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Is it too soon or too late to comment?

Blanchet House is buying the former bike shop property at Northwest 17th and Lovejoy streets for a women's shelter.

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

There are two common strategies for siting controversial projects in neighborhoods:

1. Share preliminary concepts early and adapt them as necessary in accord with concerns.
2. Finalize crucial contingencies quietly before informing the public.

Blanchet House applied the worst combination of both approaches last month regarding Bethanie's Room, a 75-bed overnight women's shelter it intends to open at Northwest 17th and Lovejoy streets.

Blanchet House Executive Director Scott Kerman had planned to address only immediate neighbors at a hastily announced meeting May 31, but the

NW Examiner got wind of the event and sent an email blast to a thousand readers the day before.

When about 50 people showed up, Kerman assured them that things were at a preliminary stage and that fuller community engagement would come later.

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Kyle Lookreddy likened the agency's plan for his neighborhood to colonization.

Frog Ferry dream down to last straw



Susan Bladholm asked the state Legislature for \$10 million this spring.

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

The Frog Ferry project was named for Native American folklore suggesting that frogs were good luck. After eight years of searching, Susan Bladholm is still waiting for that good luck. The founder, president and chief ambassador of the nonprofit organization has seen her efforts turned down and put off repeatedly. Most of the \$750,000 raised in donations has been spent, and she hasn't drawn a paycheck since 2021.

Bladholm is asking the state Legislature for \$10 million for a pilot

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The Southwest Market Street property has been vacant for at least eight years.

Chasing opportunity

Lane Lowry saw himself as an Opportunity Zone specialist

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

How does a double lot in a good residential neighborhood become a derelict magnet for crime and nuisance, not to mention losing real estate value?

Were elderly owners unable to stay on top of their affairs? Could it be an insignificant part of a large portfolio held by a distant syndicate? Did an ambitious scheme simply go bust, wiping out its investors?

Kurt Misar, who lives in Goose Hollow, where two single-story commercial buildings at 1541 SW Market St. have

been vacant at least seven years, had such questions. Misar is a real estate broker with entrepreneurial experience and a keen curiosity about such things.

Misar is also irritated by the drug dealing, camping and vandalism drawn to what might be called an attractive nuisance if it were not perhaps the ugliest sight in the Goose Hollow.

The mystery led him to Lane Lowry, who bought the SW Market Street property in 2018 with apparent intent to build an apartment building. According to public

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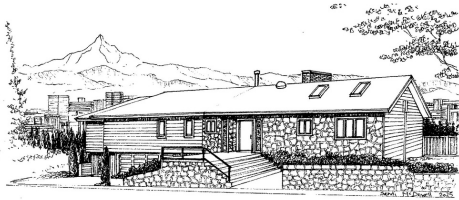
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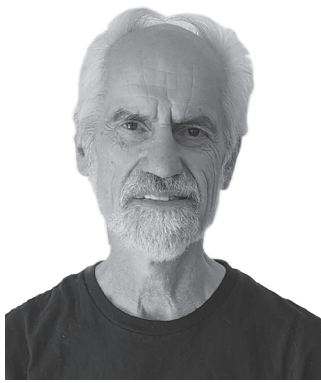
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How SDCs got a bad name

In the 1980s, Portlanders grew uneasy about runaway development. Row houses and larger mixed-use buildings were being squeezed into established neighborhoods, sometimes demolishing “good old houses” to make room for them.

Some wondered if this growth was inappropriately subsidized, underwritten by people who did not benefit from it and would prefer it not occur. Were taxes being raised, services reduced and quality of life compromised to promote investment that was making communities and the city worse off?

In 1989, the Oregon Legislature concluded that growth may not be paying its own way and enabled local jurisdictions to assess fees on builders to offset future infrastructure it triggered. The predictable burden on transportation systems, water supply and treatment, sewers and parks was deemed to justify upfront payments.

The legislation limited the scope of this saving up for the future. It did not authorize fees for expansion of schools, carbon emission mitigation or depletion of natural resources. In other words, system development charges could not be applied to a wider range of possible consequences; just the most obvious and measurable ones.

Within a decade or so, development interests used the rising cost of housing construction and the shortage of affordable housing to turn the debate: SDCs were raising the cost of construction and therefore exacerbating the affordable housing crisis and driving homelessness.

The truth may be too complex to conclude anything with certainty. The cycle of life has always entailed parents supporting their young children, who do not repay them but instead invest in the next generation, for instance. Perhaps in the same way, everything works out for the best in the long run without anybody keeping score.

But I am quite sure we didn’t move from “SDCs are good” to “SDCs are bad” through blind faith in market forces. Nor was it a process of research, deliberation



An interpretation by Chat GTP

or philosophical soul searching. The industries most impacted by SDCs reframed the public debate and lobbied their way to a new political consensus that sees these charges as impediments to pressing social needs.

What if the current thinking is ill-founded? Setting aside possibly questionable formulas for calculating SDCs, could the absence of any process of paying ahead be unsustainable?

In a crisis, few want to look that far down the road. The housing crisis looms in the windshield, and we’ll worry about long-range possibilities later.

My instincts were set in motion before I was old enough to cross a street alone. Look both ways. In time, that wisdom became second nature. When a noisy vehicle approaches from one direction, I check the opposite direction before stepping into the street. Focusing only on the most obvious threat can blind one to less obvious but looming dangers.

We’ve been striving to build our way out of our housing crisis with such single-minded fervor that all

failures to make progress are blamed on externalities—construction costs, tariffs, COVID, government revenue shortfalls, unforeseeable market shifts, etc.—and we never question the validity of our underlying assumptions.

Perhaps we need to look in the opposite direction. What if we just saved the housing units we have? Could we incentivize the preservation of existing apartment buildings and houses, particularly the older and more modest ones likely to be lost without adequate maintenance? Or lost because developers see more profit potential in tearing them down and building something twice as big (and twice as expensive)?

My ability to see what lies ahead may be no better than anyone else’s. For that reason, we should look in both directions before proceeding. Haven’t we always known that? ■

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Bollards show failure

Thank you very much for reporting this information about the intersection of Northwest 25th Avenue and Westover.

I traverse this intersection every time I leave or drive home and can report that the right turn from 25th to Westover is very tight. The bollard experiment shows the failure of this layout, and making it permanent will result in problems for large trucks or vehicles towing trailers.

Additionally, the bollards on the south side of Westover complicate right turns for vehicles trying to remain in the right-hand lane after turning.

Please keep us informed about this project.

Chris Curtin
NW Westover Circle

Cancel intersection project

Excellent piece [“Cutting corners just business as usual,” May 17 nwexaminer.com]. I pass this corner two to six times a day on foot, on my bike or driving. Supposedly this temporary barrier is intended to protect pedestrians. I cannot conceive of a danger to pedestrians from the prior configuration.

To better protect pedestrians, why is the striped crossing not sufficient? Where is the data from recorded observations of driver-pedestrian interaction? As an aviation safety expert, I would guess, without a proper study, that forming this in concrete will increase risks to drivers, with no effect on the few daily pedestrians.

Keep the heat on our elected officials,

Allan, and advocate cancellation of this experiment. Like all experiments, it was instituted with good intentions but has not resulted in the desired outcome of increased safety.

