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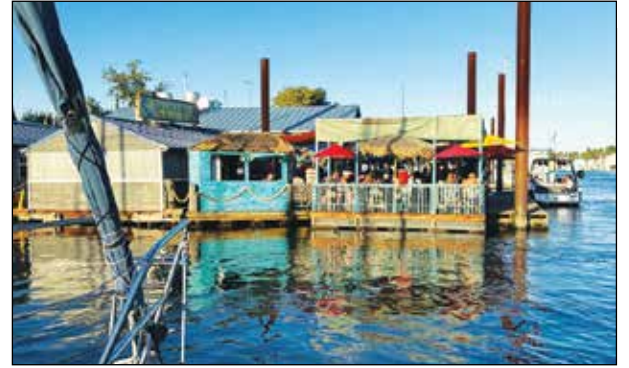
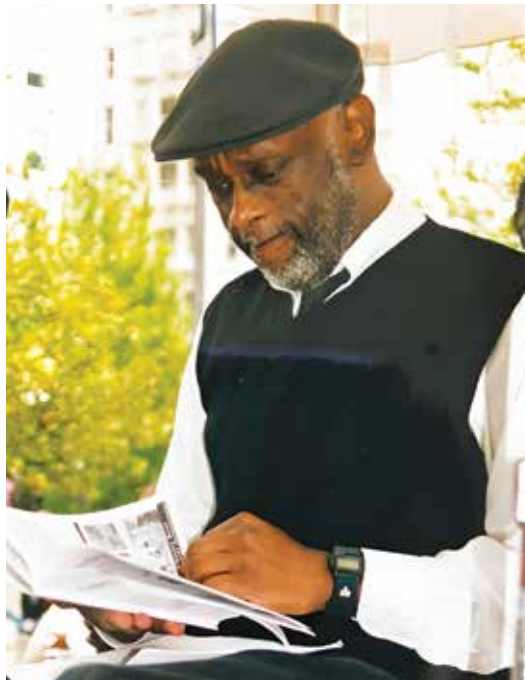
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Star News celebrates the helpers

Dear neighbors,

I recently read an essay I can't stop thinking about. It was written by Portland-based journalist Leah Sottile, who often writes about the inner workings of the farthest corners of political extremism.

The essay explores the political, social and emotional experiences of young people who have never known a world without toxic polarization, loneliness epidemics and pervasive inequality.

PUBLISHERS' NOTE



Lisa Heyamoto and Todd Milbourn

What are the consequences of growing up in "unprecedented times" when these are the only times you know? The worst-case-scenario answer is already starting to play out: They lose hope in the future.

Do my own children feel that way? After all, reports of the wider world and all its heaviness have been the background hum of their childhood. Could it be that having two journalist parents who are constantly talking about what's happening and what it all means turns out to be an optimism-killer rather than the information foundation it was intended to be?

The thought alone is enough to send me into a spiral of mom guilt.

But then I think about their experience in a broader context. Like that time our car windows were smashed by would-be thieves while on a road trip, and the restaurant staff who gave us comfort and a free meal as we figured out what to do. Or the neighbor who faithfully brought us a CSA's-worth of produce from his garden every week when our family was going through a hard time.

Things can look pretty bleak when you focus on the thunderclouds during a storm, but if you look at what's actually going on around you, you'll often see there are plenty of places to find solace, shelter — and solidarity.

Tuning out the noise and tuning into our community is a big part of what we do



Steve Stange repairs damaged mahogany planks as he helps restore a U.S. Navy PT boat on Swan Island. (Michael Wright)



Chef Carlo Lamagna of Magna Kusina restaurant teaches neighbors how to carve a chicken at Steelpoint Knife Co. on Northeast Sandy Boulevard. (Bryan Vance)



Jan Tolman helps neighbors find their way at the Rose Festival Junior Parade in Hollywood — as she has now for 55 years. (Royal Rosarians)



Students at Faubion Elementary School pitch in to tend to the school's edible garden. (Concordia Neighborhood Association)

Lending a hand

The Star News celebrates the doers, helpers, connectors and community-builders of North and Northeast Portland. Share with us a story of somebody you see stepping up.



here at the Star News. Our mission is to help people love our community by telling the stories that help you feel engaged and uplifted by the people, places and pursuits that make our neighborhoods home.

By shining a spotlight on the doers, the helpers, the connectors and the community-builders in the pages of this

publication, we are making an intentional decision to focus on how we are building a bright future at the human level, right here in our own backyards.

This issue is packed with people of just this sort: neighbors who leave doggie water bowls in their front yards for thirsty pups, crew members who work long summer hours to patch a leaky school roof, and local restaurateurs who place the emphasis not just on the food but who they're cooking for.

If you have a story idea about people, organizations or businesses that are building community and making a difference, we'd love to hear about it. You can fill out our story pitch form or email editorial@starnewspdx.com.

Thanks for reading, and we hope you enjoy the issue!

— Lisa Heyamoto



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CHANGES COMING AT BROADWAY MEDICAL CLINIC

The Broadway Medical Clinic has a new parent company after merging with one of the state's largest specialty care providers. The clinic has been located at Northeast Broadway and 42nd Avenue since 1937. It serves more than 20,000 adults and children annually, including many residents of North and Northeast Portland. The clinic is now officially part of The Oregon Clinic. The state approved the merger in June. Clinic leaders say Broadway patients should expect to receive the same level of care they've received in the past. The clinic, however, has updated the types of insurance it accepts, so patients should visit the clinic's merger website — www.oregonclinic.com/welcomebmc — to learn more. Broadway will shift to a new recordkeeping system as part of the change. It will also get a new official name: Oregon Clinic Broadway Medical.



City crews painted over years of graffiti at the old Gordon's Fireplace Shop on Northeast Broadway and 33rd Avenue. The plan is for the site to eventually serve as affordable housing for veterans. (Todd Milbourn)

NAYA TO STEWARD FORMER BEAUMONT CHURCH

The NAYA Family Center is taking ownership of the former Bethany Lutheran Church in Beaumont. The church was founded in 1889 and thrived for decades before disbanding in 2025. The Oregon Synod had been looking to find a new chapter for the historic property, located at Northeast Skidmore Street and 38th Avenue. Church leaders decided to transfer stewardship to NAYA, a Native advocacy group whose main office is on Northeast Columbia Boulevard in Cully. The transfer is envisioned as a way to acknowledge the pain that centuries of white settlement and violence caused for Native communities. NAYA plans to transform the site into affordable housing for Native elders. It's also now part of a growing district of Native-owned businesses and organizations stretching from Cully to Beaumont-Wilshire.



Bethany Lutheran Church in Beaumont-Wilshire. NAYA Family Center, a Native American advocacy group based in Cully, is taking ownership of the site with plans to offer housing for Native elders. (Todd Milbourn)

GORDON'S MAKEOVER GETS UNDERWAY ON BROADWAY

A longtime eyesore on Northeast Broadway has a fresh coat of paint. The old Gordon's Fireplace Shop at Northeast Broadway and 33rd Avenue has been marred with graffiti and broken windows since the COVID pandemic. The broken windows are still there. But the graffiti is now hidden behind a solid coat of beige paint, which city crews applied in June.

An investor purchased the building in 2025. A nonprofit called Do Good Multnomah plans to take over the property in the near future and eventually turn it into affordable housing for veterans.

Clarification

■ Alameda photographer Mark E. McClure retired from Kaiser Permanente Northwest. That information was misstated in the June issue.

The building used to house an airplane factory during World War I.

NEW BEAUMONT PLAZA MAKES COLORFUL DEBUT

A new public street plaza called Beaumont Crossing is open at Northeast 44th Avenue and Fremont Street. The plaza is designed as a car-free space for neighbors and businesses to connect and hang out. The Portland Bureau of Transportation has been creating opportunities for more plazas of this kind across the city. The plaza already has a fresh coat of paint thanks to neighbors who gathered in late June for a celebratory painting party. Most members of the Beaumont Business Association and Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association voted in favor of installing the plaza. Owners of two established businesses on Northeast Fremont — Green Dog Pet Supply and Blackbird Wine Shop — said they feared the plaza might harm their businesses by taking

away precious parking spaces and making product deliveries more difficult. The plaza is open on a three-month trial basis so neighbors and businesses can test the impact and provide feedback.

FAULTY CHIMNEY REMOVED FROM MONTAVILLA SCHOOL

Crews removed a nearly century-old brick boiler chimney from the roof of a Montavilla elementary school as part of a roofing repair. Vestal Elementary School on Northeast 82nd Avenue was built in 1929. In recent years, parts of the roof started leaking and caused damage to the ceiling and walls of the school. Portland voters approved a bond for school improvements in 2017 and a portion of that money is being used to fund the upgrades. In addition to the roof work, crews are installing skylights and upgrading the gym windows.

