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RESIDENTS BACK SHELTER - BUT WITH RESERVATIONS

Before the Walnut Park homeless shelter opened Nov. 19, King neighborhood residents expressed support for the idea but raised questions about daily operations with staff members of Transition Projects, which runs the facility at 5329 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

The overnight shelter, in the building housing Multnomah County's Health Department at Killingsworth Street, has space for up to 80 adults, selected with preference for those over age 55,

according to Matt Olguin, Transition Project's director of shelter services.

The shelter is expected to operate only for the winter in a section of the city with few services for those without housing, he said. Guests must make a reservation before arriving by calling 503-280-4700 or visiting the agency's resource center at 650 N.W. Irving St.

The operating hours tentatively were set for 5 p.m. to 7:30 a.m., but the hours could be adjusted to avoid morning congestion at bus stops or when children are going to school, according to Olguin and Stacy Borke, the agency's senior director of programs.

More than a dozen area residents attended a Nov. 14 meeting at the King Neighborhood Facility with agency staff and Marc Jolin, director of the city-county Joint Office of Homeless Services, which provides funding for shelters.

Residents were concerned about drug use, cigarette smoke drifting to nearby homes, and conduct in the neighborhood after the shelter closes during the day. They also said they should have been consulted before plans were made to open the shelter.

Drug and alcohol use is prohibited in the shelter, and problems outside operating hours should be reported to

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staff members or Transition Projects. Shelter residents could lose their reservations for violating rules, staff members said.

Olguin and Paul Susi, the shelter director, said they would try to arrange smoking breaks to keep smoke from drifting to nearby homes.

"We have a huge stake in this shelter being successful," said Jolin. If it isn't going well, he said, "we must make changes."

Transition Projects is a 49-year-old nonprofit agency providing shelter and other services to transition the homeless to housing. It is working with other agencies and faith communities for referrals and services, Olguin said. Meals won't be served at the Walnut Park shelter, although evening noodles and morning oatmeal will be available, he said. Volunteers will be welcome to provide meals or donate warm clothing, board games and books.

The agency website is www.tprojects.org and a drop-down menu under "Volunteer" gives directions for meal volunteers.

**KWANZAA TO BUILD
FAMILY, COMMUNITY**

One of the seven days of Kwanzaa, a celebration of family, community and culture, will be observed from 10:30 a.m. to 12 Noon Dec. 29 at the North Portland library, 512 N. Killingsworth St. The observance will be of the principle Nia, or purpose.

Kwanzaa, meaning "First Fruits," runs from Dec. 26 to Jan. 1 and each of the seven days is dedicated to a special principle: Umoja (unity), Kujichagulia (self-determination), Ujima (collective

work and responsibility), Ujamaa (cooperative economics), Kuumba (creativity) and Imani (faith).

Dr. Maulana Karenga, chairman of the black studies department at California State University, Long Beach, created Kwanzaa in 1966 to bring African Americans together as a community.

The seven principles, with one designated for each day of the week, are values of African culture, he determined. They are viewed as ways to contribute to building and reinforcing community.

Although families celebrate Kwanzaa in individual ways, the event usually includes songs, dances and the lighting of candles. An African fest, a Karamu, is held on the final day. The official website is www.officialkwanzaawebsite.org.

**RED CROSS NEEDS
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Donors of all blood types and platelet donors are urged to make an appointment with the American Red Cross, which has a prolonged shortage nationally because of hurricanes and wildfires this year. Type O blood is especially needed.

During September and October, the Red Cross collected more than 21,000 fewer blood and platelet donations than hospitals needed. During the winter holidays, donations tend to be low because of festivities, travel and severe weather.

Donors may make appointments by telephone at 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or at www.redcrossblood.org.

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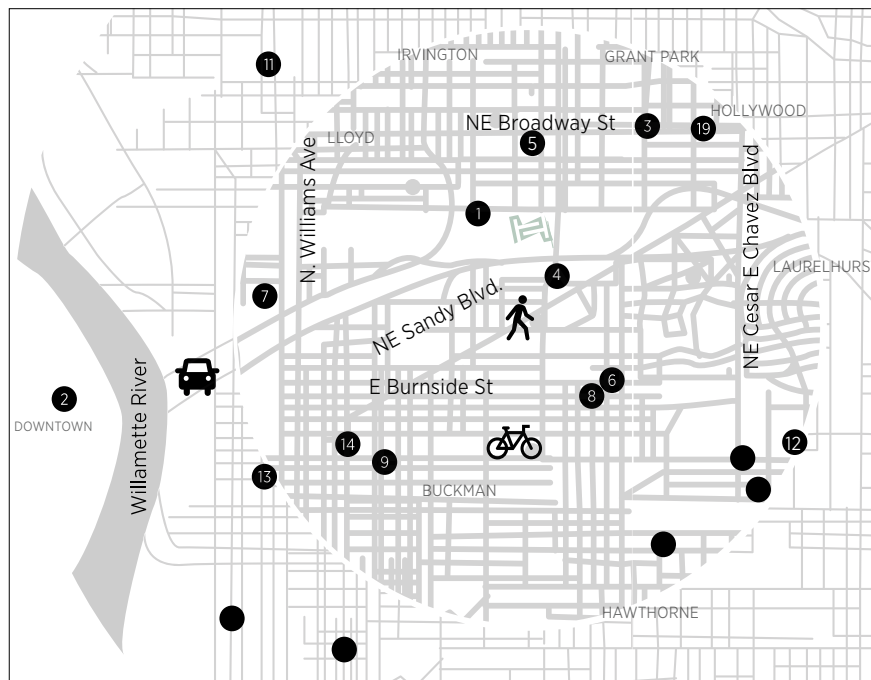
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"This time of year, as many give thanks for family, friends and good health, it's important to remember that patients across the country cannot survive without your generosity," said Cliff Numark, senior vice president, Red Cross Biomedical Services. "From traumas to ongoing cancer treatments, the need for blood doesn't stop for the holidays. People can give back – and help those in need – by making a lifesaving blood or platelet donation now and hosting a blood drive in the weeks to come."

BEACH LIBRARIAN GAINS FELLOWSHIP

Ayn Reyes Frazee, the librarian at Beach Elementary School, 1710 N. Humboldt St., has received one of six Equity Fellowships awarded this year by the Association for Library Service to Children, a worldwide professional organization, according to a Portland Public Schools news release.

The fellowship will allow Reyes, who has developed a book collection to benefit a school with children of many backgrounds, to attend a conference in Seattle in midwinter and another in Washington, D.C., in the summer.

"They're going to connect me with library staff around the country that can act as mentors as librarians of color," said Reyes Frazee, who also is Beach's Talented and Gifted program coordinator.

In applying for the fellowship, she submitted essays on working with children, a commitment to diversity and



Ayn Reyes Frazee (Portland Public Schools)

equity, and leadership.

"A book is a really wonderful way to experience somebody else's perspective," said Reyes Frazee, who was hired five years ago for Beach when the school hadn't had a certified librarian for many years. It's important, she said, for students "to see themselves in the literature that we have, but also for our white students to be able to experience other perspectives through literature."

In 2017, Beach's student body was 37 percent Hispanic and 11 percent African American, and 16 percent of students were English language learners. At least 11 languages are spoken by the school's families.

Reyes Frazee has made a priority of adding books that reflect "casual diversity" rather than stories of African American children and slavery or Hispanic children and migration or being undocumented. That can make brown and black students "feel really crummy," she said.

"I'm looking for books that feature kids of color and it's about computer coding, or it's about making crafts with your friends, or it's about something that

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isn't that stereotypical black or brown experience that we see represented so much in media," she said.

NATIVE AMERICAN FLAG RISES AT GRANT HIGH

A throng of Grant High School students gathered to raise the Native American Student Union flag last month during Native American Heritage Month. It was part of Grant's Race Forward program, a collaboration between students and staff to normalize conversations about race.

The number of students who went outside on a chilly day at the Marshall campus, where Grant classes are held during construction at the home site, surprised senior Toli Tate, president of Grant's Native American Student Union (NASU). "It was really nice," he said.

NASU started two years ago and is one of Grant's affinity clubs, which also include the Black Student Union, the Asian-Pacific Islander Alliance, the Arab/Middle Eastern Student Union, MECha (for Latinx students) and the Jewish Student Union.

The school's Student Equity Club is important, Tate said, because Grant has minority groups that are underrepresented in curriculum.

"It's really good for me to know that when I walk through the hall, I have other people that I know have similar backgrounds and families as I do. It's a nice community to have," said Tate, a senior whose family is part of the Navajo tribe.

Principal Carol Campbell said NASU has brought visibility to the school's Native American students. "It's students identifying and belonging to something where they hadn't before," she said.

