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Vision quest cloaks personal attack

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

Neighbors West Northwest staff have taken charge of the neighborhood coalition program, initiating a broad social equity mission fashioned upon City Hall's lead.

One member of the coalition board of directors has resisted this transformation, which he says violates NWNW's founding purpose and bylaws. Steve Pinger, who represents the Northwest District Association on the coalition board, insists that NWNW exists to serve its member organizations rather than to create separate programs conceived of and led by staff.

Pinger has expressed his concerns repeatedly at board meetings for nearly a year, but he remains largely isolated, unable to slow a transition now gaining momentum with the hiring of a consulting firm to facilitate for-

mation of a new mission for the 47-year-old organization.

Last month, coalition President Richard Barker notified the board by email that Pinger must either resign from the board, accept retraining or face discipline under the NWNW Code of Ethics.

His offense?

Barker wrote of unspecified concerns over Pinger's conduct regarding "minutes procedures, staff roles, domination of meeting time and the relitigation and resistance to the implementation of matters that have already been voted upon and in process."

The turgid phrasing presumably refers to Pinger's reactions to changes in the program's philosophy adopted by gradual osmosis, not substantive debate and motions.

Barker's email had another gut punch:

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Wild late-night shootout barely registers at City Hall

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

The shootout at Northwest 22nd and Hoyt streets hurled more lead around a quiet residential corner than did Doc Holliday and the gang at the O.K. Corral. A total of 28 spent shells, some as large as 9 mm, were later collected by the police.

Unlike the 19th century Arizona gunfight, the July 29 fusillade in Northwest Portland will not make history. It barely made the news. The Portland Police Bureau, which issues almost daily FlashAlerts on crimes and disturbances, did not find the Northwest shootout significant enough to issue an announcement.

But the piercing blasts will not soon be forgotten by those wrested from their sleep just before 1 a.m., Thursday, July 29. Residents more than a mile away heard the rapid-fire assault. Some thought it was merely fireworks, an assumption born in minds accustomed to thinking of their neighborhood as a safe place.

Scott (last name withheld for safety reasons), who lives with his wife near Northwest 22nd and Hoyt, recalled that the noise matched the volume of a man pounding furiously on his door. He did not rise fast enough to see the source of the commotion.

"I was asleep and jumped out of bed," Scott said. "This was like a horror movie. It was a huge shootout ... gunshots like crazy and then silence."

The only theory offered so far is that two

carloads of gang members spotted each other by happenstance and immediately opened fire.

"It was blind luck that no one was hit," he said.

A bullet went through the wall of a house at the intersection, nearly striking a woman inside.

Police arrived at the scene about 10 minutes after the shootings. By then the suspects had fled, leaving behind discharged ammunition and bullet holes in about six or seven parked cars.

Scott, an attorney at a downtown law firm,

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Several cars along Northwest 22nd Avenue and Hoyt Street were hit by high-powered firearms in a brief exchange between passengers in two cars. Portland Police retrieved 28 spent cartridges from the scene.

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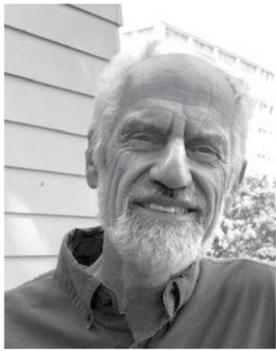


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Trying isn't enough

City Commissioner Dan Ryan faced a figurative fastball down the heart of the plate at a gathering of 100 Westside neighborhood activists last month.

Pearl neighborhood activist Mary Sipe wanted to know if the city would begin enforcing its no-camping ordinance in light of a recent court ruling and the city's new Safe Rest Villages program soon to provide alternative shelter for the homeless.

Commissioner Ryan spent five minutes evading the question—devolving into talk of complexities and challenges—without giving a yes or no answer.

"The status quo ... is obviously not working," he acknowledged.

Ryan also acknowledged the generosity of voters who have approved four housing/shelter related bond measures totaling perhaps a billion (with a B) dollars.

"We're at a really good time in terms of resources. It's never been this abundant," he said.

He claimed progress is being made in that more opportunities for unhoused Portlanders are being created. But as to the matter of whether people camping in the public realm can be moved against their will, he could only confess impotent bafflement:

"We have to continue to figure out how we provide services for those who are more challenged with where they currently are in life and how we will work with them," he said.

Beware of politicians filling the air with vague euphemisms when action is required. They not only cause us to tune out their vacuous verbiage, they thwart the democratic process.

We did not elect leaders amid a citywide crisis to share our bewilderment and sympathize. We elected them to lead. That means setting goals, identifying a



Does anyone know what this means?

plan with a deadline and then striving to meet it. At intervals, they should tell us how they are doing and by the deadline provide a full report on outcomes, including their explanations of what did and did not work and why.

Portland voters are reasonable people. They can accept less than total success if they are kept informed and if they trust explanations for things that go sideways. At the next election, they can cast their votes accordingly. This is how the ship of state adjusts

course and keeps faith with the public.

Ryan believes the agreement of all five city commissioners and the bureaus they control is essential to address a multi-phase problem such as homelessness. He called the unanimous adoption of the Safe Rest Villages plan "a big victory."

Ordinarily, I might agree with the value of agreement at the top, but I cannot imagine a good idea gaining the support of all five of our current commissioners.

Meanwhile, the privately funded Bybee

Lakes Hope Center is providing 24-hour food, shelter, medical treatment, mental health counseling and job placements from an abandoned public building in North Portland for about \$15,000 per person per year.

Local governments may not be able to house everyone in need—including the unwilling—at a similar rate, but this kind of math should be at the core of a plan. A series of local bond measures for affordable housing, shelters and supportive services for the homeless provide many times the cost of covering the ongoing necessities of the approximately 5,000 people on our streets.

Can the available resources be directed to the need? Not without a plan. Yet a plan that could reasonably be projected to solve the problem in a few years would have so much public support that even the existing council consensus could not stand against it.