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An official invitation to opening night at the Hollywood Theatre. (Hollywood Theatre)

The Vestal campus will be closed for summer while crews work on the project. Once school is back in session in fall, the work will shift to after-school hours to minimize any disruptions for students.

HOLLYWOOD THEATRE TURNS 100

A big milestone is happening July 17 — the Hollywood Theatre is turning 100 years old.

The Sandy Boulevard film palace has enchanted movie-lovers since opening day



Crews removed a century-old brick boiler chimney from Vestal Elementary School in Montavilla. The work is part of a larger update for the century-old building that will include a new roof, new skylights and updated gym windows. (Jacob Loeb/Montavilla News)

in 1926.

The theater took more than two years to build, seated 1,500 people, featured an on-site Wurlitzer organ and cost about \$500,000. Originally, the Hollywood was designed for live performances of vaudeville, music and moving pictures with no dialogue. The theater even had its own eight-piece orchestra.

A review in The Oregonian from July 1926

described the opening day scene this way:

“As the crowds wandered about the theater pausing here and there to drink in the marvelous beauty of the ensemble, or stopping to examine more closely some intricate detail, a small realization of the time, effort and expense expended in the creation of the theater began to steal over them and with it an appreciation of what a theater of that caliber meant not only to the

east side but to all of Portland.”

Today, the theater is working to establish a one-of-a-kind film district in the neighborhood, beginning with the relocation of Movie Madness video store, which will soon have a new home across Sandy Boulevard.

The Star News wishes a happy birthday to our neighborhood’s namesake landmark.

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PIT STOPS *for* POOCHES

Summer is peak season for canine-themed moments of 'sidewalk joy'



Spotted along Northeast 48th Avenue, a signpost points the way to nearby dog destinations, such as Grant Park, Laurelhurst Park and Thousand Acres. (Sassafras Patterdale)

Dog-lovers place water bowls, treats, sticks, more for NE Portland walkers

By Sassafras Patterdale
Star News correspondent

Portland is a center of the now-global "sidewalk joy" movement. These small interactive installations placed in front yards take the idea of the little free library to the quirky next level, creating opportunities for sharing and trading everything from stickers and trinkets to coffee mugs — and even treats for dogs.

Portland consistently ranks as one of the most dog-friendly cities, so it only makes sense that dogs are getting in on the sidewalk joy. Many little free libraries and sidewalk joy stops in North and Northeast Portland include dog treats or dog water and some specifically have dog designs.

Especially as the weather gets warmer, many neighbors start to put out and maintain water bowls to help keep our furry friends cool and hydrated while out walking.

Portland artist Mike Bennett has a dog library filled with tennis balls at his studio at Northeast Seventh Avenue and Fremont Street. The Doggie Library PDX at Northeast 48th and Wisteria features a dog-height library painted with canine-themed books on the roof. And a "doggie rest stop" with fresh water was started in 2020 by Jamie Roberts.

The idea began as a way to create community during the COVID-19 pandemic. Roberts explained that when social distancing started, she struggled with not being able to connect with neighbors, which included petting people's dogs. Roberts' dog had just died, so she started looking for ways to



Dogs can lap up refreshments at the Doggie Rest Stop along 48th Avenue in Northeast Portland. (Sassafras Patterdale)

"encourage community connection."

The library was an instant success and became a stopping point for people around the neighborhood. The main part of the dog library itself is undergoing repairs, but there is still water and treats, as well as a wayfinding sign with directions to all the local dog parks with distances listed in both miles and wags. To calculate the distance, Roberts researched "how many times a medium dog wags their tail per step, then how many steps an average medium-size dog takes in a mile." This attention to doggie detail makes these sidewalk stops especially charming.

Amanda Kreft, a professional dog walker and owner of Frenchilicious Fun Dog Walking and Pet Sitting, lives off of Northeast Fremont and is frequently outside making friends with dogs

"We have so many great dog breeds in the neighborhood," Kreft said. Known by neighbors not just for her love of dogs, but also for her impressive dahlia garden, Kreft is often outside tending her flowers.

"I actually don't put water out for dogs but that's more because the crows use it more than passing dogs," Kreft said.

However, the dogs all know where the



Take a stick, leave a stick. A stick library offers a moment of sidewalk joy for pups. (Mark E. McClure)

treats are: "I am known to share treats from my pockets with permission and, obviously, ask to pet nearly any dog," Kreft said. She also gives out little bunches of flowers and seeds to locals walking past who need a little extra joy in their day.

"Dogs and flowers connect so many people," Kreft said.

These dog-centered local treasures and more are listed on the online map of PDX Sidewalk Joy, and others are neighborhood hidden gems you'll only find by being out walking with your dog, like the changeable "dog of the day" mini-painting installation at Northeast 63rd near Prescott.

When you walk your dog in North and Northeast Portland, you never know what kind of whimsical pit stop you might find.



Far left: A dog bone depot for canines in Hollywood. (Mark E. McClure)

Left: Free tennis balls are available for dogs along the sidewalks near Irving Park in Northeast Portland. (Sassafras Patterdale)

★ STAR FEATURE

Irvington Club forges ties through fitness

Community focus of NE Portland gym dates back more than a century

By Janet Goetze
Star News correspondent

The Irvington Club opened in 1898 on a patch of land, between Northeast 19th and 21st avenues at Tillamook Street, where the sandy and clay soil was perfect for the competitive game of tennis that was gaining popularity in Portland.

Today, the nonprofit club has a building with a stately entrance at 2131 N.E. Thompson St. The facilities include indoor tennis courts, an outdoor swimming pool, weight room and a ballroom.

In recent years, the club has been branching out to extend its impact in the community.

In 2024, board members established a foundation — the Irvington Club Community Foundation — and started awarding small grants to community organizations focused on nutrition and youth sports. They launched a program to showcase work by young, emerging artists inside the club, and are actively working toward a racially and socially diverse membership.

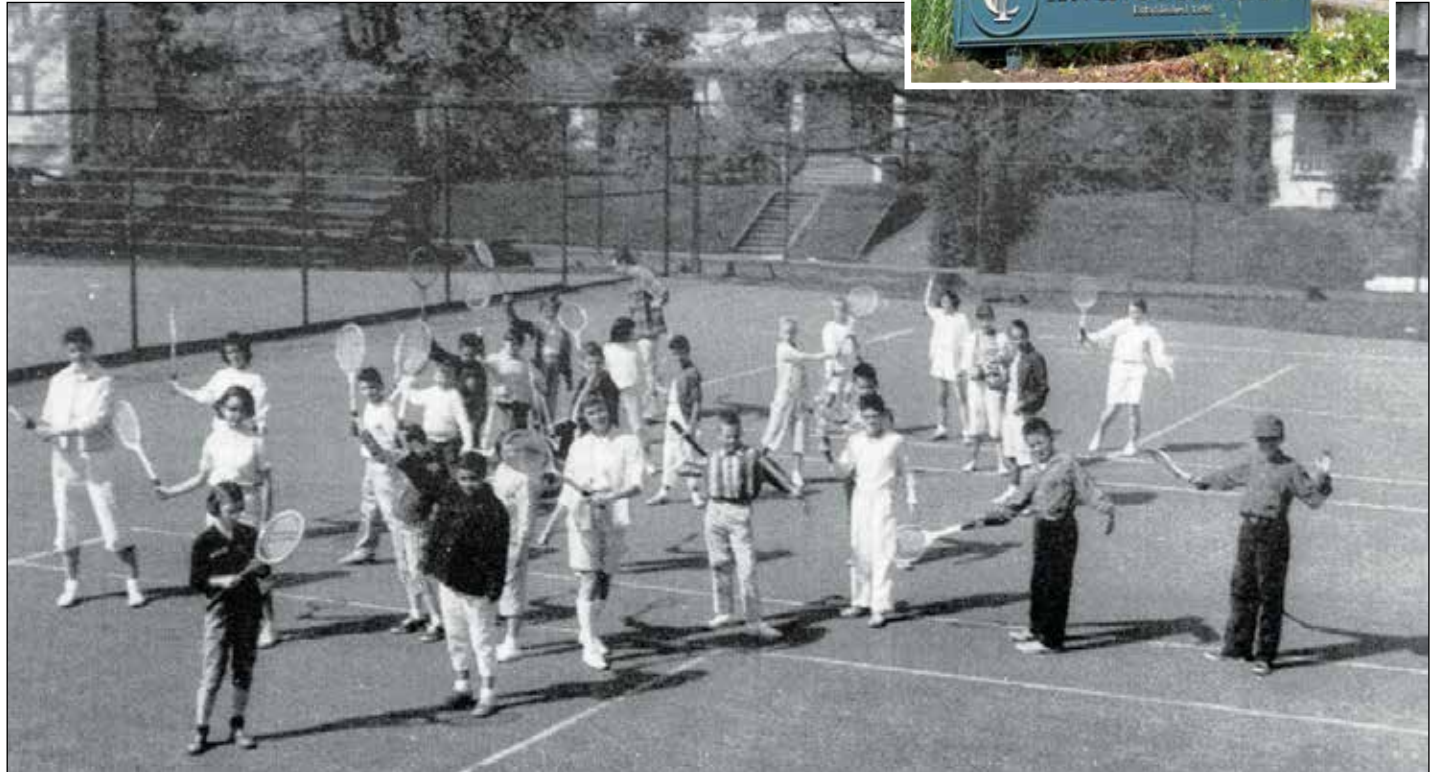
In June, the club held its annual Irvington Club Open Championships sponsored by the Adidas shoe company — with the winner taking home \$15,000 in prize money.