At the ceremony with a drummer and vocals, the Northwest Indian Veterans Association blessed the NASU flag and raised it along with the American and Oregon flags.

The ceremony was important to spread the word about the Native American organization, Tate said. It also is, he said, "tribute to people that live in this area that are Native and people that originally did live here and their tribes – kind of like reclaiming the land."

STUDENT COLLECTS BASEBALL EQUIPMENT

Seventh-grader Ben Tell is collecting new and gently used baseball and softball equipment in partnership with "Pitch in for Baseball," a not-for-profit organization that distributes items to boys and girls in the U.S. and around the globe who are without equipment.

The equipment drive will continue to Dec. 15. Ben, a Beverly Cleary School student, will pick up donations and ship them to the nonprofit for distribution, said his mother, Kathie Tell. To arrange a pickup time, email Ben at kathieeastmantell@comcast.net.

The nonprofit is based outside Philadelphia, Pa. Its aim is to reduce barriers to play by providing equipment grants directly to leagues, schools and organizations around the world to start, continue or expand their youth baseball programs. Additional information is at www.pifb.org.

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STUDENTS TO GAIN HELP FOR DRUGS, MENTAL HEALTH

Portland Public Schools has launched an initiative aimed at providing a full spectrum of care for students who are experiencing addiction and mental health issues, according to a news release.

Increasing numbers of students and families are affected by the national opioid crisis as well as other drug and mental health issues, school officials said. The program, Recovery, Education and Action for Healthy Living (REAHL) will be a clearinghouse of student support from the school district, the community and local agencies.

The REAHL continuum of care has four components: prevention, intervention, treatment and recovery. In each component, the district is providing or planning to provide services to students directly or through partnerships with local agencies.

PPS is working with numerous community agencies and is seeking to expand partnerships with community members, businesses, philanthropic organizations and others, officials said.

Early outcomes of REAHL include hiring qualified mental health professionals to work with residential treatment facilities to ensure a student's smooth transition back to school. The district also has increased access to mental health services for students who are uninsured or underinsured.

PPS GAINS FUNDS FOR 'GREEN' SCHOOLS

Portland Public Schools is one of five districts across the country to receive a scholarship for sustainability efforts from the Center for Green Schools. The award will give staff access to resources to make more progress in its efforts to be "green," according to a district news release.

"We look forward to participating in various conferences and workshops and to share best practices around sustainability in our schools with other districts across the country," said Aaron Presberg, the school district's senior program manager of energy and sustainability.

The scholarship has an estimated value of \$20,000 to access leading green schools experts during the 2018-19 school year. A first staff trip last month was to the Greenbuild International Conference & Expo in Chicago. Teachers may take a "green classroom professional certification course" and a curriculum through the online Learning Lab.

Two staff members will have an opportunity to attend a School

Sustainability Leaders Summit in April, 2019, in St. Paul, Minn., where they will learn from conservation industry experts.

"Portland Public Schools is already a leader in the green schools movement," said Anisa Heming, director of the Center for Green Schools at the U.S. Green Building Council. "Through this program, they will keep their leading edge."

Studies have shown that green schools can lower district operating costs, according to the Center for Green Schools, and that improving a classroom's daylight, air quality and noise levels leads to better memory, attention, concentration, task speed and more.

SPRINT GIVES DEVICES FOR INTERNET ACCESS

Portland high school students who need free internet access for homework, research and applying to college or careers may be eligible for one of the 700 hotspot devices made available by the Sprint 1 Million Project Foundation.

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PPS students and families may learn more and find out if they are eligible for the Sprint program from the district at www.pps.net/page/12967 and a Sprint website: www.1millionproject.org.

CHRISTMAS TREES TO HAVE NEW USE

When the holiday season is over, the Columbia Slough Watershed Council will receive Christmas trees with all the tinsel, lights and other decorations removed. Members in canoes will strategically insert them into existing log jams to increase beneficial salmon habitat in the lower slough.

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BUSTING OUT IN BEAUMONT

BEAUMONT COMMUNITY OFFERS CHARACTERISTICS OF 'VILLAGE' LIFE WITHIN THE CITY

**BY DANA BUSCH**

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Webster's defines a "village" as "a self-contained district or community within a town or city, regarded as having features characteristic of village life." Beaumont Village certainly fits the bill. Within its easily walkable eight blocks from 42nd to 50th Avenues you'll find an independent grocery store with a great beer selection, hardware store, nail salon, optometrist, veterinarian, pet store, a handful of coffee houses and pubs, a bakery, a number of boutiques, and over a dozen restaurants.

Beaumont has had its share of upheaval over the past year, with the closing of stalwarts Alameda Brew House and the venerable Stanich's Restaurant (since 1949). Something about being named the Best Burger in America in 2017 did the latter business in, apparently a victim of its own success. That artery-busting work of art is sorely missed, far beyond the boundaries of Beaumont.

Not to worry, though. From casual brunch spots to fancier fare and late night happy hours, Beaumont still delivers, with some newcomers on the block fast gaining traction while older standbys continue to draw crowds.

And if shopping is your bag, put on some walking shoes. Start at Gazelle, on the corner of N.E. 42nd and Fremont, for all natural fibre fashion for women. That is, unless you need to get those comfortable shoes first, in which case start practically next door at Amenity Shoes.

Cross the street and check out The Arrangement, where owner Sue Mautz has been accessorizing N.E. Fremont Street for 38 years. Now there is someone with vision.

Speaking of vision, if you're having trouble reading the menus in the restaurant windows as you pass, stop in at Beaumont Vision, where Shenyah will see to it that you can see properly. On the same block, you can accessorize your pup at Green Dog and replace that rusty trowel at Beaumont Hardware.

Keep going, and see if you can pass up Pip's Original (I dare you), where twenty people may be waiting patiently in line for delectable, fresh, hot mini-doughnuts made to order.

Keep going, because your destination is Jim & Patty's Coffee, to treat yourself to a coffee drink brought to you by true coffee pioneers (Coffee People, people!) along with something scrumptious and baked from scratch in house, all done "without taking life too seriously." Now that's the true spirit of Portland.

If you're more in the mood to wind down, keep on trekking to Bottles at the far eastern end of the Village (50th Avenue) to



Robin Ady at Gazelle. (All photos by Dana Busch)



Jac Johnson and Randall Cole at Batter.



Shigh at Bottles.



The crew at Little Griddle, from left, Akela, Justin, Emily, Co-owner and Head Chef Judd Harris, and Ryan.

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LITTLE GRIDDLE

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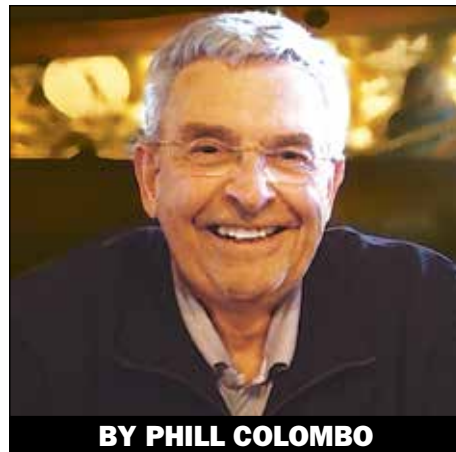
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A NATIVE AMERICAN FIRST: 59 UNITS OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN CULLY

Ground was broken in mid-November for the first-time collaboration of Native American Youth and Family Center, Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, Community Development Partners and the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians to provide 59 affordable housing units in the Cully neighborhood. Named Nesika Illahee, Chinook for "Our Place," the project will provide affordable housing for tribal members and other Native families in Portland with Siletz Tribe's Indian Housing Block Grant funds, which are usually targeted for affordable housing on reservation lands.

At the groundbreaking for the new apartments at 6300 N.E. 42nd Ave., Siletz Tribal Chairman Dolores Pigsley said, "We are very pleased to partner with NAYA and

NARA and provide Siletz tribal members with the opportunity for affordable housing in the Portland area. This will benefit tribal citizens for many years to come." The Association and Center will deliver onsite behavioral health, dental and recovery services in addition to referral to NAYA's center-based services located less than a mile away.

Association Executive Director Paul Lumley voiced the plight of many Native Americans: "Displacement is a major problem in the Native American community due to increasing rental and housing costs and low household incomes. Nesika Illahee will be a step towards bringing Native community members closer to NAYA, the historic site of the Neerchokikoo tribal village." Lumley added that the Association was excited to bring an opportunity for Native Americans to return to what is now the Cully neighborhood, while meeting their urgent need for housing.

Eric Paine, Community Development Partners chief executive officer, explained the Partners' objective in developing the project. "Providing high quality housing that is permanently affordable alongside robust ongoing programming is the foundation of CDP's mission." Through what was characterized as a historic tribal/nonprofit partnership, all Nesika Illahee units will comply with the Fair Housing Act, and 20 units will be reserved for enrolled members of federally recognized tribes including Siletz.