Geoffrey W. McCarthy
NW Melinda Ave.

Return our statues

Portland is known for its distant mountains, 1850s architecture, ingenious Bull Run water system, lovely residential areas, for its care for its residents, for its hiking groups, for its prize-winning parks with tailored gardens, indigenous woods, endless trails and open green spaces, and for its public sculpture and historic markers. From Bach to blues, from Thai cuisine to Tex-Mex, Portland has something for everyone.

But many of us have been missing the 19 public sculptures that were vandalized, toppled and removed in 2020. Fortunately, the Royal Rosarian sculpture in Washington Park has been repaired and returned. And the Thompson Elk Fountain is being prepared for return.

We have been promised that the sculpture of President Abraham Lincoln is in the process of being restored and reinstalled, with that of President Theodore Roosevelt and President George Washington next in the queue.

Memorial Day is a fitting day to join with other citizens who appreciate the country’s origins, its democratic government and ongoing efforts toward equality. It is a day to articulate the gratitude for our country’s greatest accomplishments

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Sharon Brenner



Sharon Brenner, who volunteered at Ainsworth Elementary School and Lincoln High School, died April 6 at age 76. Sharon Lee Berg was born on Aug. 2, 1948, and graduated from Annandale High School in Virginia in 1966. She married Steven Brenner in 1969, and they moved to Portland in 1971. She was president of Planned Parenthood Columbia-Willamette from 2004-05. She also volunteered for the National Council of Jewish Women, The Junior League, and the Oregon Community Foundation. She is survived by her husband, Steven; daughters Alexis Murray and Dana Costello; brother, Al Berg; sister, Karin Kowalski; and four grandchildren.

Jaqueline Brajavich



Jaqueline Barbara Brajavich, who grew up in Willamette Heights and graduated from Lincoln High School in 1964, died Feb. 23 at age 78. She was born May 10, 1946. She worked as an office secretary and clerk and lived in Raleigh Hills in recent years.

Patricia J. Fried



Patricia J. Fried, a longtime Willamette Heights resident, died Feb. 13 at age 90. Patricia Hubbard was born in London on March 17, 1934, and moved in her early 20s to Montreal, where she worked as a librarian at McGill University. She married Jack Fried in 1962, and they moved to Portland in 1965. She served as a tour guide in Old Town and volunteered for many organizations. She was deeply committed to the practice of yoga. She is survived by her sons, David and Michael; and one grandchild.

John Vranizan



John Vranizan, a former president of the Multnomah Athletic Club, died April 30 of congestive heart failure at age 89. He was born in Portland on March 21, 1936, and attended Central Catholic High School, where he played on the 1952 and 1953 state champion football teams. He received a degree in mechanical engineering from Santa Clara University and worked for Precision Castparts, Moore Dry Kiln of Oregon, Portland Iron Works and Coe Manufacturing before forming Carroll Hatch & Associates. In 1987, he received the U.S. Energy Department's energy award. He served in the Army Reserves for eight years. He married Carole Zenner in 1957, and they lived in the Garden Home neighborhood. They were members of the St. John Fisher Catholic Church. He chaired the board of Central Catholic High School. He is survived by his wife, Carole; children, Michelle Rafter, Susan Menendez, Teresa Schneider, Mary Jo Vranizan and John P. Vranizan; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Stephen R. Ramsey

Stephen R. Ramsey, who grew up in Willamette Heights and became chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force Academy, died Nov. 6, 2024, at age 86. He was born on Aug. 18, 1938, in San Diego. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1956 and from the University of Oregon in 1960. He served in the USAF from 1963-92, reaching the rank of colonel.

Dorothy ‘Dottie’ Schoonmaker



Dorothy “Dottie” Schoonmaker, a civic leader who attended Cathedral Grade School, died April 2 at age 93. Dorothy Cronin was born on Oct. 14, 1931, in Portland, the great-granddaughter of Henry Pittock. She attended Rosemont College in Pennsylvania. She worked in advertising in San Francisco, where she met and married Peter K. Schoonmaker. After their divorce, she moved back to Portland to raise her children. She was a trustee of Pacific Northwest Out-

ward Bound School from 1972-78. She served on the Metropolitan Arts Commission and volunteered at St. Francis of Assisi, the Downtown Chapel, the SMART reading program and the Friends of the Columbia Gorge. She is survived by her daughters Karen Lynn and Polly Wood; sister, Elizabeth Noyes; stepbrother Jim Meier; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her son, Peter Schoonmaker Jr.

Death notices

BETTY B. BOTY, 101, member of St. Mark’s Anglican Church.

GARY E. FANTZ, 86, 1956 graduate of Lincoln High School.

JOHN P. KEYES, 83, former head operator of Upper School at Catlin Gabel School.

KATHERINE M. KRAUSE, 56, 1986 graduate of Lincoln High School.

SEAN M. McMILLEN, 59, 1983 graduate of Lincoln High School.

JOHN C. PRUTSMAN, 89, 1953 graduate of Lincoln High School.

SYBILL GRISSOM, 95, worked at Physicians & Surgeons Hospital and Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center.

JOAN BIGGS, 91, public affairs director at KGW TV.

ROLLIN LOVE, 89, Multnomah Athletic Club member.

DAVID HIEBERT, 83, boilermaker at Gunderson Bros.

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and remember the 600,000 who died to save our union and rid it of the evils of slavery. Lincoln, too, made the ultimate sacrifice for his nation. It is a day to seek the return of his statue and all our presidential sculptures as promised.

We have waited years. Please return the symbols that stand for the establishment of our democracy, for our striving to rid the country of slavery and racism, for all those significant moments in the country’s quest for the “better angels of our nature.” Let us put out the hand of brotherhood—not endlessly drive wedges—and observe the wisdom embodied in our historic emblems.

William J. Hawkins III
SW Davenport Lane

End camping on street

Good for Aaron Bass for activating the city and getting a response from Outside In [“Encampment removal crews’ work is never done,” May]. I am sure there are many people like me who would be happy to advocate for stopping camping in the streets.

Thomas Dodson
NW Slocum Way

Maintain our parks

I have been involved with Portland parks for more than 50 years and have supported every park levy over that span of time. I have also always supported use of levy funds solely for park acquisition.

Times have changed. Our parks, trails, and natural areas are at serious risk due to decades of underfunded capital maintenance.

Sadly, the city has failed to invest the \$60 million annually needed to address deferred maintenance. PP&R cannot deliver the “Gold Standard” park system we Portlanders have come to love and expect without maintaining its assets. That should be the city’s priority at this time. We have to prioritize capital maintenance for the future health of our parks, trails and natural areas.

As a park advocate and member of the Portland Park Alliance, I join my fellow park advocates in urging you to do the following:

- 1). Require that at least 10 percent of levy funds go toward major capital maintenance projects, equitably distributed across the city.
- 2). Include clear language identifying the programs and services the levy will fund in addition to capital maintenance.
- 3). Establish measurable outcomes to ensure PP&R is held accountable.
- 4). Create an independent Levy Oversight Committee. The city should pay attention to the Budget Office’s recommendation that PP&R avoid creating unrealistic expectations around recreation services. PP&R cannot sustainably expand programs without maintaining its existing asset base.

