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Citizens from across the city rallied at Portland City Hall, and members of the City Council apparently got the message.

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

Portland City Council's unanimous opposition to Portland General Electric's plans for more power lines through Forest Park did not surprise a sampling of the 23 opponents who testified at an April 17 public hearing.

The greater mystery to them was why a city hearings officer had earlier ruled in favor of PGE, necessitating the appeal to the council by the Forest Park Neighborhood

Association and the Forest Park Conservancy.

About 2,000 citizens submitted letters to the city in the course of the yearlong decision-making process, input PGE attorneys would characterize as largely emotional and not relevant to the issue.

The attorneys took their cue from Hearings Officer Marisha Childs, who wrote in her January decision that

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# Overreaction by police on 21st?

Later evidence says no



Raul Nava Jr.'s fear and anger locked down the neighborhood.

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Food trucks and vendors (left) are in, big First Thursday crowds are out.



# Art versus entertainment on 13th Avenue

What's First Thursday about, and who decides?

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

The Pearl District's identity entwines with Northwest 13th Avenue, where rival organizations now compete to define the true meaning of First Thursday, the art walk birthed at the beginning of the district's renaissance in 1986.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation ruled

that art in a family friendly atmosphere is what First Thursday is about and issued Urban Art Network exclusive permits to control commerce and activity on 13th Avenue between Hoyt and Kearney streets for the seven First Thursday events of the year.

The PBOT permit does not allow alcohol vendors in the right of way. A cluster of 13th

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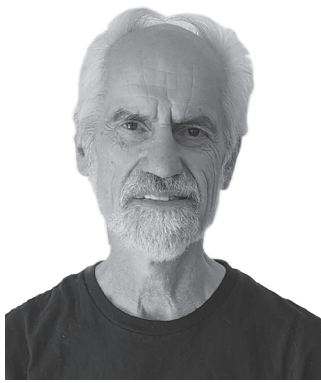


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# Is citizen a dirty word?

When did citizen become a dirty word? For me, that jolt was delivered by Suk Rhee, the former director of the Portland Office of Neighborhood Involvement, which she helped rename Office of Community & Civic Life before being forced out of her position by a damning audit of her mismanagement.

Rhee was about a month into this position when we sat down for an hourlong talk for background only. By then, 2017, I had come to consider citizenship the highest calling for members of a democratic society—individuals taking responsibility for the welfare of their communities and society in general, doing their small or not-so-small part to spread a vision that benefits the whole.

It is no coincidence that many of the American founders were gardeners, the perfect metaphor for seeking pleasure in the thriving of living organisms. My first non-sports hero was Ralph Nader, who became known as the champion of consumers and then broadened his reach into founding Public Citizen, an organization protecting health, safety and democracy itself.

When I shared my views on citizenship, Rhee objected to the word. To her, citizenship involved the division between legal citizens and other inhabitants. Citizens are granted privileges not extended to noncitizens, and that was to her an unjust discrimination. She preferred “residents” or “members of the community” as more inclusive and

appropriate terms. She applied the most literal definition of citizen, while my mind was on a different plane. She advocated for the full rights of all regardless of legal status, and I was focused on the voluntary acceptance of responsibility to improve one’s community, the essence of neighborhood associations. The difference is immense. One demands rights for oneself or one’s group; the other asks, “How can we best live together?” Rhee’s career may have hit a dip, but her view still shapes Civic Life, her former agency. Northwest District Association President Todd Zarnitz, along with two city employees, recently screened applicants to the stakeholder advisory committee that reviews parking policy in the district. Zarnitz was troubled to learn that candidates were filtered in favor of certain views and affiliations, but “we were not supposed to call them citizens.” Community members was the preferred term.

The goal of this newspeak is often described as social justice, frequently understood as correcting past injustices against certain groups. By uplifting the downtrodden, society will move toward equality (or equity, the preferred term today).



I would suggest a better way. Justice is not the supreme goal. Correcting injustice is merely the first step toward climbing out of the pit, the dog-eat-dog realm in which self-interest rules. Those who demand perfect justice as a prerequisite to cooperation and comity have a long, harsh winter of discontent ahead. Shall we settle past scores and grievances, or bury the hatchet to build a better future together? That is not only the question for today but for all ages. It is the issue our founders got right.

The infamous Hatfields and McCoys feud of the 19th century ended after years of bloodshed, not because either side won that war or gained full redress but because they agreed coexistence was

more precious than revenge. The feud lasted less than 30 years. Today the two clans hold joint reunions and celebrate their common history. The Hatfields and McCoys are characterized as uneducated and violent, certainly not scholars of political philosophy or the humanities. Yet they found a way to rise above their enmity. As Americans—a term I apply to citizens and other inhabitants who share our creed—we too can find a way ... if we choose to.

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### Videographer needs scrutiny

The article, “Power couple sics cavalry,” [April] leaves out something crucial about the so-called independent videographer, John the Lefty. This person is John Hacker, who has been criminally convicted for acts of violence, which is central to understanding who is involved in these events and how they escalate. Presenting him as a neutral observer misleads readers and shields a known agitator from public scrutiny. Even when acting under the guise of an information seeker, Hacker’s approach is confrontational and embedded in movement politics. He is not gathering facts impartially, which crosses the line from activist to ideologically motivated operative. In cases involving force or threat, extremist is the appropriate term.

More broadly, these mutual aid pop-ups sometimes keep the kind of company that should be questioned. In multiple parts of the city, armed Antifa-aligned individuals have used these gatherings to push an agenda and intimidate neighbors. If you were facing armed individuals with a known track record of harassment outside your home or workplace, would you not be cautious in how you engaged with them? If the NW Examiner wants honest conversations about community power and accountability, why leave out such critical context?

Michelle Milla  
NW Couch St

### Anarchists flout laws

I respectfully disagree with the NW Examiner’s depiction of the situation with the free store in the Old Town. I believe the headline could’ve read, “Anarchists flout city laws and intimidate neighbors.” Near the McDonald’s on West Burnside, we also came into contact with anarchists when the Portland People’s Outreach Project blocked city sidewalks to hand out needles every Friday night. When neighbors pleaded with them to move out of a school zone, they used intimidation and threats to scare neighbors away. I support Old Town Community Association President Jessie Burke. I think the

bigger point is that Portland has a problem with anarchist/thugs on the left who think what they are doing is so righteous that they use intimidation and violence to support their actions. Anarchists should not just be allowed to block city sidewalks and streets to do whatever they want. And they should certainly not be allowed to use intimidation and threats against neighbors. Kara Shane Colley  
SW Main St.

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## W. Ronald Frazier Jr.



William Ronald Frazier Jr., who grew up in Portland Heights and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1958, died March 30 at age 84. He was born in Portland on March 12, 1941, the great- great-grandson of pioneers who came to Oregon in 1845. He received a bachelor's degree from Portland State University and a master's degree in education from Reed College. He served in the Peace Corps for two years in Niger, and taught in Greece and France. After returning to the United States, he taught French at Estacada High School. He is survived by a son, Alexandre; and two grandchildren.