Nesika Illahee was designed by Carleton Hart Architecture and will be built by LMC Construction.

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Mayor Ted Wheeler and Native American tribal and association officials prepare to break ground for an affordable housing project in Cully. The cooperative venture engages tribal funds usually aimed at providing lower cost housing on tribal lands. (NAYA)

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59-unit affordable housing apartments being built by and for Native Americans at 6300 N.E. 42nd Ave. in Cully. Named Nesika Illahee, Chinook for 'Our Place,' the project will provide affordable housing for Native families in Portland. (NAYA)

RESIDENTS OF SIX NORTHEAST NEIGHBORHOODS HELP FEED NEEDY

As they have each year for more than three decades, neighbors in Beaumont-Wilshire, Cully, Grant Park, Hollywood, Rose City Park and Roseway donated between 9,000 and 10,000 pounds of food to feed the poor the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Upwards of 200 parishioners of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church collected the food over a six-hour period, and St. Rose Pastor Father Matthew Libra said, "This annual outpouring is a testament to the goodness of our neighbors and solidifies our parish community."

The collected food will be stored in a parish pantry operated by the St. Rose Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Conference President Karen Pinder along with a cadre of volunteers coordinated distribution of door hangers

two weeks ahead of the food drive, collection assignments on the day of the drive, and food sorting and storage. "Along with many cash contributions throughout the year," Pinder said, "our Conference of about two dozen volunteers carries on work begun in Paris by Blessed Frederick Ozanam in the middle of the 19th century."

A portion of the five tons of non-perishables will be used to assemble about 100 Christmas meal boxes to be delivered in mid-December. Most of the supplies will last into the spring to help feed several hundred clients monthly, combined with meat and produce the Conference secures from the Oregon Food Bank. "Aside from St. Rose School, our parishioners' efforts to feed the needy is our largest single apostolate," Libra said. "We are truly grateful for the support of our neighbors."

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St. Rose of Lima parishioners check expiration dates before sorting and storing 10,000 pounds of food collected the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Residents in six Northeast Portland neighborhoods contributed to the annual food drive to help feed the needy. (Phill Colombo)

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RESIDENTIAL INFILL UPDATE

The process of determining how best to increase density in Portland neighborhoods zoned for single family residences continues in December with two meetings of the city's Planning and Sustainability Commission on December 11 and December 12. Both meetings will be streamed live on YouTube: www.youtube.com/c/portlandbps.

The Commission will not hear any public testimony before sending its amendments to the Project proposed draft (www.portlandoregon.gov/bps/76588) to the City Council. The public, however, will be able to testify on the Residential Infill Project recommendations at City Council public hearings anticipated for next summer.

NORTHEAST PORTLAND BUSINESS GROUPS AMONG VENTURE PORTLAND GRANTS

Sharing in more than \$63,000 Venture Portland has awarded to a baker's dozen fall and winter projects throughout Portland are the Kenton Shop Local promotion, Lloyd District map, Northeast Broadway Health and Wellness Event, and banners for the Central Eastside Industrial, Montavilla and Williams business districts, funded in partnership with Travel Portland

"Venture Portland's grants stimulate neighborhood economic development in real time," said Matthew Micetic, Venture Portland's President. "The new Destination Investment grants are a great addition that will help make districts a wonderful place to visit during the holiday season and all year long."

Venture Portland's Grants Committee, comprised of Venture Portland Board members and community stakeholders, evaluated grant submissions to determine business district grant funding. Many of the Fall/Winter grant projects focus on the exceedingly important holiday retail period, a time to "localize the season" and support neighborhood businesses. According to Venture Portland, shopping locally also spreads holiday economic cheer: for every \$100 spent at a local business, \$68 is said to return to the local economy.

Last year, Venture Portland awarded \$99,467 to fund 39 projects in 20 citywide business districts, leveraging an additional \$257,508 in private investment, a 2.5-to-1 match. Since 1995 Venture Portland has granted more than \$1.5 million to fund 571 business district projects, leveraging more than \$5 million in additional private investment across the city.



Venture Portland President Matthew Micetic. (Red Castle Games)

BARBARA ROBERTS EAST AMONG CASCADIA FACILITIES SLATED FOR REDEVELOPMENT

Cascadia Behavioral Health Care's Barbara Roberts East adult foster care facility at 5023 N.E. Killingsworth Street is among seven Cascadia facilities in Multnomah County to receive state housing renovation grants. Cascadia will use the grants, ranging from \$6,971 to \$10,000 and totaling more than \$63,000, in a variety of upgrades, including additional office and bedroom space, fencing and deck repair and kitchen remodels.

"A safe, affordable and healthy place to live is a critical part of our clients' recovery," said Jim Hlava, Vice President of Housing for Cascadia Behavioral Healthcare. "This important funding from the Oregon Health Authority will allow us to make needed renovations to our housing facilities and strengthen our ability to address the whole health care of the people we serve."

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DEVELOPMENT ROUNDUP: APPLICATIONS, PERMITS, DEMOLITIONS AND MORE

In Boise, JLO Investments LLC of Lake Oswego has permission to build three new structures: a three-story single-family residence at 510 N. Ivy St. and two two-unit, three-story townhouses at 519 and 521 N. Cook St.

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At 3805 N. Vancouver Ave., Lois Nathan has been issued a permit to deconstruct a 1,940-square-foot single family residence and garage built in 1906.

The 4064 North Mississippi Avenue LLC of Milwaukie, Ore. has a permit to deconstruct a 1,030-square-foot single-family residence built at that address in 1890. Plans are under review to construct a new four-story mixed-use structure with two ground-floor retail spaces and 15 market-value apartments on the upper three stories.

In Concordia, Vlad Kovtun of Vancouver, Wash. has permission to construct two new three-story single-family residences at 5460 and 5480 N.E. 28th Ave. Both structures will have basement accessory dwelling units and attached garages. Last summer, the city approved a permit to demolish a 1,450-square-foot single-family residence on the property since 1941.

At 5080 N.E. 33rd Ave., Caifu I LLC of Southeast Portland has permission to construct a new three-story, 12-unit apartment building on a vacant lot.

In Cully, Trinity Lutheran Evangelical Church on the adjoining property to the west has permission to demolish a single-family residence at 5606 N.E. Killingsworth St.

U.S. Bank Trust/Caliber Home Loans has applied to demolish an 800-square-foot single family residence at 7438 N.E. 47th Ave.

Timothy and Cindy Lobdell have been issued a permit to build a new single-story duplex at 5256 and 5258 N.E. Killingsworth St. Permission was issued last May to demolish a 1,200-square-foot duplex on the property since 1951.

In Eliot, Fierenze Development of Wilsonville has permission to construct a new two-story duplex with two single-vehicle garages. A permit was issued last January to demolish the 1,540-square-foot single-family residence on the property at 3385 N.E. 7th Ave. since 1927.

In Kenton, B & R Enterprises of West Linn has secured a permit to build a

new single-family two-story residence with a single car garage on a vacant lot at 2719 N. Hunt St.

In the Lloyd District, Automobile Dealers Association has asked for early assistance with plans for a proposed new, seven-story, approximately 200-unit-per-block, mixed use project at 701 N.E. Seventh Ave. with two levels of parking over five stories of residential dwelling units (studio, one-, two- and three-bedroom units). The ground floor would include parking, retail and residential amenities such as a residential lounge, fitness area, leasing offices, bike storage, pet area and wash.

In Montavilla, Portland Redevelopment LLC is seeking early assistance with an application to demolish a 950-square-foot single-family residence built in 1950.

In Overlook, Sylvia Investment LLC of Lake Oswego has plans for a new three-story, nine-unit apartment building under review at 1270 N. Wygant St. A demolition permit for the 1,000-square-foot single-family residence located at 4735 N. Minnesota Ave. since 1926 was issued earlier this year.

Between 1250 and 1290 N. Blandena St., the 4634 N. Montana Ave. LLC of Southeast Portland has been issued a permit to construct six new two-story attached townhouses without garages.

In Woodlawn, Bluestone Homes, Inc. of Oregon City has permission to construct a new two-story, single-family home without a garage on a vacant lot at 6180 N.E. 8th Ave. ★

Correction: In the November edition of the Star, the lead story in Development News read "Just to the north of Cascadia's medical clinic stands Home Forward's 52 units of affordable housing..." In fact, the 52 units are Cascadia's Garlington Place Apartments. Home Forward provides some vouchers for their funding, but they are owned and operated by Cascadia. Later in the article, it was mentioned again that these are Home Forward's tenants...which they are not. The Star regrets the error.

