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REPLICA TROLLEY CAR INSTALLED IN MONTAVILLA

A neighborhood plaza in Montavilla has gained a new attraction: a replica streetcar offering a glimpse into the area's rich history.

The art installation — now visible at Southeast 79th Avenue and Stark Street — is part of a community storytelling project led by the Montavilla East Tabor Business Association. The idea is to “invite visitors and residents to learn, explore and experience Montavilla in new ways.”

The design harkens to an era when streetcars brought visitors to and from the vibrant neighborhood east of Mount Tabor. The streetcar ran from 1892 to 1948, and you can still see hints of the old tracks buried along Southeast 80th Avenue.

The exhibit gives a historical snapshot of Montavilla history and highlights the presence of the Dehen Knitting Mills factory, a Japanese language school and Shiloh Baptist Church, the heart of Montavilla's Black community for more than 40 years.

The installation was paid for through a grant from Venture Portland and was supported by the local business community, including Mr. Plywood. Local artist Marilyn Shawe designed the trolley and historical research came from Patricia Sanders.

For more information on the project, visit meetmeinmontavilla.com



Above: Real estate agent and Star News advertising executive Heidi Settlemier is the first two-time winner of the Sam Chapman Memorial Award from the Hollywood Boosters. (Todd Milbourn)



Left: Streetcars brought people to and from Montavilla for more than 50 years. A new art installation at Montavilla Plaza at Southeast 79th Avenue and Stark Street honors that history. (Todd Milbourn)

HOLLYWOOD GAME SPOT MOVING TO SANDY

A popular gaming spot is leaving the Hollywood District with plans to reopen at Northeast 73rd Avenue and Sandy Boulevard.

Player's Union describes itself as Oregon's first worker-owned and -operated game store and offers space for fans to buy, trade and play games like Magic: the Gathering, Pokémon and Dungeons & Dragons.

The former location was at the corner of Northeast Broadway and 42nd Avenue. Store owners said one reason for the move is frustration over a pair of recent break-ins and a car driving through the storefront door causing significant damage.

The new location is 7311 N.E. Sandy Blvd.

A grand opening is scheduled for Jan. 23-26.

BOOSTERS LEADER WINS BUSINESS AWARD

Real estate agent and Star News advertising executive Heidi Settlemier is the winner of the 2025 Sam Chapman Memorial Award.

The award recognizes outstanding leadership within the Boosters, and is

named in honor of the original owner of Sam's Billiards in Hollywood.

This is the second time Settlemier has won the award; the first was in 2018.

Settlemier stepped into the role of Boosters president in 2025. She has been focused on connecting and supporting local business owners and coordinating social opportunities. Longtime Booster Paul Clark presented Settlemier with the award at a recent happy hour at The Ambassador Restaurant & Karaoke Bar.

Names of past winners are on display on a plaque inside the 42nd Street Station.

The first award was given in 1984.

GAS-POWERED BLOWER BAN TAKES EFFECT

Put away that gas-powered leaf-blower. A city-imposed phaseout of the machines went into effect Jan. 1.

Under the new policy, property owners are no longer permitted to use the gas-powered machines because they create too much noise and environmental pollution.

The city policy makes an exception for the peak leaf-falling months of October, November and December — at least until 2028.

Starting that year, gas-powered blowers will be banned for the entire calendar year.

The city encourages people to use quieter electric models instead.

SIGN-UP BEGINS FOR PORTLAND PARK WEDDINGS

Lovebirds who plan to get hitched in 2026 have a fun option: hosting the ceremony in a Portland city park. Sign-up begins Jan. 5.

Portland Parks & Recreation has more

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SUBSTATION DEMOLITION BEGINS IN ELIOT

Crews from Portland General Electric have started tearing down an out-of-use, 120-year-old electrical substation building in the Eliot neighborhood.

The brick building, constructed in 1906 by PGE's predecessor Portland Railway Light & Power, is on Northeast Knott Street across from the Matt Dishman Community Center.

The building served as an electrical command center for most of its existence. It was badly damaged by fire in 1995, and PGE used it as a training center until 2000.

PGE says the building "no longer serves an electricity purpose" and has been the site of break-ins in recent years.

The deconstruction will take place

gradually over the next month. PGE says crews will slowly collapse the building into its own footprint rather than have a dramatic demolition.

PGE says measures are in place to control dust and neighbors can access the Dishman Center during the project.

FREE TREES AVAILABLE THROUGH CITY PROGRAM

Want a new tree for your yard? Portland Parks & Recreation's Urban Forestry Division is giving away 4,000 trees this season for Portlanders to plant on their private property.

Residents can choose up to three free trees per address. Options include native trees, trees with edible nuts, flowering trees and trees rich with autumn color. Recipients can decide if they would like the trees delivered to their home or if they would like city staff to handle the planting.

Along with the trees, recipients receive free mulch and an instruction booklet for how to properly care for their trees.

For more information and to register, visit www.portland.gov/free-yard-trees or call 503-823-4963.

— Compiled by Maggie Grainger and Todd Milbourn



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“His absence leaves a hole in our community.”

Chris Hansen, Roseway Neighborhood Association president

Roseway neighbors raise support, funding for beloved pizza cart owner

Authorities prevent Reeva’s Roberto Hernandez Guerrero from re-entering U.S. from Mexico

By **Todd Milbourn**
todd@star-news.info

Roseway neighbors are rallying support for a beloved local chef and business owner who is being denied reentry to the United States from Mexico.

Roberto Hernandez Guerrero opened the food cart Reeva Cafe and Cocina a la Leña on Northeast Sandy Boulevard in 2022 after working at nearby Pizzeria Otto, and grew it into a neighborhood fixture.

