartoon characters, Star Trek, Star Wars, cereal advertising, Transformers, G.I. Joe, movie and TV items – so many goodies for your inner child to choose from! This vintage shop is geared for the adult collector or the parent wanting to introduce their kids to the toys they had when they were younger.

Spruce up your man cave or your she shed with a trip through the classic kitsch section of wacky decor - tiki cocktails anyone? If you're looking for something in particular, Mark probably has it in stock or knows where to find it. Give him a call, stop by the store or check online. Store hours are Thursday through Saturday from noon to 5 p.m. Isn't it time to put a little play back in your life?

Address: 7129 N.E. Fremont St. **Phone:** 503-893-1991. **Web:** www.drtonguetoys.com. **Don't Miss:** Vintage monster movie collectables, including a great new selection of Super7 monster figures and stickers.

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Laura Juarec and Armando Rodriguez at Ohana Hawaiian Cafe.



Owner Mark Pedersen at Dr. Tongue's I Had That Shoppe.

★ STAR STREETWISE

BEN AND ESTHER'S VEGETARIAN JEWISH DELI

Everyone is welcome at Portland's only vegetarian Jewish deli. Modeled after a traditional New York Jewish deli, you'll find classic cuisine of the vegan kind at Ben and Esther's, with the best vegan bacon and 'smoked veggie salmon' on the west coast. The menu includes a variety of goodies, including a popular "not-lox" bagel, kugel, knishes, rugelach, hamentashen and their famous matzo ball soup. Even with the traditional feel, you can enjoy creative items like the vegan "whitefish" made of brined and smoked hearts of palm.

Owner Justin King opened Ben and Esther's as a tribute to his late grandparents, making the shop vegetarian because he believes we can have great food without causing needless suffering to other living beings. He also believes in principles over profit. Justin volunteers at the Portland Bhakti Center every Friday, feeding people free vegan food.

I asked Justin what his best sellers were, and he replied the not-lox bagel and the matzo ball soup. I tried them both and the flavor is magic ... plus so filling. I shared half with my husband and he loved it too.

Ben & Esther's Vegetarian Jewish Deli is open from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. Stop by or order online to pick up a breakfast or lunch, coffee, sandwich, sweet; or order bagels to go.

ADDRESS: 6912 N.E. Sandy Blvd. **PHONE:** 503-477-5714. **WEB:** www.benandesthers.com. **DON'T MISS:** DIY Valentine's cupcake kit and other February specials. Plus, in February, Ben and Esther's will transition to a full bakery and deli, with menu expansions including a vegan reuben on marble rye, a vegan New Yorker, and baked goods like babka and cheesecake.



Justin King at Ben and Esther's Vegetarian Jewish Deli.

FAIRLEY'S PHARMACY

Fairley's Pharmacy has been in Roseway since 1913. As of November 16, new owner Dan Lee is excited to become part of the independent, full-service pharmacy and soda fountain's holistic approach to promoting wellness in the neighborhood.

Fairley's continues to offer the medications and services of a modern pharmacy, with the friendly, personalized service of a family-owned business. Fairley's provides a wide range of medication for people of all ages – and pets too. They offer unique compounding services based on preferences and restrictions, such as dye-free, preservative-free, alcohol-free or sugar-free medications – as well as allergy-free antihistamines.

A new service, Fairley's Healthcare, or FHC, aims to meet the pharmaceutical needs of neighbors living in residential care facilities, adult foster care, assisted living or hospice



Mya Poydras, left, Bob Verzino, Heather Kuhn and new owner Daniel Lee at Fairley's Pharmacy.

– as well as anyone who wants convenient compliance packaging to make organizing daily medications less of a chore.

Fairley's is in the process of being approved as a neighborhood COVID vaccination station, and Dan Lee plans to refurbish its old-fashioned soda fountain in February to include specialty coffee drinks. With a tight-knit staff that remembers long-term customers and welcomes new faces, Fairley's serves the neighborhood with pride Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ADDRESS: 7206 N.E. Sandy Blvd. **Phone** 503-284-1159. **WEB:** www.fairleyspharmacy.com. **DON'T MISS:** Free delivery in Northeast Portland. Check website for coupons on top brand medications, and download free mobile app for medication refills, pill reminders or to sync your refills to receive all your medications on a single day each month.

NULL REFILLERY

Null Refillery is a new refill shop for home and body products. Owner and Roseway neighbor Antje Gillard sources bulk eco-friendly products from manufacturers who care about their practices and about our planet. Made in the USA, locally when possible, Antje buys in quantities of five gallons or larger.

You'll find ECOS dish soap, up-cycled wool dryer balls, house made laundry powder and ECOS laundry soap. Home products include house made beeswax food wraps, liquid sunshine cleaner spray and canvas totes. Unique body products include bar shampoo, conditioners, soap saver sacks, toothpaste tablets, shower gel and beeswax lip balm refilled in reused and sanitized tubes. Bring a lip balm tube and get a dollar off a lip balm purchase. There are also several starter kits to choose from.