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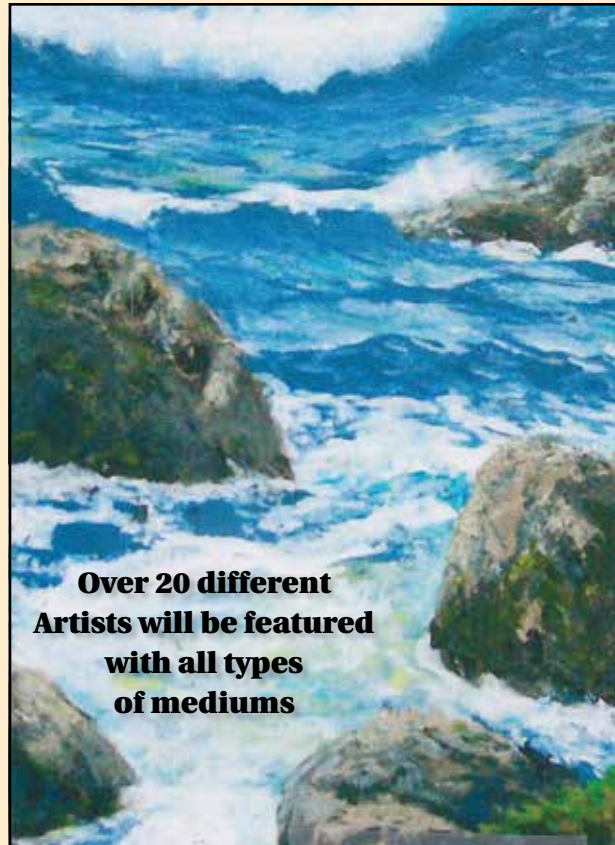


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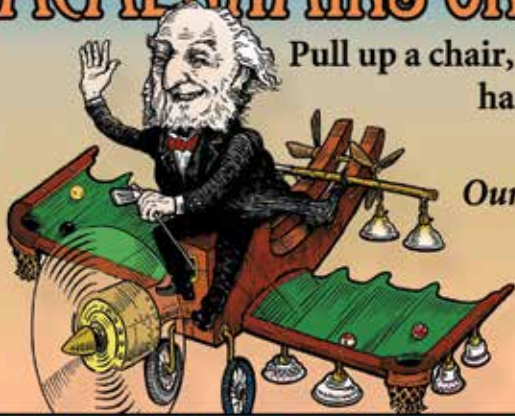
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STAR FOCUS ON OUR HISTORIC CHURCHES

Housing could be new mission for local churches

By Janet Goetze

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After University Park United Methodist Church dwindled to 25 members nearly four years ago, the group considered its future. Then they decided to use their land at North Fiske Avenue and Lombard Street to build 20 housing units.

"We knew Portland was 40,000 units short of affordable housing," said the Rev. Julia Nielsen, who is operations manager for Northwest Housing Alternatives, a nonprofit developer of affordable housing, when she isn't pastoring in North Portland.

During three years of planning a construction project that would require millions of dollars, the Methodist church, with a century of serving North Portland, also merged with the St. Johns Community Church. The Disciples of Christ congregation, started only a few years ago, was displaced from a shared building and found worship space at University Park.

After more discernment, the congregations merged as a dual Methodist-Disciples church called Portsmouth Union Church, with the Rev. Andy Goebel as co-pastor with Nielsen.

Even with a growing membership, how could about 100 people raise \$3 million to begin what has become three years of planning a housing project?

"We have a lot of stubbornness," Nielsen told an Affordable Housing Faith Forum organized in mid-November by Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon. The church sold the parsonage, secured a loan from a community member, and got financing with a local bank while consulting with a developer experienced in affordable housing.

At the forum, nearly 100 people from the city's faith groups filled the social hall at Grace Memorial Episcopal Church at the edge of Lloyd Center. They heard a panel of government, construction and financing experts outline the steps to take in thinking about housing.

The attendance indicated growing



Portsmouth United Church demolished one wing to clear its side yard at Fiske Avenue and Lombard Street. Members will spend the winter completing paper work for zoning and permits, with construction of 20 affordable housing units expected next spring. Other churches are starting to look at ways to ease Portland's housing shortage. (Janet Goetze)

consideration for projects in a city where rents are skyrocketing and overall homelessness increased by 10 percent between 2015 and 2017. The figures are from Transition Projects, a nonprofit agency that has been moving homeless clients into housing for nearly 50 years.

The interest may indicate another trend focusing narrowly on church property itself. Many Portland congregations are more than 100 years old but their memberships have declined in recent decades. Some have more building or land than they presently use.

One is Rose City Park United Methodist Church, founded in 1913 at Northeast 58th Avenue and Alameda. About 2,000 worshiped on Easter Sunday in 1955, said the Rev. Stephen Ross. By 2000, 250 attended each Sunday. Before he arrived nearly two years ago, his predecessor officiated at 14 funerals in one year. That's about a tenth of the congregation, he said.

To maintain the congregation and the building, the church moved into a partnership and governing board in September with four groups already using the building. They include Christ Church Portland, a relatively new congregation that meets in the sanctuary at 11 a.m. Sundays, following the Methodists' 9

a.m. service; POCA Tech, a school of acupuncture; a 40-year-old preschool; and Do Good Multnomah, a nonprofit with an overnight shelter for 25 homeless veterans it also connects to social services.

The Metropolitan Community Church, 2400 N.E. Broadway, is selling its 1909 building because it no longer serves the congregation's needs for ministry, said the Rev. Nathan Meckley. With no yard and a constrained layout, only one event can be scheduled at a time, he said. The congregation plans to share space in a Southeast building in 2019.

The move offers time for the congregation to determine how to carry out its future ministry, the pastor said, but he has some thoughts. "I think all of us will benefit from intentional partnerships," he said.

"We need to rethink how we do church," said the Rev. Ross. "There's a sea change in the way this culture supports churches." For instance, he said, many youth sports teams

meet Sunday mornings, families travel on weekends to visit grandparents in other cities, and some hardworking individuals still attend church, but not every Sunday.

For many 19th and early 20th century Americans, churches met spiritual needs and also provided a social support network, organized kids' sports leagues and sponsored Scout groups. As time went on, they provided rooms for AA groups and daycare organizations as mothers entered the workforce.

When his church considered closing, the Rev. Ross said, the daycare board learned it would have to pay five to six times more in rent for another space. Portland's rental costs, he said, are affecting not only where people live but also how they live.

"The church has always found a way to serve in a way that nobody else was serving," the Rev. Ross said, noting church sponsorship of hospitals in the Middle Ages and daycare in recent times.

"What's the next problem that nobody else gets done?" he asked, suggesting housing. If that's the case, Portsmouth Union is in the vanguard as it works on property line adjustments before seeking permits to build its housing.

The city is writing a guidebook for those with the land or other means for a housing project, said Nan Stark of the Bureau of Planning and Sustainability. Metro has a grant for three to five religious groups needing funds for early consultations with architects and financiers, she said.

If a few churches begin the planning, Stark said, "it will be a springboard."

Perhaps churches won't be identified with worship spaces in the future but with housing complexes. ★



A plaque in front of the current Portsmouth United Church commemorates the bell tower on its original building. The church plans to build affordable housing on its property next spring. It will open its doors this winter as an overnight "warming center" for homeless people. (Janet Goetze)



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★ STAR OUT AND ABOUT

Joe Weston quietly champions community underdogs

By Kathy Eaton

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"We live in the best of times," said Joe Weston, prolific Portland developer and major partner at Hoyt Street Properties, which recently completed The Vista North Pearl, a 21-story, 153-unit condominium in Block 20 of the Pearl District.

Born and raised in Portland, Weston came from humble beginnings. "Our family was very poor," he said, but his Depression-era parents instilled in Joe and his two brothers a strong work ethic and compassion for others that inspired him to share his wealth with

disadvantaged members of the community. "I've always championed the underdog."

While

attending Central Catholic High School, Weston worked as a soda jerk at the Glisan Street Pharmacy on Northeast 28th Avenue. He wrote rent receipts for people paying cash to the pharmacist, who was also a landlord. After saving money he earned from his job and paper delivery route, he qualified for a bank loan and bought a duplex at Northeast 73rd and Glisan Street. He still owns the property he purchased almost 60 years ago.

LLOYD CENTER LIONS CLUB FIGHT

In 1966, Paul Clark, principal broker with Township Properties, took real estate classes from Weston, who owned and operated the Portland Real Estate School. Clark recalled Weston leading the effort in the 1980s to allow women to join the Lloyd Center Lions Club. "Joe fought hard to support the inclusion of women by appealing the decision of Lions Club International to cancel the Lloyd charter," said Clark. The Lloyd Lions Club prevailed on appeal to the Oregon Supreme Court, allowing women to join Lions Clubs throughout the country. Weston recently said he fought for their inclusion because the women's auxiliary was doing 99 percent of the work and had no vote. After 42 years, he's still an active member of Lloyd Lions Club and worries about the Club's sustainability because young people aren't joining service clubs.