Mike Houck, Director
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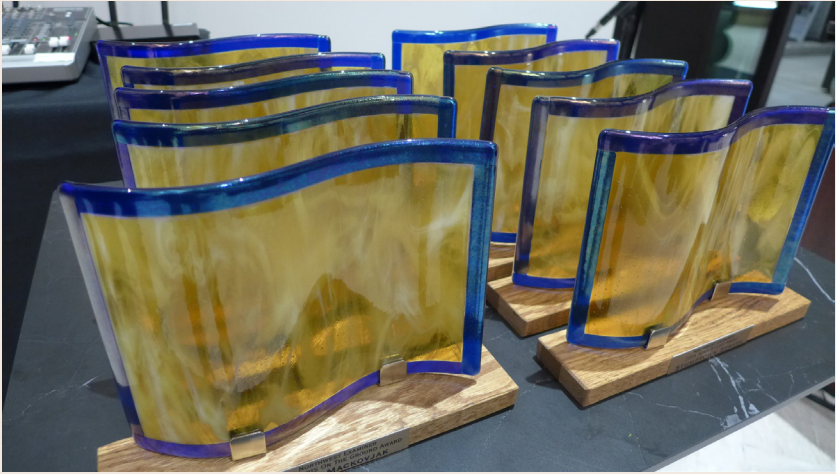
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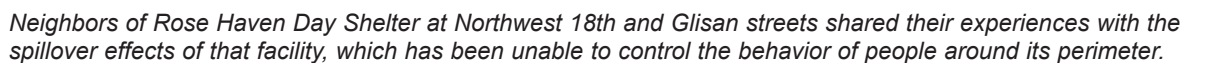
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Blanchet House's invitation was intended only for those living within a thousand feet of their proposed shelter (named for a homeless agency client who died last year).



“Are you going to be open to being a member of the community and to have [communication] consistently going

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Blanchet House Executive Director Scott Kerman hopes to open the women's shelter in October.

forward?” he asked.

“That’s our intent,” Kerman answered. “I appreciate skepticism born of past experience, even though that experience hasn’t necessarily been with us.”

Neighborhood leader miffed

Northwest District Association President Todd Zarnitz was particularly offended that his organization got no notice or personal invitation to the meeting.

“With zero notice given to the neighborhood, the city and county have apparently decided to fund and fast-track a homeless shelter in the Northwest District,” Zarnitz wrote the Examiner.

Blanchet House officials say the project will receive no city or county funding. Zoning and land-use approval is a city matter, however.

“The NWDA has been given no information, no notice and no opportunity for community input or feedback,” Zarnitz wrote.

“My understanding is that initially the shelter will be open to women, and be an overnight-only facility with up to 75 beds, but no guarantees that the scope could not be widened in the future. The facility will be operated by Blanchet House, which runs a homeless support center in Old Town.

“The NWDA has not had time to meet or talk about this development, so I can only offer my personal perspective at this time. Most of the neighbors I talk with seem to be open to doing our part to help impact the

unsheltered homeless crisis, but with assurances.

“We don’t want to offer our help at the expense of increased violence, disorder and property crime. The city and county seem to be unwilling and/or unable to help in any of these areas and actually seem to be aggressively indifferent to citizens and the NWDA when we voice safety and livability concerns.

“Yesterday, I took a quick trip to Blanchet House to see how their primary location was impacting the surrounding neighborhood. The scene was more deeply troubling than I had hoped.

“Based on this vision for our future, I am worried that Blanchet House seems unable to handle the realities of fentanyl addiction.”

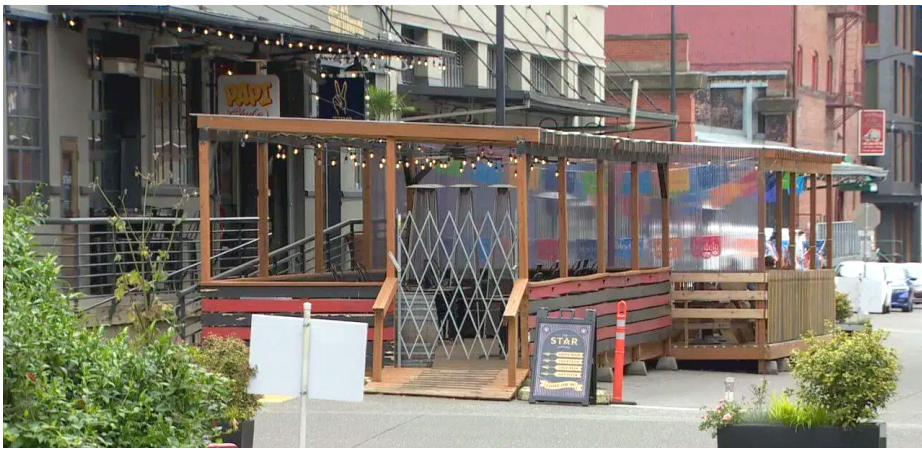
Zarnitz laid out measures that could reduce harm to neighbors:

- Zero day-camping tolerance within three blocks.
- A 24/7 security contractor that can respond to complaints within three blocks.
- A point of contact for neighbor concerns and complaints.
- No queuing on public property and sidewalks.
- A contractor to daily clean up trash and graffiti within three blocks.

“I may call an NWDA special meeting to get a better sense of how the neighborhood feels about this development, and invite our representatives to attend,” he concluded. ■

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13th Avenue dining shelters have to go



Shelters between Glisan and Irving streets are piling up fines as June proceeds.

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

The Portland Bureau of Transportation came down hard against the bars and restaurants operating dining shelters through the city-sanctioned Public Street Plaza program.

Three months of PBOT warnings that noncompliant shelters—no roofs are allowed—must be removed hit a hard deadline June 1, when the city authorized \$500 a week fines for violators.

“PBOT is removing three of four blocks of a public street plaza on Northwest 13th Avenue today, after a year and a half of public engagement,” read the PBOT press release.

“Due to three businesses’ lack of compliance with design guidance and numerous site challenges, PBOT has determined that these spaces have not succeeded as Public Street Plazas.”

The Pearl District Neighborhood Association confirmed that fair warning was given.

“We all knew in advance the direction PBOT was going,” said Chris Burton, chair of the PDNA Planning and Transportation Committee.”

That direction was supported by a public survey drawing 466 responses.

“PBOT heard strong opposition to large private outdoor dining structures dominating public plaza space, concerns about late-night noise, negative

behaviors, and, at times, violence, in the plaza, as well as issues with illegal parking, blocking of emergency lanes, and lack of visibility for pedestrians.”

“Survey respondents repeatedly commented that large and enclosed outdoor dining structures on Northwest 13th Avenue detracted from the openness and welcoming nature of a plaza and created safety and accessibility concerns.

“Portland Fire & Rescue also raised concerns about the roofs of the large structures creating fire hazards, the blocking of a building fire escape and inability to access fire department water connections on the building facade,” the release read.

Residents of apartment buildings along 13th Avenue were among the strongest critics, particularly regarding late-night activity.

Ramzy Hattar, owner of River Pig Saloon and Papi Chulos, two of the businesses in question, said PBOT “bullied” operators of dining shelters without producing final structural guidelines that could be relied upon. Hattar said he was willing to rebuild his structures if he could be assured that new regulations would not change again in a few months, wasting his investment.