## Theresa Farrens

Theresa Nan Farrens, a Pearl District resident, died March 13 at age 81 after complications from a coronary angiogram. Theresa Rittenour was born on Dec. 13, 1943, in Portland, and grew up in Raleigh Hills. She attended Beaverton High School. She attended the University of Oregon and graduated from Portland State University in 1967. She married John Werschkul in 1965, and they had three daughters. In 1975, she married William Farrens. She won awards in swimming at the Multnomah Athletic Club, where she was a member. She and her husband funded scholarships for students at Portland State University and Dartmouth College. She worked with AFS Intercultural Programs at Lincoln High School. She is survived by her husband, William; daughters, Erika Wrenn, Hilda Werschkul, Amy McDonald and Gretchen TenBrook; son, Christopher Farrens; sister, Gretchen Sopko; and seven grandchildren.

## Anna Castle



Anna Castle, a registered nurse at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center, died March 17 at age 67. Anna Marie Troychak was born on Sept. 15, 1957, in Portland and moved with her family in 1960 to Milwaukie, where she attended St. John the Baptist School and LaSalle High School. She received a master's degree from the University of Southern Califor-

nia. After working in the healthcare field in Santa Barbara, Calif., she married Rick Castle, and they moved to Portland. She is survived by her daughters, Emily and Molly; brothers Michael and Joe; and sister Mary.

## Robert A. Sprouse II



Robert Allen Sprouse II, the former CEO of the family-owned Sprouse-Reitz Stores, died March 15 at age 89. He was born on Dec. 25, 1935, in Portland and grew up in the Hillside Neighborhood. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1953 and attended Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. He married Frances Russell in 1957. He held several positions with Sprouse-Reitz before becoming CEO. He served on the boards of the Multnomah Athletic Club and Black Butte Ranch and was a member of the Arlington Club and the Young Presidents Organization. He is survived by his sons, Robert III and David; brother, John; and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by his daughter, Linda, in 2010.

## Katharine Snouffer



Katharine Snouffer, who lived and worked in Northwest Portland for many years, died Jan. 27 at age 88. Katharine Iliinsky was born Dec. 5, 1936, in Portland. She graduated from Lincoln High School in 1954 and attended Portland State University. She worked in the insurance and import/export fields, as a social worker at St. Vincent's Hospital when in it was on Northwest Westover and for many years at the Lewis & Clark Law School. She was also a fundraiser and event coordinator for nonprofit organizations. She lived on Northwest Johnson Street in the 1960s and '70s. She volunteered for Friends of Timberline, the Pacific Northwest Ski Association, the Portland Zoo, BodyVox Dance Co., Multnomah Arts Center and the Portland Opera, as well as Mayor Bud Clark's campaign. She married Carl Winterholler in 1957, and they raised three children. They divorced. In 1990, she married Judge William Snouffer in 1990; he died in 2021. She is survived by her daughter, Mardi Winterholler; sons, Mitchell and Morgan Winterholler; brother, Nicholai Iliinsky; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. A celebration of life will be held at the Goose Hollow Inn on Monday, May 5, 3-6 p.m.

## Dr. Mark Deffebach



Dr. Mark Deffebach, a longtime resident of Portland Heights, died unexpectedly of cardiac arrest on March 14 at age 70. He was born on Aug. 1, 1954, in San Francisco. He received a bachelor's degree from Lewis & Clark College and a medical degree from Oregon Health & Science University. In 1993, he began his 30-year career at OHSU and the Portland VA Medical Center, where the pulmonary department is now named for him. He was a talented saxophone player, was a member of several big bands and was a member of the Portland Wind Symphony for more than 25 years. He married Christina Johnson in 1980. He is survived by his wife, Christina; daughter, Anna Deffebach; son, Peter Deffebach; and brothers, Paul and Donn.

## Death notices

**JANET GOODRICH HASTINGS**, 88, volunteer at Washington Park Rose Garden.

**NANCY BETH (DONALD) DUKE**, 86, 1956 graduate of Lincoln High School.

**DR. ROBERT BERSELLI**, 85, Multnomah Athletic Club member.

**JOHN MORRELL**, 84, resident of Northwest Hills.

**BERKELEY SCOTT HOLMAN**, 85, 1956 Lincoln High School graduate.

**JANET LUEDDEMANN**, 93, Goose Hollow resident.

**LOIS SCHNITZER**, 89, volunteer at Jewish Museum

**CAROL VILLENEUZE**, 86, worked at Consolidate Freightways.

**OLIVER KUHN-WILKEN**, 56, died while running in Forest Park.

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Jonathan Cohen pretended to know nothing about the demonstration against the Portland Free Store.



After facing Portland Police officers and aroused neighbors in March, the Portland Free Store set up shop a block away.

## Exposing bullies

Thank you for this week’s cover story exposing Jessie Burke and Jonathan Cohen for using their roles and privilege to use Portland Police to bully and intimidate the Portland Free Store Project and then denying their identities or roles as neighborhood officers. The Portland Police Bureau is either overfunded or confused about its priorities.

Mary Rarick  
NW Ninth Ave.

## Mistaken target

In your April letters column, a reader recalled the political violence our city has been subjected to the last few years and its provenance. Anyone familiar with it will be unsurprised at the “power couple’s” reluctance to disclose their identity to videographer “John the Lefty” (no last name supplied) and others. Doxxing and personal threats toward those challenging Portland’s homeless industry are a reality.

All I know about the “dominant duo” I gleaned from your article: They are productive members of our community who volunteer for neighborhood associations and strive to maintain businesses trapped in neighborhoods blighted by our city’s destructive policies regarding drug addiction and homelessness. Maybe they should have disclosed their identity more courageously, but they are hardly the villains of this story. Since when was calling the police over an unpermitted homeless handout event in Old Town run by an organization that can “take over” a city block plus parking lot “slicing”?

Your self-described “hard-hitting reporting” mistook the target. By shaming these two neighbors and splashing their names and photos on the front page, you send an unintentional but powerful message to anyone striving to improve our city: Don’t put your head above the parapet.

Juliet Kane  
NW 25th Ave.

## Cowardly coalition

Jessie Burke isn’t helping create transparency, honesty or community in Portland. She and her cowardly coalition in Old Town seem to be wasting police time and energy as well as tearing at neighborhood efforts to help the most vulnerable members of our Portland communities.

If people like her, particularly those with money and connections, want to file proper business complaints, then they must do so through the right channels like everyone else and not hide for fear that they might be pushed back on. You want to speak up for your little friends? Then do it with courage. Let the world see how brave you are. Better yet, contribute funds to help these small businesses thrive. That’s why you ran for council, isn’t it?