Tolerating unsanctioned camps wherever they emerge is neither compassionate nor just. Homeless people congregate for safety, yet they find mostly anarchy and danger as their tent communities become entrenched. Homeless people lighting each other's tents on fire over disputes has become a disturbing practice, and the Laurelhurst Park encampment was cleared with total council support after gun play arose. The *laissez-faire* approach to unsanctioned camping has overwhelmed all tolerances, for none more than those forced to live in them.

Must we wait for those in such dire circumstances to choose available shelter? How long before we recognize that the nature of mental illness impairs the ability to make decisions in one's own and in society's best interests?

If the status quo were by any measure working, perhaps we could avoid such tough policy decisions. But it is not. On this, Dan Ryan and I agree. ■

Readers Reply

Letters can be sent to: allan@nwexaminer.com or 2825 NW Upshur St, Ste. C, Portland, OR 97210. Letters should be 300 words or fewer; include a name and a street of residence. Deadline: third Saturday of the month.

Street Response needed

One might infer from last month's article about the Pearl District Neighborhood Association's stance on Portland Street Response ["Pearl backpedals on Portland Street Response expansion," August] that I'm somehow opposed to the program. In fact, I was an early and eager supporter of the program and still firmly believe it's necessary. Your readers might gain a better understanding of my true position had you chosen to expand further in your article or to have included my email on behalf of PDNA sent to the City Council:

"We understand the City Council's recent decision to not fund the expansion of Portland Street Response at this time due to a lack of adequate success metrics in the current Lents Pilot Program. The purpose of a pilot program is to implement, evaluate, improve and correct before executing a full rollout.

"We do, however, fully support the intent and goals of this worthwhile program. We strongly believe a PSR type program is a necessary component in helping people in crisis to be served by professionals who are trained to treat mental and health issues in an appropriate manner for which our Police Bureau is generally not trained. We look forward to seeing the pilot program achieve success and urge the City

Council to immediately fund the expansion of the program at such time as it is appropriate to do so."

I would appreciate your telling the whole story in the future.

Stan Penkin
President

Pearl District Neighborhood Association

No falsification

A letter from Roger Brown [August 2021 Readers Reply], stated, "There seems to be a large amount of disinformation regarding the proposed South Park

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Sylvia Golden



Sylvia Golden, a resident of Northwest Portland since 2003, died July 30 of complications from cancer at age 61. Sylvia Lukas was born June 7, 1960, in Bavaria, Germany. After high school, she volunteered at Kibbutz Shoal in Israel, and immigrated to the United States in 1980. She received a bachelor's degree in Middle East Languages from Columbia University, a master's in Near Eastern Studies from New York University and a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley. She worked for PEN American Center New York, was an immigration attorney in San Francisco, practiced criminal law in Portland at Janet Hoffman and Associates, and was most recently the executive legal editor for Business Valuation Services in Portland. She married Paul Golden in 1981. She is survived by her husband, Paul; sister, Claudia Lukas; and mother, Hedwig Lukas.

Anne M. Barbey



Anne M. Barbey, who held three volunteer positions at Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center, died July 25 at age 100. Anne Murray was born May 31, 1921, in Tacoma, where she graduated high school in 1938. She graduated from Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y., in 1942 with majors in economics and sociology. She returned to Tacoma to work for her father at West Fork Timber Co. until the end of World War II. In 1947, she married Graham Barbey, and they moved to Astoria. After selling Barbey Packing Co., they moved to Portland in 1974. She served on the boards of Legacy Good Samaritan Medical Center and Good Samaritan Foundation and chaired Women of Good Samaritan Hospital. She received the hospital's Wistar Morris Award in 2009. She is survived

by her daughters, Anita Barbey and Helena Lankton; three stepchildren; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Fred Lee



Fred Cheong Lee, who was born in Portland's Chinatown, died Aug. 12 at age 96 from prostate cancer. He attended Benson High School and received bachelor's and master's degrees in engineering from Oregon State University. During World War II, he served under General Patton in technical services typography. He began his career at Hyster, then worked on construction of the Bonneville Dam for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and then was a commercial HVAC inspector for the city of Portland. In 2019, he received a Congressional Gold Medal for his services. He volunteered at the Portland Rescue Mission, Burlingame Baptist Church and Edgewood Point Assisted Living. He is survived by his daughters, Sharla Hutchinson and Connie Tuchman; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Gladys; daughter, Laura; and son, Phillip.

Thomas Haley



Thomas William Haley, a member of the Multnomah Athletic Club and the Racquet Club, died Aug. 9 at age 86 from complications of dementia and Alzheimer's disease. He was born on Dec. 29, 1934, in South Bend, Ind. He attended Catholic schools, K-12, in South Bend and graduated from the University of Notre Dame. He served as a lieutenant in the Navy for two years. In 1960, he began his career as a hospital administrator, overseeing the construction and

administration of Providence Milwaukie Hospital and a wing of Holladay Park Hospital. He later owned two wholesale distributorships. He served on Providence Health System boards and chaired the Providence Good Health Plan board. He was a longtime member of Waverley Country Club. Tom is survived by his wife, Anita; children, Malia Wasson, Tom Jr., Kerry Haley, Garin and their mother, Lourdene; six grandchildren and one great-granddaughter; one stepchild, Allison Gregory; and two step-grandchildren.

Gordon Besaw



Gordon Besaw, who grew up in Northwest Portland, died July 27 at age 94. He was born Jan. 5, 1927, in Los Angeles. He moved to Portland, where he graduated from Benson High School in 1945. After graduation, he enlisted in the Army. He worked as a store installer for Marshall Wells and for 88 Cent Stores, where he continued for 12 years. He married Millie in 1957, and they bought the 52nd Avenue Hardware & Building Supply in Southeast Portland, which their sons Steve and David manage today. Millie died in 2003. He is survived by three children; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

Death Notices

ARLENE (HATORI) DOUGHTY, 64, attended Lincoln High School.

EUGENE E. FELTZ, 93, a founder of Blanchet House of Hospitality.

MOLLY (DAY) FLING, 79, member of Lincoln High School class of 1960.

JOANN FREELAND, 89, attended Catlin Gabel School.

ANN (PRUTSMAN) GOODSPEED, 88, member of Lincoln High School class of 1950.