Refill curious? It's easy! Order your products online in pre-filled, returnable jars. They are delivered to your door by electric car on Wednesdays, or you can arrange to pick up at the store. You transfer the products to your own containers and Null will pick up the delivery containers the following week, to clean, disinfect and re-use. You can also drop by for a curbside refill, where you pay for the weight of the product by the ounce, subtracting the weight of your container.

Multi-task the easy way, help the environment, save money, support a local women-owned business and make your life just a little bit easier – and cleaner – with an assist from Null Refillery.

ADDRESS: 6937 N.E. Alameda St. **PHONE:** 503-901-3843. **WEB:** www.nullrefillery.wixsite.com/mysite. **DON'T MISS:** Mention this article and get a free, small beeswax wrap when you refill through February. ★



Antje Gillard at Null Refillery.

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Reynolds Optical in Hollywood is looking for an experienced optician, but will consider training the right person if they have basic office skills and can deliver great customer service. (Barb Hughes)

At the Star News, we want to help rebuild our neighborhood economy and connect local businesses that need workers with neighbors who need jobs. These openings can include professional skill opportunities, transferable skill opportunities and "wild cards" like freelance gigs, self-employment, consignment opportunities or other opportunities to make some much-needed cash. Check out these opportunities and enjoy working close to home.

PROFESSIONAL MECHANIC WANTED IN ROSE CITY PARK

Ken Van Damme's Automotive is seeking a mechanic with at least five years experience, preferably ASE certified. Busy independent shop is bright and clean, eco-friendly and appreciative of highly-motivated, pleasant people. Full time job hours are Monday to Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Starting wage is \$17 to \$30 per hour, depending

on experience. Benefits include medical, dental, matching 401k, and vacation. Bring your resume to 6143 N.E. Sandy Blvd. or call Rosemary Franklin at 503-284-7819.

TRANSFERABLE SKILLS OPPORTUNITIES IN BEAUMONT AND HOLLYWOOD

Beaumont Village Market seeks a self-driven, personable and energetic individual to join the team as a store clerk. Employees are empowered to lean into their own personality and sense of style, supported by experienced management. Benefits include market-competitive wages, 401k program, paid time off and employee discount. Store clerk job duties include providing excellent customer service, facilitating sales transactions, stocking and general store duties. They are accepting applications for full and part time associates, with a preference for those with availability able to start right away. Requirements: Able to work weekends with flexible availability; self-motivated, easy to get along with and enjoy

people; consistent and reliable performance and attendance; retail experience a plus.

Resumes can be dropped off at 4130 N.E. Fremont Street during business hours, or respond to a Facebook post at www.facebook.com/beaumontvillagemarket. No phone calls, please.

Reynolds Optical at 4344 N.E. Sandy Blvd. seeks an optician who is looking for long term employment, is dependable, works well independently, has basic office skills with great customer service, and has the willingness to learn to help customers one-on-one while fitting and repairing eyeglasses. Benefits include on-the-job training, discounts on frames and lenses, great working hours 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday, possible future marketing responsibilities and a market-competitive starting wage – higher if you are already an experienced optician. Put your transferable skills to work in a long-term career. Part time paid training, full time thereafter. Email your resume to Gary at reynoldshawthorne@gmail.com.

SELL YOUR VINYL RECORDS AND VINTAGE TOYS IN ROSEWAY

Clean out your old vintage toys and earn some cash! Dr. Tongue's I Had That Shoppe at 7129 N.E. Fremont buys vintage character toys and collectibles in good shape. Please call the shop to arrange an appointment and let them know what you have. Plus, if you're looking to get rid of clean bubble wrap or packing pillows, they'll take it off your hands. Contact Mark Pedersen for more information at 503-893-1991.

Clean out your vinyl records and earn some more cash! Jump Jump Music at 7005 N.E. Prescott Street buys vinyl records and old concert posters in excellent condition. Good music, bad music, unusual, odd, and locally produced vinyl – if it's 'interesting' Dan Berkman is interested in taking a look. Dan can come look at your collection, or you can bring it in. When purchasing vinyl, Dan has a soft spot for rock, jazz, soul and blues records both LPs and 45s. He's a sucker for international folk, country and local Portland records. He's also looking for modern punk, hip-hop grunge and collection clean-outs. Contact Dan Berkman for more information at 503-284-4828.

If you run a local business and are hoping to fill a full-time, part-time, consignment or other paying position in the Star's North and Northeast Portland neighborhoods, please contact barbhughes@star-news.info.

If your organization or business would like to support practical neighborhood job creation, please consider sponsoring this feature. Contact Jane Cullinan for details at janeullinan@star-news.info. ★

★ STAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

READ GRAPHIC NOVELS

Feb. 5. 3-4 p.m. The Tween Graphic Novel Book Group is a weekly virtual meeting for students in grades 4 to 6, arranged by Multnomah County Library. Copies of the books are provided. Free. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org.

SING NATIVE SONGS

Feb. 17. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Sing, listen, learn and celebrate with Karen Kitchen, an Osage Nation member who brings songs and books from Native cultures for all members of the family via Zoom with the Multnomah County Library. Free. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org.

CULTURAL EVENTS

PAINTINGS TAKE SHAPE

Feb. 2- 23. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Paul Trapp paints in acrylic on shaped wooden panels, representing space and its distortion. Rodney C. Stuart creates mixed media sculptures, often with wood and found objects. Mary Lyn Gough's watercolors feature the beauty, color and complexities of flowers. Call 503-281-9048 for updates and purchases. See more art: www.guardinogallery.com. Visit Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St., with mask and social distancing.