The fact that her main goal is to go after the Portland Free Store and any non-profit that helps the homeless tells a lot about her.

Brianna Turville  
NW Overton St.

## Snarky article

Your snarky snide article, “Power couple sics cavalry,” unfairly and irrationally criticizes Jessie Burke and Jonathan Cohen for not identifying themselves when summoning Portland police to actually do a bit of police work. Citizens are not allowed to take over a sidewalk or street without obtaining a permit. Is there an exception for the “free giveaway “group?”

Burke and Cohen have every right to remain anonymous to avoid threats and damage to their businesses and persons. The behavior of Antifa in 2020 has instructed all Portland’s law-abiding residents that they will not be protected from unhinged leftists. The rule of law in Portland quickly gives way to a rule of the mob.

Gail Cronyn  
NW Luray Terrace

**Editor’s note:** Those wielding or directing police powers in a democratic society must be identifiable so they can be subjected to official accountability. The presumed federal agents who did not wear uniforms while forcing individuals at demonstrations into unmarked vans in Portland in 2020 were a clear example of abusing this principle.

Were Jessie Burke and Jonathan Cohen acting on behalf of themselves or the neighborhood association that they lead? Did that association authorize or even discuss their counter demonstration? It is not enough that government officials or public bodies be more virtuous than those they oppose. Unless official power is held to a higher standard, it tends to devolve into excessive forced use against unpopular people and causes.



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River Pig owner Ramzy Hattar said food trucks and booths unrelated to art filled the block where his patrons partied in past years.

**“Some bars and restaurants have since transformed it into an alcohol-fueled street party.”**  
**—Christopher Hahn, Pearl resident**

*“Art versus” cont’d from page 1*

Avenue bars and restaurant operators has had a different First Thursday tradition. They say their beer tents and dining patios have drawn large crowds to past First Thursdays, allowing them to underwrite special attractions, such as Black rodeo performers, a mechanical bull, live music and a breast cancer charity.

Beyond the competing visions for First Thursday nights is the matter of fair play.

Business operators say the city “coluded” with Urban Art Network to deny the street permits businesses have counted on for the past decade. Ramzy Hattar, operator of River Pig Saloon and Papi Chulo’s, said his applications were denied unexpectedly last year, ostensibly because they were requested too late.

So Hattar applied months early this year and waited for confirmation that never came. Instead, he was notified

two weeks before the season-opening First Thursday on April 3 that he had again lost out to Urban Art Network.

“For two years running, they’ve gone and offered it to UAN,” River Pig manager Adam Keefe told the NW Examiner. “We applied earlier and then received no communication for two plus months.

His boss says he was the victim of bad faith.

“They went behind our backs to give UAN the permits without cost,” Hattar said, permits for which as a private business he would have been assessed a \$3,800 fee.

Last month, PBOT hosted a meeting of stakeholders to clear the air, a meeting that “got heated,” in the words of one participant.

Keefe’s suspicions of collusion were only reinforced.

“My assumption is based on the transcript of the meeting, where UAN states that PBOT approached them to take the permit,” he said.

Judie Dunken, longtime chair of the association’s Safety and Livability Committee, agrees with that take.

“What UAN did was underhanded,” Dunken said.

UAN President Porsha Hendrix and Vice President Jennifer Kapnek spoke to the PDNA board earlier in the year, pledging to work with the neighborhood. But at the April First Thursday, Dunken said UAN went out of its way to divert customers from River Pig, placing food trucks in front of it. No art booths were on the block.

“That is not working together,” Dunken said. “That is pure underhandedness. ... They did it without consulting Ramzy.”

Dunken admits she has a bias. Hattar is a fellow member of the PDNA board of directors, while the Art Network is not based in the Pearl District.

“These people don’t live here. They don’t know what booths cost,” she said.

Hendrix did not accept an offer to

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comment on this story, instead referring questions to PBOT.

PBOT spokesperson Dylan Rivera gave the bureau’s assessment of the issue

“In recent years, Urban Art Network, which organizes the First Thursday events, has reported complaints about unpermitted alcohol in the street and loud crowds into the late hours coming from River Pig patrons. The activity on this portion of the corridor has clashed with the arts and culture focus of the event.

“Urban Art Network reached out to PBOT to understand tools they could use to better control their event, given many complaints. PBOT told them that one option was to extend their permit to a larger geographical area (in front of River Pig). They decided to do this.”

That didn’t satisfy Dunken, who said, “Thirteenth Avenue should be managed better. It’s our biggest asset in the district.”

Other voices near, but not in the middle of, the kerfuffle also shared their perspectives.

Neighbors prefer calm

Christopher Hahn lives in the Irving Street Lofts, where he is president of the homeowners association.

“I’ve lived on Northwest 13th for 20 years and used to really enjoy First Thursday. It was a great event that promoted the arts and helped build community.

“Unfortunately, some bars and restaurants have since transformed it into an alcohol-fueled street party that no longer reflects any of those original cultural or communal goals—nor are they even trying to. What was once a vibrant, inclusive neighborhood event has devolved into a kind of Jekyll-and-Hyde affair: arts and crafts early, followed by music-blaring drunkenness late into the evening.

“The event has become divisive. Families and longtime residents who once looked forward to First Thurs-

day are now choosing to stay away from the event. And the day after, [residents] are left to dodge the garbage, urine and vomit left behind from the night before.

“If the goal of any neighborhood event is to enhance the community it inhabits, we should be asking: Which parts of First Thursday actually achieve that, and which parts don’t?

“The Urban Art Network concludes its event at 9 p.m. ... Why are other non-UAN activities still being approved to continue well beyond that time?

“Every person and organization I’ve spoken with supports the core of First Thursday, but not the late-night spillover that now defines its latter hours.

KEEN Footwear, a global shoe company headquartered next to River Pig on 13th Avenue, also puts art above entertainment.

“Our wish is that the First Thursday goes back to its roots as an art-fo-

cused family friendly event, and we support any actions that help move it in that direction,” wrote KEEN Senior Retail Manager Jason Bimberg in an email to River Pig in 2024. “Our strong preference is also that there is no alcohol on the street.”

Bimberg opposed River Pig’s 2024 request for a beer truck and DJ booth in its parking lot or in front of its store.

Hattar said it’s fine with him if the city wants First Thursdays to be about families and art, but if so, there should be a thoroughly discussed plan to do so, not a private deal with one organization. The current First Thursday arrangement deprives his businesses of \$10,000 to \$20,000 in potential revenue per month, he said, and with so many restaurants failing, the community needs to consider what is needed to keep 13th Avenue vital year-round.

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## HISTORIC OFFICES FOR LEASE





Raul Nava Jr. sought cover behind an overturned picnic table in front of Scottie's Pizza Parlor.



Two days after the standoff, Portland Police returned and arrested Raul Nava Jr. peacefully.