Hattar said his establishments in Bend and Washington County have nowhere near the regulatory hassles as those created by the city of Portland. ■

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20	DLLC	INA	IDK	1892944-90	CUR	MONTANA PORTLAND APARTMENTS LLC
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The Oregon Secretary of State lists 66 companies Lowry has created.

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records, he paid \$1 million, taking out a what appears to be a hard-money loan for \$1,375,000 at 12 percent interest from a Seattle-based lender. That was several times the market mortgage rate at the time, and the terms of such a loan are harsh—the lender can take ownership in expedited fashion in the event of default.

Was Lowry simply unfamiliar with the finance and development world? That is not the impression Misar drew from tracking the man’s paper trail.

Lowry is listed on LinkedIn as a fund manager at Acqua QOF Portland, where he manages Opportunity Zone funds and real estate partnerships. (QOF stands for qualified opportunity fund.)

This company is part of the Florida Alternative Investment Association, which hosts the website Lowry’s company shares. That’s where he touts his expertise and success:

“He chairs the development team and has experience in all aspects of development, from site analysis, acquisition, design, construction and lease up. The team of professionals has delivered

“He chairs the development team and has experience in all aspects of development, from site analysis, acquisition, design, construction and lease up.”
—Claim on Lane Lowry's website

thousands of residential units throughout the Portland area. Lane has completed hundreds of adaptive reuse, new home, apartment and new homebuilding communities, including large land parcels for merchant home building.”

A website link for more information does not exist. Despite claims of a large staff of professionals, one corporate reporting site noted that the company had one employee.

That does not represent the scope of Lowry’s paper empire, however. He is listed with the state of Oregon as the president or chief administrator of 66 limited liability companies, all having the same address, a mailbox in a Clackamas UPS store.

Those are only the corporations under his own name. Misar said he has dozens more under a Las Vegas-based corporation.

Despite Lowry’s online visibility, Misar found “no public physical place of business, no public phone, no public email, no active websites offering his services to the public.”

Lowry has had some real estate holdings in North Portland, but nothing there suggests he is big league. A neighbor of his “zombie house” on North Lovely Street posted on social media that Lowry had “left it in an ugly, hazardous state for six years with zero improvements ... telling the neighborhood that demolition is coming soon, but he never follows through.”

Lowry bought a house at 2405 N. Vancouver Ave., lived there for a while and then demolished it with plans for a 54-unit apartment building that never came to be.

A Lowry property at South Water Avenue was foreclosed upon by the lender last year.

Which brings us to 1541 SW Market St., which Lowry bought in 2018. He has not paid the property taxes, which after six years have mounted to a total of \$32,000.

Meanwhile, Lowry has been hatching redevelopment plans. In 2021, he requested early assistance from the city for an eight-story, 125-

unit affordable housing building. He did not move forward with that plan. The next year, he applied for a permit to raze the commercial buildings, failing to follow through on that too.

In October 2022, a nuisance complaint about a homeless camp on the premises was made to the city. A month later, a city inspection noted an “allowed open entry” and “trash and debris,” but no corrective action followed, and in December there was a new complaint of squatters on site. Seven nuisance complaints are on record on the city’s official website, Portlandmaps.com, during Lowry’s ‘stewardship’ of the site.

Though the buildings had no business tenant during this period and in recent years have been surrounded by a broken and ineffective chain-link fence, Lowry continued to use this as the address on the numerous LLCs he created. Perhaps that was because institutions requiring a physical mailing address would not have accepted his Clackamas post office box.

As has been his pattern, Lowry followed up discarded plans with new ones. In May 2023, he applied again for a demolition permit and then did nothing. The buildings still stand, though more dilapidated and overgrown than ever.

What was he up to?

The federal Opportunity Zone program, enacted in 2017, may explain some of his desultory maneuvers. Lowry’s North Vancouver and South Water properties are within opportunity zones, which were generally intended for low-income areas.

The program eliminated or greatly reduced capital gains taxes on new investments within designated boundaries. The property involved had to double in value after purchase. Capital gains taxes are deferred on investments in these zones and, if the property is held for 10 years, all capital gains on the new investment are waived.

Another part of the program offered benefits that expired in 2021, perhaps a clue as to why Lowry was particularly busy in the 2017-21 period.

Lowry could clear up the mystery, but that may not be his goal. The NW Examiner tried to reach him through phone and email messages but got no response.

A more productive line of inquiry may be why the city and Multnomah County have done so little to enforce their laws. The county can foreclose after three years for tax delinquency, and this property has gone twice that long.

Willamette Week reported on 1541 SW Market St. in 2023, noting that the building’s former owner died suddenly in 2017 without a will. A dispute among relatives over his real estate holdings may have triggered the slow-motion train wreck at the edge of Goose Hollow. ■

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Above: The writer's membership card. | Though the co-op board revoked my membership rights last year, full-fledged members may not be tangibly better ff.

Left: Food Front's sign used to say, "Friendly since 1972." The state of the property now suggests something less than friendly.

Food Front out of options

Chosen buyer backs out

BY ALLAN GLASSEN

In 2023, the Food Front Cooperative Grocery board spurned a \$1.9 million purchase offer from Market of Choice, a Eugene-based chain of 12 grocery stores.

While repeatedly disparaging the offer and the company in the following months, the board chased vague but flattering schemes promising the co-op a chance of revival in some form.

The second of two would-be saviors backed away recently, leaving the co-op with a looming hard-money loan and perhaps only months of reserves on hand to avoid default.

K-5 Holdings LLC, whose offer to buy the property for \$2.55 million was approved by the membership last August, dragged out the negotiations while escalating its demands of the board.

Kate Fulton, secretary-treasurer, told the NW Examiner last month that the board told K-5 the deal is off.

"We just can't accommodate the amount of time needed to complete a sale," Fulton said.

She called the owner of Market of Choice, which was no longer interested.

"We're trying to figure out what direction we're going in," Fulton said. "I have literally been cold-calling folks who might have interest in the property."

K-5 could still get a deal if it makes the best offer, she said, admitting that "everyone is offering a lower price" than earlier.

The revelations above came as news to members of Food Front, which has not held a board or membership meeting this year. Even the collapse of the K-5 deal in

May has not warranted an announcement to members. Fulton said the board is waiting until it has a recommended plan of action before convening again.

If and when a meeting is called, the board of three is likely to face deep criticism and interrogation.

"Absolutely not surprising!!" responded former member Autumn Sharp to the NW Examiner's Substack post regarding the failed sale agreement. "The property is a disastrous blight in our Wallace Park neighborhood. Thanks to the 100-percent incompetent, so-called Food Front board, we have a disgusting crime magnet instead of a beautiful, local, job-creating, community-making Market of Choice that should be there right now."

Sharp is one of a handful of members, including this writer, whose memberships were revoked for publicly criticizing the board.

"For our community, this latest update is devastating," wrote member Sue Harrison. "The previous board had a serious offer from Market of Choice that was welcomed by a membership vote as the preferred option. Why was that ignored by the current board? It's so sad that this cornerstone of our community is being left in such disrepair and not being given new life with thoughtful, realistic stewardship."

