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The first family of Lincoln basketball has a mission

Left: Moroni Seely-Roberts attacks the basket.
Center: Coach Heather Roberts sends a message.
Right: Malachi Seely-Roberts pushes the ball up court.
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BY ALLAN CLASSEN

For Heather Roberts, the novelty of being the first woman to coach boys' varsity basketball in Oregon wore off long ago.

She gained that distinction in 2018-19 at Yamhill-Carlton, a program she built into the 2021 Oregon 3A champions. Her towering twin sons, Moroni and Malachi, helped. Six-foot-six Moroni was 3A player of the year, and 6-foot-8 Malachi made first team all-state on the 2021 team.

The trio came en masse to Lincoln High School last season, lifting a team that was 2-15 the prior year to a 19-8

record, missing the state tournament by one game. Both boys were Portland Inter-scholastic League first-team all-stars.

That was only the beginning. The “first” in their sights this season is the 6A championship, and they aren't the only ones thinking Lincoln could bring home the trophy. They entered the Les Schwab Invitational holiday tournament ranked number one in the state by the Oregon School Activities Association, while the coach's poll had them at number two. Lincoln suffered its first two losses of the season in the tournament with some lessons on what it will take to prevail in March.

The last state championship for Lincoln was in 1952, when they played in the basement of “old Lincoln,” now known as Portland State University's Lincoln Hall. That might as well have been prehistory. A 7-foot giant known as the Lincoln spire, Swede Halbrook, broke all state scoring records in a gym so tiny that support columns intruded into the edge of the court at the centerline. The following year, the school moved to a new building—demolished last year—at Southwest 14th and Salmon streets. The Cardinals now play in the PIL's newest school building with a spacious gym holding three basketball courts and ample bleachers.

Roberts had intended to stay at Yamhill-Carlton until Portland Public Schools Athletic Director Jeff Peeler asked her to be the Lincoln coach and a PE teacher.

“The chance for the boys to play at the 6A level and in the PIL was a really big draw,” she told NBC Sports. “We figured, if we're going to play at the next level or have that opportunity, we better be able to play against the best kids here to see what they can do.”

For the second straight season, the starting lineup includes 6-foot-10 cen-

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Two killed at intersection where fixes OK'd in June

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

Two pedestrians were killed crossing West Burnside Street at St. Clair Avenue in separate incidents late last year.

Northwest District resident Brian “Blue” Lemasters, 50, was struck in a hit-and-run collision Sept. 14 and died 12 days later.

On the icy evening of Dec. 22, an unidentified man was struck and killed by an SUV, whose driver cooperated with investigators.

Burnside is particularly dangerous at this spot due to a bus stop at the crest of a visibility-blocking rise along the four-lane thoroughfare. Bus riders sometimes dash across the unmarked intersection to catch an inbound bus.

This T-intersection could be called an accident waiting to happen, as the Portland Bureau of Transportation has been well aware. Last June, PBOT moved ahead with plans for a signalized crosswalk, center median curb and better lighting.

The \$1.1 million project is scheduled to begin construction by the end of the year. There is no word on whether it might be expedited in light of the recent fatalities.

For many, including several who commented on NextDoor, it will not be soon enough. Most seemed unaware that solutions they envision are in the works.

“Terrible!” wrote Goose Hollow resident

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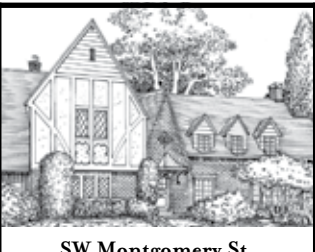
Pedestrians find a slim margin of error crossing St. Clair Avenue along West Burnside Street.
Photo by Wesley Mahan



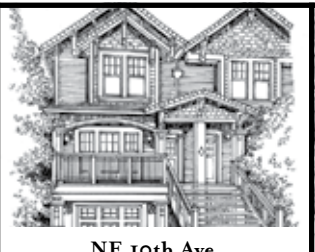
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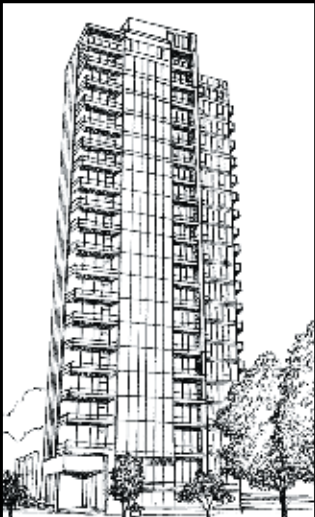
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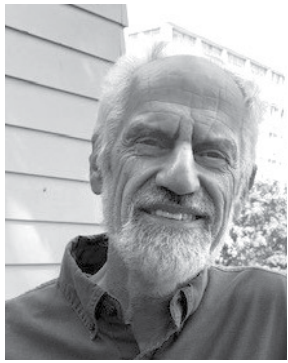


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Charity, tolerance and their limits