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

It began like too many past Portland police confrontations with individuals in mental crisis, the issue that triggered federal oversight of the Portland Police Bureau since 2012.

Raul Nava Jr., 44, ran from Portland Police officers, shouting and gesturing in agitation before taking cover amid a bus stop and picnic tables in front of Scottie's Pizza Parlor at Northwest 21st and Irving streets on April 16 beginning at about 6 p.m. He carried two large knives, and police say he lunged at them and squirted them with pepper spray.

Officers recognized him as having outstanding warrants and called for backup. That support came in large numbers. For about three hours the police negotiated with Nava, offering him water and cloth-

ing while telling him to drop his knife, according to witnesses.

"Officers trained in enhanced crisis intervention are on the scene and attempting to work with the suspect, who is still armed," an initial police statement said.

Cally Nicholls, a passerby who was visiting from Seattle, was later interviewed by three local television stations. She saw it differently.

"The police kept shouting, 'If you don't drop the knife, we're going to shoot you,'" she told KOIN. "He was backed up against the wall and terrified. The police came out with rubber bullets . . . that smashed the [bus shelter]."

She filled in the next part of her story on KPTV.

"I kept yelling at the police, 'Please

don't shoot him, please don't shoot him. He's harmless. He's harmless.' I think he felt safe with us, so he ran toward us."

But much of what Nicholls described so dramatically may not have been true.

Nearby residents watched the scene unfold for about three hours, and did not hear threats of shooting Nava or citizens crying out to prevent it.

Still, it was a dangerous face-off, and the intervention of citizens was pivotal.

According to a Portland Police Bureau release, "By 10 p.m., the officers decided to disengage. Although the suspect was armed with two large knives and a large can of pepper spray, the incident commander determined that the threat to the public had dissipated, and the suspect's aggression was only toward officers on the scene. After officers backed away, community members checked on the suspect and have given him food and money."

supposed to keep us safe, and I feel less safe now that they escalated the situation. They shot out a bus stop, and the person is still living around the corner from us."

Even the repeated account of the bus shelter glass being broken may be apocryphal. Another resident said the glass was broken before that day.

Sami Gaston, owner of Negotiant, a restaurant on the same block, recalls her frustration as police officers ordered her and her patrons to stay away from windows as well as for all residents of the area to shelter in place. Gaston and her employees were warned to stay behind concrete walls to avoid crossfire.

"The whole neighborhood felt like we were hostages," Gaston told the NW Examiner. "We couldn't leave. We were just waiting and waiting."

"There was a lot of shouting, but we couldn't tell who it was from," she said.

And then, to her dismay, the police left the scene.

"A big part of the frustration was to have the police leave the situation. We could not see any officers, and the guy is still armed with a large knife."

"If this guy's such a threat ... we just didn't get it," she said. "To make no arrest; it didn't make a lot of sense."

Two days later, a large group of officers closed surrounding streets and arrested Nava from his tent near the same corner where he was confronted. The process took another two hours. As he was taken away in handcuffs, a gathering of observers broke into applause.

A day or so after that, the tent Nava had been living in near the spot of his standoff was removed.

Thornberry said the bystanders intended to take him to Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center to get stitches in his hand.

"It was a striking contrast to the scene the police created earlier in the day," Thornberry said, "with officers surrounding him with tasers and guns drawn for hours."

The police withdrew without making an arrest, while developing plans to do so at a later date.

"Certainly, if he had threatened anyone they would have moved back in," police spokesperson Wallo Strauss wrote.

"I was really disappointed with the police response yesterday," neighbor Haley Tuttle told KGW. "I feel like they're



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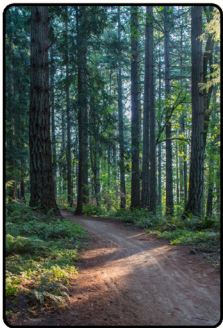
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"Why PGE lost" cont'd from page 1

while “Forest Park is a highly valued environmental resource ... This land-use case, however, is about facts, not feelings.”

The most formidable testimony last month did not rely on emotional appeals or unquantifiable social values.

Two witnesses, in particular, presented formidable testimony in their three-minute time slots that PGE representatives struggled to answer in their extended rebuttal period.



Paul Majkut

• Paul Majkut, the former deputy general counsel for the Bonneville Power Administration, was one of the heavy hitters. He zeroed in on the pending proposal, Phase III of a five-part plan to connect PGE’s Harborton Substation to meet projected power demand growth to the west.

“PGE would like you to believe both that Phases IV and V may never be built and that BPA and that other utilities depend on the projects included in their official transmission plans. And these plans call for completion by 2030 of all three phases.”

PGE also claimed that projected demand would exceed capacity.

“This is wrong,” Majkut said. “Mike Hoffman, an expert witness in this proceeding, testified that PGE’s claim of imminent blackouts by 2028 lacked detailed support from their power support models and their load forecasts. The data showed load growth, but not at the level that would outpace existing and planned transmission capacity by 2028.

“What is missing from the plan are the details and other utilities’ ability to absorb the load. PGE dismissed other alternatives like demand-side management, distributed generation and upgrading existing infrastructure outside Forest Park.

“PGE has not presented any transmission analysis by the Oregon Public Utilities Commission, the Oregon Department of Energy, Western Electric Coordinating Council, the Northern Grid, BPA or other utilities confirming the urgency of or the need for PGE’s specific design or route.”

Majkut said BPA “continues to improve the resiliency of the grid in the Portland area,” negating the assumption that PGE must be fully self-sufficient.



Karl Anuta

• Karl Anuta (above), an environmental lawyer in Portland for more than 35 years, also delivered testimony without delving into intangibles. Anuta raised two questions:

What is the scope of the council’s review?

Who has the burden of proof?

“Your review today is to be what is called *de novo*. That means you are to look at all the facts in the record, you are to put fresh eyes on those facts and then you are to make your own decision as to what those facts actually show.

“You are not required to—nor legally should you—give significant deference to the hearings officer’s decision. In fact, to do so would be legally improper. In a land-use case called *Lawrence v.*

Clackamas County, the Oregon Court of Appeals reversed a local government quasi-judicial land-use appeal decision, specifically because the local government gave considerable deference to a hearings officer decision. The court held that doing that ‘is not *de novo* review.’

“Turning to the other issue, the burden of proof, the law is also crystal clear. ‘The applicant retains the burden of proof throughout the local process to demonstrate compliance with all applicable approval criteria.’ That is from an Oregon Land Use Board of Appeals case called *Rochlin v. Multnomah County*.

“In other words, PGE has to convince you that they have proved that they fully comply with each and every approval criteria stated in your ordinance known as the Forest Park Natural Resources Management Plan.”

More comprehensive evidence was presented by the appellants’ representatives, Carol Chesarek for the Forest Park Neighborhood Association and Scott Fogarty for the Forest Park Conservancy.