NORMAN N. RUPP JR., 98, member of Lincoln High School class of 1940.

CARRIE SAITO, 83, member of First United Methodist Church.

WALTER H. SWEEK, 85, member of the Multnomah Athletic Club.

SALLY (COX) WELCH, 83, 1955 Lincoln High School graduate.

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The abiding Adrian Stuehler

BY ALLAN CLASSEN

I confess to saying “The Dude abides” now and then because it sounds cool without thinking much about what it means.

Jeff Bridges’ iconic line from “The Big Lebowski” finally came alive for me last month with the death of my friend, Northwest Portland habitué Adrian Stuehler.

Adrian died July 15 from the complications of untreated mouth cancer, a consequence of living without the encumbrances of an address, health insurance, employment or legal residency in the country. His addictions might have explained some of the pain he endured, or perhaps it was the other way around. But nearly everyone who spent time with him encountered one of the most engaging, empathetic, intelligent and interesting souls they ever met.

I used him as a proofreader, delivery person and ad salesman in the early 2000s. His warmth and kindness toward me never wavered after I let him go. He never asked for charity, but many went to great lengths to help him.

While others tended to the banalities of everyday life, Adrian talked about deep subjects through the night with people he cared about. Maybe he had it figured out all along. He was abiding.



Anna Gibson (left) captured Adrian Stuehler's likeness in photos, drawings and paintings.



“Spending time with Adrian was nothing short of an adventure,” Anna Gibson said. “Every moment, whether filled with delightful conversations and stories or pure silence, was meaningful.”

Best friend ever

BY ANNA GIBSON

Adrian Michael Stuehler, born in Stuttgart, Germany, on Dec. 24, 1949, was the best friend I ever had. I remember the day I met him. I was sitting on a stool at the counter, painting. I heard his voice, like nicotine sieved over moonlit gravel. I turned around to see a tall, lanky man with a trimmed gray beard, kind blue eyes and a pleasant aquiline nose.

From that point onward, I would see him in the café more frequently, and whenever I did, his presence lit up the room. His smile was warm and his eyes told stories.

Adrian was a man of beauty. He was a musician, an artist and a great writer. He loved books and he was well-traveled. He had a remarkable artistic sensibility. He worked as a fine arts printmaker and taught art. He designed logos in the Portland area.

One memory always induced a smile

on both of our faces. We were walking through downtown Portland one night when I said, “Race ya!” and I ran up several flights of stairs to the top of a parking garage. He followed me, laughing as we reached the top.

Spending time with Adrian was nothing short of an adventure. He was a man of so many stories. Over a glass of whiskey, one learned so much. Every moment, whether filled with delightful conversations and stories or pure silence, was meaningful.

Although his years were punctuated with life-changing tragedy, he avoided cynicism and embraced a life worth living. Despite everything he lost, he saw beauty in life. I believe that’s one of the many reasons he was so beloved.

He would often say, “You can carry it like a load, or you can dance through it.”

Anna Gibson met Adrian Stuehler in 2015 at Anna Bannanas, 1214 NW 21st Ave., where she works. The accompanying paintings and photos are hers.

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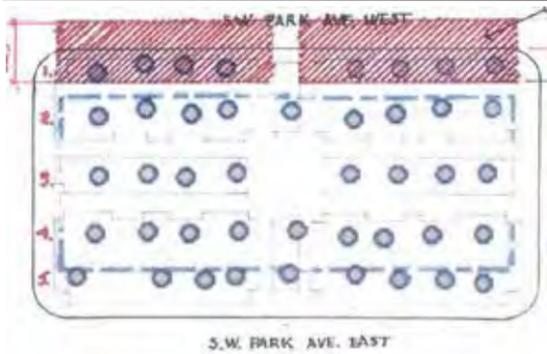
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Blocks Master Plan. ... This article and accompanying photograph seem to imply that the proposed bike lanes (the Green Loop) will encroach on the park and require removal of the existing trees."

In response, it is true that the Green Loop encroaches upon the existing park and some trees are clearly shown or implied removed. (See South Park Master Plan, pages 50-51.) The illustration was copied directly from the SPBMP, adding only (in red hatching) the 15-foot encroachment onto the existing park, all dimensions taken from the SPBMP.

The (1) arrow on the illustration (upper right corner) stated the following:

(1) "The Green Loop is 28 feet wide (6-foot-wide planter, (plus) 12 feet of paved bike lanes, (plus) 10-foot wide planter). Fifteen feet of the Green Loop's width (5 feet of the paved bike lane (plus) 10-foot-wide planter) is located on the original and existing Park Blocks Seven-12 at the park's west side. Within the 10-foot planter, existing trees are replaced "over time" with "a variety of compatible deciduous trees."

(2) In sum, land removed for the purpose of installing the Green Loop within the Cultural District Blocks (Blocks 7-12) is about 18,000 square feet.

(3) At the installation of the Green Loop, the park—symmetrically laid out since 1877—will become asymmetrical due to the imposition of the Green Loop. The lawn to the east will become much larger in width than the lawn on the western side of the park, removing much of the architectural integrity of the park.

On Blocks 1-6, in the University District, the Green Loop is entirely on park property and diagonally crosses the park at Block 2, straightening the path, which removes existing trees and mixes an existing Portland State University walking path with a bike roadway.

There is no validity to Mr. Brown's claim of disinformation.
Bill Hawkins
SW 20th Ave.

Personal attacks

The comments by some of the public in support of the South Park Blocks Master Plan at the City Council meeting were not about the virtues of the Master Plan, but rather were meant to discredit those in opposition to the Master Plan. The term "conspiracy theory" was used. Some suggested that misinformation was being circulated by the opposition. Some of the testimony seemed ageist and sexist and very personal in nature. Those opposed to the plan stuck with the facts taken directly from the master plan itself and from the Parks Bureau's own website.

How can we discuss what is best for the future of our city in this climate of uncivil discourse? I love my city. I love living downtown. I intend to stay down-

town and keep pushing for good urban planning and decision-making that brings people together, not pits us against each other with personal attacks.

Lajune Thorson
SW Harrison St.