Another banished longtime member, Dan Anderson, weighed in:

"Current and recent Food Front board members appear to have had an exaggerated sense of their expertise and sophistication when it comes to commercial real estate transactions. Similarly, the board's exaggerated sense

of its mandate from co-op members has functioned to exclude alternative strategies and viewpoints, which might have served to lead to more stable terrain for the co-op.

"The purposeful purging of dissenting co-op members from the rolls is only one of the board's recent missteps. The co-op is now likely only a few months from a foreclosure or a deed in lieu of foreclosure. A self-inflicted problem. All quite unfortunate and likely quite unnecessary."

"What a mess," wrote member Caroline Skinner. "I'm very sorry to hear this news. I wish the board had gratefully accepted

the \$1.9 million offer from MOC when offered. It would have paid off Food Front's onerous loan with something left to donate.

"Saying 'I told you so' helps nothing. But I think they blew it. The way forward seems murky and fraught, certainly not the outcome anyone wanted."

Jere Grimm, a Food Front member since its formation, offered a brief reflection. "My only comment is just sadness about the whole situation." ■

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Bridget Bimrose (L-R), Kylie Curtis, Britta Dietrich, Chelsea Wilcox and Jim Kennett.

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Northwest Portland Hostel at Northwest 18th and Glisan streets has been named the best hostel in the United States by Hostelworld, an international online booking company.

Based on customer ratings, the hostel had a “superb” score of 9.6 out of a possible 10.

Jim Kennett founded the hostel in 1980 on the Oregon coast and opened in Portland in 1998. Britta Dietrich, whom he married in 2003, now co-owns and operates the business, which has grown to six buildings and 36 beds.

Bridgett Bimrose, who chairs the Portland chapter of Travel Massive, a global network of travel professionals, held an organizational event there last month.

Briefly . . .



RINGSIDE STEAKHOUSE plans to reopen next month after fire damage forced the 81-year-old restaurant to close in April. The restaurant will sell frozen steaks on one day only—Saturday, June 14, in time for Father’s Day.



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NEXT LEVEL BURGER closed recently after three years at 20th and West Burnside streets. The Bend-based company specializing in vegan burgers blamed it on safety problems. CEO Matt de Gruyter said “a very disturbing situation” involving a homeless person in a mental health or addiction crisis on April 29 was the final straw, upon a pattern of theft, loitering and constant safety concerns for patrons and workers.

Daniel Stramm opened **ROSE CITY PASTA** in the Nob Hill Cart Pod on Northwest 23rd Place recently. “We are a small pasta cart making all of the pasta in house, as well as desserts and breads,” Stramm said.

since 1974. The 1880 hotel at 222-228 NW Davis St. is a National Register landmark. Milne paid \$2.6 million, about 20 percent of the price paid by the previous owner in 2017. Milne plans to add an events space and a Haunted Underground Shanghai Tunnels Tour.

LILIA COMEDOR, which has been ranked among the best restaurants in Portland in its three-year history, will move from the South Waterfront to the North Park Blocks this month, according to The Oregonian. It will take the space at 422 NW Eighth Ave. vacated by De Noche.

INSTRUMENT, a creative agency with 400 employees, will move its headquarters from North Williams Avenue to the Field Office building is at 1895-2035 NW Front Ave.



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The Big Beautiful Burger is here!

The winner of the Big Beautiful Burger contest was unveiled May 28 on National Burger Day. This year’s champion was produced by Nobbys’ longtime chef Mike Pagano.

It has a triple patty, fried egg, bacon, ham, onion rings and three cheeses, all on a toasted bun with more than the usual toppings and sauces.

Nobbys will be donating an undisclosed amount to the American Heart Association in the name of Pagano for each Big Beautiful Burger sold. Each order will be delivered to your table on an industrial-strength hand truck.



Pagano wins the prize.

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Paul Brodeur brought a career in passenger ferry management to the Frog Ferry campaign.



The double-hulled electric catamaran chosen for the Frog Ferry pilot project could carry 70 passengers at about 30 mph.



The city dock under the St. Johns Bridge could serve the ferry.



Friends of Frog Ferry had a party on the river.

"Frog Ferry" cont'd from page 1

project that would put an electric-powered, 70-passenger catamaran on the Willamette River linking Cathedral Park under the St. Johns Bridge and River Place in downtown. That would be far from the seven-boat, nine-stop plan originally envisioned, but it would get a toe in the water.

"If we don't get funding in the coming months, our effort will not continue," she said. "Eight years is a long time, and we have been patient."

Bladholm, who lives in the West Hills, has had better-paying jobs. She has worked for five governors, spent 10 years with the Port of Portland and was director of strategy and communications for a global aviation company. She had her own marketing practice for 15 years. But something about Frog Ferry got to her heart.

Paul Brodeur, a member of the Friends of Frog Ferry board, called her passion and commitment "phenomenal."

"I don't know anyone with the stamina to persevere so long," Brodeur said. "It has been one challenge after another. It's unbelievable. She's a superstar."

The challenges have been formidable from the start. TriMet has shown no interest in operating a ferry or having an independently run system surface as a competitor. Metro has demanded piles of technical studies to prove the need and efficacy of such a system, studies that may fulfill checklists but so far haven't gained the necessary approvals.

Frog Ferry would have been eligible for up to \$15 million from the Biden administration had the former City Council merely given a letter of support. Even an unfunded resolution was too much for the old council.

While District 4 City Councilor Mitch Green is now advancing such a resolution, no federal money is expected during the Trump administration. Frog Ferry is also seeking \$10 million from city coffers, perhaps tapping the Portland

Clean Energy Fund, which has a category for transportation decarbonization.

The two-stop Phase 1 pilot project would target Oregon Health Sciences University workers and affiliates in particular. A 2021 survey found that 87 percent of OHSU workers drove alone to work, partly because it takes more than an hour to ride a bus from North Portland. The proposed ferry trip would make that trip in 25 minutes, Bladholm said.

While the cost figures sound lofty, Bladholm said a ferry could actually save money because the cost of moving people on the water is less than on wheels. TriMet takes in a larger subsidy per rider than the ferry would, she explained. The proposed ticket price for the St. Johns to downtown trip is \$3.50.

That's slightly more than TriMet's \$2.80 fare, but the view is better, the air fresher and there are no traffic jams on the river. As a former helicopter pilot, she was struck by how the peaceful wide-open rivers contrasted with the city's clogged and crowded arterials.

An electric ferry would also advance Portland's climate goals, releasing far less carbon than personal vehicles, she added.

Docks at either end of the Phase 1 route are city owned, needing only minor upgrades.

Bladholm's expertise has been gained through her own research of ferry systems around the world and through partnerships with professionals such as Brodeur. Brodeur spent 43 years in the maritime industry, 32 directly associated with passenger ferry service. For 10 years, he directed the Marine Division of the King County Metro Transit Department, overseeing ferry service to Vashon Island and West Seattle.

"I know for certain that passenger ferries can be run successfully in Portland," he told the NW Examiner. "I have no doubts at all."

With direct knowledge of ferry systems across North America, "I don't know of any passenger ferry services that started up and failed," he said.

While ground transit fares in Seattle and King County collect about 25 percent of the full cost of service, Brodeur said ferries "consistently brought in 40 percent from the fare box."