The council voted 12-0 at the end of the six-hour hearing to have the city attorney draft a formal motion upholding the appeal. That motion and the final decision are to be adopted at a Wednesday, May 7, 9:45 a.m. session.

Should PGE appeal the case to LUBA, the issue will not be the overall merits of the case, but rather, did the city follow the law and its procedures?

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Can Font can’t face rising rent



Owners of Can Font, a fine-dining Spanish cuisine restaurant in the luxury Cosmopolitan tower at Northwest 10th and Northrup that closed recently after eight years at this location, charged that the landlord, Site Centers, found it “cheaper, due to current tax laws, to keep the space empty than to negotiate fair rent with a local, small business.”

Site Centers, a real estate investment trust company based in Ohio, owns 10 buildings in the Pearl District, leasing to 40 retail and service companies. The company did not respond to a request to comment on this story.

Jim Coates, a resident of The Cosmopolitan, found Can Font’s demise puzzling. “It caught me by complete surprise,” Coates told the NW Examiner. “It seemed full-to-packed all the time.”

Briefly . . .



The former **REI** space (left) at Northwest 14th and Johnson streets will be offered in an auction ending June 11. A broker for the owners, Brolin-PDX Real Estate Holdings LLC, said no tenants could be found in more than a year since REI relocated the store to Beaverton. The outdoor gear company occupied the bottom two floors of the 11-story building known as The Edge, the remainder of which remains individually owned residential condominiums.



**RINGSIDE STEAKHOUSE** (left), 2165 W. Burnside St., remains closed after a kitchen fire early last month. Co-owner Craig Peterson said the restaurant could open as soon as July.

**THE JOINERY**, a 40-year-old company making handcrafted furniture is moving to the former Pearl Bakery corner at 102 NW Ninth Ave. after 11 years in downtown. The company, owned by Jon Blumenauer, has been a certified B Corp since 2010.

**COLDWELL BANKER** closed its 636 NW 21st Ave. office recently, one of a series of real estate companies to occupy this corner.

Cuban restaurant and cocktail bar **PALOMAR** has moved to 1422 NW 23rd Ave. from Southeast Division Street.

**TACOS PERRONES** closed after a brief run at 1300 NW Lovejoy St.

**ANN MCCULLOCH SHOP & STUDIO** is moving from 2351 NW Westover Road to 513 NW 23rd Ave., the former home of Manor Fine Wares.

Owner/chef Gabriel Pascuzzi has opened **BISTECCA WOOD FIRE STEAKHOUSE** at 2145 NW Raleigh St., the same space where his Mama Bird closed in January.



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**Better than bull riding**

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Local patron Mikey R. is the only person thus far to hold on during the half-second ride down the 200-year-old wooden chute under the sidewalk.

Contestants have learned that a few preparatory are helpful to get into the proper frame of mind. The same preparation also works for fans wanting to get the most out of the event.

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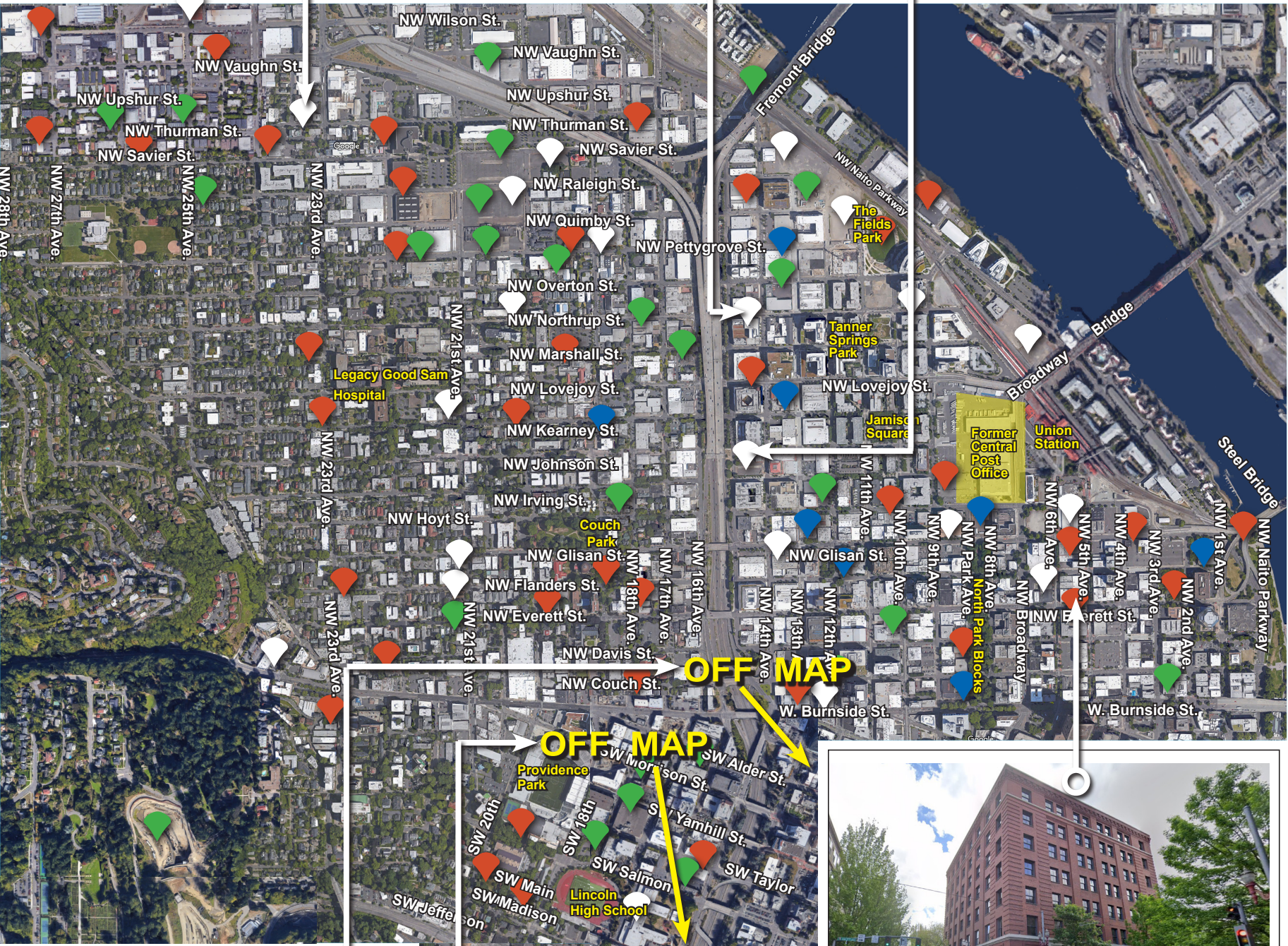
## MACHINEWORKS

MachineWorks, a nine-story Class A office building erected in 2009 at Northwest 14th and Northrup streets, was sold by Unico Properties to Melvin Mark Investors and ORION Investment Properties for \$28 million recently. LA Fitness occupies the first two levels.