“Taking a look around the club lately, it’s pretty amazing to think the club has been at this for over a century,” wrote Nichole Anglin, board president, in a recent newsletter, praising staff, members and volunteers who’ve contributed over the years. “Our strength is entirely homegrown.”

IRVINGTON CLUB EARLY DAYS

In the early days, many club members came from the surrounding neighborhood, but as volunteers made program and building improvements, tennis players from all over the city joined or played as guests of members.

Since the early 20th century, some members have gone on to hold Oregon state and Pacific Northwest championships in singles and doubles play. In more recent years, some have placed first and second in national competition.



Stella Fording was the Oregon State Women's Singles Champion, 1911; Oregon State Women's Doubles Champion, 1911, 1913, 1914, 1916 (The Irvington Club)



Top inset: The Irvington Club started in 1898. (Janet Goetze)
Above: Kids demonstrate their racquet skills in 1954. (The Irvington Club)

The club moved from the open field where spectators sat on bleachers to the clubhouse on Tillamook Street in 1905, according to a club history book titled “The Club that Roared,” published in 1998.

The club weathered financial challenges during the Great Depression when membership fell to about 30. Membership stagnated again after World War II. However, tennis centers around the country found swimming pools helped expand membership. In 1957, club members pledged \$35,000 to pay half the cost of a pool, according to historical records. Membership increased.

In 1966, the club opened the Pacific Northwest's first two tournament-size indoor courts. In 1971, it hosted the first Pacific Coast Indoor Tennis Championships. Jimmy Connors, a UCLA freshman who went on to capture eight Grand Slam titles, was one of the competitors. Tracy Austin, once ranked No.

1 in women's singles, competed in the 1977 tournament.

Marc Gonzales, an Irvington Club member for more than 25 years, served on the governing board about a dozen years ago when club facilities underwent one of the periodic upgrades. He was introduced to tennis about 50 years ago as a Portland State University student. At 74, he still enjoys the pace of the game he believes keeps him physically and mentally healthy.

“You’re always playing with people,” he said, “so tennis is social, too.”

The club membership categories — family, couples or singles — were capped at 320 more than 30 years ago to keep facilities from being crowded. However, because of family and couples memberships, more than 1,000 people in total are eligible to use the club. In addition, about 120 memberships exist only for the pool during the May to September



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Board member Lisa Lyons practices returning balls hit by another club member. (Janet Goetze)



Megan Baylon Jenkins, middle, was the club's first featured artist in 2024. She is pictured with club members Lisa Lyon, left, and May Albano.

(Lisa Lyon)

Below: The Irvington Club has an outdoor pool that is open from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day and includes lap swimming, open swim, and classes for juniors and adults.

(The Irvington Club)

season.

"Because it's small, it's family-like," Gonzales said. "People know each other."

According to the website, a year's membership is \$3,000 for a family, \$2,500 for couples and \$2,000 for singles. The club has a wait list.

Lisa Lyon, who has been playing tennis since she was a child in Rhode Island, is a member of the governing board and also serves on the art committee. Each of four artists selected each year receives a \$350 stipend, an opening reception arranged by the club and the opportunity to sell work.

The committee is one of several efforts, made by members in 2020, to work toward diversity, equity and inclusion, Lyon said. In addition, members formed the Community Involvement Committee to support local

organizations with volunteers and donations. Examples include Martin Luther King Elementary School and the Black Swimming Initiative, which seeks to provide swim lessons for Black youngsters who historically have had low numbers of swimmers.

May Albano, a club member for four years, was attracted by the volunteer opportunities as well as tennis. She was a professional lacrosse player in the United Kingdom before moving to the United States nearly 20 years ago. She took up tennis about eight years ago because, she said, "somebody asked me to play."

"I like to play competitive sports," Albano said.

She feels she's still learning tennis, but that's part of the fun.

"Learning new things is great."



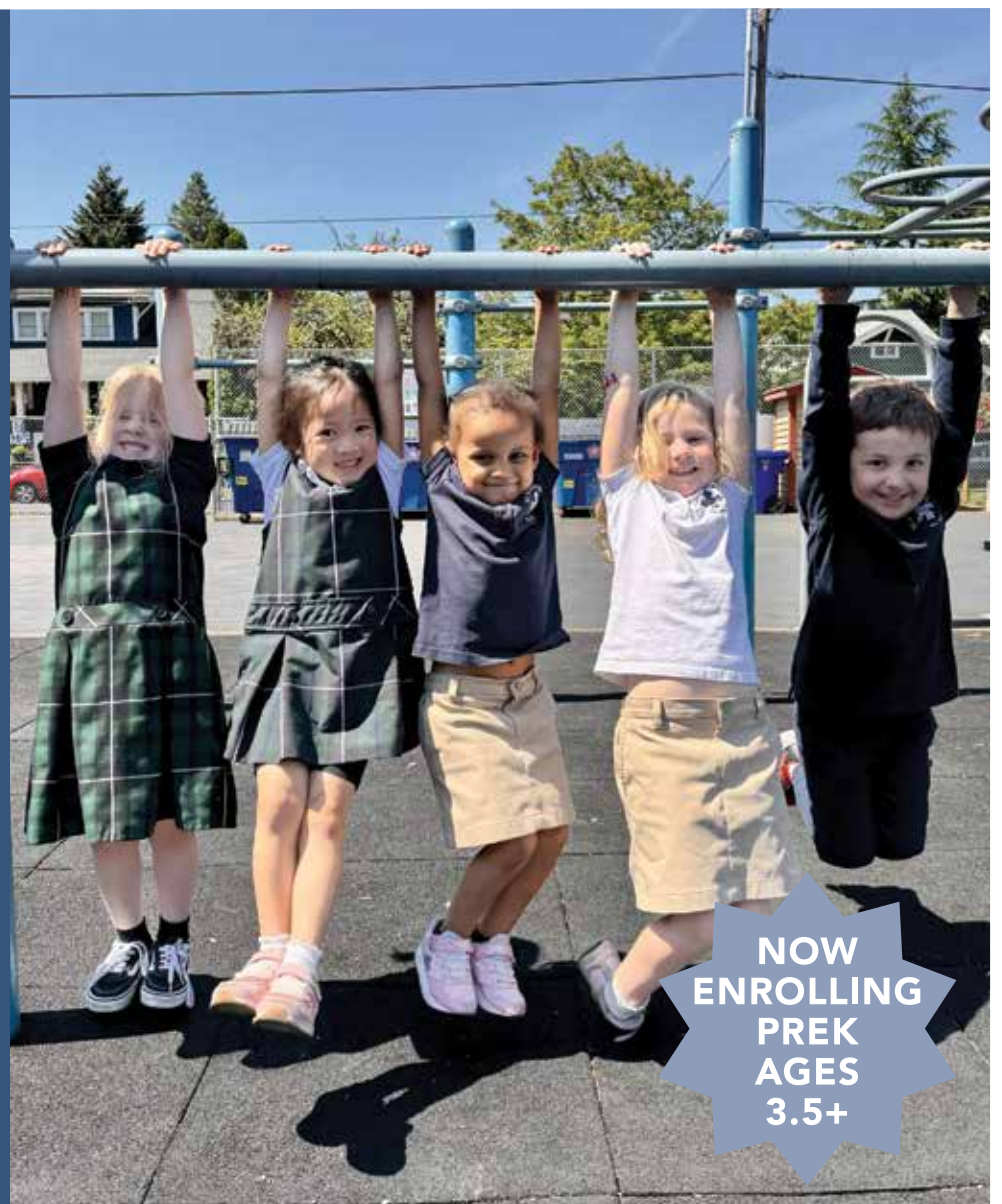
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Fremont Fest returns for 42nd year

Beaumont community celebration takes place Saturday, Aug. 2

By Maggie Grainger
Star News correspondent

Summer in North and Northeast Portland is all about street fairs, and one of the neighborhood's most beloved outdoor festivals returns Saturday, Aug. 2.

Fremont Fest Marketplace is back for its 42nd year. This year's theme is Through the Ages — a "celebration of four decades

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of music, small businesses, music, memories and neighborhood tradition," according to the Beaumont Business Association, which got its start in 1984 and sponsors the event.