Roberto’s son Demian Hernandez said his dad has been working for years on establishing legal residency in the U.S. — a process that’s been “complex, confusing and exhausting.” Demian said Roberto was called to Juarez in November for what the family and their legal counsel believed to be a final interview before approval for a visa.

LIVING IN LIMBO

But authorities instead informed Roberto he was not allowed to come back into the country.

“It’s flipped our life upside-down,” said Demian, who’s 25 and lives in Beaverton.

Demian said his dad is “keeping his head up” while living with extended family in Mexico temporarily. But he won’t be able to come back to Portland — and his Roseway home, family and business — for at least another 18 months.

That means Reeva will likely remain closed and not reopen.

The family will soon start looking for

opportunities to sell or rent the cart, a renovated FedEx delivery vehicle outfitted with a wood-fired oven. For now, it remains parked in the Blossom Landscape parking lot at Northeast 77th and Sandy.

Friends and former colleagues at Pizzeria Otto hosted a fundraiser for Roberto in early December, and donated profits from a day’s worth of sales to help defray the family’s legal costs. A GoFundMe campaign has raised more than \$30,000 from 449 donations — many of them from Northeast Portland neighbors. Demian said legal fees will easily cost the family at least \$20,000, and the support from friends, family and neighbors is deeply appreciated.

The Roseway Neighborhood Association is lending its help as well, including by calling on local elected officials to intervene in support of Roberto.

“Roberto took a chance building and opening his multicultural food cart in the Roseway neighborhood and built a passionate following,” said Chris Hansen, president of the Roseway Neighborhood Association. “I have known Roberto since he opened his cocina and have seen first-hand how he’s made our community better, with delicious food and a festive outdoor gathering space. His absence leaves a hole in our community. His exclusion from the US helps no one.”

REEVA’S CELEBRATED CUISINE

Roberto got his start in the Portland food scene cooking at high-profile restaurants such as Beast on Northeast 30th Avenue. He opened Reeva in 2022 to widespread acclaim. Eater, a prominent food publication, named it Best New Food Truck of the Year.

A Star News profile published in February heaped praise on the restaurant’s savvy blend of Italian and



Roberto Hernandez Guerrero worked at many of Portland’s best restaurants — including Beast, Andina and Pizzeria Otto — before opening Reeva in 2022. (Photo courtesy Reeva)

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Beaumont turret house prepares for next chapter

Long decline of neighborhood landmark with World War II link offers opportunity for restoration

It's always been a visual landmark on Northeast Wistaria Drive — the 1928 turreted English Tudor-style house in the Beaumont neighborhood that anchors the big downhill bend at the confluence of Wistaria, 41st Avenue and César Chávez Boulevard. The tower with its tip-top weather vane, 360-degree windows and tentlike roof dormers. The prominent gable ends and half-timbering. The brick, decorated entryway.

They don't build them like this anymore. For the last 30 years, the house has been in a downward spiral of deferred maintenance, overgrown landscaping and accumulating clutter.

HISTORY MYSTERY



ASK THE HISTORIAN
By Doug Decker

When the owner died in August, the home was cleaned out and transitioned into the hands of a trust administrator who put it up for sale in early December with a one-week period to submit offers.

Listing agent Cee Webster with Neighbors Realty said that was a very busy week with more than 80 showings, hundreds of phone calls and many sidewalk conversations. The offer deadline passed Dec. 8 and the trust administrator has tentatively accepted one of the bids, which will remain under wraps until after closing, which will likely take place in early 2026.

On a website Webster created to share photos of the house, which you can find at alamedacastle.com, she explained that because the house is a “heavy fixer” requiring substantial work, it won't qualify for financing and offers had to be in cash, recognizing the house is for sale as-is. The listing price was \$650,000.

I was one of the interested parties to tour during that busy week (I had to sign a liability waiver just to step inside) and can confirm it is indeed a heavy fixer-upper. All the building systems will need to be replaced and upgraded: electrical, plumbing, heating and ventilation; new kitchen, new roof. Every surface, finish, floor and window needs TLC. The foundation needs attention too, perched as it is on the slope of the ridge. Don't forget the landscaping.

While the amount of work to be done is staggering, so is the grace of the original construction and the uniqueness of so many of the home's interior spaces — especially the top turret room.

JEWISH FAMILY FLEEING NAZI GERMANY MOVES IN

In some ways, the complexity of the house mirrors the story of its earliest years. Built in



This view from April 1935 shows the house with original owner Anna Hummel watering the garden. (Portland City Archives)

Learn about Northeast builders

Join Doug Decker for a public talk on the men and women who imagined, designed and constructed eastside Portland homes and businesses in the early to mid-1900s.

When: Saturday, Jan. 10, 10-11:30 a.m.
Where: Architectural Heritage Center, 701 S.E. Grand Ave.
Cost: \$15 AHC members; \$25 for general public
Register: Online at visitahc.org

1928 by Jens Olsen for German immigrant Carl Hummel and his American wife, Anna, the house embodies design aspects from Hummel's growing up years in Reutlingen, Germany.

Hummel was a tailor. He and Anna arrived in Portland from Quincy, Illinois, in 1907, and operated a tailoring, cleaning and dye business at Northeast 22nd and Sandy Boulevard.

In the mid-1930s, as trouble brewed in Germany, Hummel, then in his 60s, wanted to be back in his homeland. Working through an intermediary here in Portland, Hummel arranged an exchange of homes and businesses with a Jewish German family that was trying to flee to the U.S. but had been blocked by the German government. Correspondence, telegrams and other documents archived by the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum convey the complexity of the exchange.

The situation for the fleeing German family was becoming dire; time was running out. The back-and-forth correspondence is steeped with anxiety and barely contained impatience, but also with respect. If the families could organize a trade, neither would need to send money across international borders, which was forbidden.