## THE EDGE

The two-story former REI space in The Edge building at Northwest 14th and Johnson streets will be offered in an auction ending June 11. The space has been vacant for more than a year without attracting interest, according to a broker for the owner, Brolin-PDX Real Estate Holdings. The rest of the 11-story building remains in individually owned residential condominiums.



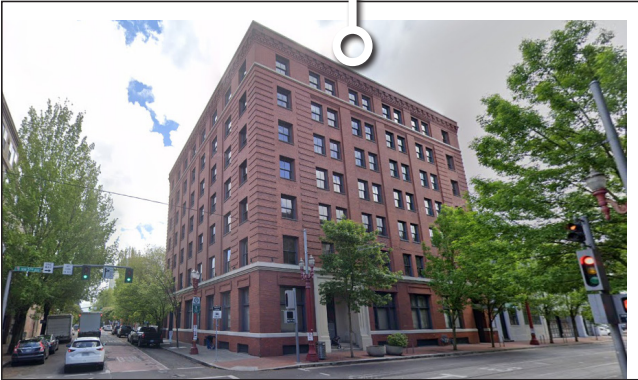
## JAMES BEARD MARKET

A pre-application conference is scheduled with the Portland Bureau of Development Services to consider remodeling plans for the future James Beard Market at 610 SW Alder St. All street-facing surfaces and windows will be substantially changed. The market will occupy the first two levels of the three-story building.



## 1541 SW MARKET

Two commercial buildings at 1541 SW Market Drive remain derelict four years after preliminary plans for an eight-story, 125-unit affordable housing building were shared with the city. A company registered by Lane Lowry of Clackamas bought the property for \$1 million in 2018.



## SHOE-MAKING HUB

Made in Old Town, a company partially owned by Old Town Community Association treasurer Jonathan Cohen, will receive \$2 million in state funds for a nine-building complex to be used for shoe manufacturing. OTCA, chaired by Cohen's wife, Jessie Burke, is the fiscal sponsor for Made in Old Town. The company's proposed complex was approved for a \$7 million loan from Prosper Portland last year.



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# Encampment removal crews' work is never done

## Especiallly when campers take temporary refuge, then return

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

Ar on Bass sees Outside In from his nearby law office. The agency at 1132 SW 13th Ave., which serves homeless youth, has been the scene of a puzzling pattern this year.

Perhaps four or five times, Bass said, Rapid Response, the city's primary contractor for sweeps of homeless camps, has removed tents, tarps, belongings and garbage near Outside In. But within hours, the encampments of typically about a half dozen tents and the same inhabitants would repopulate the just-swept area.

Bass walked by the agency's fenced front yard and recognized the same tents and people were simply moving onto Outside In property until the work crews had finished and then moving it all back into the right-of-way.

Bass had finally seen enough and called the city April 1 to report that it was no laughing matter.

Skyler Bocker-Knapp, director of the city's new troubleshooting program, Portland Solutions, fielded his message, but did not have good news. Three days later, Rapid Response had still not returned to repeat the exercise.

"Now there are more tents and wonderful new graffiti along the recently painted 405 overpass," Bass emailed Bocker-Knapp. "I have pictures of campers brazenly tagging in broad daylight."

Soon a widening circle of property owners and attorneys picked up on the story.

"Hi Skye," attorney John DiLorenzo wrote Bocker-Knapp on April 4. "If you told the crews to come back and finish the job, why did they not follow instructions? Is there a problem with Rapid Response that we should look into?"

"Also, if the city tolerates Outside In frustrating city work crew projects, why shouldn't we be allowed to just take down PBOT no parking signs or erase bike lane markers whenever we think they hurt our businesses?"

"I know you have a tough job and empathize but I really want to know what the city is going to do about this."

"The crews came back," Bocker-Knapp replied, "but we had to re-post because the 10-day posting notice had expired. They posted on the 2nd, so they will remove early next week."

"I apologize for the hassle, we were hopeful the posting was still valid, but it had expired. Legally, they could not do another removal. Anne [Hill] and I are working on limiting services in that vicinity, as it is a constant struggle for our teams who are there weekly. We will keep you updated."

"I understand your constraints," DiLorenzo wrote back, "but are you going to send Outside In a bill for what their interference just cost the taxpayers? Are you going to impose any sanctions like you surely would if we started erasing bike lane markings?"

Bocker-Knapp said that would be an issue for the mayor and city manager. She also estimated that Rapid Response billed



Campers moved their belongings into Outside In's fenced-in courtyard.

Below: Tents along Southwest 13th Avenue across the street from Outside In have been a common scene.



the city for about \$2,500 for the latest round of futility.

The NW Examiner asked Outside In about their role in this merry-go-round.

"Outside In maintains and reinforces internal policies and practices that do not permit the temporary storing of community members' belongings on Outside In property," responded Development Director Justine Ziegler.

"That being said, a recent sweep presented a unique set of circumstances that were determined by our executive leadership to necessitate behavior outside of our usual policies: a family with young children who were experiencing a sweep."

"We worked with our partners to connect the family with the resources they need and are actively working to establish more consistent lines of communication with those partners in order to uphold our internal policies even in extenuating circumstances."

The Examiner asked how one family needing services related to the continuing pattern of foiled sweeps, but got no reply.

"Outside In engages in ongoing partnerships with our neighbors, community partners and the city in good faith. As a standard, our staff are not permitted to engage with sweeps, as it's a conflict of community agreements with our clients."

"However, we are aware that commu-

nity aid groups not affiliated with Outside In pose as our staff and act outside of these delicate relationships with our stakeholders."

Portland Solutions also offered an explanation of the continuing saga.

"Impact Reduction Program contracted staff did have their work disrupted by onlookers on at least two separate occasions at a location near Outside In," Portland Solutions spokesperson Laura Rude wrote.

"However, we have been in touch with leadership at Outside In and have no reason to believe that anyone associated with the organization was involved in disrupting our work crews."

"Police assistance was required in order to complete a camp removal on one of the two occasions when people were interfering. Crews have been back at this site since, however, and have not had any problems."

"No one was injured or harmed in any of the incidents where onlookers intervened in Impact Reduction Program efforts."

That may not put the problem to rest, but Bass takes comfort in one development: The encampments have not returned since the attorneys and business people raised the issue in early April.

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# The Cardinal Times

## Constitution Team wins first place at nationals

By LEILA HOLTE

On Friday, April 11 at 9 p.m. ET, the Lincoln Constitution Team was announced as third place at the national finals in D.C. Fisher's High School from Indiana placed second, and the two-member team from Sprague High School in Oregon placed first. However, on Tuesday, April 16, it was revealed, after a recount, that the Lincoln team won first place.