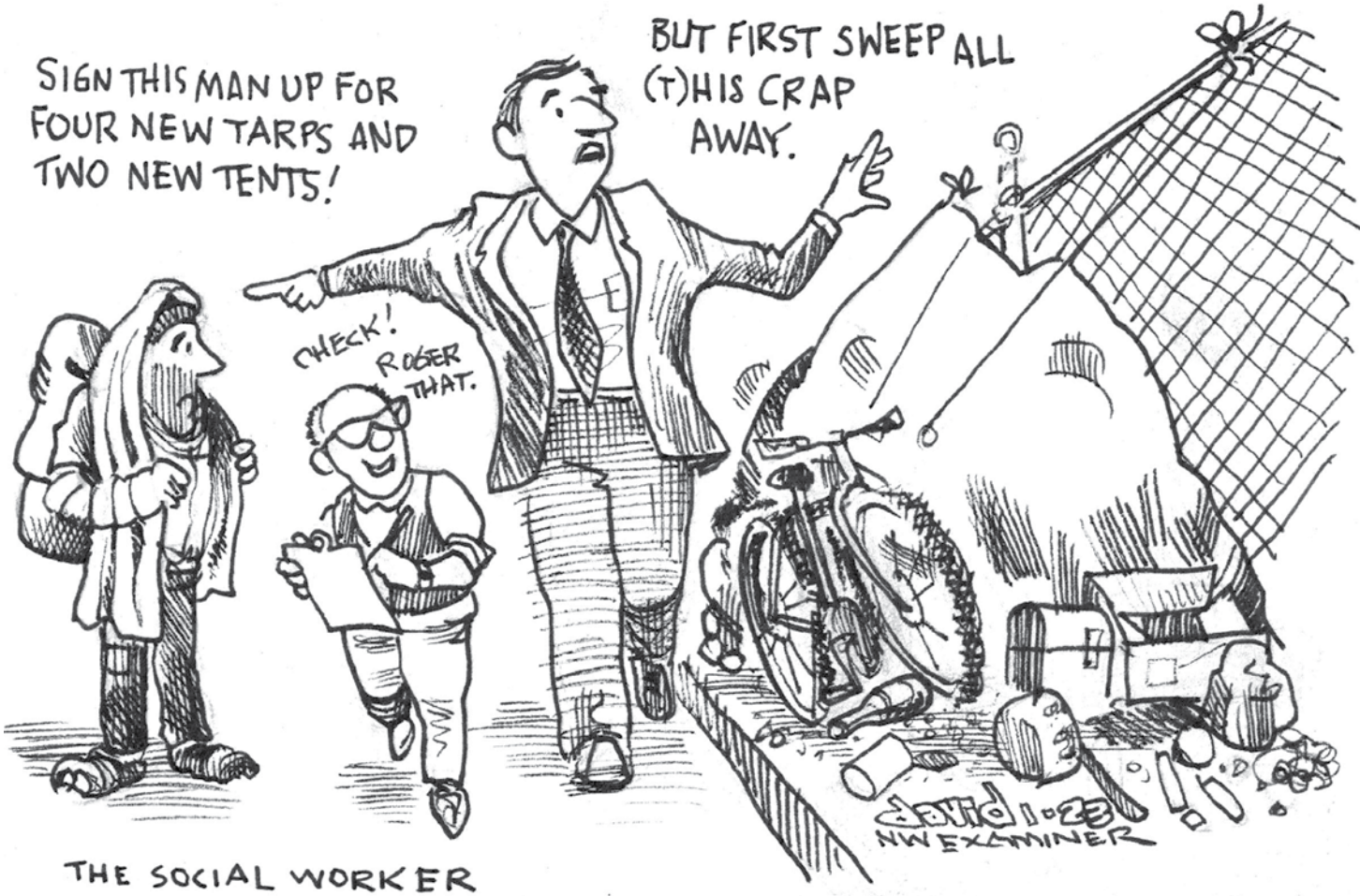
Portland’s response to homelessness has been centered on charity and tolerance. Those are virtues, to be sure, and pillars of urban society. But standing alone, they have proved inadequate, if not counterproductive, to the challenge at hand in our city.

The balance between helping those in need and expecting them to take personal responsibility is complex and unique to each case. Most parents, although caring deeply about the welfare of their children, have grappled with the generosity-versus-accountability conundrum. Should their offspring lose their homes and not bounce back despite numerous opportunities, even parents may withhold further support. If even close relatives cannot easily sort out the tension between assistance and enabling, what makes us think that large institutions have the magic formula?

The local “homeless-industrial complex” has peddled unlimited charity and tolerance in messages to public officials and citizens, and they have generally gotten buy-in. There is always a recent economic downturn or special circumstance to explain why homeless camps and disorder proliferate. For decades, more funding has been promised as the solution, while intolerant neighbors have been labeled as the obstacle.

Those usual suspects no longer excuse the failure. Government and private agencies now have more money for housing/homelessness than they know what to do with, yet streets and public spaces remain dominated by camping, trash and filth.

On top of massive local bond measures to build affordable housing and to provide rental assistance, shelters and social services, the federal government piled on millions in COVID relief dollars, which were used locally to hand out 23,000 tents and 70,000 tarps to anyone sans questions or record-keeping. That bounty could have supplied each of the 5,000 or so unhoused Portlanders with four tents



and a dozen tarps. Many of the tents and tarps distributed so freely probably wound up in the mountains of trash, work crews later had to haul away. Had the agencies collected names and tracked the fortunes of the recipients, they might have guided some to shelter, counseling and transition services. Instead, \$2 million in supplies went out the door without forming connections that could help turn lives around.

Not only was nothing learned from the giveaway, the tents, tarps and other supplies can actually harden resistance to change. Drugs, guns and illicit activities can be hidden in tents, which even the police cannot enter without a warrant. Tents enable people to survive on the street without facing down addictions, mental health problems and the black market activities that support their unstable status quo.

Perfect charity and tolerance demand nothing in return. Judgments of recipients for abusing or misusing the gifts have no place. So the vicious cycle of presumed virtue churns on.

Extreme tolerance in any direction is often interwoven with intolerance in another. That is the revelation of the current ADA class action lawsuit demanding that Portland sidewalks and public spaces be kept clear of obstructions. No one should be forced off the sidewalk or into the street to get around homeless camps, especially the blind and people using mobility devices who

may find these detours impossible.

A clean, clear and safe public commons belongs to all of us. We are all free to use it; none are entitled to debase it. Without the capacity to experience the fullness of our city—to gather and socialize at landmarks, parks, gathering places, familiar businesses and cultural venues—we weaken the grasp of our common bond; our commitment to democratic self-government. And with them goes the universal lubricant that makes the best of our grittiest predicaments—compromise.

When we forsake the pursuit of the perfect and the comfort of moral superiority, we may find that seemingly intractable problems yield to the higher power embodied in a healthy democracy. ■

Readers Reply

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Opened eyes

What an eye-opening article [“Homeless crisis seen as winnable,” December 2022]. I have read and heard all kinds of things for years about the homeless situation, and I have never seen any reference to “mayors.”

“Mayors” clearly play a huge role in homeless communities and would seem to be obvious points of contact for anyone trying to learn what the situations on the streets really are. But why are they not mentioned in the news media? Kevin Dahlgren not

only meets homeless people, he learns about them personally, and has opinions about solving the problems that come from long experience. It really makes me wonder what others working on the situation are doing.

Thank you for this report. It gives me hope that Portland may find a way to both clear the streets of the ubiquitous campers and actually help them at the same time.

Charlotte Rubin
NW Irving St.

Puzzling noise treatment

So Kaady Car Wash on Burnside isn’t allowed to offer vacuums because they’re too loud, but Café Nell can blast music and heater noise in a residential area. There must be some logic there, but I can’t see it.

Marion Hansen
SW Fifth Ave.

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Millidge P. Walker



Millidge P. Walker, a longtime resident of Northwest Pettygrove Street, died Nov. 3 at age 100. He was born on June 19, 1922, in Shanghai to missionary parents. He served in the U.S. Army in Japan and received a Ph.D. in political science at the University of California, Berkeley. He married Irene Tinker in 1952, and

they settled in Chevy Chase, Md. He was a professor for many years at American University's School of International Service and School of Government and Public Affairs in Washington, D.C. His memoirs, "Asian Encounters," focusing on his field work in China, Japan, Indonesia, India, Nepal and Sri Lanka, were recently published. In 1997, he moved to Portland, where he and Irene hosted monthly salons in their home on Pettygrove Street. He is survived by his wife, Irene; their children, Tjip, Janet and Joro; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Kitty Wheeler

Kitty Wheeler, a longtime resident of Northwest Portland, died Oct. 23 at age 83. She was born June 28, 1939, and grew up in St. Louis. She received master degrees in English and urban planning from Boston University. In 1966, she and her husband Mark moved to Portland, where she was a tour guide, freelance writer and volunteer at several nonprofit organizations.