Finally, in November 1936 with an agreement in place and papers approved, the Hummels moved to Germany. In early 1937,

Roseva Alcerro. While Roberto is away, she's had to become sole parent for the couple's two young children, who are 5 years old and 6 months old. The family lives just a few blocks from the now-shuttered restaurant.

Demian said family members are keeping in close contact with Roberto by phone, and they'll continue doing all they can in coming months to reunite him with his family and the Roseway community.

The family is shattered, he said. But “we hold onto hope for the future.”



The turret house as it stands today at the corner of Northeast Wistaria Drive and Cesar Chavez Boulevard. (Doug Decker)

the very relieved Lowen family from Görlitz arrived in Portland as the new homeowners of the turret house on Wistaria, and the business on Sandy. They settled into Beaumont, became naturalized citizens and lived in the house for more than 30 years.

This origin story is just one of the interesting

chapters in the nearly 100-year life of this house — so far.

Local historian Doug Decker shares insight that helps make the past more visible. Send history-mystery questions or topics you'd like to know more about to doug@alamedahistory.org. Read more about local history on his blog, www.alamedahistory.org.

Reeva

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Mexican flavors, saying it offered “some of the most original pizza Portland has ever seen.” The spot became particularly well-known for its pizzelada — a creative take on a Honduran “baleada,” or flour tortilla stuffed with various toppings.

Demian said the ordeal has been particularly hard for Roberto's wife and restaurant partner



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Flex your fitness muscles in 2026 with exercise deals in North and Northeast Portland



If you need a little more structure in your quest for fitness, Inner Beast, at 3329 N.E. Sandy Blvd., has personal coaches and individualized training. (Inner Beast)

By Fawn Morosky
Star News contributor

Get ready to dust off your running shoes, set a goal or two and start the new year strong. North and Northeast Portland offer a dynamic mix of fitness and community spaces to help you start your new year health journey. Whether you want to break a sweat, build strength, find community connection or simply have fun with friends and family, you will find it close to home.

PLANET FITNESS HOLLYWOOD

In the heart of the Hollywood District, across from the Hollywood Theatre, you will find the brand-new Planet Fitness. It occupies the old Rite Aid and Fred Meyer building and has lots of parking on top.

Part of the national Planet Fitness network, this gym embodies the brand's signature "Judgement Free Zone" philosophy. It provides a welcoming space for all fitness levels. The gym is open late and offers



Molly Sparkman is the owner of Swing State Boxing Club, a boutique boxing gym in the Beaumont neighborhood. (Swing State Boxing Club)

a range of cardio and strength training equipment.



The People's Courts on Northeast 82nd Avenue has indoor and outdoor pickleball courts and lots more for fun and fitness. (The People's Courts)

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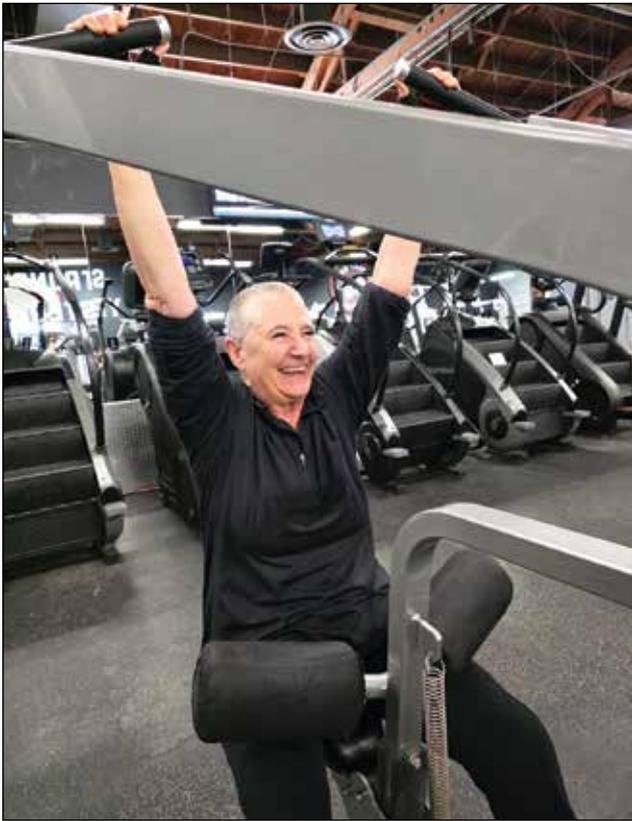
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Inner Beast provides hands-on coaching, semi-private training options and an emphasis on functional movement. If you are serious about long-term gains, a serious fitness program and a supportive community setting,

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COST: \$100/five-pack of classes **ADDRESS:** 4803 N.E. Fremont St. **WEBSITE:** swingstateboxing.com **PHONE:** 971-235-9344

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U.S. WEST COAST TAE KWON DO HOLLYWOOD

Interested in martial arts? Hollywood is home to a top-notch training facility in the old Oregon State Bank building at Northeast 42nd and Sandy Boulevard. Heading up the program is Grand Master Diwaker "Dan" Maharjan, an eighth degree Oregon Black Belt and globally recognized trainer and coach.

While the facility is often packed with kids who are interested in the practice, options are available for teens, adults and aspiring instructors as well.

COST: Inquire for rates. Free trial class available.



There are activities for everyone in the family to stay active this winter at the Northeast Community Center. (NECC)

ADDRESS: 4200 N.E. Sandy Blvd. **WEBSITE:** www.portlandtaekwondo.com **PHONE:** 503-284-7843

NORTHEAST COMMUNITY CENTER

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youth programs, art and more — all in a community-centered atmosphere.

Its mission is to "strengthen community bonds and promote equitable access to recreation and well-being." The Northeast Community Center has a wide selection of classes seven days a week and membership packages that fit different budgets.

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By Riley Stevenson
Star News contributor

Don't let the butter and sugar deceive you. Baking is as challenging as it is sweet. It's a maddening craft requiring militaristic precision, overnight shifts and a tolerance for monotony.