After two intense days of competition, Lincoln advanced to the top ten teams out of 48.

Sophomore Sadie Copeland is on Unit Five, which covers topics like the Bill of Rights and civil rights and civil liberties, such as the freedom of speech.

"On the third day, the overall energy was great. All of the units had great chemistry and their answers flowed together really well," said Copeland. "No unit had a bad round, which was really great to see. Everyone was excited not just because of the idea of possibly placing [in the top three] but also pride."

Copeland emphasized that her favorite part of Constitution Team is the community.

"Even if one person messed up no one made them feel bad. I think it was really great to see support from our own team...because they really understand what it's like to be up there and how stressful it is," said Copeland.

Sophomore Elise Chan-Kai agreed and found some of the best parts of nationals to be Door-Dashing Boba and studying with friends. She chose to be a part of Unit Four which mainly covers the workings of the U.S. government. She chose Unit Four because it allowed more opportunities for independent work than other units. She decided to join Constitution Team because she wanted to learn more about law.

"I'm really proud of the things I've learned...I built a lot of knowledge that will be useful later," said Chan-Kai.

While challenging and time-consuming, Chan-Kai found Constitution Team to be a valuable experience.

"Con team is truly something that pushes you to the edge, getting frustrated with people on your unit or just being overworked, but the sad thing is after it all being over, I really feel like I wish I could do it again," said Chan-Kai.



After a long year of preparation, Constitution Team capped their season by securing third place at nationals.

Courtesy of Curtis Beaubrun

## Famed conservationist Dr. Jane Goodall empowers youth

By MEGHAN WHITTEN AND CORAL PLATT

Renowned conservationist and primatologist Dr. Jane Goodall visited Lincoln on April 11 to inspire students and Oregonians to make positive changes in their communities.

"Every single person makes an impact on the world every single day. It's up to us to decide what that impact is," said Goodall to Lincoln's filled auditorium of students from around Oregon.

Before Goodall shared her story, students from 14 different elementary, middle and high schools around Oregon presented on their projects to promote conservation and scientific research.

Emaline Porter, an 8th grader at Sunnyside Environmental School, explained how their school testified to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife about putting southern orcas on the endangered list and banning pesticides, as well as how they received a grant for a climate project. She says she gained a lot from the experience.

"It was cool to be able to see her [Goodall] speak live because she's such an amazing person. I also thought it was really cool to see a bunch of other schools talking about what they were doing for the environment. It gave me a lot of hope for our world to see so many people caring about the environment," said Porter.

In addition to the presentations, members of the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI), including communications coordinator Kira Leinwand,

attended the event to raise awareness of JGI's work.

"A lot of people know Jane, but they don't know her Institute and the work that we're doing off of her story," Leinwand said. "[We are also here] to talk about Roots and Shoots, hopefully create some new members [and] get people starting their own groups here."

According to their website, Roots and Shoots is a youth-led branch of the Jane Goodall Institute that empowers young people to take action and create positive change in their communities.

Nateli Sanderson, a freshman from Washington, is a member of the Roots and Shoots Youth Council and author of the book For Tokitae, which tells the story of an Orca kept in captivity for 54 years.

"I live in Washington, so my group is focused a lot on helping the Southern Resident orcas recover because there's only 73 left," said Sanderson. "We do a lot of restoration work on salmon habitat, and we plant native plants a lot on our school grounds, and we've spoken up about the removal of the dams. That's the main focus of my projects."

Throughout her visit to Lincoln, Goodall emphasized the importance of maintaining hope and working to create a positive impact on the environment. She explained that the best way to create change is through acting on a small opportunity and growing from there.

"You can't solve the problems of the world, but you can do something in your own community," Goodall said. "Go and start trying to



Jane Goodall spent decades studying the chimpanzees in Gombe National Park in Tanzania. Her work debunked the widely shared belief that animals were unintelligent and separate from the human species.

By MAX HURWITZ

do something about it. Get people to join you. Then [you] see, 'well, we have made a difference.' Then you get inspired and want to do more. And then you realize ... it's happening all over the world. You begin to feel, 'well, after all, there is hope.'"

Throughout her presentation, Goodall shared stories of her fight to protect the environment and natural world, from her time with the chimpanzees of Gombe National Park in Tanzania to her work against animal testing and the meat industry. In each of these stories,

she stressed the importance of taking immediate action.

"We've got to get together now," Goodall said. "Why do you think I'd go on trailing around at 91? You saw the reaction of the kids here. It's making a difference. Otherwise, I wouldn't do it."

At the same time, she emphasized the resilience of the natural world.

"Nature, if you give her a chance, time, and some help, she will come back again," Goodall said.

## Abby's Closet provides beautiful prom dresses for students for free

By SCARLETT DEMPSEY

With prom season right around the corner, the biggest question on many students' minds is what to wear?

Abby's Closet is a nonprofit organization based in Oregon that accepts formal dress donations to be given away to others for free for prom, homecoming or other formal events. Their mission is to allow girls and others who wear dresses to feel confident and beautiful at formal events such as prom while eliminating the cost barrier. They carry dresses of every color, length, size and style.

This prom season, Abby's Closet hosted a prom dress giveaway at the Oregon Convention Center on April 5 and 6 and gave away around 2000 dresses, compared to last year's 1200.

Maddie Odegaard has been a board member at Abby's Closet for three years and was on the student advisory board while she was in high school. One of her favorite parts of being a part of the organization is empowering girls to feel good in their dresses.

"It's so special seeing [a student's] eyes light up when they try on a dress, knowing that they

feel beautiful," said Odegaard.

Abby's Closet also works to encourage sustainability during prom season. Auveen Shafaei is a junior at Lake Oswego High School and a member of the organization's student advisory board. Part of her role is helping plan the giveaways and host dress drives at her school.

"Fast fashion is such a prevalent issue today," said Shafaei. "By promoting people [donating and getting] dresses from Abby's Closet, we are decreasing fast fashion consumption and consumption from brands that are so detrimental to the environment."

Junior Eliza McCurdy attended the giveaway to find a prom dress. She had an overall positive experience and saved money by going.

"[People] spend a lot of money on prom dresses that you only wear once," said McCurdy. "[Abby's Closet] makes getting prom dresses really accessible."

Abby's Closet has expanded each year, especially post-pandemic, when formal dresses were not in high demand. They are hoping to grow even more.

"[Abby's Closet] is still evolving, so in the future, we may hold more giveaways and op-



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Courtesy of Darina Neyret

portunities for students to get dresses for other events, such as homecoming," said Odegaard.

While Abby's Closet can no longer provide dresses at this point for the 2025 prom season, dresses can be donated year-round. Another

way to get involved is by joining the student advisory board. Applications are open until May 26 at 5:00 pm. Find a donation drop-off site near you and learn more about volunteer opportunities at abbyscloset.org.