She was a member of Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. They moved to Maine in 1996. She is survived by her husband, Mark; sons, Timothy, Andrew and Geoffrey; daughter, Beth; and 10 grandchildren.

Deborah Johnson



Deborah Lynn Johnson, who spent most of her life in Northwest Portland, died Dec. 9 after being struck crossing a street in Northeast Portland. She was 66. She was born on March 25, 1966, and grew up in Northwest Portland, where she resided until the 1990s. She attended Chapman Grade School and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1974. She attended Western Oregon University. She helped run a carpentry business with her former husband, Bruce Johnson. She also worked as a cashier in several local food markets. She is survived by her sisters, Nan Wilder and Patricia Ben Peterson.

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Patrick Cress



Patrick Harrison Cress, who attended Chapman Grade School and Lincoln High School, died Dec. 1 at age 75. He was born on Sept. 9, 1947, and grew up in Northwest Portland. He studied art education at the University of Oregon and attended Pacific Northwest College of Art. He also studied under Japanese watercolor artist Kaji Aso and produced works in watercolor, ink and colored pencils. He is survived by his sisters, Terrie Cress-Sargent and Cathy Beaudry; and brother, Scott Cress.

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John Ellis



John Griffin Ellis, who grew up in Goose Hollow, died Dec. 7 at age 81. He was born on March 2, 1941, in Portland and graduated from Lincoln High School and Portland State University. He worked for Churchill Tours in the travel industry, co-founded a travel agency in 1979, and with his wife, Mila, formed Ellis Travel House in 2002. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mila; son, John; daughter, Natasha; and four grandchildren.

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Sally Broughton



Sally Broughton, a former Goose Hollow resident who was active in civic affairs, died Dec. 5 at age 84. Sally Drinker was born on July 27, 1938, in Portland. She attended Grant High School and graduated from Stanford University in 1960. She married Hal Broughton in 1964. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, was a director of the Rose Festival Association, served as president of the Portland Garden Club, was a member of the Multnomah Athletic Club and was treasurer of the Colonial Dames. She is survived by her husband, Hal; son, Harold; daughters, Elizabeth Marsamane and Sarah Broughton; and one grandchild.

She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, was a director of the Rose Festival Association, served as president of the Portland Garden Club, was a member of the Multnomah Athletic Club and was treasurer of the Colonial Dames. She is survived by her husband, Hal; son, Harold; daughters, Elizabeth Marsamane and Sarah Broughton; and one grandchild.

William Baer



William Baer, who practiced and taught medicine in Northwest Portland, died Dec. 21 at age 84. He was born in Louisville, Ky. on Sept. 30, 1938. He attended medical school in Louisville and later was an Air Force flight surgeon. He moved to Portland in 1969, where he practiced with Dr. Milton Singer, taught at Oregon Health Sciences University and Dever's Eye Institute in a career that spanned almost 50 years. His first wife, Joan Teckler, was killed in an accident two years later. He married Sydney in 1986. He is survived by his wife, Sydney; daughter, Allison; son, Louis; and two grandchildren.

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Death Notices

MONA JANNEY BRETT, 100, member of the Portland Garden Club, The Town Club and Trinity Episcopal Cathedral.

VIRGINIA (DUSSIN) CALLEY, 99, member of the Multnomah Athletic Club.

DOROTHY ANTOINETTE CARUSO, 84, nurse at St. Vincent Hospital on Northwest Westover.

BARRY D. HORNSTEIN, 81, 1959 graduate of Lincoln High School.

KAY KARLENE (GIESE) SMITH, 81, manager at Consolidated Freightways.

JAMES A. LARSON, 94, 1946 graduate of Lincoln High School.

ERNEST ELLERY HALL MCCALL, 87, attended Ainsworth Elementary School.

THOMAS R. PAYNE, 67, built many custom homes in Forest Heights.

EDITH E PARKER, 95, longtime Willamette Heights resident.

BETTY JEAN LEE, 88, Lan Su Chinese Garden board member.

BENJAMIN SICKINGER, 90, 1950 graduate of Lincoln High School.

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Not singled out

Café Nell and its owner Vanessa Preston have exhibited selfish, unlawful behavior and the failure to maintain a safe pedestrian right-of-way [“Café goes for permanent expansion,” December 2022]. Specifically, there were two areas where the concrete sidewalk had settled, creating tripping hazards. Their outdoor furniture also was positioned in a way that caused the pedestrian zone to be less than the safe and legal width. This was compounded by the behavior of Café Nell’s serving staff,

who regularly “owned” the sidewalk, forcing pedestrians to jump out of their way.

And for several years, a heavy plastic sheet was hung in front of the door on public property, creating a hazard at eye level. The city received at least two complaints about these conditions as early as 2018 and did nothing. Café Nell is not being singled out. Most other property owners, including most restaurants, manage to comply with the law and are good neighbors.

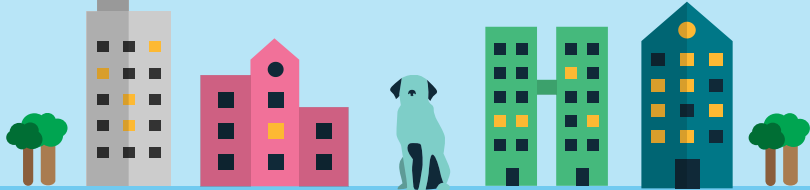
Bruce Silverman
NW Northrup St.

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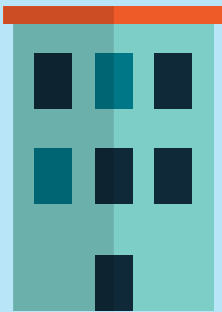


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Top left: The Cardinals and their coach.
Lower left: Malachi Seely-Roberts lofts a one-hander versus Mountainside.

Lower right: The Cardinals fans were excited at the first game in their new gym.
Photos by Marina Johnson

"On the run" cont'd from page 1

ter Graham Eikenberry. The Cardinals would seem built for a more deliberate, half-court game. But undaunted by the speed and intensity of the city game, Coach Roberts has applied a full-court, running-pressing style against the fastest players in the state and kept the pedal to the metal.

"We press all the time," she said. "We practice hard, we play four quarters and we're going to outwork you."