Celebrate the Lunar New Year, presented on Zoom by Multnomah County Library, on February 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. (Multnomah County Library)

ART GOES DIGITAL

Feb. 5-7. 12 noon to 5 p.m. "Pangea" by Hannah Newman, an interdisciplinary artist, reunites digital technologies and experiences with their physical, emotional and material sources. Free. Information: www.disjecta.org. For visits, contact Disjecta Contemporary Art Center: info@disjecta.org.

HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR

Feb. 13. 2-4 p.m. Cultural performances and educational activities are part of celebrating the Lunar New Year, one of the most important holidays in many Asian cultures. Presented on Zoom by Multnomah County Library. Free. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org.

HEAR HOUSE MUSIC

Feb. 17. 7-9 p.m. Explore the world of House music and its origins in Black and queer histories. Some call it the gospel of the counter-culture. Learn about the influential DJs and enjoy a musical set by DJs Darling and Cee Blanco. Free. Presented on Zoom by Multnomah County Library. Registration required. 503-988-5123. www.multcolib.org.

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VIEW PIVOTAL WORK

Feb. 11. 7:30 p.m. View "The Thin Blue Line," about a man convicted of murdering a Texas police officer. Errol Morris' film has become one of the most influential documentaries of all time. In Movie Madness University seminar, Matt McCormick, a filmmaker and educator, provides a pre-recorded lecture. The ticket gives access to the lecture and a spot in a virtual discussion. Participants watch the film on their own. \$10. www.hollywoodtheatre.org.

'HEAD NOD' ON FILM

Feb. 23. 6:30-7:30 p.m. Photographer, filmmaker and educator Elijah Hasan, one of the region's most innovative artists, shows two films, "Where the Heart Is" and "Reviving the Black Head Nod." Free. Presented via Zoom by Multnomah County Library. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org.

GIRLS FACE PERILS

Feb. 27. 2-4 p.m. View "Pushout: The Criminalization of Black Girls in School" and hear a panel discussion led by ZaDora Williams, a clinical social worker. The documentary film looks at the educational, judicial and societal disparities facing Black girls. Free. Presented via Zoom by Multnomah County Library. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org.

INGENERAL

POST A PODCAST

Feb. 6. 2 p.m. Learn to record a podcast, edit and post it to podcasting platforms. Class is taught via Zoom by Multnomah County Library. For disability accommodations, call 3 days before the program: 503-988-5123 or email help@multcolib.org. Free. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org.

LEARN ABOUT 'VILLAGE'

Feb. 9. 2 p.m. Learn about activities and services offered by Northeast Village PDX to support seniors opting to remain in their own homes. Engage in the village as a member, volunteer or both. Call for information about Zoom meeting, 503-895-2750.

FIND DOSE OF FANTASY

Feb. 16. 6-7:30 p.m. Walidah Imarisha, a writer, educator and spoken word artist, leads a discussion of "Afrofuturism" to inject a healthy dose of the fantastical into our search for truth. Free. Presented on Zoom by Multnomah County Library. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org.

EXPLORE BLACK ISSUES

Feb. 22. 6-7 p.m. Join host Rashad Taylor in interactive conversations with Black Portlanders to explore issues within the Black community, such as systemic racism, education reform and police brutality. Free. Presented via Zoom by Multnomah County Library. Registration required. 503-988-5123 or www.multcolib.org. ★

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★ STAR FOCUS ON TAXES

Stimulus payments add layer of complexity to 2020

By Janet Goetze

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Filing tax returns for 2020 may include some extra steps that didn't exist in previous years. Returns need to have information about the federal Economic Impact Payment, parts one and two, as well as the usual receipts and forms gathered to complete income information by April 15.

Neighbors who didn't retain the paperwork for their first stimulus payment may face a surprise. An extra piece of paper, Notice 1444, included information needed to file a tax return. It came with President Donald Trump's signature. For that reason, it was framed and put on the wall by some people and immediately thrown out by others, suggested Terry Baker of O'Leary Tax Service, who has been training tax preparers to work with this year's regulations.

Those whose second stimulus payment didn't arrive as a direct bank deposit may have received something that looked like a credit card, Baker said. Federal officials said the cards could go out faster than checks, she said. Unfortunately, some people thought they were an advertisement or looked phony and tossed them out. Within a few weeks after receiving a card, tax payers were to receive Notice 1444B. Save that notice. It has information needed for filing taxes, Baker advised.

The cards must be activated, and then funds may be deposited into a bank account or used like a debit card. However, holders must keep track of how much money they have remaining.



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Information about the cards is available by visiting www.eipcard.com and additional information about Economic Impact Payments is at www.irs.gov/epay.

The Internal Revenue Service will accept and begin processing 2020 tax year returns on February 12, which is about two weeks later than usual. The delay allows the IRS time to adjust its systems because of the December 27 tax law changes that

WHERE TO GET HELP:

Free help for preparing taxes is available, but services are following COVID-19 protocols and sometimes requiring help at a distance or with masks and social distancing.