With dozens of vendors, food trucks and live entertainment throughout the day, this year's event is shaping up to be one epic block party. Visitors can enjoy food trucks from throughout the city, discounts and prizes from their favorite shops, plus live music at venues up and down the street.

The free event begins at 10 a.m. and goes until 6 p.m. with businesses, restaurants and



Animal balloons and art projects of all kinds can be found at Fremont Fest. (Beaumont Business Association)

community members coming together to celebrate. The fest spans Northeast Fremont Street from 42nd to 51st avenues. For more information and updates, visit www.bbapdx.org.



Music, food and fun is on tap for the 2026 Fremont Fest Marketplace. This year's theme is Through the Ages to celebrate more than four decades of the event. (Beaumont Business Association)



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Meet Chocolate, the red-tailed hawk of Rose City Park



Neighbors Melanie Loveland and Ginger Neil are tracking the bird

I don't usually cruise around on my bike gazing skyward, but based on a tip from a colleague, I recently was in search of a young red-tailed hawk that has made the sky between Rose City Golf Course and Rocky Butte his home.

I was fortunate to connect with two people who have been tracking the hawk since he first appeared high above Northeast Portland. Melanie Loveland and Ginger Neil have been watching him closely.

MIKE on a BIKE



Michael Wright

They named him Chocolate and chronicle his life on social media.

Loveland and Neil are passionate about the red tails they discover. The birds have come to recognize them and will actually come and sit with them.

The day I spent tracking Chocolate with the pair was both fun and exciting. At

one point, several angry crows were harassing Chocolate as he sat high on a Douglas fir tree between McDaniel High School and the golf course.

Before long, Chocolate had had enough and took wing, with multiple crows diving at him, wary enough to not get too close to beak or talons.

What transpired next looked like a bird-based version of the film "Top Gun." Another red tail zoomed in from above to join the fray and the crows scattered. I guess birds of a feather really do flock together.

"We really do love these birds," Neil said. "We feel a close attachment to them."

I have a feeling the admiration is mutual.

When I asked Loveland what she would like to share about her magnificent raptors, she told me it's important for people to avoid accidentally putting the birds in danger.

"The biggest threat to these birds are rats and gophers that have ingested poison. Those rodents are a main food source for hawks, and when they eat one that has been poisoned, they die an awful death," Loveland said.

Just think of that: These beautiful birds that



Left: Melanie Loveland and Ginger Neil photograph Chocolate (above left), a red-tailed hawk that stakes out his territory between the Rose City Golf Course and Rocky Butte.

(Michael Wright)

Below left: Chocolate soars effortlessly through the Douglas firs in Northeast Portland.

(Melanie Loveland)



eat rats and other rodents, end up being killed by people who may not even realize the danger they're causing with pesticides. So please be conscious of the danger and look for alternative ways to control rodent populations if you can.

The circle of life isn't just a song, it's real. For these birds of prey, it can be a matter of life and death.

Several days later, as I watched Chocolate soar and dive across the sky overhead, my mind drifted back to an earlier era, when I lived with my wife, Sally, in a Manhattan apartment in the 1990s. I recalled a

red-tailed hawk named Pale Male, who famously mesmerized millions of people in New York City in 1997.

Pale Male and his mate built a nest high above Fifth Avenue opposite Central Park and inspired a best-selling book called "Red-Tails in Love: A Wildlife Drama in Central Park" and a movie called "The Legend of Pale Male."

I realized if a determined red-tailed hawk can make it in New York City, I'm betting Chocolate can make it in our Rose City.

Let's hope he keeps making those lazy circles for many years to come.

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MIS TACONES

Let's start with the vegan revolution going on in Concordia. Within one block you'll find Feral, a natural wine- and plant-based bistro; Orange and Blossom, a vegan bakery; Upper Moon, a vegan tattoo parlor; and Mis Tacones, a vegan Mexican spot that has people near and far coming back again and again.

BLOCK X BLOCK



Maggie Grainger

"It's been nice having all of our amazing vegan neighbors and these really cool spots surrounded by art and lots of beautiful houses," said Polo Bañuelos, Mis Tacones co-owner.

Bañuelos started the restaurant as a pop-up with husband Carlos Reynoso 10 years ago.

They're amazed how far they've come.

"I didn't grow up in the restaurant industry per se," Bañuelos said. "A lot of my skills and training came from my mom's cooking, my aunts, my cousins ... just like family cooking. It was me being nosy around in the kitchen and wanting to be included when everybody was visiting and we had family parties. I realized food brings everybody together."

Reynoso had similar experiences growing up, but it wasn't until moving to Portland from Los Angeles 11 years ago that they decided to take their recipes public. Food, the couple discovered, was a way to connect with others.

"Portland has been so good to us and has been such a special place," Bañuelos said.



Mis Tacones co-owners Polo Bañuelos (far right) and Carlos Reynoso (second from right), along with team members at the vegan Mexican restaurant on NE Killingsworth. "I'm just really grateful that we found such a beautiful, strong community," Bañuelos said. (Photos courtesy of Mis Tacones)



Mis Tacones means high heels in Spanish. The restaurant offers vegan Mexican food, like its taco plate. It is one of several vegan restaurants in the Concordia neighborhood.

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Right: Gabbiano's offers stand-out Italian food in Concordia.

(Gabbiano's)

Middle: Fried mozzarella (Shotzarella) with marinara sauce is one of the most popular appetizers at Gabbiano's. This year, the restaurant is on track to having served a million shots.

(Gabbiano's)

Far right: Zuppa and Sando e Vino at Gabby's Next Door, the sister restaurant to Gabbiano's in the Concordia neighborhood.

(Gabbiano's)



Wrap up your meal with Tiramisu topped with a stenciled, powdered sugar seagull. Gabbiano translates to seagull in Italian.

(Gabbiano's)



"I feel like we grew up a lot as people, as business owners and as artists. I'm just really grateful that we found such a beautiful, strong community with other people of color and other Latino and small businesses — and the vegans out here for sure. They really showed up for us."

"Tacones" means high heels in Spanish. The minute Bañuelos and Reynoso said it out loud, they knew it was the perfect fit for their restaurant.

"We were having a conversation in Spanish and Mis Tacones came up, and then I was like, 'Oh, my god, that's it!' Like, we're literally selling tacos and we were like, 'What if we sell tacos in high heels?'"

Now Mis Tacones is a full restaurant with 14 employees and a lively clientele coming in for their Baja "fish" tacos made with battered cauliflower, their vegan take on the California burrito and their signature taco trio: the asada, al pastor and taco pollo.

"That's basically what started Mis Tacones. When we did pop-ups, we only had three tacos on our menu for the first three years, and they definitely have remained a staple," Bañuelos said.

It was a rainy day in Portland when they had an "a-ha" moment and realized they could transform the pop-up into a brick-and-mortar space. "We were still a pop-up and it was pouring and then we had a long line of people and I was like, 'Everybody's coming and they're showing up and it is literally pouring rain and they are out here to support.'"

"People really, really showed up for us and that was a really humbling moment for me.

Carlos and I talked about it a lot more and were like, 'We've created something really special that the community has taken a liking to, and I think it's in our best interest for ourselves and for our community to really do something with this.'"

ADDRESS: 1670 N.E. Killingsworth St. **WEBSITE:** mistaconespdx.com **INSTAGRAM:** @mistaconespdx **CAN'T MISS:** The Mis Tacones mercado is Aug. 27. This free event will have local vendors, cumbia dance lessons and a deadlift demo. A portion of proceeds will support local nonprofit, Gym Space Equity.

GABBIANO'S

Gabbiano's describes itself as a friendly neighborhood Italian joint that has been serving up unique spins on classic Italian dishes since it opened in 2022. It continues to attract patrons with funky cocktails, a playful dining room, hearty dishes and its famous "Shotzarella" fried mozzarella appetizer (don't sleep on it, trust us).

Co-owners David Sigal and Blake Foster say they love having a restaurant in Concordia because the area feels like a small town within a small city. Both live in the area and love feeling like part of the community.

Gabbiano translates to seagull in Italian. David's last name is Sigal, pronounced Sea-GULL and the name stuck. Not only is it the restaurant's namesake, but the seabird has become their mascot and guiding light.

Aside from the fried mozzarella appetizer, diners can't go wrong with the Dungeness crab pasta, a spicy and luscious classic with a Pacific Northwest touch. Or try one of the seasonal

dishes in rotation like the polenta-encrusted whole trout with asparagus salad and the carrot alfredo with peas.

Round it out with their signature Tiramisu (topped with a powdered-sugar seagull) and you are destined to leave with a full belly and a smile on your face.

Sigal and Foster both spent the majority of their careers behind the bar before taking on Gabbiano's, and they pride themselves on their distinct, extensive cocktail menu. Looking for a savory take on a classic Negroni? Their Negroni Caprese takes the idea of a Caprese salad (traditionally tomato, mozzarella, basil

and olive oil) and works backward, mixing local gin, sun-dried tomato, Campari and basil vermouth.