Exceptions to the pressing pattern were so infrequent she can cite the times they employed a half-court zone defense last season.

"We did it against Benson," she recalled.

The up-tempo style lights up the scoreboard.

Lincoln beat Ida B. Wells 107-98 in double overtime last January, the highest-scoring game in many seasons in Oregon. Last season, the Cardinals averaged more than 72 points per game, the highest mark in the state regardless of classification.

How did a team led by tall white guys perfect the racehorse style?

"They're all gym rats with high basketball IQ," she said. "The kids really bought into what we were doing."

The highlight of the season may have been a 75-74 win at Roosevelt in which the Cardinals never led until making a three-point bomb at the buzzer.

"The pure joy on their faces—that was very exciting," she said. "The guys would never give up."

Culture shock

Heather Seely, who grew up in Corvallis, married Jason Roberts. The boys go by Seely-Roberts. All are members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and commute from their home in Newberg.

If the transition to big school basketball came naturally, Heather confesses to culture shock with the rest of school life. She said there is only one other LDS member at the school, and she had never had Jewish students before.

"It's fine. I've always been different," she said. "I'm learning about other cultures. I've enjoyed the diversity. Everyone has been really accepting. The camaraderie has been good."

Even her twin sons are not peas in a pod. Roberts appreciates the "very different" skills and styles they bring to the court.

"They complement each other," she said.

Malachi, a slender 180-pounder, is the team's point guard, perhaps the tallest high school point guard in Oregon history.

"He's a good ball-handler who can shoot long," Roberts said. "He's a good thinker who has court vision. He runs our team."

Malachi averaged 18.2 points per game last year, 6 assists and nailed more than 40 percent of his three-point attempts.

Moroni, at 210 pounds, is "built like a football player, dives on the floor and

throws his body around," Roberts said.

"He is everywhere, can play three positions and has the best footwork in the state," she said.

He scored 24.2 points a game, had 9.5 rebounds and made nearly 60 percent of his shots from the field.

For the first time since seventh grade, Moroni went out for football this season, to the anxiety of his parents. He made the PIL all-star team as a defensive end despite missing the last three games of the season due to a concussion.

The basketball team is clearly improved this season, winning all four of its early December games against highly ranked opponents. Although the LSI tournament was a disappointment, identifying weaknesses before league play begins may help in the long run.

Successful handoff

Jason Roberts is in a good position to understand what makes Heather successful. At 6-foot-7, he was a member of a state championship high school team in Idaho and played for Oregon State in 1995-96 as a walk-on. He coached the twins in youth leagues but feels he made the right decision when he "handed them off to a better coach."

"She really cares about the kids," he said. "She wants them to have a good experience, have fun, enjoy the team and learn leadership. She's very good at building a culture of success, which often leads to winning."

She runs practices with min-

ute-by-minute precision, breaking the team into cohorts to work on elements of the game and teach fundamentals. For these sessions, Assistant Coach Eddie Littlefield takes the other half of the squad for maximum individualized attention.

Littlefield, whom she hired as an assistant to focus on a perceived team weakness in half-court defense and to teach offensive guard play, has coached for 20-plus years, most recently in Forest Grove.

"Coaching with Heather has exceeded my expectations," Littlefield said. "She knows the game and how to get the very most out of every player. She demands excellence from everyone, including her staff. She holds the athletes accountable on and off the court, and I admire how she implements teaching not just the game of basketball but critical life skills to these young men."

"For example, she expects each boy who enters the gym each day to personally greet the staff, talk about how their day is going and to ask questions of us, which encourages meaningful relationships and communication skills."

"Additionally, she has the difficult task of coaching her own sons—something I know about all too well—which can be tricky to navigate, but she does so seamlessly," he continued. "Her sons are great basketball players and even better young men."

The family member getting the least publicity these days, Jason Roberts, is in the stands every game.



Above: Coach Heather Roberts gives sideline counsel.

Top right: Moroni Seely-Roberts bursts to the basket.

Right: Moroni Seely-Roberts prepares for a foul shot while his brother, Malachi, signals a teammate.



“I love watching them play,” he said of his sons. “I love watching them more than playing myself.”

Dismissing his college career as marginal, he said, “They are so much better than I ever was. They are smarter, better dribblers and better shooters.”

On a mission

Neither he nor their mother will be seeing them on the court for the next two years. The mother-son coaching

combo may end this spring. Malachi and Moroni are committed to a two-year LDS mission. It likely will be overseas, where there could be little or no opportunity to play basketball.

Their father can live with that.

“I wonder if basketball is too much of their life,” he said, “but then I think, what else would they do? Sit in the house and play video games? There are worse things than being heavily invested in a sport.”

There are also some things more important than sports: “Being human, a child of God, being intelligent and friendly,” he said.

Malachi has a 3.95 grade-point average and his favorite subject is English. He wants a career “helping people” in some field. Moroni’s GPA is 3.88 and he is thinking of following his mother as a PE teacher and coach. Both would like to play college basketball after their mission, whether at a junior college or Division 1 program, together or

perhaps at different schools.

If their athletic futures are dimmed by taking two years away from the game, the boys and their parents express no doubts. Malachi said it may be a blessing in disguise for his hoops future. It will give him time to put weight on his slender frame. ■

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Nothing settled at Portland programs

Heather Roberts was prepared for the intensity of Portland high school basketball when she took the head coaching job at Lincoln last season. One surprise has been the instability of Portland Interscholastic League programs.

“It’s kind of crazy,” Roberts said. “There’s lots of movement among players and coaches.”

There has been even more since she joined the PIL.

After winning the league championship at Cleveland High School last year, Coach Dondrale Campbell moved to fill the vacancy at Grant caused when its head coach, Robert Key, left to take the West Linn job, bringing PIL Player of the Year Adrian Mosley with him.

Cleveland lost its top returning player, Christian Green, transferred to Grant, and Roosevelt’s top scorer last year, Terrence Hill, left the school for a basketball prep program in Arizona.

“All the kids know each other,” Roberts said of PIL players, heightening rivalries but also building relationships that lead to transfers.

Roberts became the third Lincoln head coach in three seasons when she took the job. Will it become “two and done” after her sons graduate this spring?

She makes no commitments, but there will not be an immediate reason to coach at her sons in college. Their commitment to a two-year Mormon mission assignment comes first.

“I am coaching as if I am returning,” Roberts said. “I reevaluate each year as a matter of policy.”

Roberts began her coaching career with girls teams: five seasons at Ashland High School, five at Lakeridge High School and four at Southern Virginia University. When her sons entered high school, she switched to boys teams.

Entering this season, she had 322 wins at Oregon schools.