Even at the lowest levels, there's math. At the highest, a slew of potential pitfalls: broken-down ovens, stubborn dough, skyrocketing chocolate and vanilla prices. It takes a lot of effort to make consistently good pastries and keep the lights on.

Despite the challenge, Northeast Portland is blessed with a number of top-tier bakeries. The Star News' Tony Greiner introduced readers to several stand-out Broadway bakeries in the November issue.

I recommend adding these two tiny shops to any local list — one old, one new. Each, punching above their square footage to bring neighbors some of the best baked goods in town.

BAKESHOP

Located on Northeast Sandy Boulevard near Case Study Coffee and Du's Grill, Bakeshop is a sophisticated bakery with a nondescript name and a storefront so small you might just miss it.

Led by Kim Boyce, James Beard award-winning author of "Good to the Grain," there's a clear religiosity to the bakery's technique and refinement: uniform scones, mesmerizing swirled croissants, even-handed flavors.

Over the past 15 years, Boyce and her team have built a baked-goods empire that extends from nationwide delivery to local New Seasons shelves. This, despite operating out of a space where square footage is prioritized for stand mixers and proofing ovens not cafe tables or even an

NORTHEAST BAKERIES ARE ON THE RISE

Bakeshop and Tiny Love make the case for croissants, scones, muffins and more

espresso machine.

Choosing is total agony. Do you go with the lauded, twice-baked almond croissant with its powdered sugar exterior and rich almond paste? Or the Basque cheesecake that rivals Urdaneta's on Northeast Alberta Street?

If you're me, you're opting for the figgy buckwheat scone or a kouign amann, a golden caramelized bun (pronounced "queen uh-MAHN").

The plain croissant makes an excellent control, showcasing Boyce's talent. Take a bite and its flaky layers will disappear on

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Photos above and left: With year-round favorites and a changing seasonal menu that might include Pain aux Chocolat and Fruit Parisians, Bakeshop, at 5351 N.E. Sandy Blvd., caters to the individual customer as well as nationwide retailers. (Bakeshop)

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Every day, bakers work on various stages of Bakeshop's four-day croissant process — truly a labor of love. (Bakeshop)



your tongue like a buttery Listerine strip; gone before you can blink.

Don't miss the specials or the holiday preorders. Favorites have included champagne mango upside-down coconut cake, brown butter apple hand pies, and grab-and-go frozen butter croissants.

ADDRESS: 5351 N.E. Sandy Blvd. **HOURS:** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday-Sunday for walk-in orders **WHAT TO ORDER:** Figgy Buckwheat Scone, Almond Croissant, and Burnt Basque Cheesecake

TINY LOVE BAKERY

If you've never been to Tiny Love Bakery, I'm sure you've at least seen the line;



the one that snakes down Northeast 42nd, filled with customers awaiting a midmorning breakfast sandwich. You may have wondered if it's worth the wait.

It is. In the world of breakfast sandwiches,

the ideal carb strikes a fiery debate: is it a bagel, Texas Toast, biscuit? Tiny Love makes a worthy argument for the English muffin. Theirs, a plush puck with a distinguishable cornmeal crumb.

The sandwich can be ordered in a variety of combinations like the Curry Coconut

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Mosey up to Tiny Love's window in the Cully neighborhood for an array of sandwiches, baked goods and coffee, with ingredients that are responsibly sourced. (Tiny Love Bakery)



Egg, with coconut flakes, red curry aioli, sweet potato and asiago fresco. The egg and sausage, a more traditional option, is reminiscent of a smashburger — thanks to the gooey American cheese and housemade sausage patties.



Tiny Love is window-service only, meaning everything must be taken to-go. How far you make it before ripping into the tin foil-wrapped sandwich is an exercise of willpower. I'd love to know if you make it more than a block.

Tiny Love's full menu is reminiscent of home cooking: scones, quiche, breakfast cookies, granola. Unsurprising, considering

owner Julie Barrette was a home baker with a business degree just a few years ago. This is her first solo venture; a fresh one at that, having opened in April. Like any new business owner, she's been experimenting with what works: is it lunch-time sandwiches and salads? More breakfast sandwich

options? Gluten-free pastries?

Time and customer demand will tell.

ADDRESS: 5124 N.E. 42nd Ave. WHAT TO ORDER: Egg and sausage biscuit sandwich, financiers and granola.

Find more places to eat and drink from Riley Stevenson at pdxrecs.substack.com



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Star sighting

Christmas gnome Maximillion is seen with the latest issue of the Star News. Max arrives each Dec. 1 and moves to different

locations in columnist Michael Wright's home through New Year's Day. When the kids in his extended family come to visit, they put Max in surprising locations ... a game of hide and go seek gnome. (Michael Wright)

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BY MAGGIE GRAINGER

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Making magic IN MONTAVILLA

With lots of new and seasoned businesses to explore, this lively neighborhood is always worth a visit

Happy 2026, Star News readers! From handcrafted pottery and inclusive bookstores to nationally-acclaimed restaurants, this whimsical corner of Northeast Portland will inspire you to try something new — New Year’s resolution or not!

GLAZE

The next time you’re walking down Southeast Stark do not glaze over Glaze, an adorable gift shop and pottery studio.

Co-owners Jenn Gauer and Meghan Radick met at Lincoln High School in the 1990s, and have been friends ever since.

The duo have been creating pottery together for more than 20 years, but it wasn’t until 2023 they decided to take their business

one step further and open the store. Now they run JaMpdX Ceramics, which is their pottery business, and Glaze, a customer-facing store in Montavilla. Gauer is the house potter while Radick decorates. She worked as a cake decorator for 15 years and still gets inspiration from pastry arts.