Almost 81 years old, Weston is sole proprietor of Weston Investments LLC, which owns American Property Management and other businesses. His modest offices at Weston Plaza in Sullivan's Gulch house a collection of architectural renderings (framed drawings as well as model buildings) that serve as a tribute to his numerous development projects located throughout Portland.

PUBLIC FOUNDATION BENEFITS COMMUNITY

In 1991, he created a public foundation subsequently forming The OCF Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation (a supporting organization of The Oregon Community Foundation). The foundation's goal is "to provide funding to qualified nonprofit institutions and organizations who through their efforts, prudence and volunteerism can multiply their services to serve as many of their clients'



Joe Weston in his office located at Weston Plaza in Sullivan's Gulch, created a public foundation to ensure that his assets are stretched and grants matched to the maximum extent to improve the lives of disadvantaged children, the disabled, seniors, and homeless in the community. (Kathy Eaton)

needs as possible." As of September 2018, the OCF Joseph E. Weston Public Foundation's assets totaled \$492,524,317, making it one of the largest public foundations in Oregon. The Foundation is unique in that it gives little to no funds for higher education, the arts, or government agencies. On December 7, a total of \$11.5 million dollars will be awarded in grants and scholarships for 2018, according to the OCF.

The Foundation awards a variety of grants to qualifying nonprofit charitable organizations and operates under specific funding guidelines that support the physically impaired and mentally challenged, minor children, economically disadvantaged individuals and the elderly. It also provides education grants for both public and private primary, secondary and vocational schools. Fifteen percent is allocated in education grants to the Catholic Education Endowment Fund.

Last year, 626 scholarships at \$3,000 each were granted in three categories: public and private primary school, high school, and vocational training. Weston does not support pumping money into schools that offer "useless degrees." Under the Foundation's operating guidelines, five percent is specifically allocated to support cultural activities for children. As a child, Weston recalls, his parents couldn't afford to pay fees for student field trips downtown to the Historical Society, Art Museum or Pittock Mansion, so he had to wait in the public library. Weston has two adopted children, now in their forties, and expressed concern for children in foster care who do not create their circumstances and are particularly vulnerable.

PERSONAL VALUES DRIVE THE FOUNDATION

President of the Foundation and assisted by nine appointed members,

Weston provides a variety of funding mechanisms, ranging from unrestricted operating grants to restricted grants, matching grants, top-out grants, multi-year capital grants and capacity grants, to distribute funds. Weston's personal values guide his foundation's goals, such as extending partnerships to the working poor so they can reach middle class, offering physically impaired and mentally challenged individuals the opportunity to live a fulfilled life, and acknowledging seniors whose hard work and sacrifice created opportunities for subsequent generations. "It's our job to offer hope and encouragement to the homeless so they're not forgotten members of society."

Weston eschews accolades. Receiving the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton award from the National Catholic Education Association in Washington, D.C. in October 2017, he said, "was no big deal." Weston respectfully declined to receive an honorary doctorate degree offered by Portland State University (PSU). Tony Leineweber, who served as executive

director of the PSU Foundation for seven years before serving a two-year term as president of Central Catholic High School (CCHS), has known Weston for 30 years. When Central Catholic proposed naming the CCHS Commons for him, Weston declined, conceding to have a brass plaque with his name affixed to the boiler in the basement. Today CCHS Commons is dedicated to Joseph E. Weston.

"Weston walks the talk and uses philanthropy to challenge others to donate responsibly, using matching grants and other incentives," said Leineweber. "Like the man behind the curtain, Joe lives his values and personifies the traits of the Wizard of Oz characters who exemplify heart, brains, and courage."

Weston demonstrates his commitment to improving lives of disadvantaged children, the disabled, seniors, and homeless in the community through the generosity of his foundation. Weston's legacy is to have this work continued through assets that are stretched and grants matched to the maximum extent after he's gone. ★



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HOLIDAY SALES AND EVENTS

ENJOY CHANUKAH EVENTS

Dec. 2-4, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. A Chanukah pop-up shop features menorahs, chocolate gelt, candles and Chanukah decorations. On Dec. 2 from 10-11:15 a.m. dream, create, build in a Maccabee Makerspace where children and families can make a spinning dreidel, build a jumbo s'more menorah and join the lighting ceremony. info@jewishnortheast.com. Chabad Center for Jewish Life, 2858 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

FIND ART AT CAMP CACTUS

Dec. 7, 6-9 p.m. Continues **10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 8 and 9.** The annual Camp Cactus Holiday Sale features art and handmade items by local artists. www.campcactuspdx.com. 503-347-2319. Camp Cactus Studio, 4458 N.E. Brazee St.

GIVE OREGON BOUNTY

Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eat Oregon Now, a holiday marketplace, features more than 80 growers and producers of local food and drink that make fine gifts. The array includes oils, vinegars, kraut, tea, small batch soda, cider, mead, hand-dipped chocolates, cheeses, preserves, sustainably raised meats and accessories: cookbooks, aprons, cast iron pans, knives and more. www.eatoregonnow.com. Left Bank Annex, 101 N. Weidler St.

KIDSTEENS AND FAMILIES

TEENS GET TO TINKER

Dec. 8, 3-5 p.m. In Tinker Camp, teens in grades 6-12 use tools to dismantle things, such as old radios, motors, toys or more. Bonus challenge: Put it back together again. Free. Registration required: 503-988-5123 or www.multicolib.org or in Kenton library, 8226 N. Denver Ave. Tinker Camp also offered 1:30-3:30 p.m. Dec. 18 and 20 in Gregory Heights library, 7921 N.E. Sandy Blvd. See above for registration information.

TRY A MUSIC DEMO

Dec. 11, 9:30 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. Music Together of Portland holds demonstration classes for children ages 0-5 and their grownups. Free. Registration required: www.musictogether-pdx.com/demo-classes/. 503-236-4304. Central Lutheran Church, 1820 N.E. 21st Ave.

MUSIC FOR BABIES

Dec. 12, 1:15 p.m. Music Together of Portland offers a class for infants up to eight months and their caregivers. Free. Registration required: www.musictogether-pdx.com/demo-classes/. 503-236-4304. Central Lutheran Church, 1820 N.E. 21st Ave.

SING WITH 'ANTS'

Dec. 15, 3-3:45 p.m. Sing along with a family music band, "Ants, Ants, Ants," with three-part harmony and guitar. Free. 503-988-5123. Kenton library, 8226 N. Denver Ave.

PLAY BOARD GAMES

Dec. 18 or 20, 1:30-3:30 each day. Children and youth meet to play board games, including Sequence, Bananagrams, Forbidden Desert, Sorry, Apples to Apples, chess and more. Children 10 years and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Free. 503-988-5123. Gregory Heights library, 7921 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

FLOAT TO 'TOY STORY 2'

Dec. 18, 6:45 p.m. Ages 3 and older join "Flick & Float" to enjoy the warm water pool and watch "Toy Story 2." Open to the community. Drop-in rates: \$10 adults, \$5 youth. 503-284-3377. www.necommunitycenter.org. Northeast Community Center, 1630 N.E. 38th Ave.

HEAR NATIVE STORIES

Dec. 20, 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon. Esther Stutzman presents traditional stories and songs of the Kalapuya people, native to the Willamette Valley. Made possible by The Library Foundation through support from The Confederated Tribes of the Grand Ronde Fund. Free. 503-988-5123. North Portland library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.



WHO'S HOLIDAY AT TRIANGLE THEATRE BEGINS DECEMBER 1

LEARN ABOUT 'GREEN BIRD'

Dec. 21, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Families may enjoy shadow puppets, with music, voices and sound effects, telling the Mexican story of The Green Bird. Free. 503-988-5123. North Portland library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

FOR ART LOVERS

GIVE TINY ARTWORK

Dec. 1, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The 17th annual winter showcase features works by local artists that measure 7 inches or less. They include paintings, prints, encaustic works, photographs, ceramics or fiber art. These "Little Things" make it easy to give quality art for the holidays. Continues to Dec. 30. Hours: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, closed Monday. 503-281-9048. www.guardinogallery.com. Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St.

FOR BOOK LOVERS

READ CLASSIC BOOK

Dec. 16, 2-4 p.m. Read "Wide Sargasso Sea," by Jean Rhys, in the Classic Pageturners book group. The story begins in Jamaica after the 1833 end of slavery, examining an oppressive patriarchal society and such postcolonial themes as racism, displacement and assimilation. Free. 503-988-5123. Hollywood library, 4040 N.E. Tillamook St.