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Above: A bus-rider runs to catch the No. 20 bus on West Burnside Street.
Left: A makeshift memorial marks the deadly intersection.
Photos by Wesley Mahan

"Two deaths" cont'd from page 1

Joann Dennis. "There needs to be a light."
"Something needs to be done," Northwest District resident Kelly Camp wrote. "I hope the city will make that span of Burnside a safer place for pedestrians."
"It is a very dangerous piece of road," wrote Shelby Schneider, formerly a near-by resident.
"West Burnside is a blight on the neighborhood," wrote Linda McKim-Bell of Willamette Heights. "I want new speed limits, trees all along it and more small businesses. More amenities would signal to motorists that this is a neighborhood and not a freeway."
"Neighbors should organize to

demand a crosswalk by St. Clair with a light and push button. ... How many have to die before something is done?"
Pearl District Neighborhood Association board member Glenn Traeger wrote that "Hawthorne east of Southeast 39th is a good example of what can be done. First, we need to slow Burnside down to an enforced 20 mph speed limit."
Several of those suggestions are part of the project, including pedestrian-activated crosswalk signals.
Another aspect of the project caused neighborhood representatives to pause the final funding piece for two weeks last June. Members of the Northwest Parking Stakeholders Advisory Commit-

tee questioned the centerline curb that would prevent left turns onto St. Clair, a frequent practice by drivers headed to Southwest Vista Avenue.
"This is going to create real problems to get up the hill," said SAC member Mark Stromme, who said he turns left at St. Clair four times a day.
"It amazes me that PBOT hasn't considered the consequences of no left turn here," said Greg Theisen, co-chair of the Northwest District Association Planning Committee. "They're not ready to do this project."
The SAC also balked at being asked to cover most of the project's \$531,112 budget shortfall and almost half of its

full cost.
"The number that throws me is \$500,000, which seems far too high," said SAC member Karen Karlsson.
The SAC voted 8-2 against funding the project June 15. But at a special meeting on June 29, the committee reversed course and gave its unanimous approval. The only change in the proposal between the two votes was a modification of the funding stream should the project come in under budget.
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Cultural Center Annual Membership Meeting Slated for February 16, 2023

The Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center (NNCC) will hold its annual membership meeting at 6:00 PM on Thursday, February 16, 2023. As has been our practice for the past two years, the meeting will take place as a Zoom hosted teleconference. Members of record as of January 15, 2023 who wish to attend the meeting will need to register in advance. Please watch our web site www.nnccpdx.com for more information about this meeting and the advance registration process.

Director nominees for the term beginning in 2023 will be elected. The new Board will elect officers for 2023 immediately following the membership meeting. An update on the status of the pending sale of the building, the Northwest Neighborhoods Fund and related matters will be presented.

If any member of the corporation wishes to nominate for Directors persons other than those proposed by the Nominating Committee, said member shall do so by delivering to the Secretary not less than ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting a petition signed by at least ten (10) members naming the nominee or nominees and stating that each nominee has agreed to serve if elected. The Secretary shall state at the Annual Meeting, prior to the election of directors, the names and qualifications of those nominated by petition. Nominating petitions may be delivered to the NNCC Secretary by US Mail at Northwest Neighborhood Cultural Center, P.O. Box 96116, Portland, Oregon 97296-6116.

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The former Lovejoy SurgiCenter at 933 NW 25th Ave., where abortions were performed for years, was sold last year to a Tacoma-based development company. It is being remodeled for the Pearl Health Center, a primary health care clinic now at 721 NW Ninth Ave.



SLABTOWN SAVIER

Construction is underway on two mixed-use buildings straddling Northwest Savier Street west of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. The five-to-seven-story buildings will have a total of 363 residential units.



FREMONT PLACE

The 17-story Fremont Place Apartments, proposed in 2017 and delayed by neighborhood association opposition, is nearly completion. Developer Lincoln Property Co. compromised with the Pearl District Neighborhood Association to widen the greenway path.



LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL

Old Lincoln High School is gone, to be replaced by athletic facilities under construction. The new school building has been in use since the school year began in September.



THE PHILIP

The latest revision of The Philip at Northwest Ninth and Glisan streets is scaled down to eight stories, based on the advice of the Portland Historic Landmarks Commission, which wanted greater deference to the Honeyman Hardware building and other historic structures in the vicinity. When first announced last February, it was to have 23 stories and 337 housing units.



STARLIGHT

City Commissioner Dan Ryan helped open Starlight, a 100-unit affordable housing building developed by Central City Concern with funds from the 2016 Portland Housing Bond. Seventy of the units are permanently reserved for chronically homeless people.

Proposed Under Review In Construction Other

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Preliminary design for the alley behind the proposed Food Hall & Beer Garden at Northwest 28th and Thurman Streets, the former location of Crackerjacks Pub.

BY ALLAN GLASSEN

City Hall’s extraordinary efforts to support Café Nell through the COVID era have had broader ramifications. Neighbors of other existing or potential outdoor dining facilities hold Café Nell’s sprawling and noisy operations as the example of what can go wrong.

Last spring, the Portland City Council passed an ordinance allowing all restaurants to serve food and beverages on adjacent parking lots they own or lease, even if they are in residential zones, through March 2023. Vanessa Preston, the owner of Café Nell, is seeking an exception to allow permanent use of a 50-by-100-foot parking lot she leases near Northwest 20th and Kearney.

At least two earlier and narrower ordinances proposed by City Commissioner

Dan Ryan’s office did not advance. In each case, Ryan’s staff and a Bureau of Development Services manager could not name a business affected other than Café Nell.

Neighbors of Twenty-first Avenue Kitchen & Bar have for more than a year contended with rowdy patrons and loud activities on a parking lot abutting three apartment buildings. Complaints to the city Noise Control Program, BDS and Oregon Liquor Control Commission have provided no relief.

Aaron Frechette, president of the homeowners association of the Irving Classic Condominiums, laid out the situation in an email to the Noise Control Office in December.

“The noise ... was coming from the residential-zoned parking lot located behind the bar that is being used as a makeshift

add-on dining area since the City Council enacted special COVID rules that allowed restaurants and bars to expand operations into residential-zoned parking lots.

“The bar operator held a commercial corn-hole tournament and other events in the parking lot. Loud crowds also occupy the parking lot into the late hours of the night. ... This lot is simply not zoned for this kind of activity, and it puts a strain on some residents who have to live next to the lot.”

Nicholas Carroll of the Noise Office asked Frechette to log future incidents, noting that “working to resolve noise issues is not instantaneous.”

Frechette told his story to the Northwest District Association Safety and Livability Committee later in December.

“There are all sorts of problems,” Frechette said. “In the morning, there is

vomit all over the place from all the over-serving.”