The team is also starting to host monthly dinners in their lunch and private dining space, aptly named Gabby's Next Door. Cute, fun and cozy as grandma's house, this space was designed to host smaller events and private parties. It brings much-needed lunch and private event options to Concordia.

ADDRESS: 5411 N.E. 30th Ave. **WEBSITE:** gabbianospx.com **INSTAGRAM:** @gabbianospx **DON'T MISS:** Lunch service at Gabby's Next Door has been extended to seven days a week.



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A life spent drawing the line

Lloyd-area artist Rupert Kinnard's work has tackled social issues for 50 years; now he's nominated for 'Oscar of comics'

By Michael Aviña
Star News correspondent

Among the many things artist Rupert Kinnard has learned over 50 years of cartooning is that stories have a way of finding the audiences that need them.

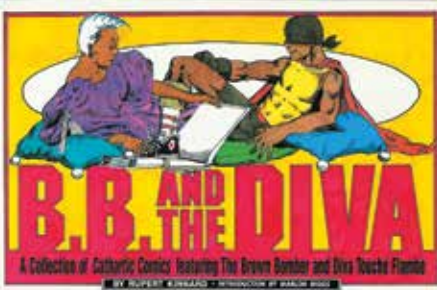
What began as a character scribbled into sketchbooks as a young artist in college has evolved into a landmark body of work that helped redefine representation in comics.

Today, Kinnard's Brown Bomber character, widely recognized as one of the first Black gay superheroes in American comics, is the centerpiece of "Oops ... I Just Catharted!: Fifty Years of Cathartic Comics," a retrospective that has introduced his work to a new generation of readers.

The book is nominated for a Will Eisner Award, which is given by Comic-Con and is sometimes described as the Oscars for comics. Kinnard's book is nominated among five other titles for Best Comics-related book for 2026. The winner will be announced July 24 during a gala at Comic-Con in San Diego.

"I feel like the book is the gift that keeps giving," said Kinnard, who is based in the Lloyd neighborhood of Northeast Portland. "I thought I already reached the thrill that we had with the book."

Published in April, the collection chronicles five decades of Kinnard's comics, illustrations and social commentary,



The Brown Bomber is one of Kinnard's most famous characters. (Rupert Kinnard)

bringing together work that explored race, sexuality, disability, politics and community long before such perspectives became common in mainstream comics.

For Kinnard, the project was about honoring the communities that shaped him and inspired his art.

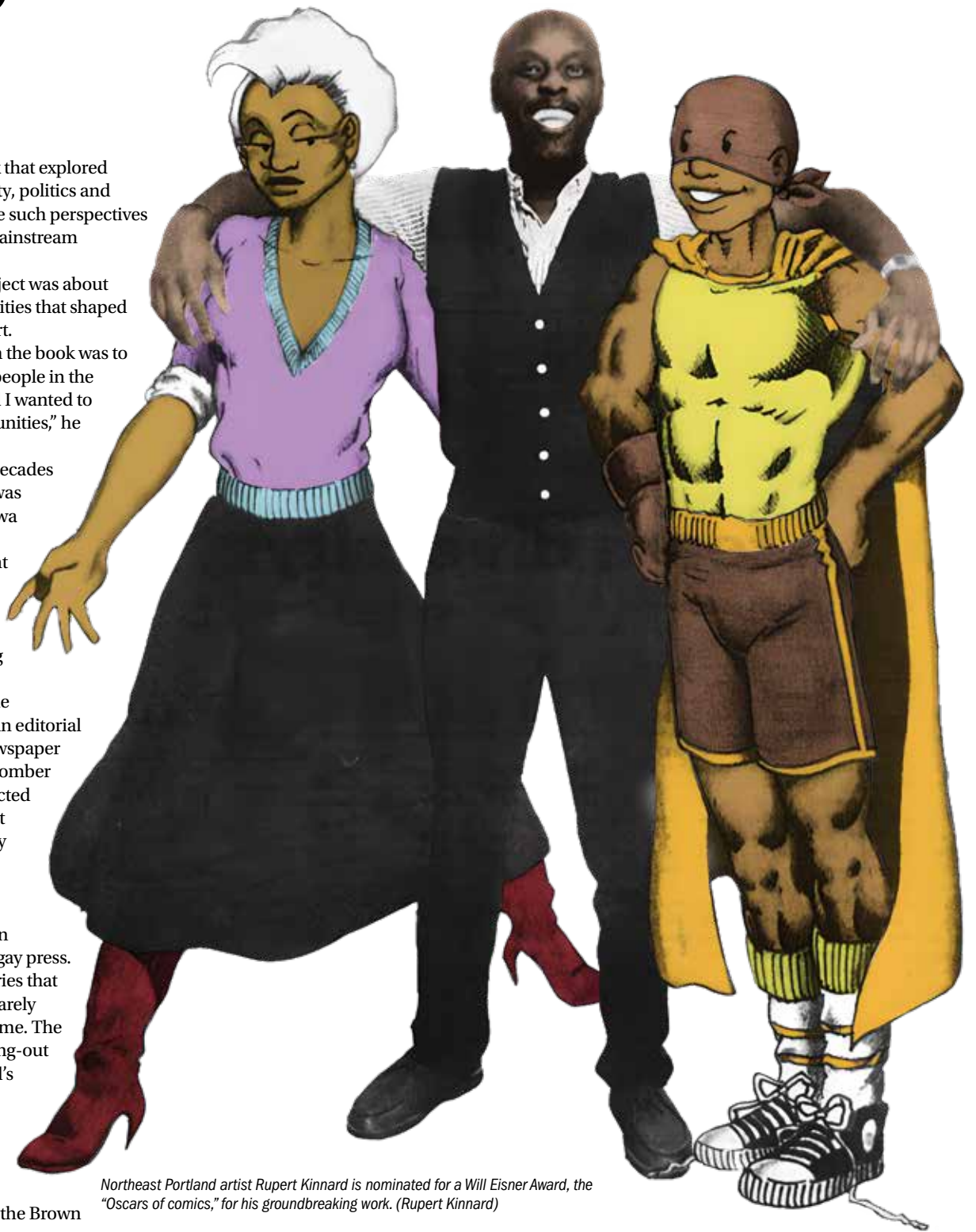
"My initial hope with the book was to share with artists and people in the queer community, and I wanted to celebrate those communities," he said.

The journey began decades earlier when Kinnard was attending college in Iowa and creating editorial cartoons for the student newspaper.

"The most surprising thing is where I am with having the book published," Kinnard said. "From the beginning of drawing an editorial strip for my college newspaper and using the Brown Bomber character, I never expected the character to make it beyond the pages of my sketchbooks."

After arriving in Portland around 1980, Kinnard's comics began appearing in the city's gay press. Readers embraced stories that reflected experiences rarely seen in comics at the time. The Brown Bomber's coming-out story mirrored Kinnard's own evolving identity and helped establish a connection with readers searching for representation.

"The fact that I drew the Brown



Northeast Portland artist Rupert Kinnard is nominated for a Will Eisner Award, the "Oscars of comics," for his groundbreaking work. (Rupert Kinnard)

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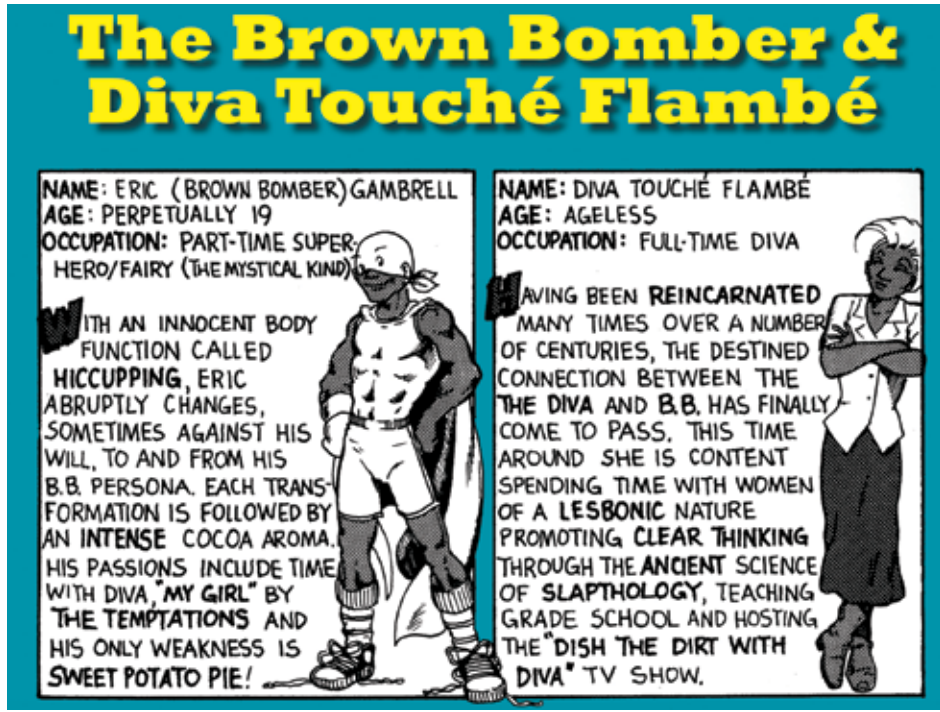
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Northeast Portland artist Rupert Kinnard is nominated for a Will Eisner Award for his book "Ooops ... I Just Catharted!: Fifty Years of Cathartic Comics" in the Best Archival Collection/Project - Comic Books category. The nomination recognizes his landmark underground comics work which, starting in the 1970s, featured the first regularly appearing Black and queer characters in comics history. (Rupert Kinnard)



Kinnard's comic book heroes include the Brown Bomber and Diva Touché Flambé. (Rupert Kinnard)

Bomber as a character coming out as gay, and then leaving to Portland, and the first time it was published in Portland was in the gay press," he said. "Even when I left Portland in the '80s, I thought that could have been the end of the Brown Bomber, but the strip continued due to people's interest."