It ain't over

The editorial, "The masters of the master plan," [August] is spot on. Well beyond this important civic issue, the vote on the South Park Blocks Master Plan is symptomatic of Portland's current tired form of government. One wonders what the vote would have been had an area that includes the South Park Blocks been represented by a city commissioner voted into office solely by those who lived in that area. There probably would have been at least a pre-vote open discussion among the commissioners. Representation anyone?

As for the unfunded master plan, the spirit of Yogi Berra lives on: "It ain't over till it's over." Future elections may affect the course of that master plan.

Bob Wright
SW 10th Ave.

Groupthink in play

Thank you for the article ["Street dining rules," August]. Street dining has its pros and cons. When you have a problem of this nature in a leaderless system where decisions are based on ideology and groupthink without regard to any sort of risk-benefit analysis, the cons most often come into focus as a result of reality asserting itself.

The question of when an inebriated or distracted driver loses control and smashes into a street-dining establishment located on a main thoroughfare like Northwest 21st, 23rd, Everett, Glisan, Lovejoy, etc., is like the question of will there be another earthquake. It's a question of when, not if. Only then will people consider appropriate regulation. That's the hallmark of an unaccountable, leaderless system. My question is who's dumb enough to insure these guys? The obvious answer is the taxpayer.

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Rhys Ornstein-Hawes, a communications specialist hired by Neighbors West Northwest last fall, introduced diversity trainings and drafted a "land acknowledgment" asserting that the ground occupied by coalition neighborhoods was stolen from Native Americans.

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"I wish to further inform you that there has been a formal staff complaint regarding Mr. Pinger's behavior and attitude towards staff members."

'In process'

Barker was asked by the NW Examiner to spell out what has been "voted upon and in process," but he would not provide specifics.

"This is an ongoing HR [human resources] and code of conduct matter," he wrote. "If Steve opts to implement the process outlined in the NWNW Code of Conduct, the details will be presented to the board for review and decision on disciplinary action if any. You will have your questions answered at that time along with the board members. Should Steve elect to choose one of the other options presented to him, this matter will be considered closed at that time."

The person filing the complaint was not named. Pinger has been particularly critical of presentations by Rhys Ornstein-Hawes, who was hired by NWNW as a communications specialist a year ago.

Soon after, Ornstein-Hawes drafted a "land acknowledgement" included in the coalition newsletter. The statement asserts that the ground occupied by coalition neighborhoods was stolen from Native Americans.

NWNW Executive Director Mark Sieber contends that he has editorial control over the newsletter and website. Although the land acknowledgment has not reappeared, the website now includes a prominent statement in the same political vein, so prominent that readers have to scroll down two clicks before learning that the organization involves neighborhood associations.

The latter statement proclaims:

"Neighbors West-Northwest mourns for George Floyd, Breonna Taylor and other Black Americans killed by law enforcement each year. Our country's foundational institutions are deeply rooted in white supremacy – we recognize that systemic change is the only way forward."

This time Pinger let it ride, partly in

deference to the fact that he was the only board member raising objections.

Pinger, a lifelong liberal, does not dispute the validity of the statements or the need for bold action on behalf of social justice. He just doesn't believe these matters are the domain of a coalition formed by neighborhood associations to carry out their own local agendas.

He explained his perspective in an email last November:

"I do not think that NWNW staff has editorial control over the newsletter or the website; that rests with the board. I do not believe that much of the emphasis on DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) is consistent with the stated NWNW mission, but is getting pushed from the OCCL (Portland Office of Community & Civic Life) leadership to too-pliable coalitions."

Pinger wrote that neighborhood associations should "reassert their control over the coalition" and take action to restore "the influence over city policies the neighborhoods once, not so long ago, had, and need more than ever now as their status is being systematically diminished."

He recommended putting the subject at the top of the agenda at the coalition's next board meeting.

The topic rose to the top of the agenda eventually, but not in the form Pinger sought. This summer the coalition contracted for \$15,500 with Wilner-Nugent Consulting LLC to guide the board through a strategic planning process to explore a new, more inclusive mission.

Sessions closed

The first session with the consultants was held July 29, which the NW Examiner was allowed to attend, perhaps out of confusion. Board leaders met later to determine whether these sessions should be open to the public.

(This is not a matter over which they have an option. When the governing members of a public body deliberate toward a decision, these are public meetings and must be open to the public, as spelled out in the city's 2011 Standards for Neighborhood Associations.)

At the August meeting of the coalition board, not a word was mentioned of the

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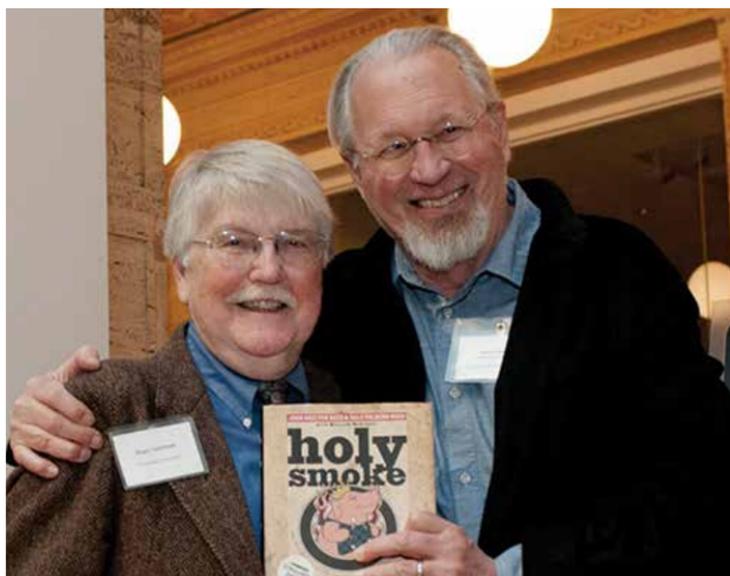
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Steve Pinger (right) presents Roger Leachman with a gag gift at the 2018 NW Examiner Community Awards, at which Leachman also received the Good Government Award for his work on the board of the Goose Hollow Foothills League. Ironically, both men separately faced expulsion from the Neighbors West Northwest coalition for putting their neighborhood associations' positions above those of the coalition.