He has found bar owner Mike Reed unresponsive to his concerns or those of other neighbors.

“It’s kind of a big middle finger to the neighborhood with what they’re allowing on that property,” he said.

Michele Overman, whose condominium in Irving Classic faces the parking lot, has photographic proof of actual raised fingers. She has been complaining about Twenty-first Avenue Kitchen since 2021.

“The bar situation has gotten much, much worse,” Overman wrote in an email to the NW Examiner last January. “My neighbors have also tried to complain to the city, with no luck. He [Reed] is escalating the harassment and intimidation. He seems to think he’s invincible. I really am at my wit’s end here.”

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Why do they fear this ...?

Neighbors photographed gesturing patrons of Twenty-first Avenue Kitchen & Bar's parking lot patio.

One night at 12:30 a.m.—after closing time—she asked a group of patrons at a table near her window to leave. Instead, one flashed an obscene gesture.

“It ended with one young man threatening to commit grievous bodily harm on me,” she said. “The owner of 21st Avenue K&B encourages this kind of behavior.”

Overman shared photos and video clips of obnoxious behavior by patrons.

Her husband, Evan Chalmers, described the action on a Sunday afternoon in August.

“Twenty-first restaurant and bar has set up the corn-hole game along the hedge, roughly 10 feet from our windows. The loud whooping has already started. ... They are smoking directly under our windows.”

Later that evening, Chalmers reported, “You can already see them being as loud as they can at this moment, again. They are literally now screaming/chanting ‘drink mother f....., drink.’”

“And it isn’t even dark yet. And they beat on the picnic tables earlier in unison.

“The patrons of 21st did not stop being loud with shouting, or with playing the corn-hole game, when it was after 10 p.m. I am becoming concerned about how extreme Mike Reed’s patrons are becoming.”

Frechette replied to Chalmers’ message.

“Thank you for sharing the latest chapter,” Frechette wrote. “I have copied ... the HOA president for the Irving Tower Building next door. There have been break-ins to that building associated with individuals that accessed the building via the 21st Avenue Kitchen back terrace. I know there are folks in that building who have concerns about the ongoing disruption of the peace on our block created by this business (myself included as an owner of a unit in that building as well).

“I am sorry to hear the extent of this distressing behavior that you are being subjected to. I have recently seen people passed out in the beer garden early in the morning when I leave for work by the back alley. Unfortunately, I did not get a picture, but there will likely be other opportunities. I am sure we have not heard the end of the bad behavior by this business.

“I am following up with the city regarding zoning issues and the lack of public notice for this large expansion of a drinking establishment under questionable circumstances that is encroaching into the residential area.”

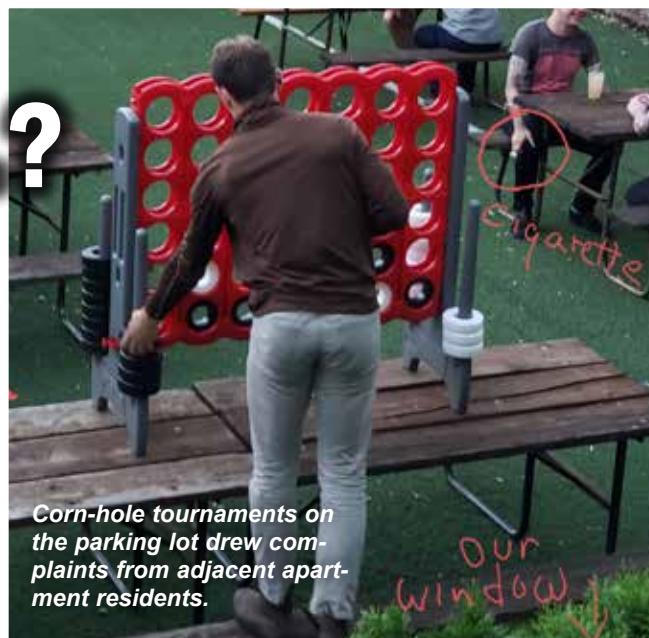
The president of the adjacent condominium HOA has been reticent to complain publicly, but he shared an email with Overman last October.

“I was woken up by loud banging and yelling around 1:50 a.m. and heard several loud crashes over and over, followed by cheers. I went downstairs to see what was going on, and there was a group of four-five men and women, and the men were taking turns kicking and running as hard as they could into the construction porta pot, trying to destroy it.

“I asked them what they were doing, and they said they got wasted at karaoke and were just having fun. I asked them to please stop, as it was disturbing, and to please not damage the porta pot. I was then met with threats of violence.

“This all happened for a solid hour on the corner of Northwest 21st and Irving. 21st Avenue bar just ignored the chaos and went about their business.”

NWDA representatives offered no answers, though they reflected on the ramifications of unchecked entertainment in residential areas. Later last month, neighbors responding to a proposed Food Hall & Beer Garden at Northwest 28th and Thurman streets referred to Café Nell and Twenty-first Avenue Kitchen. They wondered whether good neighbor agreements, as recommended by the NWDA Planning Committee in



Corn-hole tournaments on the parking lot drew complaints from adjacent apartment residents.

each case, would provide adequate protection of livability.

Thurman Street resident Reinier Warschauer asked city staff to deny setback adjustments to “keep this restaurant/bar/beer garden a lot smaller and not create another Café Nell-like situation on this corner.”

That was one of 37 letters sent to Bureau of Development Services staff on this project, 31 in opposition.

Committee member Regina Hauser said neighbors near 28th and Thurman “feel very frustrated because they feel like there’s really nothing we can do.

“Allan’s story in the most recent Examiner suggests there is no good faith on Café Nell’s part at all,” Hauser said. “What tools do people have?”

Committee member Elliott Gansner took the developer’s side, but he admitted that other local establishments have violated their residential neighborhoods. “I don’t think it’s going to be like on North-

west 21st, where you’ve got drunken kids going out at 2 in the morning,” he said.

Reed told the NW Examiner he has an arrangement with the owner of the parking lot and the former City Market building to use the lot in exchange for maintaining the vacant store. He said he does not have a written lease for the parking lot, however, as required by the city ordinance.

Reed’s co-owner, Scott McCulloch, said using the parking lot—which occurs no more than six weeks of the year—allowed the business to survive during COVID. He said he was only aware that two neighbors had complained, neither of whom were the HOA presidents.

McCulloch insisted that he and his partner want to be good neighbors.