“Inspiration is everywhere!” Radick said. “We are inspired by the seasons, by nature, by holidays and celebrations and

by combining unexpected elements from our other crafts.”

While they’re known for whimsical, bright designs that involve cutely placed ladybugs and lilies of the valley on

teapots, cake platters and dishware, Radick says some of their most popular designs incorporate



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Friends Jenn Gauer (left) and Meghan Radick met at Lincoln High School in the 1990s and have been creating pottery together for more than 20 years. (Jenn Gauer)

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Jenn Gauer is the potter at Glaze while Meghan Radick finds inspiration from her days working at a bakery to come up with the designs. In addition to their own creations, the pair feature locally made, designed and sourced products. (Jenn Gauer)

more colorful words, mainly one that starts with the letter "F"

"We are delighted that our profane pottery line resonates with so many people," Radick said. "These mugs are ones that we try to keep in stock and always seem to need to make more."

In addition to making pottery on-site, the duo highlights other local artisans with gift ideas throughout the store.

"We love Portland and the artistic community here," Gauer said. "We have curated our shop to feature things we love and things that are locally made, designed

and/or sourced, with thought given to what combines well with our ceramics."

Customers can browse chocolates, cards, soaps, lotions and tea to pair with their handcrafted teapots. Visit their website for more details on upcoming events.

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Zo Nicole, left, and Mags Burke always loved bookstores. Now, as co-owners of Endless Wonders Bookstore, they connect readers to diverse books, amplifying marginalized voices. (Endless Wonders Bookstore)

ENDLESS WONDERS BOOKSTORE

Like many avid readers, Zo Nicole and Mags Burke often dreamed of owning their own bookstore one day. This June that dream became a reality when they opened Endless Wonders Bookstore inside the Hungry Hearts Bakery.

"I think I had always romanticized the idea of working in a bookstore or opening a bookstore," Nicole said. "I was working remotely and was ready to do something that I felt like had a more direct impact on my local community."

The shop, which seeks to amplify marginalized voices, started as a pop-up, but quickly grew in popularity and is now a permanent fixture.

"Our mission for Endless Wonders Books is to connect readers to diverse books and to their communities," Nicole said. "We believe that seeing ourselves represented in media in general and literature in particular makes a huge difference in our own development as a person. We also believe that reading stories from communities or identities different than our own increases empathy and can help combat negative stereotypes and biases."

Nicole says hard part of the job is picking out which books to feature in the shop because they get so many great recommendations.

"It is so hard to choose books for such a small space, but it is one of my favorite parts of the job. We exclusively carry books written by or featuring marginalized communities, so that helps," Nicole says.

"We're lucky to be in such a literary powerhouse of a city like Portland. We have so many amazing local authors and it has been a dream to meet and get to work with some of them."

They say one of their goals for this year is to



Endless Wonders is nestled inside the Hungry Heart Bakery in Montavilla. (Endless Wonders Bookstore)

Get reading!

Looking to dive into a good book in the new year? Nicole and Burke currently recommend:

- "The Lilac People" by Milo Todd.
- "One Day, Everyone Will Have Always Been Against This" by Omar El Akkad
- "The Monk and Robot" duology by Becky Chambers
- "Disability Visibility and Disability Intimacy" edited by Alice Wong

host more local author book fairs and events.

"When we vended at the Montavilla Street Fair this summer, we met so many people who were so excited at the possibility of having a

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bookstore in the neighborhood. Montavilla is such a community-oriented neighborhood and we just generally love the vibe and community. People have been so welcoming and gracious, and we are so honored to be part of a wonderful community.”

ADDRESS: 414 S.E. 80th Ave. **WEBSITE:** endlesswondersbooks.com **INSTAGRAM:** @endlesswondersbooks **DON'T MISS:** Analog Sundays give people the chance to carve out some offline time and connect with others.

YAOWARAT

Yaowarat Road, the main artery of Chinatown in Bangkok, Thailand, comes vividly to life at this acclaimed Stark Street restaurant, which opened in 2023.

“(Yaowarat Road) is a dense, lit-up stretch packed with gold shops, shrines, traffic and some of the most famous street food in the city,” said co-owner Eric Steven Nelson. “It’s loud. It’s cramped. It can be smelly. It’s chaotic. And it’s deeply communal more than anything.”

Nelson says his team — which includes co-owners Akkapong “Earl” Ninsom, Kyle Linden Webster and Sam Smith — wanted to capture the spirit of the street by overwhelming their clientele’s senses the minute they walk in.

“We want loud banging woks, music a little louder than normal, lights darker, tables cramped together. We want smoke and steam and chatter and excitement,” Nelson said. “Most of all we want to invite Portland to trip along with us in our culinary exploration of one of the world’s most incredible neighborhoods.”

Since opening three years ago, Yaowarat has been named Best Restaurant in Portland 2024 by Portland Monthly and profiled by the The New York Times among other accolades.

“No matter the award, we’re just glad our guests vibe with us and felt how personal and transportive the experience of Yaowarat was meant to be,” Nelson said.

Ready to transport yourself halfway around the world without leaving Rose City?

Nelson says restaurant goers should definitely start off their culinary adventure with their chive cakes, which are fried twice so the outside is crispy crunchy, and the inside is this really luscious mochi texture.

“Dip these little flippers into a salty and sour



The dark, red, noisy interior lends an exotic vibe to Yaowarat, recalling the main drag of Chinatown in Bangkok, Thailand. (Photos courtesy of Yaowarat)

black soy and vinegar sauce,” he recommends. “There’s variations and shapes all over Bangkok, but we had this style that was cut into cubes and crispy at a little stall off the main strip in Yaowarat. Every table needs an order.”

Other standout dishes include the pickled cabbage salad that Nelson says is like a Thai version of kimchi, but a little brighter and more sour.