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complaint against Pinger or the threat of expulsion. Pinger trusts the whole matter will not be adjudicated until he is given an opportunity to answer specific charges.

But it is not clear that the process will ever come to that.

Barker wrote, "Should Steve choose not to take either action [accept retraining or resign], per our code of ethics policy, the board will follow the stipulated procedure to bring the matter to resolution."

If a majority of the board wants him "off the island" for speaking too vociferously or whatever reason, the anonymous employee complaint may be a mere footnote. It may be a factor in shaping opinions of what to do about Pinger. At the August board meeting, the public was ordered out of the Zoom call to hear a 30-minute summary of employment discrimination law

by the coalition's attorney.

No names were mentioned, but attorney Melissa Healy emphasized the difficulty any employer has in defend-

ing employment discrimination claims, even to the point of jeopardy for misstating a worker's "personal pronouns." Orenstein-Hawes uses gender-neutral pronouns.

Last month, Barker ordered Pinger to have no further contact with coalition staff, a situation Pinger considers untenable in that he needs the cooperation of staff to update NWDA's website. As treasurer of the coalition board, he also needs financial information to fulfill his duties, information he says has been denied him.

Familiar tactic

It would not be the first time NWNW has used employee rights as guise to discredit a coalition board member, to turn an inter-organizational policy difference into personal defamation. In 2016, representatives of the Goose Hollow Foothills League were accused of "creating a hostile work environ-

ment" for coalition staff. Employees shared their complaints about a GHFL representative in an executive session at which the subject of the charges was not allowed to attend to protect the anonymity of the accuser. The threat of expelling GHFL from the coalition hung over the association for more than a year before losing steam.

Though Pinger may have few defenders within the coalition, his own association is in his corner. NWDA President Parker McNulty told the Examiner that Pinger is asking the right questions and he supports him.

"We cannot allow him to be excluded from the coalition," NWDA board member Chuck Duffy said, "especially when we have concerns about how NWNW is doing its mission."

Duffy, a retired attorney and former aide to Mayor Bud Clark, said the process employed against Pinger is unjust.

"Steve is absolutely entitled to clarity on what the charges are. What specifically has he done? What rule has he violated?"

"They have excluded him from staff contact prior to any adjudication that he did anything wrong. It's the Queen of Hearts in 'Alice in Wonderland.'--'Sentence first, verdict afterwards!' You don't have to be a lawyer to know that in America we require trials before punishment." ■

Unauthorized change

The purpose of Neighbors West Northwest, according to its bylaws, is to "provide services to neighborhood associations within its boundaries."

The coalition is governed by a board of directors composed of representatives of each member association. The bylaws may be amended at an annual or special meeting by a two-thirds vote of the subscribing associations, of which there are now 11.

In recent discussions about changing the coalition's mission and adding board members unaffiliated with neighborhood associations, there has been no mention of changing the bylaws.

By the same token, Portland's former Office of Neighborhood Involvement (renamed the Office of Community & Civic Life in 2018) undertook a massive realignment of purpose despite the fact that a corresponding code rewrite effort failed. The primary purpose of OCCL—under law, at least—remains serving neighborhood associations.

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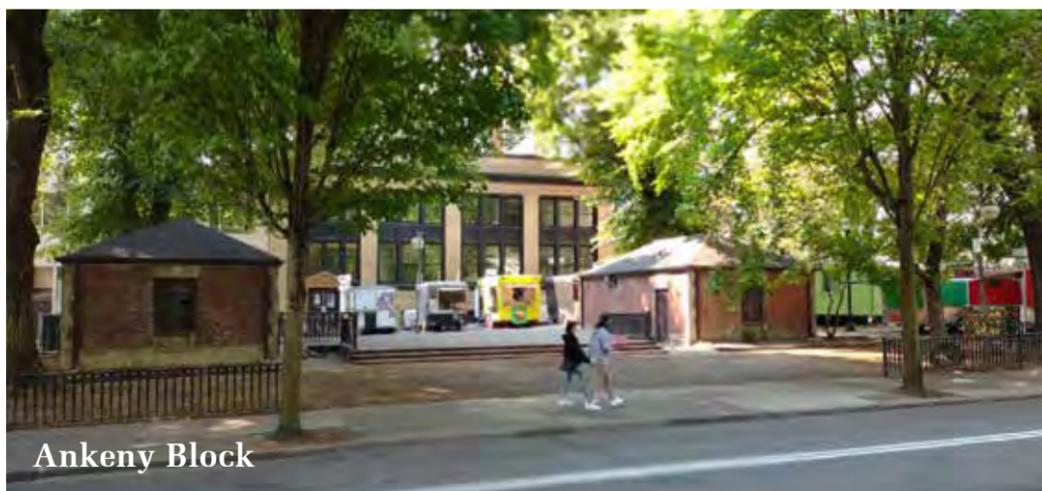
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The first BOHEME PDX was held Aug. 22.

Ankeny Food Carts

Food carts are at last open for business on the Ankeny Block on West Burn-

side across from the North Park Blocks. Plans to relocate some of the 55 Alder Street carts displaced two years ago by construction of a luxury hotel tower have hit road bumps and required \$269,000 in city funds to make the site functional for up to 20 carts.

“We had to snake all the drains as they were backing up and we pulled all sorts of stuff out,” said Keith M. Jones, director of Friends of Green Loop, supervising the project.

“Our plans are to reopen the bathrooms to the public, but we will need to have a lot of work done first,” Jones said. “We also want to bring back the stage that was in the center of the park and start programming the space.”

For more information, visit Fred Leeson’s buildingonhistory.blogspot.com.

Thai restaurants coming

LANGBAAN, a noted Thai restaurant in Southeast Portland, plans to move to a space behind the former Ataula space at 1818 NW 23rd Place in November, according to *The Oregonian*.

The street frontage will have outdoor seating in a classic Thai train car built into the parking strip. Guests will pass through a separate business, **PHUKET CAFÉ**, to reach Langbaan.