Throughout his career, Kinnard has used comics as both a creative outlet and a platform for social commentary. He said he believes some of the most powerful work emerges when artists draw directly from their own experiences.

"What I'd like to believe is that the strip encourages young people to interject parts of their lives and struggles within their creative work," he said. "I was able to infuse my characters with parts of my personality and be able to include social commentary in my strip."

That commitment to personal storytelling remains at the center of his next major undertaking.

Long before work began on the 50-year retrospective, Kinnard was developing what he considers his most ambitious project: The Life Capsule Project. Part-graphic memoir,



Kinnard began his art career scribbling into sketchbooks in college. Over decades, he created a landmark body of work that helped redefine representation in comics. (Rupert Kinnard)

part-oral history and part-photo album, the work explores his experiences as a gay Black man navigating both queer culture and broader society.

"Now that 'Ooops ... I Just Catharted!' is out there, I feel like the stage is set to buckle down and work on the Life Capsule Project for

publication, and it is the project that is most representative of my life's work," he said.

Over the years, Kinnard's contributions have become woven into Portland's cultural landscape. He was among the first people to receive a commemorative brick in Pioneer Courthouse Square, designed a plaque for

Darcelle's nightclub and served as one of the first board members of color on the Portland Town Council board of directors in the 1980s.

"At one point, I just realized how many examples there were of how devoted I have been to the community," he said. "And I really love celebrating that."



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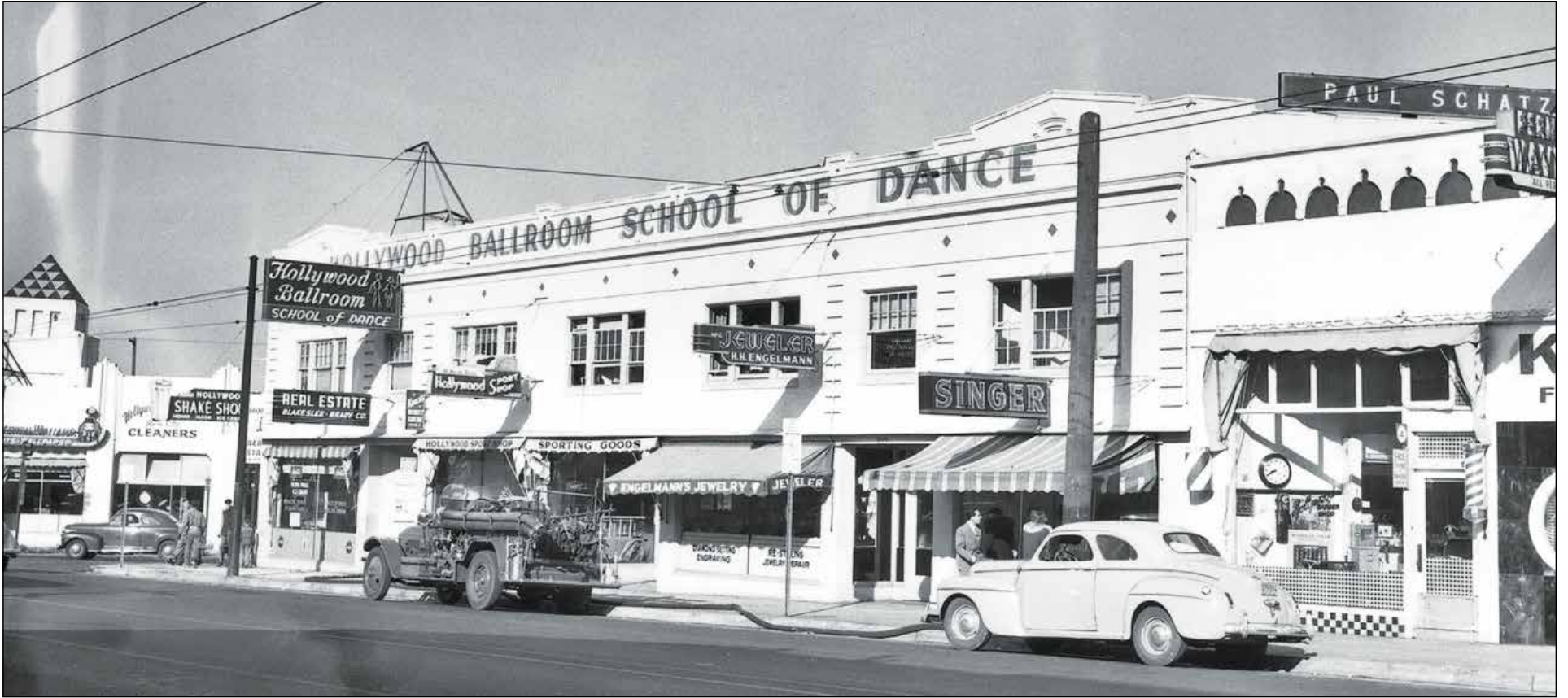
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★ STAR COLUMN



The building at 4025 N.E. Sandy Blvd. — today's Hollywood Q — in 1947. Note the signs of a recent fire, including the fire engine parked at the curb with hoses and the upstairs windows of the ballroom open for ventilation. The fire caused more than \$40,000 in damage. (Portland City Archives)

New Hollywood dining destination has long history as local business hub

Before it was the Q, Sandy Blvd. building housed modeling school, furniture store and wartime spy office

It's a busy summer's evening at the Hollywood Q — the recently renovated 100-year-old building at Northeast 40th Avenue and Sandy Boulevard. Families and friends are enjoying dinner in the open-air food hall and taproom. The building itself, kitty-corner from the Hollywood Theatre, sports fresh paint and a lot of TLC from current owners Chad and Dana Rennaker and their company, Palindrome Development.

Historic buildings have a tendency to adapt to their times, and this century-old time traveler has seen many iterations. Today's diners at the Q are sitting in a space that was once a furniture store, restaurant,

HISTORY MYSTERY



Doug Decker

ice cream store, jeweler, sporting goods store, print shop, shoe store, real estate office, tailor shop, sewing machine store, beauty shop and fly fishing tackle shop — plus too many other retail establishments to count.

I'm beginning a periodic exploration into the backstories of buildings and places

in North and Northeast Portland to help neighbors understand their origins and how

they have changed over time. Given all the excitement around the new food hall, the building at 4035 N.E. Sandy seemed like a great place to start.

Upstairs once housed the Hollywood Ballroom School of Dance and more than a dozen professional office spaces featuring insurance salesmen, music teachers, doctors, dentists and loan agents. In 1943, the building even included an outpost of the Foreign Broadcast Intelligence Service, a program run by the U.S. CIA that monitored radio broadcasts from Japan during World War II.

In more recent memory, it's been the headquarters for the Barbizon School of Modeling, complete with classrooms, dressing rooms, dramatic lighting and a fashion runway.

Built in the winter of 1925 for brothers

Mahlon H. and Herman A. Calef, the building originally contained one of their several home furnishing businesses on the first floor with multiple smaller, unrelated street-facing storefronts. The Calef brothers themselves took one of the offices upstairs, where brother Mahlon pursued his real estate investment interests. The insignia at the top of the building's squared-off southwest corner recognizes the Calef family.

The Calef Brothers Building, as it was then known, was designed by Orlo W. Hossack, a busy Portland architect from 1910 to 1937. Hossack also designed the old Washington County Courthouse in Hillsboro and the Palestine Masonic Lodge at 6401 S.E. Foster Road. The building was built by W.C. Arthur and Sons at a cost of \$45,000.