# Boulder project hits conflicting philosophies



Laura Curry and other residents of the Empress Condominiums (at rear in right photo), who tend Couch Plaza daily, say spreading boulders across the plaza would only make their work more difficult.

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

Before charter reform unfolded, Portland Solutions was created to cut red tape and siloing to solve high-priority livability problems. The program continues, but the inevitable tradeoff between fast action and effective fixes remains a thorn.

A dispute over taming a small triangle of land along the Interstate 405 at Northwest 16th and Couch streets is an example.

Boulders have become a common approach to deterring camping in the public domain. It’s hard to pitch a tent on jagged rocks, after all. But nearby neighbors say the same nuisances—drug activity, garbage and human waste—thrive between the boulders, where they are harder to remove.

Laura Curry knows what it’s like to live near a boulder garden, and it is no

solution, in her eyes.

Curry lives in the Empress Condominiums at Northwest 16th and Burnside, directly south of a triangle known as Couch Plaza, which was created by the closure of a section of Northwest 15th Avenue three years ago.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation installed boulders along the edge of that triangle closest to the freeway. On the eastern side of the freeway is a larger, older boulder field.

“Boulders are a lazy, expensive, ugly intervention and punish the surrounding community members who live here,” she said. “Boulders will create a

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—Laura Curry, community activist**

dump site for human feces, discarded drug paraphernalia, garbage and graffiti. I see it in other areas that have boulders.”

Curry has for the moment fought off the city’s plan to extend the boulder treatment to the rest of Couch Plaza, which has remained mostly free of camping and garbage, thanks in part to Curry and her neighbors.

“I see Couch Plaza out my kitchen window,” Curry wrote to a city official who had intended to cover the entire plaza with boulders. “I see people walking their dogs, passing through the plaza, even playing Frisbee. This area has been consistently cleaned by myself and other neighbors. We have policed the area.”

The full boulder treatment was ordered by Anne Hill, the director of the Public Environment Management Office and head of Portland Solutions, before she hit the pause button after getting pushback.

“I demand that any boulder placement is paused until all neighbors, PEMO and representatives from District 4 City Council come together to discuss this and all possible strategies through a normal community engagement process,” Curry wrote Hill.

Last month, Hill told the NW Examiner, “Based on the feedback from the residents, we reduced the scope of the project to the state property and are monitoring activity.”


“If the students at Cathedral School continue to be impacted, we will reassess further stabilization,” she had written in March.

Most citizens might have called that a victory and moved on. But Curry is an internationally published writer who teaches a course on the ethics of community engagement, and she expected more from the city.

“I and selected neighbors were emailed a notice from PEMO’s Anne Hill stating when and where boulders would be installed two days in advance of said installation. And, to maintain an aura of suspense, Ms. Hill will decide if bouldering the entire plaza is required based on one group’s decision—and hers. There has been absolutely no discussion with the community at large. This is not simply a Cathedral School situation.

“This is not a dictatorship, Anne,” Curry wrote to Hill. “I expect to have a conversation with the community at large. What I do not expect is to be told how and what this public space will be without public engagement.”

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Steven Eberlein of Ethos Preparedness will lead an Earthquake & Wild-fire Preparedness event on Sunday, May 18, 3 p.m., in the Friendly House Gym, 1737 NW 26th Ave. The event is free and open to all. Emma Pattee, author of the novel "Tilt," about the aftermath of a major quake in Portland, will also speak. Information tables and emergency supplies for sale will be open starting at 2:30 p.m.



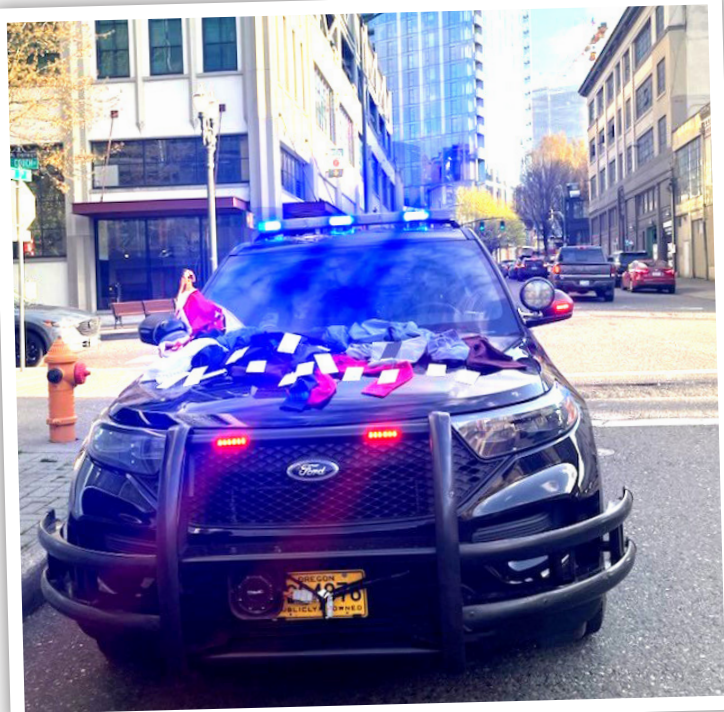
Pink Martini founder Thomas Lauderdale, who is supporting the NW Examiner's mission to achieve longterm financial stability, took Examiner founder Allan Classen and the two other members of the paper's foundation, Paul Gelormino and Kevin Cosgrove, on a tour of his rambling downtown loft. Lauderdale and Classen met in 1982, when both attended the Peace Church of the Brethren in Southeast Portland.



Pearl District Neighborhood Association volunteers were taking care of their corner of the world last month on Earth Day when they found "a sack with guns and ammunition in it on Glisan by the bridge over Interstate 405," according to a police report. A forensic investigation of the firearms will be conducted.



Tanya Lyn March (holding sign), who founded Slabtown Tours in 2015, led local residents on special "Women of Nob Hill" tour last month. March has also organized summer concerts in Wallace and Couch parks on behalf of the Northwest District Association, where she is a board member.



The Portland Police Bureau led a multiagency team to address open-air drug dealing and retail theft in the Pearl District, Old Town and Downtown last month. More than a dozen arrests were made and stolen merchandise worth more than \$3,000 was recovered. Organized shoplifting rings are often associated with drugs, a bureau spokesperson said.



Zion Lutheran Church at Southwest 18th Ave. and Salmon streets celebrates the 75th anniversary of its national landmark building May 3 and 4. An open house and presentations begin at 2 p.m. Saturday, and a festive worship service is scheduled for Sunday at 10:45 a.m. The church was designed by famed local architect Pietro Belluschi, whose son Tony will present an overview on Saturday.



Light poles in Couch Park were replaced by nearly identical but better reinforced poles last month in reaction to a 2022 legal claim brought by a woman injured by a pole in Irving Park that toppled after she attached a hammock to it. Photo by Wesley Mahan



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