DISCUSS 'THE REFUGEES'

Dec. 18, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Discuss "The Refugees," a short story collection by Viet Thanh Nguyen, in a Pageturners book group. Free. 503-988-5123. Kenton library, 8226 N. Denver Ave.

READ JESMYN WEST BOOK

Dec. 20, 6:30-7:45 p.m. Read "Sing, Unburied, Sing" by Jesmyn West with the Thursday Pageturners group. It is the story of an African American family, struggling with present and past pain. Free. 503-988-5123. Hollywood library, 4040 N.E. Tillamook St.

SEE A FILM

SEE OREGON-MADE FILM

Dec. 9, 6:30 p.m. "Bend of the River," made in Oregon and released in 1952, stars Jimmy Stewart in a western with danger, reward, romance and some of the best views of Mt. Hood, area rivers and old Portland ever put on film. A fundraiser for Human Access Project, a nonprofit transforming Portland's relationship with the Willamette River. Tickets \$9 adult, \$7 students, seniors. 503-281-1142. www.hollywoodtheatre.org. Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

TECH IMPACTS THE DEAF

Dec. 16, 7 p.m. "The Listening Project" is a documentary film showing the impact of technology on the lives and identities of deaf young adults. Q&A follows with filmmakers Irene Brodsky Taylor and Jane Madell, author and pediatric audiologist. Free. 503-28101142. www.hollywoodtheatre.org. Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

HEAR MUSIC

GREAT JOY AT VESPERS

Dec. 2, 3 p.m. A Vespers service to begin the Christmas season, "How Great Our Joy," includes carols and choral pieces, both classical and contemporary, with words of hope from the Rev. Steve Ross. Musical selections are by Charles Gounod, John Rutter, Michael W. Smith and Amy Grant, and selections from Joseph Martin's cantata, "Morning Star." Free-will offering. ADA-accessible. Rose City Park United Methodist Church, 5830 N.E. Alameda.

A TWIST ON 'MESSIAH'

Dec. 2, 3 p.m. Bravo! Northwest presents George F. Handel's "Messiah . . . With a Twist" in Music at the Madeleine. Tickets \$30, student 18 or younger free with I.D. www.bravoconcerts.com or www.themadeleine.edu/concerts. (360) 906-0441 or 503-281-5777. The Madeleine Church, 3123 N.E. 24th Ave.

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Dec. 3, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Continues Dec. 10 and 17. The Bayou Boyz perform family friendly blues, rock, gospel and zydeco. No cover charge. Mekong Bistro, 8200 N.E. Siskiyou St.

SING YOUR 'MESSIAH'

Dec. 14, 7 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Twietmeyer Properties for the 25th year presents "Sing Along Messiah." Copies of G. Schirmer's scores available or bring your own. Director Wes Walterman, organist Lauri Chinn and narrator Amanda Zentz. All choruses are sung without soloists or orchestra. Information: ehetg@msn.com. Central Lutheran Church, 1820 N.E. 21st Ave.

BRING TOYS, HEAR MUSIC

Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. The fifth annual "Stumptown Soul Holiday Spectacular" features a variety of holiday music, from soulful to classics, from acoustic to original songs. For ages 21 and older. The music and a drive for new, unwrapped toys are to benefit Shriners Hospitals for Children Portland, sponsored by Waterfront Blues Festival and IBEW Local 48. Tickets \$20 in advance, \$25 at door. <https://www.wonderballroom.com/event/1779930-5th-annual-stumptown-soul-portland/>. Wonder Ballroom, 128 N.E. Russell St.

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BACH CANTATA TO SING

Dec. 21. 7:30 p.m. The Bach Cantata Choir of Portland, accompanied by chamber orchestra, presents an evening of Baroque holiday music featuring J.S. Bach's "Magnificat," Heinrich Schutz's "Christmas Oratorio" and Christmas carols by German composer Michael Praetorius. Tickets \$30 adults, \$25 students and seniors: www.brownpapertickets.com. Information: 503-702-1973.

CATCH A PLAY**MS. WHO MEETS GRINCH**

Dec. 1. 7:30 p.m. Continues Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 7:30 p.m. through Dec. 15. Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. "Who's Holiday!" is an adult parody of a Dr. Seuss story. Cindy Lou Who prepares to host a Christmas Eve party for friends as she recalls the night she met the Grinch. Tickets \$15 to \$25: www.trianglepro.org. Box office: 503-239-5919. The Sandy Plaza, 1785 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

'HOLMES' TRACKS KILLER

Dec. 1. 8 p.m. In "The Game's Afoot," a hilarious holiday whodunit, a Broadway star admired for his portrayal of Sherlock Holmes invites cast mates to his castle. When one guest is murdered, the star must assume the Holmes persona to track down the killer. Continues 8 p.m. Dec. 7 and 8; 3 p.m. Dec. 9; 8 p.m. Dec. 13-15; 3 p.m. Dec. 16. Advance tickets: \$17 adults, \$15 students and seniors; add \$1 at the door. www.TwilightTheaterCompany.org. 503-847-9838. Twilight Theater Co. 7515 N. Brandon Ave.

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Dec. 4. 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays. Members register for winter activities. Dec. 6 non-members register. Financial assistance available. Pre-registration required for most activities. www.necommunitycenter.org. 503-284-3377. Northeast Community Center, 1630 N.E. 38th Ave.

MEDITATE TO END STRESS

Dec. 4 and 11. 6:30 p.m. In a drop-in Mindfulness Meditation, learn to transform stress, pain, illness and reactivity and find life balance. Sliding scale \$10-\$20 at the door. http://mindbodymindfulness.com. 503-890-8965. Second floor yoga studio at Whole Foods, Northeast 15th Avenue and Fremont St.

LEARN TO SWIM

Dec. 18. 6:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays. Registration opens for members to take Red Cross learn-to-swim classes; Dec. 6 for non-members. Winter sessions scheduled Jan. 2 to Feb. 16 for ages 6 months to adults. Members \$45-\$57; non-members \$52.50-\$66.50. Financial assistance available. www.necommunitycenter.org. 503-284-3377. Northeast Community Center, 1630 N.E. 38th Ave.

TECH ASSISTANCE**MEET A TECH HELPER**

Dec. 6 or 20. 3-5 p.m. each day. Meet one-on-one for 30 minutes with a tech helper who assists in answering questions about mobile devices, websites, e-readers or downloading. For help with smartphone, tablet or laptop, bring the device along with usernames and passwords. Free. Registration required: 503-988-512 or www.multicolib.org or in Albina library, 3605 N.E. 15th Ave.

LEARN TO BLOG

Dec. 9. 2-4 p.m. Learn to blog with WordPress to share information, ideas and projects. Also may be used for starting an online business. By the end of the class, have a WordPress blog account and post a first entry, understand copyright rules and know where to go for help. Free. Registration required: 503-988-5123 or www.multicolib.org or in Hollywood library, 4040 N.E. Tillamook St.

FOR SENIORS**GRANDPARENTS GAIN AID**

Dec. 3. 10-11 a.m. A group offers support for grandparents and other relatives not expecting to be raising children at this time of life. The group helps members understand and deal with changes for the emotional and physical health of the adults and children. Free. 503-288-8303. Charles Jordan Community Center, 9009 N. Foss Ave.

TUTOR FOR COMPUTER

Dec. 4 and 18. 9:45, 10:30 or 11:45 a.m. Computer tutor John Lucas offers one-on-one guidance for understanding your electronic device. Bring the device and charging cord. Free but donations to the center appreciated. Appointment required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

LEARN TO WEATHERIZE

Dec. 4. 10 a.m. to 12 noon. A do-it-yourself weatherization workshop, hosted by Community Energy Project, helps lower energy bills, keep a home comfortable, and save natural resources. Qualified households receive a kit with weatherization supplies. Free. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

TUESDAYS AT TAI CHI

Dec. 4. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tai Chi classes continue Tuesdays except Dec. 25. Free but \$1 donation appreciated. Drop-ins welcome. Information: 503-288-8303. Trenton Terrace Community Room, 4720 N. Trenton St.

KEEP JOINTS FLEXIBLE

Dec. 4 and 6. 11 a.m. to 12 noon. An evidence-based arthritis exercise program promotes optimum joint flexibility, muscle strength, endurance, coordination and cardiovascular conditioning. Continues Tuesday and Thursday except Dec. 25. Free but \$1 donation appreciated. Registration: 503-288-8303. Leaven Community Center at Salt & Light Lutheran Church, 5431 N.E. 20th Ave.