Eric Nelson and Earl Ninsom are the principals in the dual venture.

Besaw’s down for retooling

The Besaw’s website has finally updated patrons on its status after closing for “remodeling” in July.

“In order to evolve—from refining our infrastructure and embracing our purpose—we are taking a brief hiatus to retool, remodel and reimagine how we can best hire and train new employees,” read the message.

“We look forward to opening our doors again soon.”

Besaw’s moved to the L.L. Hawkins building in 2016 after being displaced from Northwest 23rd and Savier streets, where several restaurants bearing the Besaw’s name had operated since 1903.

Negotiant

Owners of a delicatessen, wine shop and event space have applied for a liquor license at 655 NW 21st Ave. in the Almr building. The space will have 12 indoor seats, 32 outdoor seats and will accommodate events for up to 26 people.

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NOBBY NEWS

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Cute conquers all

She was seen first by Jimbo, who, sitting by the window, announced, “New pig in town!”

The bar emptied onto the sidewalks to see Penelope. She is a young pig and seemed as excited as kids are to discover the metal pig sculptures outside the Nob Hill Bar & Grill.

The females from the bar were especially smitten. The words “cute” and “darling” seemed to come from every voice.

The trouble began when Jimbo came out to get a look and said “Ham on the hook, bacon shakin.” The crowd as one lunged at him. Jimbo feared he would be ridden out of town on a rail.



At that very moment Jimbo became a vegan. Next week he’ll be at the Coast with the vegan drum group he joined.

The beloved Penelope remains safe, and the entire Nobby’s staff and customers hope she is a frequent visitor

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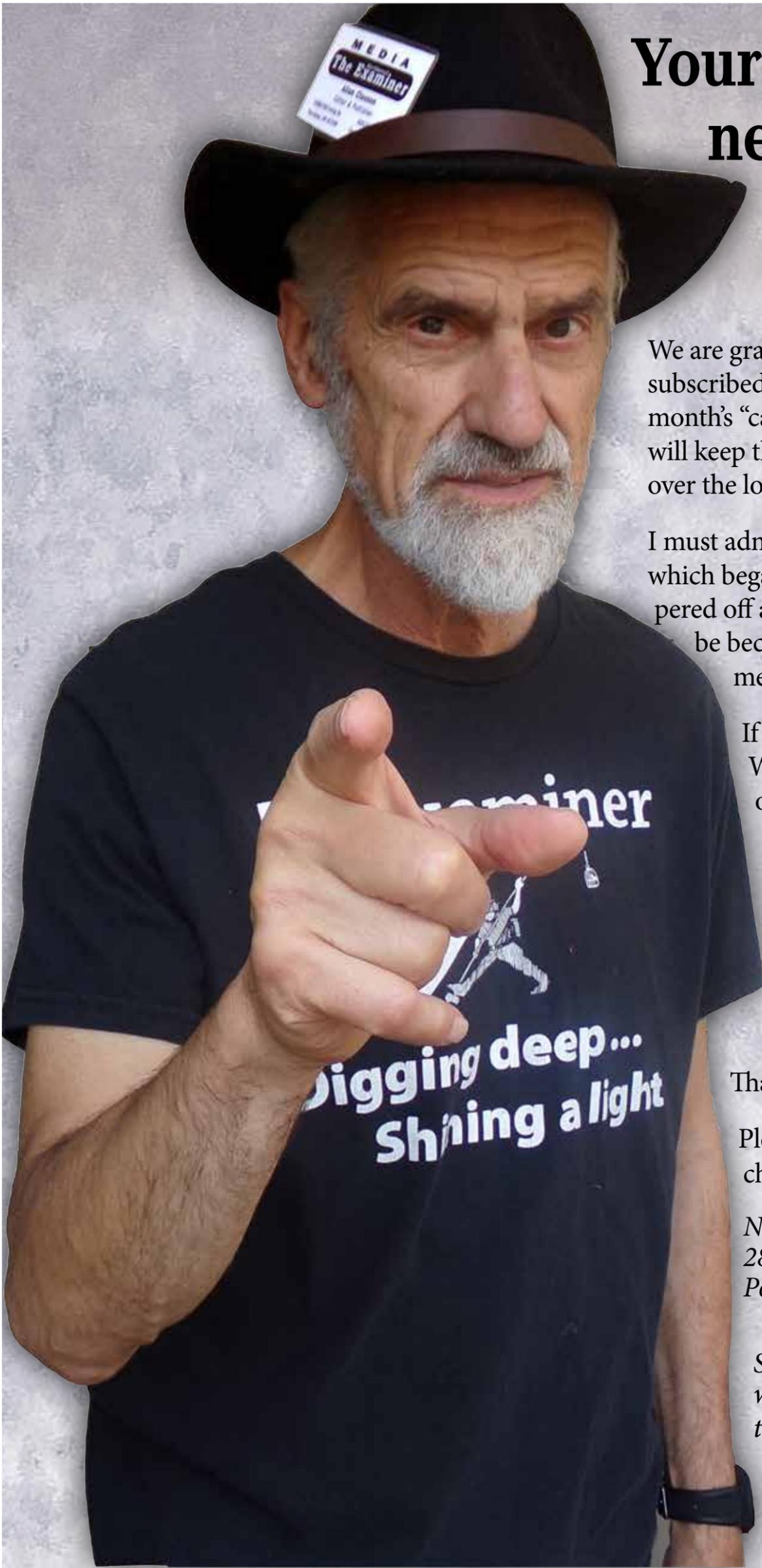
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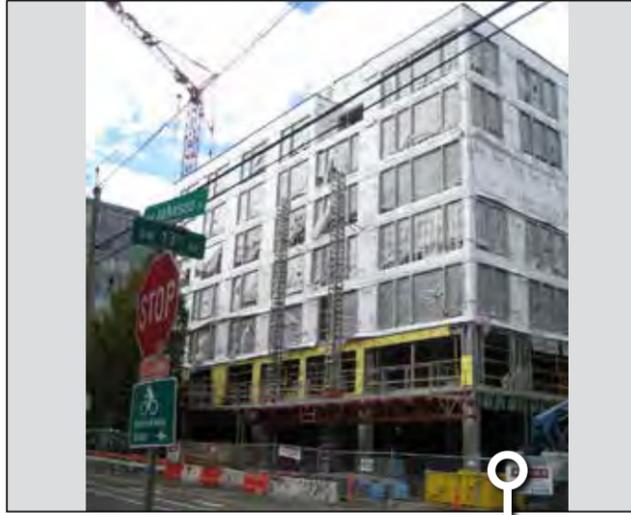
MODERA MAIN

Opponents of the 17-story, 336-unit apartment building and 403-stall parking garage project developed by Mill Creek Residential Trust in partnership with the Multnomah Athletic Club drew hope last month from design commissioners who expressed reservations about several aspects of the proposal. Commissioners are permitted to comment on the height and mass of the building, a policy that does not apply to more recent applications.