“We toss those with an unapologetic amount of Thai chilies, onions, celery, crispy fried dried shrimp, fish sauce and lime,” he said. “It’s the perfect foil to our rich noodle dishes and curries.”

Room for a main course? Their Kuay Teow Kua Gai — rice noodles and chicken cooked in pork fat, laid over leaf lettuce and topped with a steamed egg, chili vinegar, sugar, dried chilies and scallion is another standout.

“Easily a dish I’ve eaten my weight in and

one I’ll never get tired of,” Nelson said. “It’s our best-selling dish and we can’t make them fast enough.

“The idea is that people leave a little dazed, crazy full, energized by the chaos and feeling like they got briefly dropped into another city, then taken care of in a way that still feels very Portland and very neighborhood.”

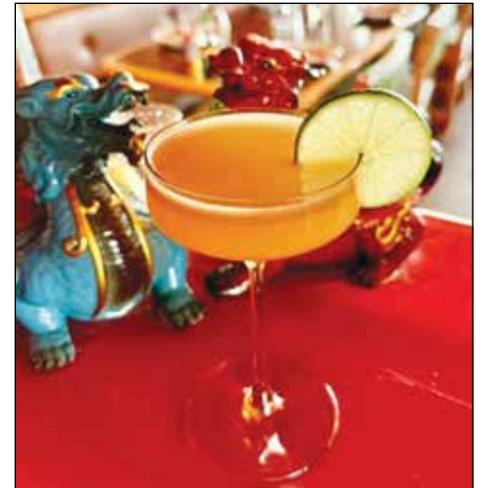
Speaking of neighborhoods, Nelson says the Montavilla community has been beyond receptive to what they are trying to do.

“I love this community,” he said. “They’ve welcomed us and we’re so thankful we’re becoming a neighborhood spot. It is every restaurateur’s dream to open a space that can become a part of the beating heart of the neighborhood it’s in.”

ADDRESS: 7937 S.E. Stark St. **WEBSITE:** yaowaratpdx.com **INSTAGRAM:** @yaowaratpdx **DON'T MISS:** Guay Job, a Thai noodle soup, is back on the menu.



Chive cakes are crispy, chewy and served with a black soy and vinegar dipping sauce.



The cocktail lineup changes regularly, but most have fun names and interesting ingredients such as You Had Me at Guava, made with vodka, cronan, banana, guava and lime.



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Columnist learns lesson in bike-locking the hard way

MIKE on a BIKE

Michael Wright

Bicycle theft, unfortunately, is common in North and Northeast Portland and around the country. For many people, losing a bike can upend their life, especially if it's their only means of transportation for getting to work, buying groceries or going to visit family.

Fortunately for me, a bicycle is a "like to have" and not a "must have."

Still, it's a bit of a shock when you discover your bike missing — especially when you're a newspaper writer with a column focused on pedal power!

Back in late September, I did something I rarely do and left my bicycle unlocked outside a small business on Northeast 34th Avenue and Killingsworth Street. It was a big mistake and I acknowledge my complicity. I unwittingly created a midday "crime of opportunity." A nearby thief took advantage and snatched my beloved racing bike.

If this happens to you, here are a few things I learned about what to do next.

Create a poster and distribute it throughout the neighborhood. In my case, I offered a \$250 reward with "No Questions Asked." My theory was that even the thief might see an opportunity to make a quick buck

File a police report and include the



Left: The columnist's bike, pictured leaning against the barrel, was stolen midday from outside a business near Northeast 34th Avenue and Killingsworth Street. (Sally Wright)

Below: Mike hung a reward poster designed by George Muller on the neighborhood bulletin board at 42nd St. Station and elsewhere.

bicycle's serial number. Strike two for me. When I received the bike a dozen years ago I took a photo of the serial number and saved it in iPhoto. I must have inadvertently erased it as I was cleaning up files over the years.

Check out Project529. My friend Ruben Alvarado at the Community Cycling Center on Northeast Alberta Street guided me to

a website called Project529.com. This site allows you to post information about any lost or stolen bike. You provide photographs, any defining features (decals, stickers, scratches), the serial number, date, time and location of the theft. They enter these into a North America-wide database and link to your local police report.

Consider BikeDetective. Project529 has an additional service called BikeDetective. For \$25, they monitor all reseller sites, including eBay, Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist and others. They have created an AI-driven algorithm comparing your bike to any listed for sale and send the listing details daily for any 75% or better match. Last month, a match for my bicycle appeared on Craigslist. It was for sale less than five miles from the site of the theft. It was a dead ringer, right down to the brand of new tires I had installed two years ago.

Call the non-emergency Portland Police Bureau line. While the city eliminated its bike theft task force in 2023 due to budget cuts, there's still a police process if you call. First thing, they discourage you from dealing with the stolen bike on your own for safety. Next, they ask you to contact the seller, arrange a time at a neutral, busy location. Then you are asked to call the 311 line and give the police a minimum of two hours' notice and (provided they don't receive a last-minute emergency call) an officer waits near the meetup place. When you see your bicycle, you call 911 and the officer joins your meeting with the seller. If you can definitively identify your bike and the seller can't prove how they got the bike and appears nervous, you get your bike back.

Stay safe as you search. One snag I found in the process is that you have to make the call or email the seller yourself. That means you're giving a potential criminal a way to learn who you are and potentially obtain your home address. I asked the officer if he could make the call and set up an appointment and it was a no-go. Our PPB is very short-handed and petty bike theft is not high on their priority list, which I totally get.



Bike recovery resources

- Bike theft FAQ: portland.gov/police/community/bike-theft-faq
- Bike Portland stolen bike listings: bikeportland.org/stolenbikes
- Registration database: Project529.com

So folks, I ended up with three choices: take the risk of revealing our home to a thief or accomplice; buy a burner phone (which seemed too "Mission Impossible" for me); or meet the seller independently and try to reclaim the bike on my own. I deliberated for two weeks and came to an unlikely decision. I decided to forgo the detective opportunity, and instead let the seller sell my bike to someone who really needs or wants one. I came to the conclusion I'd had a great run with my bike — a carbon graphite beauty! So I bought a new bike so I could stop wasting time and energy on what I decided was a risky proposition.