SING ALONG WITH TAMMY

Dec. 4. 12 Noon to 12:30 p.m. Tammy Balajee performs a holiday show with favorite holiday songs. She provides the lyrics and everyone can sing along. Free. 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

HEAR SONGS, STORIES

Dec. 4. 2-3 p.m. Musician Gordon Neal Herman tells the stories behind 12 favorite holiday songs, with video illustrations. Free. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

NEW PUBLICATION PLANNED

Dec. 4. 2-2:30 p.m. An information session about "The Grandma Reporter Issue 1: Intimacy," a publication on senior female culture. Write or draw in collaboration with artists or alone. Free. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

YOUTH OFFER TECH AID

Dec. 5. 1-2 p.m. In a technology workshop for seniors, the Portland Youth Builders will have laptops and encourage participants to bring questions about smartphones, phone settings and storage, apps, senior scams, Microsoft Office, Windows 10 and Silhouette Paper Cutter - Pop Up Cards. Continues first Wednesday of the month. Free. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

CHRIS TALKS COMPUTERS

Dec. 7, 21 and 28. 1:45 or 2:30 p.m. Computers with Chris offers 45-minute sessions to understand an electronic device. Bring the device and a charging cord. Free but donations to the center appreciated. Appointments required: 503-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

MEET FOR MAH JONGG

Dec. 7. 1 p.m. Introductory Mah Jongg Meetup introduces facilitators for weekly games starting in January 2019. They bring two sets of tiles to the meetup to demonstrate the game of skill, strategy and chance. Bring your own tiles if you have them. To play, get an official card with standard hands and rules at nationalmahjonggleague.org. Cost is \$8 or \$9 depending on card size. Free. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

BIG BAND TO PLAY

Dec. 8. 10 a.m. to 12 Noon. The New Horizons Big Band features holiday tunes, including "Charlie Brown Christmas" and "Sleigh Ride." Free. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

ROYAL BLUES TO SING

Dec. 11. 12 noon to 1 p.m. Grant High School's Royal Blues ensemble presents lively tunes of the holiday season. Free. Sponsored by the Hollywood Lions Club. 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

LISTEN TO JAZZ

Dec. 13. 12 Noon to 1 p.m. The Jazz Ambassadors of Beaumont Middle School play a variety of swing-band music, such as "St. Louis Blues," "American Patrol," "Little Brown Jug" and more. Free. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

LEARN HOUSING OPTIONS

Dec. 18. 10-11 a.m. Jean Johnson, a real estate agent working with seniors, outlines senior housing options to maintain control and dignity, downsizing, condos, apartments, aging in place, retirement communities and other information. Free. Registration required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

DANCERS TO PERFORM

Dec. 18. 12 Noon to 1:30 p.m. The Young Creatives of the NW Dance Project perform genres from contemporary jazz to hip hop. After the performance, the creatives offer a dance class. Free. Reservation required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

AID FOR CAREGIVERS

Dec. 22. 2-3:30 p.m. A support group for caregivers and family members of Alzheimer's patients offers ideas for coping and caring. Meet new friends who identify with you. Continues the fourth Sunday of the month. Free. Information: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave.

MANAGE CHRONIC PAIN

Jan. 9 to Feb. 13. 1:30-4 p.m. A six-week program for self-management of chronic pain developed by the Stanford Patient Education Research Center. Free. Reservations required: 503-288-8303. Hollywood Senior Center.

INGENERAL**CREATE LOTION BARS**

Dec. 1. 2-3:30 p.m. Create moisturizing lotion bars that are suitable for gifts. The bar melts slightly as you warm it in your hands and rub it across your body. Free. Registration required: 503-988-5123 or www.multicolib.org, 503-297-5123 or in Hollywood library, 4040 N.E. Tillamook St.

PLANT WITH NATURE

Dec. 2. 1-5 p.m. Learn to naturoscape - design landscape to reduce water use, decrease stormwater runoff, select native plants that resist pests and tolerate drought conditions while attracting native birds, butterflies and other natural pollinators. A joint program of the Columbia Slough Watershed Council and the East Multnomah Soil & Water Conservation District. Free. 503-222-7645. Registration: https://emswcd.org/workshops-and-events. Columbia Slough Watershed Council office, 7040 N.E. 47th Ave.

BINGO AIDS COMMUNITY

Dec. 3. 7 p.m. Continues Mondays. The Portland Columbia Lions Club invites community members for an evening of BINGO which supports 15 community organizations. The Spare Room, 4830 N.E. 42nd Ave.

DISCUSS INVESTING

Dec. 4. 10-11 a.m. Over coffee and cookies, discuss the economy, investing and current events. Get acquainted in the community. Free. 503-477-8474. Hollywood branch Edward Jones, 1745 N.E. 42nd Ave.

LIONS TO RING BELLS

Dec. 8. 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The Hollywood Lions ring bells for the Salvation Army. Hollywood West Fred Meyer, 3030 N.E. Weidler St.

BLACKS SHAPE SPACE INFO

Dec. 9. 3-4:30 p.m. Dr. Bill Thierfelder presents "Up, Up and Away: African Americans in Space." Meet the African Americans who helped shape America's space program and introduced millions to the wonders of the universe, including scientists Katherine Johnson and Dorothy Vaughan plus astronauts Mae Jemison and Ronald McNair. Made Possible by The National Endowment for the Humanities Fund of The Library Foundation. Free. Registration required: 503-988-5123 or 503-988-5123 or in North Portland library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

DISCUSS CITY CHANGES

Dec. 9. 3-4:30 p.m. A community conversation about Portland's changing neighborhoods, historic preservation, livability and housing equity is sponsored by the Regional Arts & Culture Council and Cerimon House. A panel will speak then open a conversation with the audience. Free. An exhibit of Betty Chilstrom paintings of Portland neighborhoods 1955-1995 continues to Dec. 16. www.cerimonhouse.org. 503-307-9599. Cerimon House, 5131 N.E. 23rd Ave.

NEW CHOCOLATE RECIPE

Dec. 11. 6-7 p.m. Hands-on chocolate goodies, made with culinary historian Jean Johnson, rely on raisins for sweetness and an old-fashioned grinder to turn them into the perfect medium for holding chocolate. Free. Registration required: 503-988-5123 or www.multicolib.com or North Portland library, 512 N. Killingsworth St.

WRITE YOUR RESUME

Dec. 16. 2-3 p.m. or 3-4 p.m. An experienced volunteer meets one-on-one to give assistance in writing a resume. Bring a paper copy, if available. Free. Registration required: 503-988-5123 or www.multicolib.org or in Albina library, 3605 N.E. 15th Ave. - Janet Goetze

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BLENDILY SKINCARE 'KITCHEN' FIRES UP ON ALBERTA

In November, Vernon neighbor Ivy Chuang opened Blendily at 1532 N.E. Alberta St., just west of Helser's restaurant.

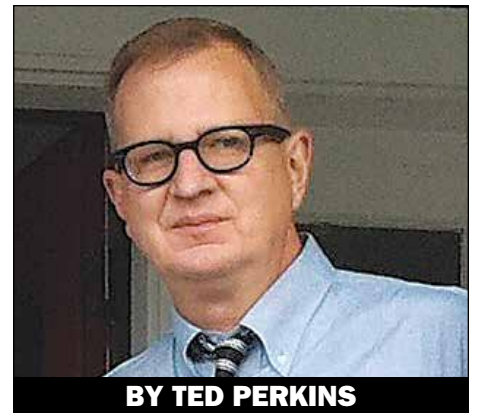
The new 925-square-foot skincare "kitchen" will showcase Chuang's handcrafted line of all-natural bath and body products blended from fresh, organic and wild ingredients – many grown and foraged by Chuang in her own herb garden. Blendily is a portmanteau for "blended splendidly," to describe the process by which the company's products are made.

Chuang, who lives just four blocks from the shop, started her skincare company after discovering that some of the baby products she was using on her daughter contained carcinogenic ingredients. She began to examine the labels of skin and body care products in her home and was overwhelmed and troubled by the amount of hazardous chemicals. After many product testing trials and study of aromatherapy, herbal medicine, and skin health, Chuang opened her first brick-and-mortar store in 2014. From the beginning, all the ingredients in her store were made in small batches featuring local, seasonal herbs, as well as sustainably harvested exotic botanicals.

"My product selection is seasonal so I can work with the freshest ingredients possible," said Chuang. "It also allows my customers to discover new ingredients as fresh menu items appear. Just as a varied diet provides optimal nutrition, variation in cosmetic ingredients gives the skin optimal nourishment. Our body has different needs throughout the seasons and, as we age, it's important to constantly listen to and adjust to those needs."

Blendily offers a hands-on botanical facial experience for individuals or small groups up to ten. The 30-minute "Glow-Up" features a floral facial steam followed by a brush-on botanical elixir. The facial steam offers a rotating and seasonal menu of flowers and herbs from lavender and rose to chamomile and calendula for an all-natural sensory experience. Customers can also choose an add-on tea service.