But the intangible aspects of water travel are what inspires him.

Seattle's waterfront has been transformed by ferry service, bringing locals and tourists to restaurants and attractions along the docks. When King County took over what had been a private ferry and greatly expanded service, the difference was dramatic.

"When you start bringing people to downtown, businesses are going to thrive," he said.

That can be a blessing more far-reaching than better transit.

"Portland is such a tremendous city," he said. "Once you activate the river, it opens up so many opportunities."

While admitting to setbacks along the way, Bladholm also remembers some victories.

"We've won grants," she said. "We've done great work that has reflected feasibility. We have gotten a ton of support. Really, we were doing very well until we hit challenges with the City Council in 2021."

"I started this initiative out of curiosity and was looking for reasons this couldn't or shouldn't be done...and instead have gotten lots of green lights. The red lights have been about trying something new and having the political will to change."

"I wouldn't have invested eight years if it were only fueled by struggles." ■

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Stand for Children Oregon pushes lawmakers to improve early literacy

By MEGHAN WHITTEN

Stand for Children Oregon, a non-profit organization focused on improving education and social justice for children, is advocating for a total of \$300 million to be invested in the Early Literacy Success Initiative School Grants in order to reach all of Oregon's 240,000 kindergarten through third graders.

According to the non-profit, before the pandemic, only 46% of all students were reading proficiently by the end of third grade.

In 2023, Oregon approved House Bill 3198, otherwise known as the Early Literacy Initiative. This initiative allocated \$90 million. According to its website, the initiative was created to increase early literacy for children from birth to third grade, reduce literacy academic disparities for student groups that have historically experienced academic disparities and increase support to parents and guardians.

So far, the initiative has funded and offered guidance to obtain and provide those key resources and practices. This includes core instructional materials, high-dosage tutoring or multiple sessions of tutoring, extended learning summer programs and the employment of literacy specialists, coaches or interventionists.

Stacy Rossoff is a reading interventionist at Chapman Elementary School in Portland Public Schools. Rossoff has seen Oregon's implementation of early literacy benefit professional development initiatives for teachers.

"I finally now understand that these teachers are charged with teaching kids how to read, but none of us were taught that in teacher education how exactly to do that," said Rossoff.

Tomi Kluver coaches teachers and students on early literacy at Greenway Elementary in the Beaverton School District. Greenway Elementary partners with the Ignite literacy tutoring company through the Early



Stand for Children Oregon pushes Oregon lawmakers to make a significant investment in early literacy.

By MEGHAN WHITTEN

Literacy Initiative. They have seen significant improvements in students' ability to read complex words fluently and transition to understanding the meaning of passages.

"The data for our second and third grade tutoring has reached protocols for their different levels," said Kluver. "And so they're in the final protocols of multi-syllabic decoding [breaking apart complex words] and encoding [being able to write the words], which is grade level."

Meghan Sellars is the State Operations coordinator for Stand for Children Oregon. She says that the \$300 million Stand for Children Oregon is advocating for now is the estimated amount of money needed to fully implement the initiative.

"The [\$300 million] is what we estimate after lots of studies and analysis to actually accomplish the goals of the Early Literacy Success Initiative and to do all the things that it's aiming to do," said Sellars. "That's the sort of funding work that we're advocating for."

Dana Nerenberg is the Oregon Director at Stand for Children's Center for Early Literacy Success.

"Teaching our children to read from the youngest level is a real pathway towards achieving equity. We talk a lot about equity, especially in Oregon. And... It's super important in education that our children have windows to the world beyond their space and authors who look like them, books that reflect their lived experience. And it's really important that our children can read on grade level... Investing in early literacy is investing in equitable outcomes for our kids in Oregon," said Nerenberg.

Editorial Board: PPS needs more custodians, students can help by cleaning up after themselves

By EDITORIAL BOARD

It is no secret that the custodians at Lincoln are understaffed and have been for years. The Cardinal Times has provided continuous coverage of this problem since 2021. This ongoing issue leads to classrooms and other areas of the school receiving inadequate cleaning since custodians don't have enough time, staffing or resources.



A lack of custodians in Portland Public Schools (PPS) leads to custodians having to prioritize high traffic areas, leaving other parts of the buildings to not be covered. Students can help by cleaning up after themselves and being mindful of the building.

Photo courtesy of OPHELIA BARRITT

Lack of custodial staff also leads to custodial staff being overworked, having to not only come in five days a week, but also overtime during holidays and breaks,

weekends and events.

Sophomore Avaneesh Sistla expresses his concerns over the custodians' work during winter break.

"[A custodian] told me that they still had to come in every day over winter break except Christmas to clean the school," said Sistla. "They had to come in even on Christmas Eve."

The shortage in custodial staff at Lincoln is also increased by shortages around the district. Lead custodian at Lincoln Roger Hastings finds that he loses staff due to other schools being short staffed.

"The head custodian [of MLC] needed a day off for whatever reason, but kids [and staff] are still coming to school [and]... there needs to be a custodian there," said Hastings. "My day man got pulled at six o'clock this morning to go cover MLC [because of that]."

Hastings believes that a substitute pool would help alleviate the pressure placed on custodians when custodians call out sick or need to be assigned to other buildings.

"Custodians rely on consistency and staffing. If I'm [cleaning] the same part of the same building every day, I know what I did yesterday, and I'm going to do something else today with my extra time," said Hastings. "But, if I have to spend my extra time going up to another floor and [filling for another custodian,] then I don't have extra time to take care of my area. I do the minimum, and I have to move on."

Business manager Jill Ross finds that, due to the custodians being understaffed, even some students help cleaning the building.

"We have our main office TAs help vacuum the stairwells because we don't have enough support staff at night cleaning the classrooms to have them clean the stairwells as well," said Ross. "I have TAs help clean the windows because that doesn't get done. The general cleanliness of the school doesn't happen."

A substitute pool would allow for the same amount of ground to be covered by the custodians, as anyone missing would have their space filled by another substitute. Lincoln business manager Jill Ross echoes this change, and also advocates for two groups of custodians that work during different days.

"We should have a Sunday through Thursday [shift] and then a Tuesday through Saturday [shift] because we have so many weekend activities that need custodians. The only people who can staff that are people who are working full time that then have to work overtime and they get completely burnt out," said Ross. "Not only do we need more custodians, but we need more custodians who are available at different hours so that we can fill in spaces when we need it."

With upcoming budget cuts and PPS removing two full time custodial positions for Lincoln that were in process of being filled, it is unlikely that these solutions will be implemented soon.

Students can help custodians by cleaning up after themselves after lunch and in bathrooms, and being respectful of the Lincoln building. Ross emphasizes cleaning up for yourself during lunch.

"The amount of extra work that is done in the cafeteria every day is insane. The amount of students who eat lunch, leave their lunch on the table, leave their chairs out [is astonishing]. If everybody would just pick up after themselves, and push [their] chair in to make it easier to come back through and clean," said Ross "That would... probably save 30 minutes in their day."

Preventing vandalism, specifically in bathrooms, would also help custodians clean more of the building.

"It's incredible. This place was brand new three years ago ... The amount of vandalism in the bathrooms is astronomical. We can't keep up. I had to go in here and shut off the toilet because somebody vandalized it," Hastings said.