Rather than changing the name of my column to "Mike on a Hike," I am back cruising the Star News beat on two wheels in search of my next topic.

The moral of the story: Record your bike serial number and lock it up.

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Thursdays in January. 3:30-4:30 p.m.
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Join Tony Carnell for a five-week dance class at Las Adelitas on Northeast Killingsworth. (Heidi Duckler Dance/Northwest)



Catch your favorite "X-Files" characters Fox Mulder and Dana Scully on the big screen at the Hollywood Theatre, along with 1990s-era ads. (Hollywood Theatre)

level, but all dancers — no matter your background or experience — are encouraged to join. Comfortable clothing recommended. Cost: Free, \$15 donations encouraged. Las Adelitas, 6735 N.E. Killingsworth St., Register at <https://bit.ly/movement-workshops>

ENJOYARTS

KINETIC SCULPTURE RECEPTION

Jan. 4. 5-8 p.m. Ronald Conrad is a surrealist painter and sculptor whose work blends transformation, consciousness, shifting



Fiber artist Kim Tepe recreates textures and shapes found in the natural world. It's part Alberta Street Gallery's "Now What Remains" exhibit. (Alberta Street Gallery)

perspectives and dream imagery. A recurring thread in his art is the search for connection with nature and the enduring human desire to touch the essence of existence. Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St., 503-281-9048, guardinogallery.com

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Jan. 8. Doors and assignments at 5:30 p.m. Game at 6 p.m. Show premieres at 7 p.m. Do you have the poker face of a Traitor or the instincts of a Faithful? Find out at Portland's ultimate immersive viewing experience. Play the game or just enjoy the season 4 premiere with a room full of fans. Interested in playing? Whisper the code "I am 100% Faithful" or "I am here to be recruited" at the door to play along. Recruitment is limited so arrive early to claim a role. Cost: Free. Living Room Wines, 4818 N. Lombard St. 503-206-5296, livingroomwinespdx.com

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Sunday, February 8
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 3:30pm kickoff · Free · Theater
 Food and drinks specials



Head to Guardino Gallery Jan. 24 for a workshop on the art of Japanese bookbinding. (Guardino Gallery)

BALLET OF LIGHTS: 'SLEEPING BEAUTY'

Jan. 11. 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. Experience "Sleeping Beauty" like never before in this dazzling dance and light show. Classical ballet and modern technology come together and dancers literally light up the stage with glittering routines and glow-in-the-dark costumes. Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St., 503-719-6055, albertarose theatre.com



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'X-FILES' DOUBLE FEATURE

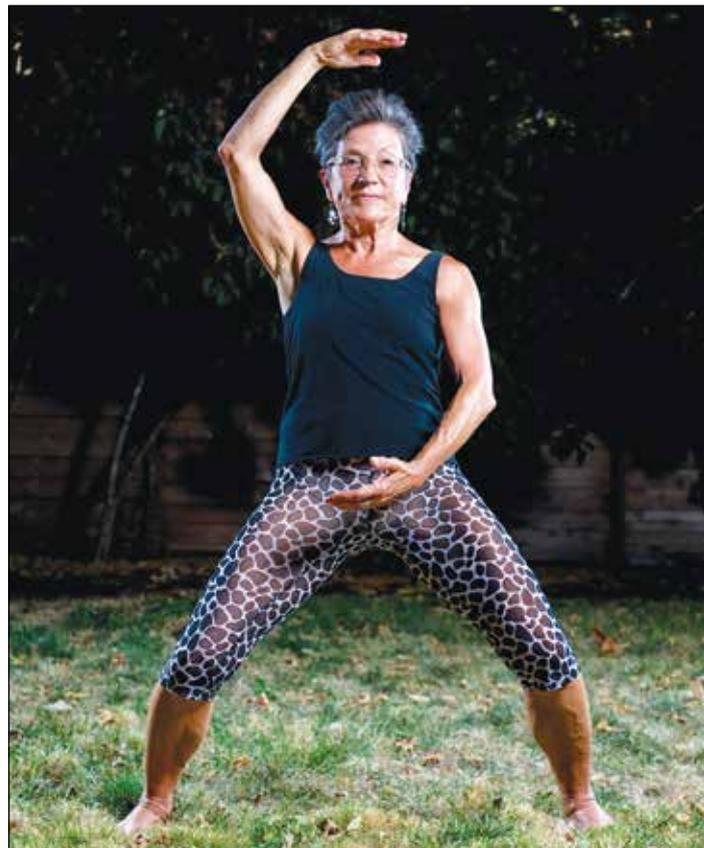
Jan. 21. 7:30 p.m. Catch up with old friends (and supernatural crime investigative duo), Fox Mulder (David Duchovny) and Dana Scully (Gillian Anderson) during this special showing of two classic episodes of the cult favorite. Added bonus: '90s-era ads will play throughout the event. Cost: \$10-\$12. Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E. Sandy Blvd.,

503-493-1128, hollywoodtheatre.org

JAPANESE-STYLE BOOKBINDING WORKSHOP

Jan 24. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Create your own hand-bound Japanese-style book with a matching custom sleeve in this immersive,