“If it’s not working for them, it’s not working for us,” he said. ■

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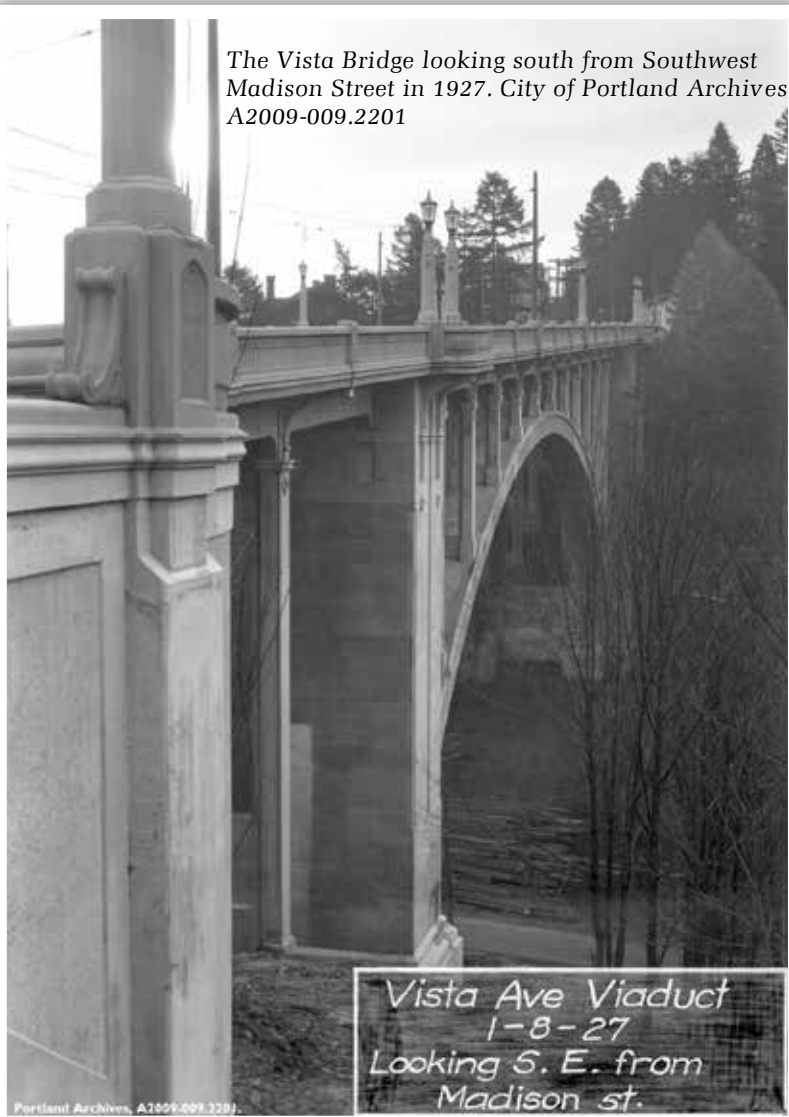
A flood control ramp and temporary dike were built in 1948 at Northwest Sixth and Irving streets. City of Portland Archives



Mallory's Stables, built in about 1880 at the corner of Northwest 11th and Flanders streets, were still in operation in 1917, when this photo was taken. The building was later occupied by Josefberg Gallery and the Portland headquarters for the American Institute of Architects. City of Portland Archives



Aerial view of the Northwest Industrial District in 1929. City of Portland Archives, A1999-004.55



The Vista Bridge looking south from Southwest Madison Street in 1927. City of Portland Archives, A2009-009.2201



The Pacific Coast Biscuit Co. building at Northwest 11th and Davis still looks much like it did in 1917. The top floor of the building at the far left has been removed. The soldiers were probably members of the Oregon National Guard attached to the Portland Armory building, which is at the photographer's back. City of Portland Archives

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Former See's Candies CEO's wish finally fulfilled



See's Candies CEO Pat Egan helped cut the ribbon at the company's newest store.



BY ALLAN CLASSEN

Longtime See's Candies CEO Chuck Huggins often talked of “someday” opening a candy store in Northwest Portland, his childhood home.

Richard Singer, whose family has owned retail locations on Northwest 23rd Avenue for two generations, kept reminding Huggins of his pledge, which finally came true last month 10 years after Huggins died at age 87.

See's current CEO, Pat Egan, who is also from Portland, appeared at a grand opening of the newest See's Candies store at 517 NW 23rd Ave., in a building owned by Singer's company.

“We are thrilled to be opening Oregon's newest shop right here on Northwest 23rd,” he said. “We love this location.”

What Egan did not realize until the ribbon-cutting ceremony was that he was in Huggins' old neighborhood.

Huggins' family moved here when he was a young child, living in a brick house that still stands near Northwest Thurman and Aspen streets. He attended Chapman Elementary School and Lincoln High School before serving as a paratrooper in World War II and graduating from Kenyon College in Ohio.

After beginning his 55-year career with See's, he moved near its headquarters in Pasadena, Calif., but he visited Portland many times to see his mother, who lived in Portland Heights.

“He had very, very fond memories of Portland and came often,” said his daughter, Shelly Dutton, who lives with her husband, Peter, in the Hillside neighborhood. She said he loved to hike the Wildwood Trail, see the Japanese Garden and enjoy restaurants

such as Henry Thiele's and Ringside.

Dutton said her father looked at several potential Northwest District locations over the years, including the Uptown Shopping Center, but may have been deterred by high lease rates.

Huggins became known far beyond his hometown. At Kenyon College, he was a classmate of actor Paul Newman, with whom he became “good friends,” Dutton said.

See's hired Huggins in 1951, and he worked his way up through many departments.

“He was so well-versed in all phases of the business, and Warren knew that,” she said.

“I will only purchase this company if you put Charles Huggins in charge.”
— Warren Buffett

Dutton was referring to Warren Buffett, whose Berkshire Hathaway investment firm bought See's in 1972. She said Buffett had one condition for the sale: “I will only purchase this company if you put Charles Huggins in charge.”

Buffett had met Huggins and knew of his reputation and thorough knowledge of the company.

Dutton saw her father in action when she visited the See's factory as a child and later when she worked for the company as a manager for 16 years.

“He would know all the (factory) workers by name and he would ask how their families were doing,” she said. “I learned what a kind person he was. He was never above-it-all.”

Her husband, a filmmaker, was also drawn into Chuck Huggins' world. He produced a history of See's Candies, narrated by Eddie Albert, that included images of delivery vehicles—such as a Ford Model A panel truck and a Harley-Davidson motorcycle with a sidecar—used to deliver candy in the Los Angeles area in the early 20th century. Dutton also produced a video for the 75th anniversary of the company. ■



Chuck Huggins' reputation and rapport with employees made Warren Buffett insist that he run the company.





An 18-year-old male who later told police he was high on methamphetamine attempted to break into a home near Northwest 18th and Glisan streets the evening of Dec. 3. Joseph Ibrahim smashed the front-door window with a fence post before being confronted by the homeowner and his two sons. A security camera recorded Ibrahim breaking the window.