As softball season wraps up, the team encourages fans to show up and cheer them on

By SONIA MODHA and LEILA HOLTE

The softball team has gotten better as the season progressed. They won against Grant, Wells, Franklin and more.

Players attribute their improvement to team chemistry. Freshman Jade Malech says everyone on the team is super positive and uplifting.

"We [make a] really good team, and everyone's really nice, and we're working together well," said Malech.

Sophomore Eniya Taylor has been playing softball since seventh grade and plays third base and outfield. She started playing because she didn't like any of the other sports she had previously tried and immediately liked it.

"I started playing softball and I was kind of naturally good at it," said Taylor.

Taylor is also grateful for the community softball has provided.

"I feel like we're all kind of like a family," said Taylor. "We show up for one another, if someone's struggling,



Softball Cards' highlight of the season was the Battle of the Birds game versus Ida B. Wells on April 22. They won the game 4-0.

Courtesy of SARAH QUIST

we help them [out]."

Senior Seilah Tull joined the team this year and has loved it. Her friends on the team got her to join.

"Most of my friends were doing it, and were really convincing in making me do it, so I joined, and it's been fun. So, I'm glad I did," said Tull.

All of the players noticed their improvement as the season progressed.

"Our first few games were rough, but we're definitely improving," said Tull.

Malech echoed the same message.

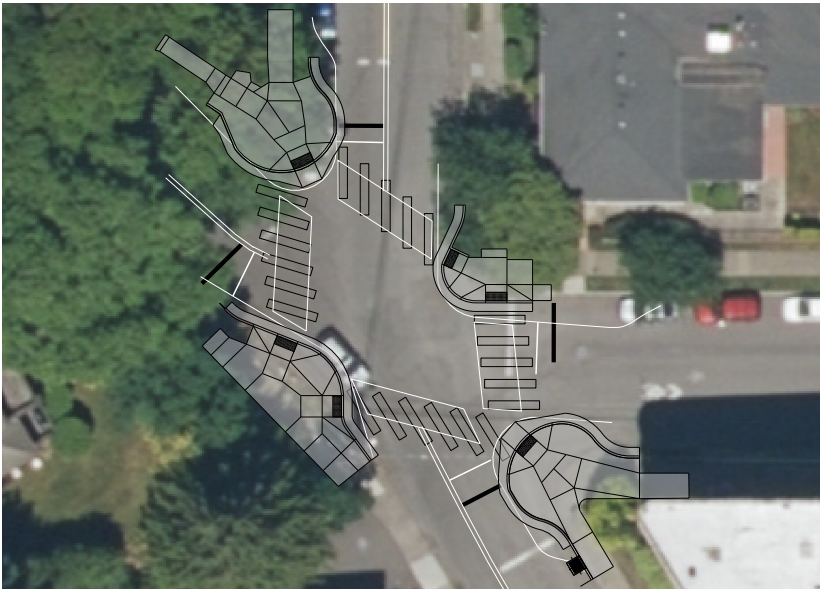
"I think that we're getting better, and we could be winning more soon," said Malech.

Additionally, the team encourages Lincoln community members to attend their games.

"It's fun to watch because we get very competitive and [we take] it really seriously, and we also have a lot of fun," said Taylor.

Tull agrees and notices the impact fans have on the team.

"We do so much better with a crowd. Our attitudes are better, so we play so much better," said Tull.



Aerial view shows an intersection PBOT wanted to fix.



Plastic posts have been continually wiped out by right turns on Westover.

Cutting corners just business as usual

Portland Bureau of Transportation deems pilot project ready to be put in stone

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

The temporary paint and posts guiding traffic at Northwest 25th and Westover streets the past few years have worked so well that the Portland Bureau of Transportation has decided to replace them with permanent concrete curbs.

Northwest neighborhood activists, on the other hand, take the repeated leveling of plastic posts as evidence that the turning radius is too tight.

“The temporary installation’s traffic posts have been repeatedly driven over and knocked out, and the stop lines are

confusing,” said Steve Pinger, co-chair of the Northwest District Association Planning Committee.

“The proposed permanent layout seems problematic and potentially confusing, and why set up another situation where the curbs end up getting jumped by delivery vans, school buses and anything with a trailer?”

Pinger called this a redux of the Northwest 24th Avenue “slow streets” barriers that were damaged and moved so often that PBOT eventually removed them.

Project manager Ashley Lopez

resisted the criticism for a while, advising Pinger that “the project has not received any indication that the paint and post curb extensions have created an unacceptable constraint for larger vehicle turning movements at this intersection.”

Senior PBOT Planner Zef Wagner, however, admitted there were issues that necessitated later design adjustments.

Tweaking the configuration does not satisfy Roger Vrilakas, a longtime committee member who lives half a block from what he calls a “relatively

low-speed and accident-free intersection.”

“The work solved no problem, as none existed,” Vrilakas said.

“PBOT intends to make a temporary mistake permanent at a cost of \$600,000, which is 1.56 percent of PBOT’s claimed budget deficit ... a perfect example of what has gone wrong with our city: bureaus operating without oversight, without clearly defining problems or measuring results.”

Wagner defended the cost as “not unusual” for such a project, which includes ADA ramps at each corner. ■

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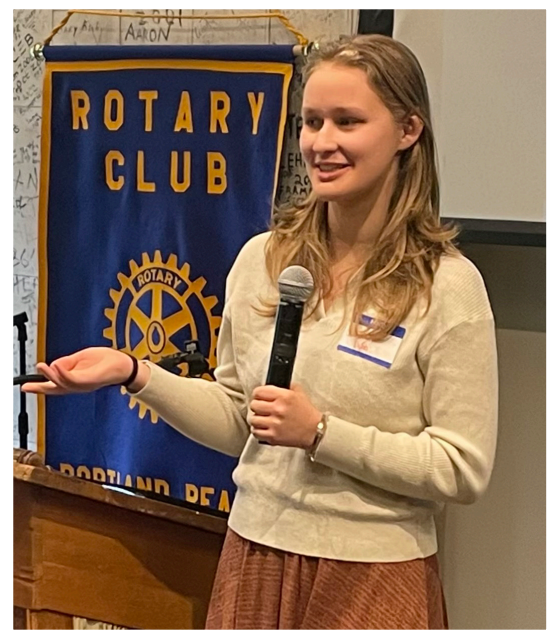
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Portland Police Bureau and Oregon State Police bike officers teamed up on an intense mission in the Central City last month. They made 39 arrests and sent 78 people into deflection over drug-related offenses. Two men were arrested in the Plaid Pantry parking lot at Southwest 11th and Columbia. Their car was towed and 22 grams of methamphetamine were recovered.