The AARP is offering the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program for low- and moderate-income people. Call 800-906-9887 for more information. Additional information is expected through February online at www.aarp.org.

The downtown IRS office, 1220 S.W. Third Ave., is taking appointments for those wearing masks and keeping socially distanced. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 503-265-3501 for an appointment. Government-issued ID and Social Security number are required.

Low-income people can seek assistance from IRS certified volunteers in the CASH Oregon program, an economic empowerment program of Metropolitan Family Service. Those with incomes below \$57,000, excluding Social Security income, are eligible if they don't have rental property, adjustments on education expenses or self-employed income with certain conditions. No walk-in meetings are scheduled. Call 503-988-7942 to be interviewed and to schedule an appointment to have documents scanned. A volunteer completes each return remotely. After about two weeks, returns can be signed electronically or in person. Additional information is at www.cashoregon.org.

provided the second round of Economic Impact Payments and other benefits, according to an agency news release.

About 150 million tax returns are expected to be filed this year. The IRS expects to begin sending refunds in March. Those who file electronically and have direct deposit of returns, with no issues to resolve, will have the speediest returns, according to the IRS.

Another new wrinkle in filing is the Recovery Rebate Credit. Those who received the maximum amount of the EIP or stimulus funds don't need to include information about their payments when they file, according to the IRS website.

However, those who didn't receive the full amounts of both EIPs may be eligible to claim

the Recovery Rebate Credit on the 2020 Form 1040 or the 1040-SR. To determine eligibility or the amount of the credit, according to the IRS, complete the appropriate worksheet in instructions for the two forms.

Baker advises a tax payer with a junior or senior in high school who lost a job in the pandemic, and received unemployment compensation, to check to see if the child still qualifies as a dependent. The IRS has a "support check" to determine qualifications.

Taxpayers who take the standard deduction, without itemizing, may claim \$300 as a charitable contribution. Those who itemize don't take that particular deduction.

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★ STAR FOCUS ON VALENTINE'S

Pandemic can't crush Valentine's Day plans

By Nancy Varekamp

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Children have had to forsake many elements of traditional schooling. Valentine's Day won't be one of them for at least three digital elementary classrooms.

Layne McCartney, Rose City Park Elementary School first grade teacher, sees no reason to call off her annual Valentine's Day tea party. In previous years, students changed into their finest attire, and their parents delivered snacks and porcelain tea cups for a classroom gala.

"We're going to do it the same," she said. Almost. Everyone will participate online instead of in person.

"That might be easier because they're already at home to get dressed up," said.

Maddy Hamilton, All Saints School first grade teacher, is also planning a party, and it won't be the first for her class on Zoom. The pre-winter break party in December was a big hit.

"We sent home cocoa and popcorn and watched 'The Grinch' together," she recalled. "It actually turned out great, and the kids were in their jammies."

Gabrielle Tanner's second grade students at Beverly Cleary School, Fernwood Campus, made their every-other-week materials pick-up and drop-off October 30 clad for the holiday. "They were so excited to show the teachers their costumes. Those little moments mean so much to those kids."



Freya Tweto and her All Saints first grade classmates decorated mailboxes at home. The children will practice social distancing to stuff each other's boxes with valentines. (Halvor Tweto)

Plans are for those second graders to celebrate Valentine's Day digitally with Tanner, her co-instructor Gena Biello and honorary faculty member "Teacher Stevie." The latter – a bearded dragon – is a classroom pet and has shared plenty of screen time with students during the pandemic.

"I put the camera on her, and she talks to the students," Tanner explained. (Stevie's voice is remarkably similar to Tanner's.) The reptile's strongest subject is science, and her weakest is math. "So they have to raise their hands and help her fill out the math sheets."

Like the other two schools, Fernwood virtual parties replace ones that, in other times, would have occurred in the classrooms. A recent party included a slide show of the students' baby photos as part of

a guessing game to identify each student.

What about exchanging greeting cards for Valentine's Day?

Pandemic precautions won't deter the teachers. This year, the undecorated bags that McCartney's students in other years decorated at Rose City Park will be distributed at the weekly, social-distanced materials pick-up and drop-off at the school. In each, she plans to place decorating materials plus stationery, envelopes and postage stamps, along with the names of addresses of two fellow students.

The assignment is to write Valentine's Day letters to the two other students and put the two they receive in their own decorated bags. Sound like an art project? It's also part of McCartney's writing and geography curricula. Online, she'll show them how to see the destinations of their

letters on Google Maps. In other years, her first graders have toured the local post office, but that's something she has given up due to the pandemic.

At Fernwood, Tanner plans for each of her students to deliver 25 unaddressed cards on February 5. They are then invited back for an interim visit on February 12 to pick up the cards she has quarantined and sorted into 25 bags.

Hamilton's students began early on efforts leading to a February 12 exchange. On January 27, they delivered their decorated mailboxes to the school. On February 3, the boxes had quarantined for a week and students inserted their cards into fellow students' boxes. After another week's quarantine, they pick up their filled boxes.

Is that a lot of effort to keep a Valentine's Day tradition going during a pandemic?