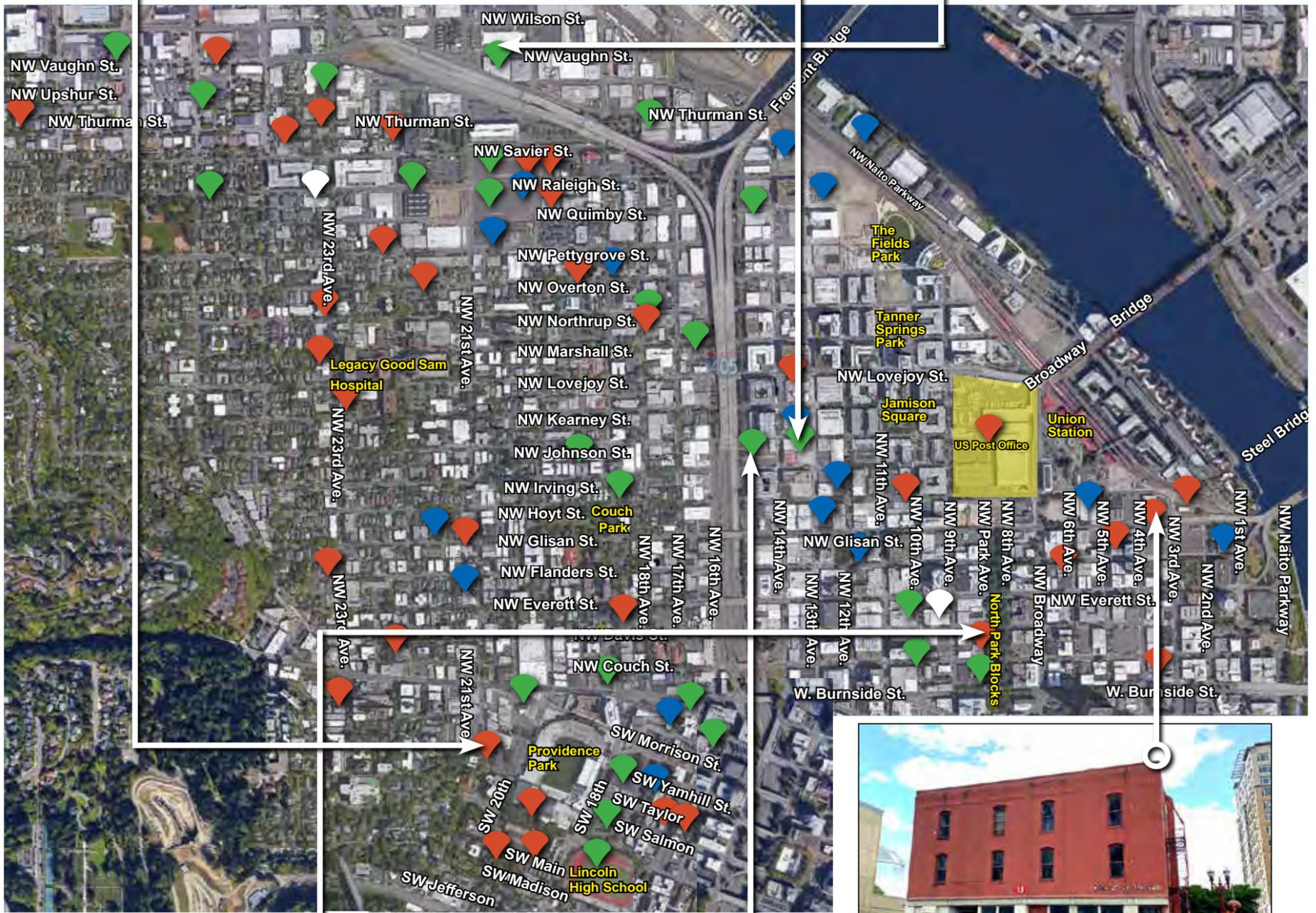
13TH & JOHNSON APARTMENTS

The framework of a seven-story mixed-use building with 58 apartments has reached full height. The one-eighth-block site will have no off-street parking. The developer, Andrew Paul of Paul Properties LLC, is local.



FOREST PARK POST OFFICE BRANCH

The post office branch at Northwest 24th and Savier streets will move into the River District postal depot at 2017 NW Vaughn St. sometime next year. The current site will become a four-story headquarters for Thesis, a boutique architecture studio now located in the Pearl District.



CHOICE CAMBRIA

A 174-unit Choice Cambria hotel is proposed at 135 NW Park Ave., the current home of a five-story 1911 commercial building largely underused in recent years. Because the existing building is on the city's Historic Resources Inventory, the project must go through a public hearing. Design advice has been requested by SERA Architects.



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The Portland City Council voted unanimously to approve the demolition of the Yamaguchi Hotel, home of the Blanchet House of Hospitality from 1954-2012. Restore Oregon and other organizations opposed the demolition of what is classified a contributing building in the New Chinatown-Japantown Historic District, a 10-block area in which about half of the historic buildings have been razed.



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called the mayor's office the next day to see if someone could meet with neighbors and explain what was going on. Repeated messages to Mayor Ted Wheeler's office were not returned.

"That's outrageous," Scott told the NW Examiner. "The mayor in charge of the police bureau doesn't have a staff person [to talk to us]?"