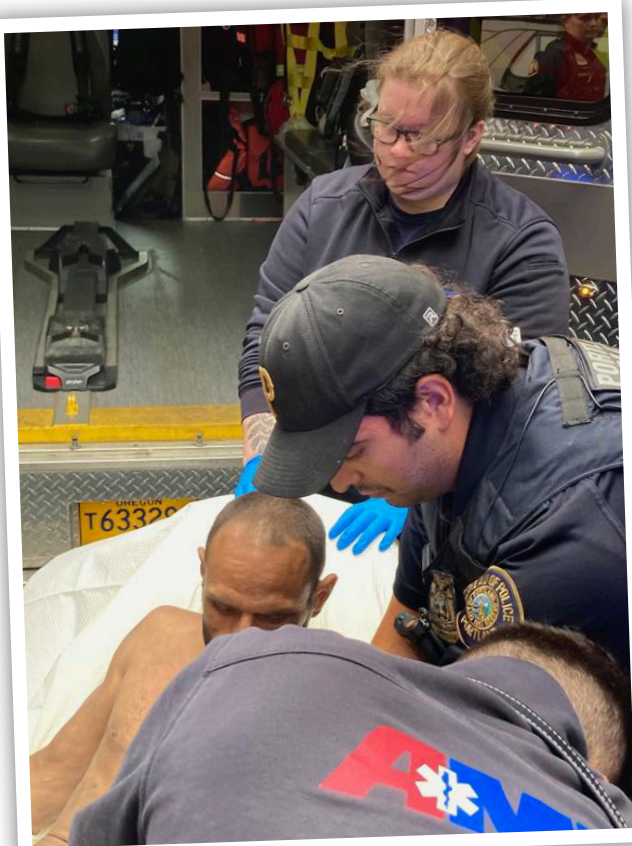
Carmen Lahti is Portland Pearl Rotary's student of the month for May. The Lincoln High School senior. She is active in theater, volunteers as a math tutor and plans to study ecology and visual arts Northeastern University in Boston.



Lincoln High School senior Jenny Chen (with Chris Freeman of Rotary Club) was honored as student of the month by Portland Pearl Rotary for April. She will be attending Princeton University, where she will study ecology and evolutionary biology. She was co-leader of a club serving seniors and a member of the Lincoln Symphonic Band.



Neighbors of Rose Haven Day Shelter complained about perpetual campers around the shelter last month. One woman was "standing in the middle of the street slinging bottles and trash at cars and at residential windows" and another incident involved a naked woman who left piles of belongings. Rose Haven Executive Director Katie O'Brien said the agency does what it can, but it has no leverage over people who are not clients.



A man who vandalized the Old Town parking structure and was found prone and uncommunicative on the roof was taken to safety by Portland Fire & Rescue and transported to detox May 31. Aron T. Wiprud, 37, was charged with burglary and criminal mischief.



Emma Pattee, author of "Tilt," a novel imagining Portland after a major earthquake that was named National Public Radio's Book of the Day, spoke at an earthquake and wildfire preparedness workshop Sunday at Friendly House. Pattee, a Portland resident, has written for the Atlantic, New York Times, Washington Post and the Guardian. About 200 people attended the event, which was led by Steve Eberlein, director of organizational resilience with the nationwide Ethos Preparedness.



Rides in a fire truck capped the Sauvie Island Fire District's annual pancake breakfast last month.

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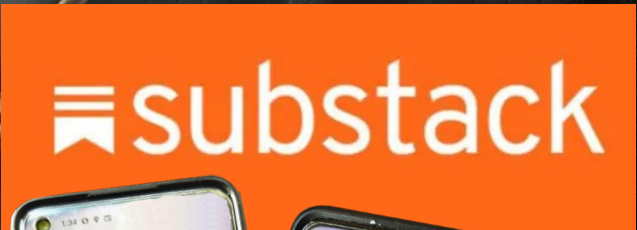
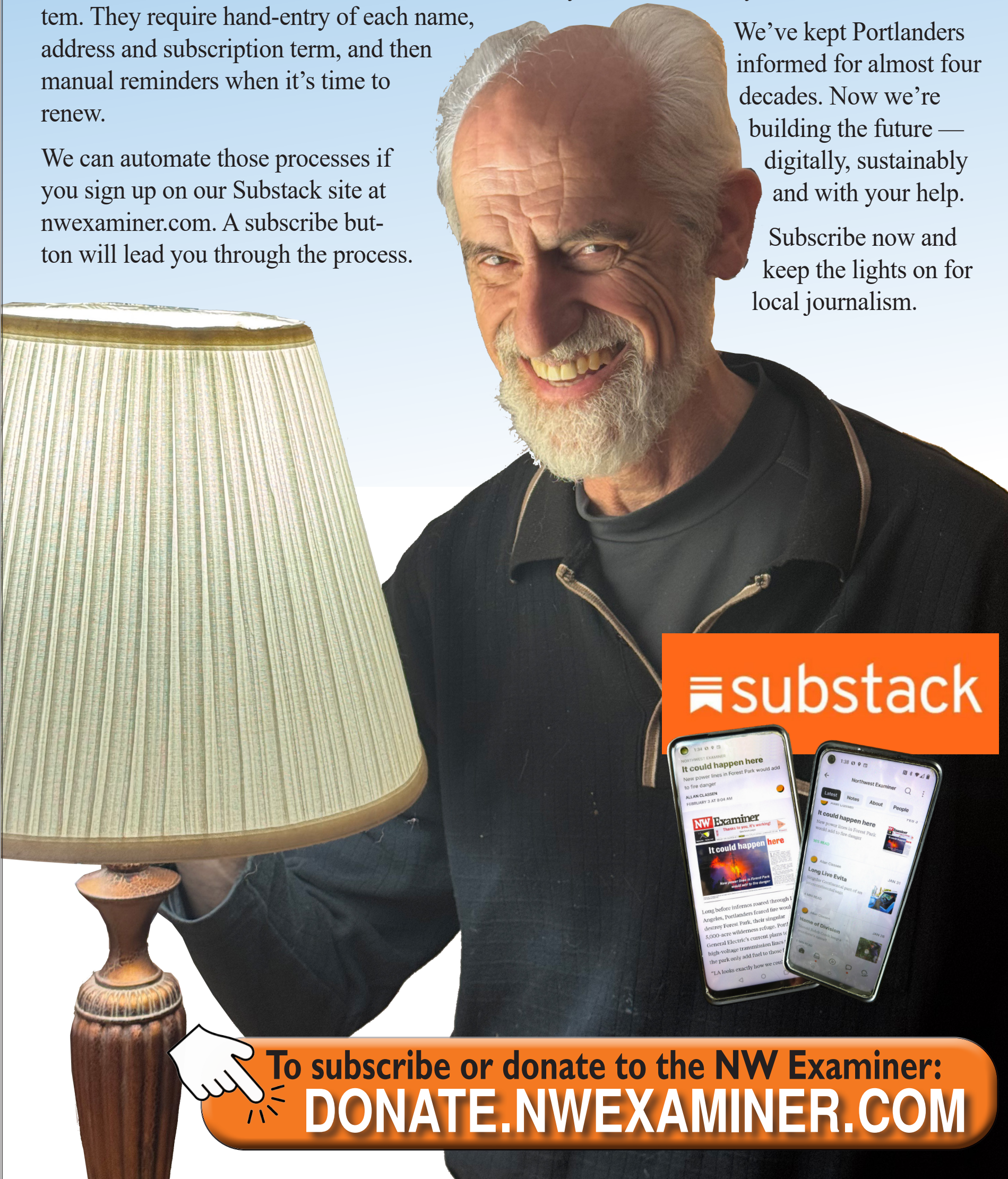
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