Mahlon and Herman Calef were two of 12

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The building that houses the Hollywood Q, which opened in May along Northeast Sandy Boulevard, has a long history as a hub for local businesses. (Doug Decker)

siblings from a Eugene pioneer family and were invested in real estate in downtown Portland and elsewhere on the east side. Their first big home furnishing store was at Southwest Fifth Avenue and Pine Street where they operated five floors filled with everything from woodstoves to feather beds. Later they opened a store at Southwest Third and Morrison, and one at North Killingsworth Street and Mississippi Avenue.

The Hollywood store was mostly a real estate speculation by the brothers as the young Hollywood District began to take off, anchored by its namesake theater. By 1927, the Calefs sold the Sandy Boulevard furniture business to 36-year-old Paul Schatz, who launched his furniture empire here.

As the Great Depression deepened in the early 1930s, the Calefs ran repeated advertisements for retail space as storefronts



The Calef family insignia at the building's southwest corner is still apparent today. Brothers Mahlon and Herman Calef built the building in 1926 for \$45,000. (Doug Decker)

came and went. They also rented storage space in the basement as local businesses

and their owners sought to weather the economic downturn. By 1935 they had sold the building, which then became known as the Calef Fitchener Building and later the Martin Building for owner Norval Martin, and more recently as the Barbizon Building.

The whole place nearly went up in smoke on March 25, 1947, when a two-alarm fire from a discarded cigarette in the second-floor dance school resulted in more than \$40,000 in damage — including significant water damage to the first-floor stores — and

two injured firefighters. Newspapers noted that an earlier fire in 1945 also damaged the building, but repairs were made.

Today, the building adapts to new needs and opportunities, still bringing neighbors together for fun and food and serving as a headquarters for local businesses.

Do you have an interesting building in North or Northeast Portland you'd like Doug to investigate? Send an email at doug@alamedahistory.org

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You'll find all three at The Island Cafe, a floating restaurant on Hayden Island.

RILEY'S RECS



Riley Stevenson

It's one of several buoyant spots that open seasonally for fried fare and tropical drinks along the Columbia River — just across from Northeast Portland's Bridgeton neighborhood.

When a restaurant floats, the setting becomes part of the meal. Tables and chairs wobble as motorboats jet by; planes landing at Portland International Airport roar overhead; diners arrive in life jackets.

It might not feel like Portland at all. But to those who call the Columbia River home, this is a regular weekend affair. And you'll quickly understand why.

Here are three spots where you can cool off on the Columbia River this summer. No boat required.

THE ISLAND CAFE

Eat: Onion Petals, Fish and Chips, and Pulled Pork



Sandwich
Drink: Piña Colada, Mai Tai and Draft Beer
Address: 250 N.E. Tomahawk Island Drive

As you approach The Island Cafe, you'll feel like you've stepped into Margaritaville. Thatched tiki umbrellas shade the dock, leis



Above: The Island Cafe offers a fun tiki vibe along the Columbia River on Hayden Island. (The Island Cafe)

Far left: With Jimmy Buffet playing on the speakers and a thatched overhang and leis hanging from the bar, you might forget you're in Portland. (Riley Stevenson)



Left: The Island Cafe offers fried fare, including fresh halibut, and colorful tropical drinks that won't break the bank. (Riley Stevenson)

hang from the bar, Jimmy Buffet plays on the speakers. It would not be out of place to whip out that Hawaiian shirt in the back of your closet.

For those of us Portlanders who are more accustomed to restaurants with restraint, this

may feel like culture shock. But I implore you to roll with it. Drinks are cheap. Staff members are friendly. You can watch ducks paddle by as you eat a beer-battered French fry. What's not to love?

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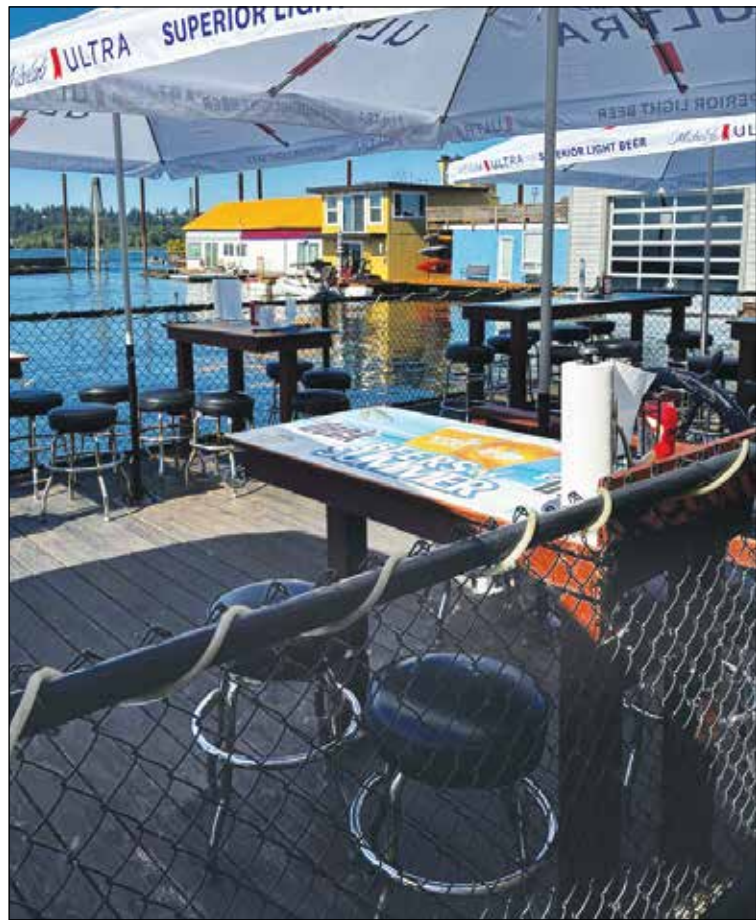
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Pal's offers soft serve, chilled natural wine and Adirondack chairs overlooking the Tomahawk Bay Marina on Hayden Island. (Riley Stevenson)



Fish tacos, fish and chips and a pitcher of Michelob Ultra are popular orders for a warm, sunny day at The Deck. (Riley Stevenson)

cocktails are sugary. But you're not coming here to count calories. You're here for a good time. And The Island Cafe is more than happy to deliver. Expect a line, but waiting on the dock watching boats go by with a cold beer in hand is not a bad way to pass the time. The long wait for summer (and a table) is worth it.

PAL'S

Eat: Breakfast Sandwich, Shrimp Roll, and Soft-Serve Ice Cream

Drink: Black Flag, Haus Weiss white wine

Address: 515 N.E. Tomahawk Island Drive

Family-friendly Pal's is one of the newest additions to the growing list of restaurants that serve the stretch of floating homes and residential communities along the Columbia River.

Located across the street from The Island Cafe, the feel could not be more different. If The Island Cafe is Margaritaville, Pal's is Cassis in Southern France. Outdoor tables are surrounded by a pollinator garden filled with lavender, and it's more common to see diners with a glass of white wine than a piña colada. There's a large green lawn, a play area for kids and a firepit overlooking the marina.

Operating from "sunup to sundown," Pal's is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Start the day with a cup of Coava coffee and end it with soft serve with sprinkles. You would be brave to order the Legendary Fish and Chips sandwich, a Maine-inspired sandwich with fried, kettle chip-crusted local trout on a sesame bun with fishtrap sauce, shredded lettuce and pickles. It hangs off the bun like a Billy Bass; it could reasonably feed two people. Other favorites include the Shrimp Roll and Albacore Tuna Sandwich (a menu item directly borrowed from the owners' other Central Oregon spot, Suttle Lodge and Boathouse).

Don't miss the Wine on the Deck summer dinner series on Tuesdays that features a \$65 fixed-price menu with wine pairings. Past guest wineries have included up-and-coming names like Monument and Suzor — tasteful picks that showcase the founders' food service roots. Check the calendar for more events, like the upcoming first annual Lawn Chair Invitational (aka their Fourth of July celebration).

Navigating Interstate 5 traffic and the twists and turns of Hayden Island might deter some,



Breakfast at Pal's on Hayden Island. (Riley Stevenson)

but those who persist will be rewarded with soft serve, chilled natural wine and Adirondack chairs overlooking the Tomahawk Bay Marina.

THE DECK

Eat: Fish Tacos, Caesar Salad and Pesto Grilled Cheese

Drink: Michelada, Cadillac Margarita and Green Tea Shots

Address: 2901 N.E. Marine Drive

If you go to The Deck, the floating restaurant off of Northeast Marine Drive in McCuddy's Marina, you'll want to wear the right shoes. "Bare feet or high heels are not appropriate attire," according to the cautionary sign at



Enjoy cocktails and a view at The Deck along Marine Drive. (Riley Stevenson)

the marina entrance. The Deck might be the only restaurant in Portland with a dress code. But as soon as you walk back to your car and

up the steep ramp after a few drinks, you'll understand why.