"The biggest thing they're missing right now is the connection with school and community we have in class," Hamilton pointed out. "Any way we can build that in is worth it."


"Teaching is not just the academics," Tanner agreed. "It's the social, emotional learning too. There are a lot of limitations with distance learning. We don't get to have as much fun."

"So, whenever there's an opportunity to provide some joy and happiness for these kids, I want to do everything I can," Tanner added. "We can still laugh and smile and enjoy each other." ★


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★ STAR BUSINESS BUZZ

'WEAR YOUR FEELINGS ON YOUR CHEST' TEES POP UP ON ALBERTA

Window shoppers on Alberta Street can now see what it looks like to “wear your feelings on your chest.” That’s the slogan for Mimi’s Fresh Tees, which prints those feelings on merchandise. A window display at Alberta Main Street’s office through February directs shoppers to www.mimisfreshteespdx.com. Clothing items selected for the display offer social statements to celebrate Black History Month in February.

The messages Black business owner Kamelah Adams emblazons on shirts, face masks and more can be as simple as “Change.” Others are as pointed as “Make Racism Wrong for Once.” Many feature quotes from Martin Luther King Jr. Adams was born, raised and lives in Northeast Portland, where she runs her three-year-old business.

Last year the Portland Thorns awarded Mimi’s Fresh Tees a \$25,000 grant to help it grow. The grant led to a new line of shirts, in collaboration with the Timbers and Thorns, several proclaiming, “Play Like a Girl.”

Last July, Adams received hate mail, including death threats, after news stories were published about her business, her involvement in nightly protests and the appearance of her shirts on fellow protesters. Instead of retreating, Adams shared her story and created even more



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shirts that highlight love conquering hate. The result was her “Love over Hate” line at www.pdxloveoverhate.org to demonstrate solidarity and support for others who have faced hate.

“This experience has reinvigorated me and rededicated me to this work and my business,” she said. “Hate will not win here.”

TAKING CARE OF HAIR IS IN NICOLE ROSE’S DNA

Nicole Rose, fourth generation of a local hair salon family, is now pursuing her own niche. In the mid-1950s, Nicole’s great grandparents, Benjamin and Mary Rose Dean, opened Dean’s Beauty Salon in the Eliot neighborhood. It’s heralded as the oldest Black-owned salon in Portland.

The Deans’ daughter was Nicole’s



If you want to see what Kamela Adams, center, calls “wearing your feelings on your chest,” check the pop-up display for Mim’s Fresh Tees throughout February in the window of Alberta Main Street. (Mimi’s Fresh Tees)

grandmother Gloria “Ella” Dean, who continued their legacy when they retired. Nicole’s aunt now operates the salon.

“I loved watching my grandmother style hair,” Nicole recalled. “I wanted to be a beautician, but I took a different route.” A bachelor’s degree in marketing led her to a job at a local human resources firm.

She has been wearing her hair in its natural, textured form since high school, and retail products tended to dry her scalp and dull her hair. So she began blending organic fruits, vegetables and herbs to add softness and shine.

“After developing my four different oils, my curls were defined, moisturized, vibrant and healthier, and my scalp was cleaner and dandruff-free,” she said.



A fourth-generation member of the Dean Beauty Salon family, Nicole Rose is making and marketing a line of hair care products for textured hair. (Ella Dean)

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★ STAR PET CONNECTIONS

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Biden family brings back long history of pets in White House

There is a long history of pets in the White House, as 43 of our 46 presidents brought their pets with them to Washington. Even Andrew Johnson, in 1865, fed the mice he found in his White House bedroom.

In addition to the usual dogs and cats, past presidents have owned horses, cows, lizards, birds, squirrels, geese, rabbits, chickens, guinea pigs, snakes, rats, goats and sheep. Exotic animals have also lived in the White House, including a racoon, an opossum, bears, alligators, a tiger, a turkey, a badger, a pig, a hyena, an owl, a donkey, a pygmy hippo and a wallaby. Some of these were gifts from other nations and quickly made their way to zoos.

First Lady Louisa Adams owned silkworms and spun silk from them. Woodrow Wilson owned 48 sheep, which were employed on the lawns to keep the grass short. Rutherford B. Hayes owned the first Siamese cat living in the United States. William Howard Taft kept the last cow to live in the white house. Named Mooley Wooley, the cow reportedly produced seven and a half gallons of milk every day.

The practice of Presidential turkey pardons originated in 1863 with Abraham Lincoln’s son Tad. When a live turkey was brought to the White House, intended as Christmas dinner, Tad adopted the bird and named him Jack. When Tad was informed on Christmas Eve about Jack’s impending fate, he



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pleaded with his dad to save the bird and Lincoln acquiesced.

Calvin Coolidge was the president who owned the most pets, with 26. Theodore Roosevelt was close second with 24. In 1964 Lyndon Johnson caused an uproar in the animal welfare community when he posed for a photograph holding up his beagle, Him, by the ears. In 1992 George H.W. Bush issued an “all-points bulletin” announcing that his dog, Ranger, was on a diet and that staff should honor Ranger’s “do not feed me” badge and that violators should be “ratted” on.