An early December sale at the NM Bodecker Creative Foundation, located in a residentially zoned block at 2360 NW Quimby St., drew long lines and jammed parking stalls for blocks. An inquiry to Founder Trustee and Program Director Tanya Cerda about this or future events planned at the foundation was not answered.



A rental house at 615 NW 18th Ave. was substantially damaged by a fire after midnight Dec. 23. The three-story house, built in 1900, has been divided into apartments. There were no reported injuries.



Tanner Springs Park volunteer coordinator Richard Wenzel wants support from the public and Portland Parks & Recreation to keep dogs out of the park. Wenzel has been asking PP&R for more than two years to install appropriate signs without getting a response. "Tanner is a closed ecosystem with water from the pond pumped back up to flow back through the park's runnels to the pond," he said. "What goes into the park—rainwater, irrigation, dog pee—stays in the park." He can be reached at guevrek@gmail.com.



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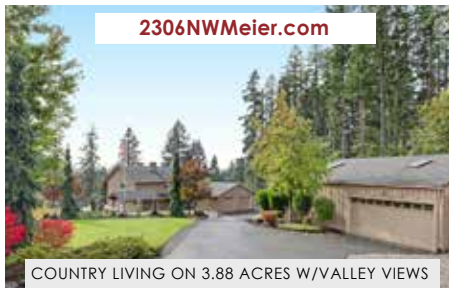
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\$1,349,000

4,210 SF • 4 BD • 3.5 BA | **ML# 22617260**
The Apa-Clarke Team 503.806.9773



[10500SW42nd.com](https://www.10500SW42nd.com)

SW Portland

\$950,000

3,355 SF • 6 BD • 3 Full BA | **ML# 22459718**
Doug Bergmann 503.869.7677 | Caitlin Mitchell 503.459.2528



[2321SWMontgomery.com](https://www.2321SWMontgomery.com)

Portland Heights

\$924,900

2,619 SF • 2 BD • 2.1 BA | **ML# 22109561**
Debbie Walker-Quintana 503.820.1626 | Lynda Dowling-Wu 503.810.6166



[4284NWAshbrook.com](https://www.4284NWAshbrook.com)

Thompson Woods

\$919,900

2,485 SF • 4 BD + Bonus • 3 BA | **ML# 22477617**
The Dirk Hmura Team 503.740.0070

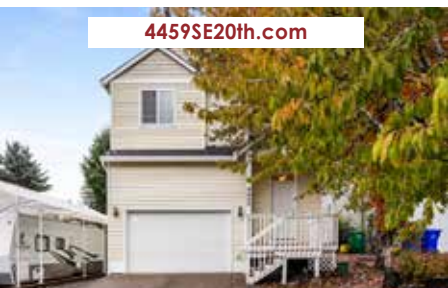


[20950Willamette.com](https://www.20950Willamette.com)

West Linn

\$815,000

2,252 SF • 3 BD • 2.5 BA | **ML# 22231286**
The Apa-Clarke Team 503.806.9773



[4459SE20th.com](https://www.4459SE20th.com)

Gresham

\$465,000

1,895 SF • 4 BD • 2.5 BA | **ML# 22289393**
Jon Ziegler 971.346.0252 | Josh Gainer 503.805.3600



[4518SE87th.com](https://www.4518SE87th.com)

SE Portland

\$369,900

1,002 SF • 2 BD • 1 BA | **ML# 22443058**
Jeremiah Branch 971.806.2769 | Dirk Hmura 503.740.0070

BEAVERTON

[15950SWClaremont.com](https://www.15950SWClaremont.com)

1,423 SF • 2 BD • 2 BA | **ML# 22659519**
Claremont | \$819,900

[5640SWStott.com](https://www.5640SWStott.com)

2,654 SF • 4 BD • 2.5 BA | **ML# 22576196**
Beaverton | \$759,900

[8127SWOldham.com](https://www.8127SWOldham.com)

2,260 SF • 5 BD • 3 BA | **ML# 22585200**
Beaverton | \$689,000

[12300SWDavies.com](https://www.12300SWDavies.com)

2,348 SF • 4 BD • 3.5 BA | **ML# 22608765**
Beaverton | \$627,500

[2294SW184th.com](https://www.2294SW184th.com)

1,820 SF • 3 BD • 2.5 BA | **ML# 22530234**
Beaverton | \$598,000

[9795WSaddle.com](https://www.9795WSaddle.com)

1,542 SF • 3 BD • 2 BA | **ML# 22326428**
Beaverton | \$555,000

CONDOMINIUMS / TOWNHOMES

[937NGLisan1534.com](https://www.937NGLisan1534.com)

2,440 SF • 2 BD + Den • 2 BA | **ML# 22113227**
The Pearl | \$1,995,000

[311NW12th501.com](https://www.311NW12th501.com)

2,125 SF • 2 BD + Den • 2 BA | **ML# 22189827**
The Pearl | \$1,095,000

[1420NW20th.com](https://www.1420NW20th.com)

1,539 SF • 2 BD • 2.5 BA | **ML# 22202860**
NW Portland | \$749,900

[2221SW1st2423.com](https://www.2221SW1st2423.com)

2,025 SF • 3 BD • 2 Full BA | **ML# 22119170**
SW Portland | \$675,000

[1618NWReliance.com](https://www.1618NWReliance.com)

1,932 SF • 2-Car Garage • 3 BD • 2.5 BA | **ML# 22238142**
North Bethany | \$585,000

[6645WBurnside510.com](https://www.6645WBurnside510.com)

1,192 SF • 2 BD • 2 BA | **ML# 22190433**
The Quintet | \$420,000

[6665WBurnside438.com](https://www.6665WBurnside438.com)

1,097 SF • 2 BD • 2 BA | **ML# 22449994**
The Quintet | \$395,000

[6625WBurnside225.com](https://www.6625WBurnside225.com)

707 SF • 1 BD • 1 BA | **ML# 22030654**
The Quintet | \$309,000



[1630NWRiverscape.com](https://www.1630NWRiverscape.com)

NW Portland

\$879,900

1,872 SF • 3 BD • 3.5 BA | **ML# 22337684**
The Dirk Hmura Team 503.740.0070



[13605SWGarratt.com](https://www.13605SWGarratt.com)

Tigard

\$581,999

1,863 SF • 3 BD • 2 BA | **ML# 22399882**
The Apa-Clarke Team 503.806.9773



[12604NWBarnes6.com](https://www.12604NWBarnes6.com)

Portland

\$199,000

812 SF • 2 BD • 1 BA | **ML# 22695448**
The Apa-Clarke Team 503.806.9773