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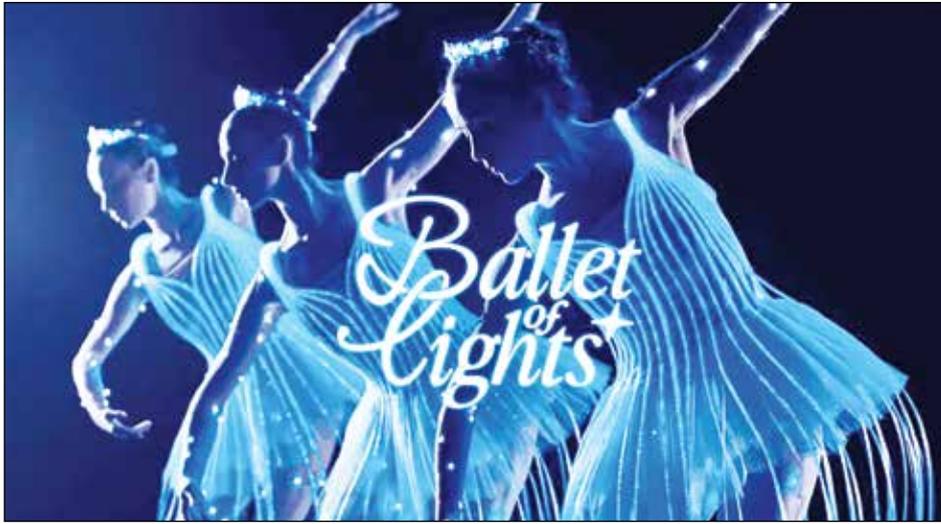
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hands-on workshop. Olivia Nogueira-Wheaton will guide you through a range of elegant folding and binding techniques — some so sculptural they verge on origami — resulting in books that open and “explode” with dimension and surprise. Cost: \$100. Guardino Gallery. 2939 NE Alberta St. 503-281-9048. guardinogallery.com

COLLAGE ART AT ALBERTA STREET GALLERY

Jan. 29. 6-9 p.m. Local collage artists take what remains and imagine what's next during the last Thursday reception, “Now What Remains.” Kim Tepe’s fiber art echoes the richness of bark and moss while Madeline DelBusso’s stained glass work adorn the windows. Runs through Feb. 23. Alberta Street Gallery, 1829 N.E. Alberta St., 503-953-3314, albertastreetgallery.com

MUSICNOTES

YIDDISH, RUSSIAN CONCERT

Jan. 23. 7:30 p.m. Eastside Jewish Commons is presenting The Stranniki, a collaboration between Polina Shepherd and Psoy Korolenko, renowned multilingual artists in the Yiddish music scene for more than two decades. Their performance invites audiences into a world of sound shaped by migration, memory, resilience and emotional currents of Jewish and Slavic musical heritage. Cost: \$25 in advance/\$30 at door. Eastside Jewish Commons, 2420 N.E. Sandy Blvd., EJCPDX.org

EXPLORING EARTH SONGS WITH VOLCANO LISTENING PROJECT

Jan. 28. Doors at 6 p.m.; show at 7 p.m. The Volcano Listening Project explores connections between scientific research and

artistic perspectives of volcanoes, mixing data science, volcanology and new music. This program is led by volcanologist and violinist Leif Karlstrom. Cost: \$19.75-\$52.70. Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St., 503-719-6055, albertarosetheatre.com,

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JOIN NORTHEAST VILLAGE PDX

Jan. 19. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Interested in learning about becoming a member of Northeast Village PDX? This intro session answers all your questions about the Village, a program that provides social events, activities and essential services to adults 60 and older. Cost: Free. Rose City Park Methodist Church conference room, 5830 N.E. Alameda St., 503-895-2750, info@nevillagepdx.org

INGENERAL

DRY JANUARY FEST

Jan. 3. 2-6 p.m. Whether you don't drink alcohol, are observing Dry January or just want to explore all the fun non-alcoholic beverages have to offer, this fest is for you. Sample from more than 30 alcohol-free products, including NA wine, beer, cider, mocktails and a few THC products. All that, plus live music, food specials and board games. Cost: \$28. McMenamins Kennedy School, 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave., 503-249-3983, mcmenamins.com/kennedy-school

QIGONG CLASS

Jan. 10. 9-10 a.m. Discover the self-empowering practice of Qigong (chee

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ROSEWAY DISTRICT 3 TOWN HALL COMMUNITY MEETING

Jan. 27. 7-9 p.m. The Roseway Neighborhood Association will host a special community meeting with all three District 3 city councilors. This community-focused event offers residents a chance to hear directly from elected representatives in a Q&A-style discussion. Topics are expected to include neighborhood involvement, housing and livability, transportation, small business vitality and other community concerns. Email rosewayneighborhood@gmail.com for more information. Cost: Free. Calvary Presbyterian Church, 3516 N.E. 71st Ave.

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Jan. 11. 8:30 a.m.-noon. The Norse Hall's all-you-can-eat Viking pancakes are back. Served with a side of Norwegian hospitality, scrambled eggs, sausage links, fresh fruit, lingonberry jam, orange juice and bottomless cups of coffee and tea (cocoa for the kids). 20% of sales are donated to a local school or community organization. Cost: Adults \$12. Kids ages 3-10 are \$6. Free under 3. Norse Hall, 111 N.E. 11th Ave., 503-972-3329, norsehall.org

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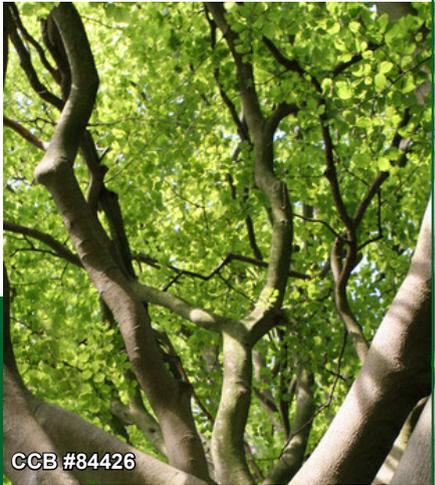
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