Joe Biden’s German Shepherds Champ and Major joined the list of presidential pets last month. Major is the first rescue dog to live in the White House. The



President John F. Kennedy and his family kept numerous dogs, a cat, birds, hamsters, a rabbit and horses during their stay at the White House. (Cecil Stoughton White House Photographs)

Bidens adopted him in November 2018 from the Delaware Humane Association. Champ joined the family in 2008.

Many fascinating stories about presidential pets can be found on the internet. Here are a few places to start: www.wikipedia.org/wiki/united_states_presidential_pets, www.whitehousehistory.org/white-house-pets. ★

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Early last year, Nicole decided to sell her products. Using her grandmother's name was a natural. Her evenings and weekends were filled accumulating an inventory, and now with marketing that draws on her professional experience and education.

"Had I known Ella Dean was going to exist in my current world, I definitely would have taken better notes," she said with a laugh.

In November Ella Dean products became available at www.elladean.com and at the Dean salon. Future venues are additional salons, beauty supply stores and retail chains.

"I want Ella Dean to make a positive impact in the beauty and hair industry," Rose said. "I want my brand to be known nationally."

TEA CHAI TE'S NEW SHOP IS A PERFECT FIT

When Brew Dr. Teahouse, formerly Townshend's Teahouse, closed its store at 3917 N. Mississippi Ave. in the Boise neighborhood another small chain of local tea shops benefited from space that was made to order.

Tea Chai Te opened in the location on January 8, joining its three established shops, the original at Nob Hill and two others in Buckman and Sellwood.

The company launched its first outlet in 2003 to offer handcrafted loose teas – now numbering 120-plus selections – in person and online at www.teachai.com. It gained fame beyond the city as a frequent backdrop in three seasons of the TV show "Portlandia."

Stephanie Kutcher manages the new shop after three years working at other locations. At the new one, she serves tea to former Brew Dr. customers, a steady stream of newcomers and longtime Tea Chai Te customers who no longer have to travel very far for their tea. Kutcher enjoys her job as much as she does her tea.

"I got into tea because it was a way for me to relax." For Kutcher, it's about helping to make a customer's experience a good one. "Somebody who doesn't know them at all can give them a cup of tea that shows compassion and that someone cares for them."

The new shop added a position to Tea Chai Te's 20-plus payroll. It also meant more hours for employees during a pandemic that closed the teashops last spring and has slowed their reopening.

"Now everybody can get as many hours as they need," Kutcher said.

RETIREMENT BECKONS ROBIN ADY, AFTER 37 YEARS WITH GAZELLE

The January Star News ad about the closure of Gazelle Natural Fibre Clothing has sparked conversation. Owner Robin Ady reports that her plan is neither unexpected nor related to the pandemic. She signed a three-year lease in October 2018 with plans to retire when it ended, and retirement still looks good to her. After 37 years in the clothing business – 27 of them at 41st Avenue and Fremont Street – Ady is grateful to husband and bookkeeper Byron and to her sales staff.

Ady plans to keep her husband, staff and customers busy for the next eight months with special sales. The store will remain open – with pandemic protocols in place, limiting the shop to three customers at a time – and appointments are available. Check www.gazellenaturalfiberclothing.com for details.

Gazelle has evolved since its 1984 beginnings in Old Town, when peasant shirts, skirts and bright colors drew customers in for women's, men's and children's clothing. Ten years later, Ady opened an additional store in Beaumont Village and continued the merchandise evolution. Her hallmark became women's clothing, jewelry, scarves, hats, belts, socks, tights, accessories and gift items made locally with fair trade handicrafts from around the world.

The move to Fremont was kismet. Ady lives nearby, noticed the vacancy and seized the opportunity. After a few years, she consolidated operations in the Northeast store. "We actually got more tourist traffic on Fremont than we did down by Saturday Market," she said. "People would come to visit their families, their kids would go to work and they would come wander around on Fremont."

Ady may not be in the store after October, but you will likely find her among the wanderers, shopping and enjoying the Beaumont business district.

GLUBAR OFFERS WARMTH, HOT MULLED COMFORT

Alex Kurnellas has applied his theory about the environment to his outdoor seating at Imperial Bottle Shop and Taproom at 2006 N.E. Alberta St.

"You heat people from the inside out, rather than heat up the entire environment," he said. So his outdoor seating in the Vernon neighborhood is now dubbed Glubar, and mulled beverages are served. "Glüh" translates to "glow" in German.

Glubar is open Wednesdays through Sundays with as many as a dozen tables for customers. The menu offers house-spiced mulled wines, beers, ciders and sake. Check for frequent updates at www.imperialbottleshop.com/glubar.

Kurnellas opened Glubar in December and expects it to continue into March, when temperatures begin to warm. The tables have overhead coverings and fire pits take off some of the chill. Kurnellas advises customers to "BYOB" – and that last letter refers to "blanket." Like Imperial Bottle & Taproom has since its beginning on Alberta in 2017, Glubar serves the beverages and customers bring their own food. There is a variety of cuisine available from nearby restaurants, and Kurnellas reported customers enjoy all of the genres with his spirits.

"Everybody has been stuck inside," he said. "You can feel a little unsafe, cautious or uncomfortable. You can be stuck inside a plastic bubble." Kurnellas offers fresh air and social distance as a safe place for customers to enjoy themselves and each other, along with food and drink.