A Portland Police officer at last met with about 20 neighbors Scott hosted in the courtyard of his apartment building.

What neighbors learned from the officer provided little solace. Since no one was injured, the event was considered merely a property crime. There would be no investigation beyond counting and cataloging the bullet casings.

"Is the city truly in a place where it doesn't have the resources to investigate this?" Scott asked. "I don't think you'd

find anyone in the city of Portland who finds this acceptable."

Scott said he has never experienced such inadequate policing in the years he lived in New York, Washington, D.C., and several other major cities.

"The big difference," he said, was, "if you fired a gun in Washington, D.C., there's going to be a cop there in a minute or so."

One of the people at the follow-up meeting was Steve Kanter, the former dean of the Lewis & Clark Law School and a nearby resident.

"When 28 bullets are fired in real time, that is not a property crime; that is attempted murder," Kanter told the Examiner. "That is a completely intolerable position for any civilized society to take." ■

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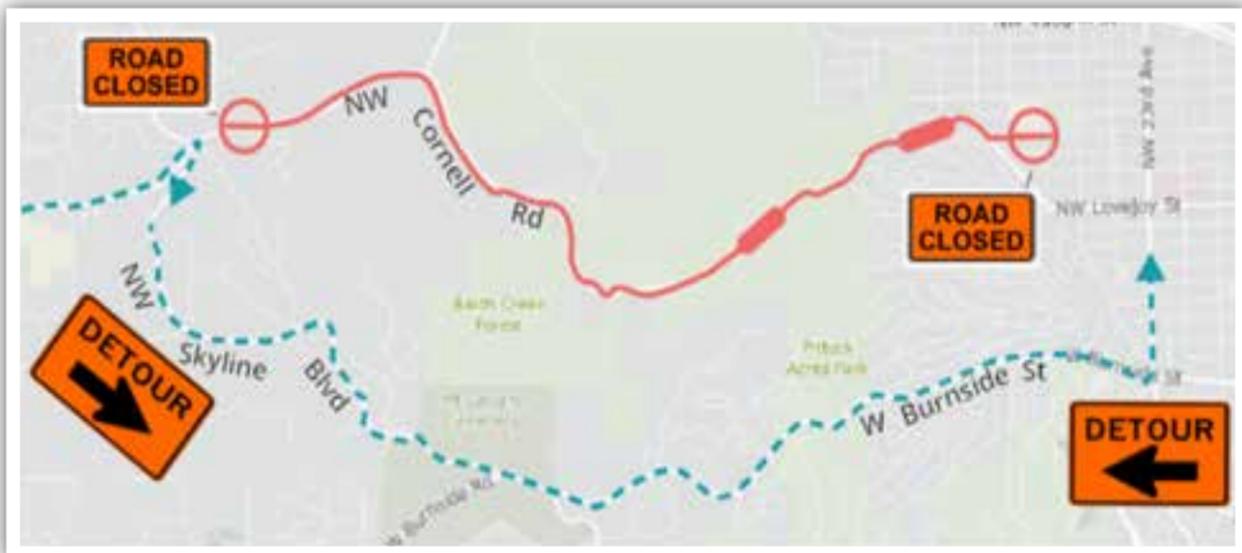
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Flames from an encampment near the new Flanders Crossing shot skyward late last month. Another fire along Interstate 405 earlier in the month also originated from a homeless camp. "Fire continues to create serious danger in the encampments," Oregon Department of Transportation spokesperson Don Hamilton said, adding that the city of Portland is responsible for enforcing the no camping provisions of city code. (Photo on left by Heidi Chinn; photo below by Wesley Mahan)



Northwest Industrial Business Association volunteers picked up about 30 bags of trash as part of National Night Out last month.



The Portland Harbor Community Advisory Group is seeking citizens to help connect the community with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to facilitate the lower Willamette River cleanup. The advisory group can be reached at portlandharborcag@gmail.com.

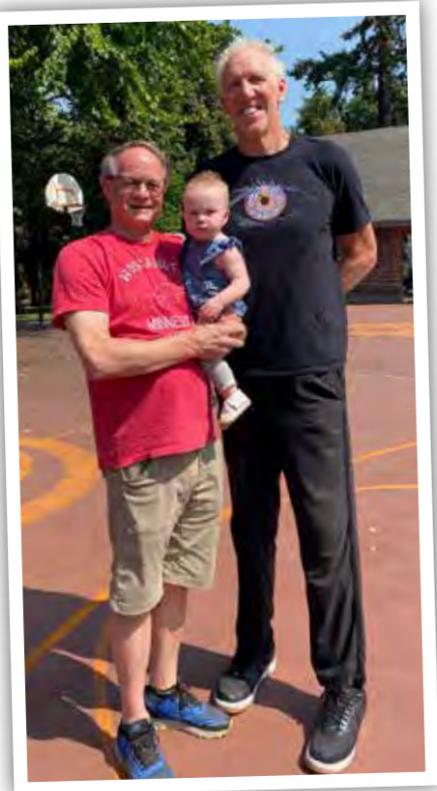


Work continues on replacement of the Balch Creek trash rack in Lower Macleay Park. Lower Macleay Trail will remain closed until the project is finished, projected to be by the end of the year. Photo by Scott Kocher

Greg Cunningham is retiring after managing apartment buildings in Northwest Portland (The Baker, Marion Court and The Burgess) for Circum Pacific Properties for 24 years. His supervisor, Ryan Levenick, called him an extraordinary manager and admired friend to tenants. "I'll miss everyone," Cunningham said, "but it was my time to move on. If you're ever in Missouri, look me up."



The centennial of Wallace Park will be celebrated Saturday, Oct. 2, noon-4 p.m. The event, organized by Friends of Wallace Park, will include games for kids; dancing to a live band (Hit Machine); a dog parade; an appearance by author and former park regular, Jessie Katz; a written statement from former park regular and Trail Blazer star Bill Walton; and food trucks. Visit wallaceparkpdx.org for COVID protocols and updates.



Greg Hermens and granddaughter Elle met former Trail Blazer star Bill Walton on the Wallace Park basketball court where he often played ball with neighbors.

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