"I want the Glow-Up experience to be a soothing balm for people who want to carve out some time for themselves, or with a friend," says Chuang. "The shorter



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time commitment is perfect for a weekly self-care regimen or a special occasion with a group of friends. Our rotating floral menu makes each experience a bit different as the ingredients change from season to season."

Customers can experience the 30-minute Glow-Up Facial during the shop's open hours from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

For more information, visit www.blendily.com.

THE NORDIC HOME OPENS DOORS IN HOLLYWOOD

This month, Susanna Krizo will officially open the doors to her Nordic Home shop at 2000 N.E. 42nd Ave., next to Aunt Tillie's Deli in the Hollywood District's 42nd Street Station.

The shop has been in "soft" opening status for a few weeks and a grand opening celebration is planned for December 6, in tandem with a new antique store opening across the mall, just west of the Postal Station.

"I ran a restaurant and a bed and breakfast – the Pinehurst Inn and the White Pine Restaurant – in the mountains near Ashland," said Krizo, who was born and raised in Sweden and Finland. "When we moved to Portland, we changed the business into a food manufacturing business called White Pine Products. We made granola, candied nuts and vanilla extract. Owning two businesses has taught me everything I need to know about running a successful business and I wanted to do something different. Nothing stuck until a couple of years ago when my mom sent me Swedish candy for Christmas. I

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Susanna Krizo will officially open the doors this month to her Nordic Home shop, next to Aunt Tillie's Deli in the Hollywood District's 42nd Street Station. (Jane Perkins)

thought how fantastic it would be to go to a store and buy Nordic candy, just as I did when I was growing up in Sweden."

Krizo did some research and discovered that Nordic bulk candy is hugely popular anywhere a store opens up.

"I knew there were a few stores in larger metropolises like L.A. and New York, but none in Oregon," said Krizo. "Nordic candy is free from GMOs and corn syrup and tastes like candy should – indulgent with a lingering aftertaste of sweetness that satisfies. The idea of offering more than just candy comes from my love for everything Nordic. As a native Swede, Finn and Sami, I wanted to showcase the beauty of Nordic design."

During the holiday season, Nordic Home is filled with Nordic Christmas items, including ornaments, holiday chocolates and specialty candies from all the Scandinavian countries, in addition to a carefully curated selection of gift items.

"I believe I'm the only Nordic store in Portland, which makes my store really special," said Krizo. "Although the candy section will remain pretty much the same, the idea is to always have something new according to the seasons. I'm also happy to receive suggestions or special orders if there is something people want to buy that isn't in the store."

"One of the most exciting aspects of the Nordic Home is the ever-changing inventory," said Krizo. "An item doesn't have to be made in Scandinavia to fit in a Nordic home. As long as a design adheres to the principles of minimalism it will find its place, as Nordic design is all about functionality combined with aesthetically pleasing lines. I know the Hollywood District has a sizable Scandinavian population. I really love all the businesses in the 42nd Street Station. We

have a real family feel here."

The Nordic Home is open Monday through Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. For more information, call 503-752 9812 or visit www.thenordichomestore.com.

COUNTRY FINANCIAL HOSTS NEIGHBORHOOD KIDS AT MODA CENTER

On November 3, Richard Lucas, former UO basketball star and an agency manager with Country Financial, partnered with the Portland Trail Blazers to lead a team of volunteers to the Lloyd District's Moda Center and present a free basketball clinic for kids from the Boys and Girls Club of Portland and Self Enhancement, Inc.

"Supporting the community, specifically youth, to help them build important life skills to thrive in their future is very important to us," said Lucas. "If we played a role in that with this fun event, we did our jobs today."

The event was launched as a part of the Trail Blazers' Live Learn and Play program, which raises awareness about and positively impacts underserved kids by creating an atmosphere that engages them, builds camaraderie and self esteem and, most importantly, lets them have fun. The kids were able to be part of a memorable experience on the Blazers home court, got to meet mascot Blaze and take home tickets for an upcoming home game.

Country Financial's Northeast office is located at 1468 N.E. Alberta St. in the Vernon neighborhood. For more information, visit www.representatives.countryfinancial.com/geoff.dorn.

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Living Room Realty has hired Matt Guy as a managing principal broker. (Compass PR)

BLOCK 14 READY TO PARTY ON ALBERTA

On Sunday, December 2, the businesses of Block 14 on Alberta Street will host a holiday party for the community with caroling, complimentary beverages, festive treats, special sales and plenty of family fun. A percentage of proceeds from the event will be donated to the North by Northeast Community Health Center at 714 N.E. Alberta St.

The party will be from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. on Northeast Alberta Street between 14th and 15th avenues.

Participating businesses will include Bamboo Sushi, Case Study Coffee, Ecovibe Apparel, Fuel Cafe, Frock Boutique, Geoff Dorn's Country Financial, Imelda and Louie's Shoes, Living Room Realty, PDX Gold Dust, Shift Vacation Rentals, Swiss Hibiscus and Tin Shed.

For more information, visit www.block14pdx.com.

LIVING ROOM REALTY WELCOMES MATT GUY

In late September, Living Room Realty hired Matt Guy as a managing principal broker. Living Room's Northeast office is located at 1401 N.E. Alberta St. in the King neighborhood.

Guy joins current managing principal broker Diane Moreau to lead a team of 131 licensed real estate agents and manage day-to-day operations for Living Room's four offices in the city. He will oversee all sales activity, train and recruit new members and serve as a proponent of Living Room's brand values to help drive the team towards that vision.

"We are so excited to welcome Matt as managing principal broker," said Jenelle Isaacson, owner of Living Room Realty. "As we continue to grow and expand our offerings, Matt will be a valuable asset to

help us achieve our goals."

Prior to joining Living Room, Guy was an assistant managing broker and managing principal broker for real estate offices in Northeast Portland and West Linn. Guy has been a real estate broker since 2004 and is Earth Advantage-certified. He is an Oregon native and attended the University of Oregon, earning a degree in English.

"I'm honored to be a part of a real estate firm that is so rooted in the community," said Matt. "I look forward to driving our growth and supporting our mission to develop vibrant neighborhoods."

For more information, visit www.livingroomre.com.

SMART READING PROGRAM SEEKS MORE VOLUNTEERS

The nonprofit SMART program (Start Making A Reader Today) is seeking volunteers to read just one hour a week with kids in Northeast Portland. Volunteers are critical to SMART's ability to bring the love of reading and learning to thousands of children across Oregon each year.

In the 2018-19 school year, SMART needs 80 more reading volunteers in order to provide valuable one-on-one reading support and books at Boise-Eliot Elementary, Kairos PDX and the Blazers Boys and Girls Club.

In the Portland Metro area, SMART will read with over 3,300 students at 98 schools.

"SMART volunteers make a tremendous difference in the lives of local children," said SMART Program Manager Kendra Allen. "In fact, more than 95 percent of students participating in SMART show improvement in literacy development."

Volunteers have been at the heart of SMART's work since its founding 27 years ago, and are critical to the success of its mission.

For more information, call 971-634-1628 or visit at www.getsmartoregon.org. ★



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The Pet Food Bank is the heart and soul of the Pongo Fund, which has provided more than 12 million high-quality meals and helped more than 120,000 animals. The Oregon Humane Society's sales associate Holly Primiano is one of 100 caring and dedicated volunteers staffing the Pet Food Bank. "Since 2010, I've worked alongside an amazing group of people. I'm grateful for the Pongo Fund because in helping others to feed hungry pets, I've fed my soul," said Primiano.

Staffed by a dedicated corps of veterinarians and medical assistants, the Pongo Fund Mobile Animal Hospital provides free lifesaving care for animals. Assistance is available by emailing info@thepongofund.org.

Santa was busy posing for photos with pets last month, visiting Salty's Pet Supply, 4039 N. Mississippi Ave. and Fang! Pet and Garden Supply, 3131 N. Lombard St. in Kenton. According to owner Nancy Fedelem, \$2,475 was raised from these events to benefit the Pongo Fund. On December 1st, Santa travels to 3147 S.W. Moody Ave., for photos at Three Paws Neighborhood Pet Supply, and Fedelem is collecting donations for The Pongo Fund throughout December.

Green Dog Pet Supply will host Santa Paws during Fremont Holiday Fest on December 7, from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Arrange to have your pet photographed with Santa at their store, 4327 N.E. Fremont, for a voluntary \$10 donation to the Pongo Fund Pet Food Bank's Emergency Medical Care Fund.

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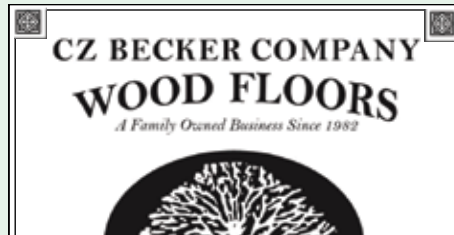
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