"The main thing that sticks out for me is that customers have been really grateful," he said.

RIDWELL DIVERTS CASTOFFS FROM LOCAL LANDFILLS

Ridwell expanded to Portland in December after three years of success in Seattle. More than 1500 neighbors enrolled that month for every-other-week pick up for many of the items banned from local garbage haulers' curbside collections.

Last year alone, the company diverted 800,000 pounds of waste from Seattle landfills. That included 300,000 pounds of plastic film – produce bags, plastic padded envelopes and more – that went into composite decks, benches and

playground equipment.

Ridwell has formed partnerships with local organizations to repurpose household items from eyeglasses to corks and batteries and plastics to old sweaters and lightbulbs. Among those partners are Rose Haven day shelter for women and children, PDX Diaper Bank and Free Geek.

"Portland residents have an engaged, eco-conscious lifestyle, and our reuse and recycling mission has been enthusiastically welcomed here," said Ryan Metzger, Ridwell founder and CEO.

Ridwell sprung from the passion he and his young son share. They found outlets for their own household cast offs and then expanded throughout their Seattle neighborhood. Then it grew into Ridwell.

One of the first Portland members was Will Musser, an Irvington resident and green team leader for Alameda Elementary School who is part of the Eco-School Network.

"It's all about changing behaviors and creating new habits," Musser said. "We need to move to a more circular economy and Ridwell fills in the gaps and makes it easier for our family as well as many of our neighbors to avoid sending most of our trash to the landfill."

For details about Ridwell's services and memberships, visit www.ridwell.com.

METALWOOD GETS DEQ BOOST FOR SALVAGING

Metalwood Salvage in the Cully neighborhood just received a boost to achieving its adage, "The ways, means and materials to artfully salvage."

Thanks to a \$29,518 grant from the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, the "means" just expanded. It will go toward a vehicle and cargo trailer to salvage more materials.

Since 2012, Metalwood has specialized in salvaging the debris from commercial and residential jobsites. It sells the materials to artists, fabricates custom and on spec functional and display art, plus it offers classes in industrial arts.

During the search for a vehicle and trailer that can haul 10,000 pounds, Metalwood employees will continue to use their own vehicles to salvage materials from demolition sites, construction sites and local scrapyards.

"We've lost out on opportunities, unfortunately, and want to avoid that going forward," explained Janette Boyer of Metalwood. "As much as we're taking, we're not really making that big of a dent."

Boyer pointed to the 2017 demolition of the bowling alley on southeast Powell Boulevard. "There was probably 10 tons of material. We took only a quarter of what was there."

Boyer estimated the new vehicle and trailer will help Metalwood salvage and deliver 40 tons of upcycled items this year, double the company's best.

"We appreciate DEQ making these funds available," Boyer said. "It's going to dramatically affect the impact we have in reusing, rethinking and getting these materials back into the consumer stream instead of throwing them into the waste stream."

For a firsthand look at what Metalwood and its customers create from what is salvaged, visit the Makers Fair on March 20 at 4311 N.E. Prescott St. Visit www.metalwoods salvage.com for details.



Stephanie Kutcher enjoys serving tea as much as drinking it. She manages the new Tea Chai Te shop in the Boise neighborhood. (Tea Chai Te)



Robin Ady is retiring in October, and so is her shop, Gazelle Natural Fibre Clothing. The store has served as part of the western anchor of Beaumont Village for 27 years. (Gazelle Nature Fibre Clothing)



Glubar and Imperial Bottle Shop & Taproom owner Alex Kurnellas believes in warming his customers from the inside out with mulled beverages during the cold winter months. (Glubar)



Irvington resident Will Musser and his children are among the 1,500 Portlanders who joined Ridwell after its local launch in December. (Ridwell)



Metalworks Salvage in the Cully neighborhood has received a grant of nearly \$30,000 to buy a vehicle and cargo trailer to increase the amount of materials it can salvage for reuse. (Jane Perkins)

★ STAR COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

DEVELOPMENT PANEL SEEKS NEW MEMBERS

Neighbors interested in development, from office towers to neighborhood buildings, may apply for the Development Review Advisory Committee. The volunteer, non-paid panel supports the consistent and fair application of development regulations under the Bureau of Development Services.

The committee provides public input for several bureaus related to development, review bodies and city council on the impact of potential regulations and administrative rules.

Applications are due by 11 p.m. Feb. 26. Information is available through the

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ARTISTS MAY APPLY FOR FIELDS FUNDING

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The application deadline is Feb. 15. Eligibility requirements and application information is available from Oregon Humanities at www.oregonhumanities.org. A selection committee is expected to award fellowships by July 2021. The funds come from the Fred W. Fields Fund of Oregon Community Foundation.

CONVENTION CENTER GAINS GOLD STANDARD

The Oregon Convention Center has achieved an industry gold standard for stringent protocols for cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease

prevention for meetings, conventions and retail operations.

The Global Biorisk Advisory Council, a division of the worldwide cleaning industry association, announced the convention center has achieved its Star rating. “The accreditation verifies that the Oregon Convention Center has implemented best practices to prepare for, respond to and recover from outbreaks and pandemics,” according to a news release.

Oregon’s facility, currently closed because of health guidelines during the pandemic, is the largest convention center in the Pacific Northwest. In fiscal year 2019, the one million square foot center hosted an average of 400 events and it attracts more than 500,000 visitors in most years. ★

★ STAR BUSINESS BUZZ

‘MEXICAJUN’ FOOD CART MOVES IN WITH BLIND OX

Nacheaux will soon be among the city’s food carts that are moving indoors. The “Mexicajun” menu is slated to join offerings with the new Blind Ox Taphouse at 4765 N.E. Fremont St. beginning on March 5.

That’s one year from when Nacheaux owners Anthony and Stephanie Brown opened their food cart in the Brentwood-Darlington neighborhood’s Cartlandia pod to fuse Anthony’s expertise at Mexican dishes with Stephanie’s for Southern fare.

The name is also a fusion: the combination of “nacho” and the French-Creole “eaux.”

The couple will continue to prepare their popular menus in Beaumont Village’s former Alameda Brew House and make them available on www.nacheauxpdx.com.

“We believe this will allow us to create

maximum taste synergy and give our customers the opportunity to keep coming back to the space to enjoy a variety of food, drinks and desserts,” said Eric West, Blind Ox co-owner.

The taproom’s food items are made at the bar, so Nacheaux will have the entire kitchen at its disposal.

The Browns also expect to offer more catering capabilities from a kitchen several times the size of the food cart they are leaving. In addition to Nacheaux, the kitchen will be used for two new enterprises from the Browns called Taceaux and Sweeteatz – the latter an expansion of their popular bakery items that will include warm, fresh-baked cookies. The two newer enterprises will be available on DoorDash.

Like West and taproom co-owner John McInroy, the Browns are looking forward to collaborating. One menu item they have already discussed is making ice cream sandwiches from Blind Ox’s made-on-the-spot ice cream and Sweeteatz’ cookies. ★

TAX TIME: 2020 is NOT the year for businesses to try doing their own taxes

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Business owners who received funds from the Paycheck Protection Program, or PPP, may wish to seek professional guidance on when to apply for the loan forgiveness. The date on loan forgiveness applications shows one date, but those handling loans say borrowers must apply within 10 months after the last day of the borrower’s covered period for loan forgiveness.

Baker is more blunt. “If you have any form of business, do not try to do it (taxes) on your own,” she said. “I cannot tell you the horror stories I have seen.”

She has the same advice for individual taxpayers. However, she isn’t trying to drum up business for tax preparers, she said, so much as save people the headaches she fears may develop from new regulations and new forms. Besides, she said, having a professional prepare the tax forms from the beginning may save money and time. If the IRS notes errors, a professional may have to redo the work in the end, she said.

For those running late, the deadline is Oct. 15 to seek an extension on filing tax returns. However, if taxes are owed, the taxpayer may want to pay an estimated amount by April 15 or expect a penalty for late payments. ★



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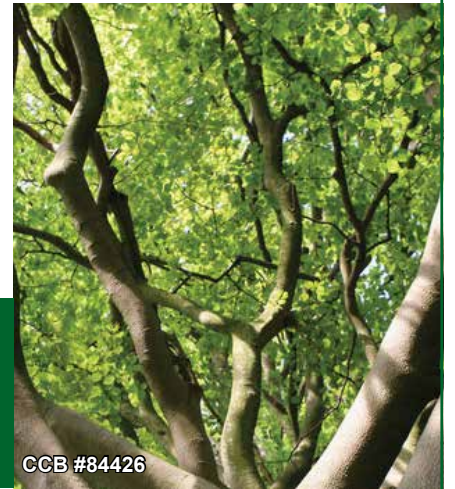
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GREETINGS

from THE COON TEAM

In my 36 years being a real estate agent & specializing on the eastside of Portland, I have NEVER experienced such low inventory. It is also the lowest inventory in RMLS history.

As of January 27th of this year, we have a total of 27 Active single family homes listed and 11 condos for a total of 38 Active listings feeding into Grant High School. In previous years of extremely low inventory, we averaged around 65+-Active listings for Grant High School.

If no additional homes were listed, in less than a month at the rate homes are selling there would be no active listings on the market in the Grant High neighborhoods

~ Sue Coon

CURRENT ACTIVE LISTINGS FOR GRANT HIGH:

Less than \$300K	3 Active Listings (All Condos)
300K-399K	8 Listings (3 are Condos)
405K-499,900	3 Listings (2 are Condos)
575K-590K	2 Listings
615K-675K	6 Listings
738K-799,900	4 Listings
800K-900K	1 Listings
950K-1 Million	3 Listings
1,150K-1,295,000	3 Listings
1,374K-1,275,000	3 Listings
1,750,000	1 Listings
4,995,000	1 Listings

TOTAL: 38 LISTINGS (21% of active listings are over \$1million)

MARKET STATS through December 31, 2020

APPRECIATION:

North Portland	5.6%
NE PORTLAND	6.4%
SE Portland	9.4%
Gresham/Troutdale	5.9%
Milwaukie/Clackamas	16.4%
Oregon City/Canby	3.9%
Lake Oswego/West Linn	7.5%
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