The Deck has passed through several hands over the years. The food has been upgraded alongside these ownership changes. Gone are the store-bought cheese curds, in are the Five-Cheese Deck Balls, made in-house with Pfriem Pilsner, vodka and breadcrumbs.

Despite tweaks here and there, the menu remains focused on the classics. Fish tacos and fish and chips are undoubtedly the popular orders here. So is a pitcher of Michelob Ultra. Or if you're really looking for a good time, Elysian Brewing's Space Dust IPA.

At first glance, the Deck looks a lot like The Island Cafe, but locals have their favorites and this is mine. Likely because growing up I loved the free Tootsie Pop they provided at the end of the meal. They made me a customer for life.

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TO SUBMIT CALENDAR ITEMS

To include an item in The Star Calendar, send an email to editorial@starnewspdx.com and include the title, time, date, location and a short description (50 words or less).

Entries must be received by the 15th day of the month preceding the publication month. Photos are welcome, but must be suitable for print: 300 dpi JPG.

If sending from a smartphone, download the largest size. Events will be included as space allows.



Get your motor running and head to Portland International Raceway for the annual Rose Cup Races on July 11 and 12. (Friends of PIR)



Go on a walking tour and earn about the history of Irvington's Victorian homes. (Architectural Heritage Center)

INGENERAL

ARCHITECTURAL HERITAGE WALKING TOURS

Various dates in July. Learn about the history of North and Northeast enclaves on these walks sponsored by the Architectural Heritage Center.

■ **July 11. 2-4 p.m. Victorian Irvington.** Tour the oldest portion of this historic neighborhood and learn about Elizabeth Irving, who established the neighborhood in the 1890s. See beautifully preserved, "jew-el-box" Victorian cottages and modernizations that transformed some of these cottages into Craftsman-style homes before they were even 20 years old.

■ **July 14. 10 a.m.-noon. Vernon neighborhood.** Join historian Doug Decker to explore the development of Alberta Park,

the fall and rise of local schools, redlining, the presence of a dairy, an old synagogue and a street full of small businesses.

■ **July 30. 10 a.m.-noon. Sullivan's Gulch.** In the 1920s, Ralph Lloyd announced plans to create a second Portland "downtown" in inner Northeast. By the 1950s, Lloyd's plans were coming to fruition as many houses were demolished to make way for the construction of the Lloyd Center. Today, Sullivan's Gulch contains the architectural remnants of what was once one of Portland's grandest residential neighborhoods. See a secret garden, a one-of-a-kind Swiss chalet and one of Portland's first "skinny houses" built in 1909.

Cost for all tours: \$25 general; \$15 AHC members. Space is limited. Preregistration is required for all tours. Architectural Heritage

Center, 701 S.E. Grand Ave. <https://tinyurl.com/2hphvccb>

NORSE HALL NIGHT MARKET

July 9. 5-9 p.m. The second Thursday of the month means it's time for the Norse Hall Night Time Flea Market. Shop a variety of vendors selling vintage and handmade items, books, furniture, baked goods, art, tools and more. Full bar open to those 21 and older. Light snacks available for purchase. Cost: Free; donations accepted. Norse Hall 111 N.E. 11th Ave., 503-236-3401, www.grieglodge.org

ROSE CUP RACES

July 11-12. 7:30 a.m. (gates open); races run

9 a.m.-6 p.m. The Rose Cup Races are bringing the heat to Portland International Raceway with a field full of variety and speed featuring six race groups, a Saturday car show, vendor booths, food booths and more. History fact: The Rose Cup Races were the first major event held at PIR, in 1961. Cost: Variety of ticket prices and packages, starting at \$15. Kids 16 and under free with a paid adult; active or veteran military free with ID at gate. Admission includes access to the paddock and grandstand event seating. Portland International Raceway, 1940 N. Victory Blvd.

MISSISSIPPI STREET FAIR

July 11. 10 a.m.-8 p.m. A daylong

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The Mississippi Street Fair is Portland's largest neighborhood festival. This year's it's set for July 11 and will feature music, food, fun family activities and more than 100 vendors. (Historic Mississippi Business Association)



Besides a splash pad open daily for cooling down when the temperature rises, Gateway Discovery Park has a long list of activities to keep kids engaged while school is out this summer. (Portland.gov)

celebration of community, culture and creativity. Mississippi Avenue closes to cars and allows foot traffic only for this annual event that includes more than 100 local vendors, a barbecue rib competition, live music on multiple stages, and family-friendly attractions, including a Kids Zone. Cost: Free. North Mississippi Avenue,

between Cook and Skidmore streets.

SUMMER ARTS FESTIVAL

July 11-12. 6-8 p.m. The East Portland Summer Arts Festival returns with multicultural music, dance performances and art activities for the entire family. Musical headliners LaRhonda Steele and Conjuto Alegre will perform Latin and soul on Saturday and Portland Cello Project's tribute to Stevie Wonder is Sunday. Cost: Free. Ventura Park, Southeast 113th Avenue, just north of Stark Street.

ROCKY BUTTE CLEANUP

July 18. 10 am.-1 p.m. Pitch in to pick up

litter and remove junk at the Rocky Butte Forest. Wear closed-toed shoes. Trash grabbers, bags, gloves, vests and sharps containers provided. Feel free to bring personal tools. No public restrooms are available. Recommended for ages 13 and up. Northeast Skidmore Street and 92nd Avenue. Meet near the back of the Grotto. Group will gather at the cul de sac to enter into the natural area along Rocky Butte. Registration is required at <https://tinyurl.com/3na7cyuy>. Visit www.friendsofrockybutte.org for details.

NE PRIDE AND LGBTQ+ RESOURCE FAIR

July 19. 3-9 p.m. Javier Puga-Phillips

and Take Two bar are hosting the official Pride block party of Northeast Portland. There will be drag performances and DJ sets from Miss Jaxon, Maracuya, ALoSo, 1-800-Whittaker and more. Ready Set Grow will host a dance segment and there will be yoga from The People's Yoga. Area restaurants are participating and Common Ground Wellness will host a massage tent. The night will wrap up with karaoke at Take Two. Proceeds from the event will benefit Educate Ya!, a queer Latin organization. Cost: Free. Northeast 30th Avenue between Killingsworth and Emerson streets.

OLD QUARRY TRAIL WALKING TOUR

July 24. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Join Portland City Councilors Jamie Dunphy and Tiffany Koyama Lane for a discussion of ways to make 90 acres on and near Rocky Butte publicly accessible and sustainably maintained. Group will go on a gentle 1-mile walk. Cost: Free. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/2z2hr7uz>. Meet in the conference room at the Grotto, 8840 N.E. Skidmore St.

PLAY AMERICAN MAH JONGG

July 27-28. 9:30-11:30 a.m. Learn the American version of the Chinese tile game. Put on by Portland Parks and Recreation, starting July 27, all levels of instruction begin at Rose City Golf Club for five



Find clothing, artwork, baked goods and more — some Scandinavian and some not — at the Norse Hall Night Time Flea Market on July 9. (Friends of PIR)

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This month's exhibits at Alberta Street Gallery include metalwork, watercolors and a group show. (Alberta Street Gallery)



weeks. Starting July 28, drop-in play with an instructor present begins at Colwood Golf Center for five weeks. Sets and cards are provided. Cost: varies. Rose City Golf Club, 2200 N.E. 71st Ave., 503-823-2525; Colwood Golf Center, 7313 N.E. Columbia Blvd., 503-254-5515.

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GATEWAY DISCOVERY PARK

Daily throughout summer. Spend the day at Gateway Discovery Park in Hazelwood engaging in a variety of activities. Free, drop-in lunches provided from 11-11:45 a.m. Monday-Friday for youth 18 and younger, along with free arts and crafts and games. Special events scheduled from 11:30 a.m.12:30 p.m. Wednesdays:

- July 8. **Hip Hop Soulsation Academy** - Enjoy a dance showcase and a lesson.
 - July 15. **Prismatic aerialist performance** (noon-12:30 p.m.), along with balloon animals and face painting.
 - July 22. **Zbu Hoopism** - hula hoop artist
 - July 29. **Johnel Crux** - magic show
- 10520 N.E. Halsey St., www.portland.gov/parks/gateway-discovery-park

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STAR NEWS CROSSWORD

Welcome to the Star News monthly crossword puzzle. North Portland puzzlemaker Taylor Johnson created this month's crossword specifically for Star News readers.

Grab a pencil and put your puzzle skills to the test. For the solution to this month's puzzle turn to **Page 22**.



taylor johnson

- ACROSS**
- 1 Drains of energy
 - 5 (Over here!)
 - 9 Digital journal
 - 13 Ship's front
 - 14 Frilly
 - 15 Wake-up call?
 - 16 "Messy" singer Young
 - 17 In the distance
 - 18 Misplaces
 - 19 Theme of 2026's 53-Across
 - 22 Black gunk
 - 23 Tennis dividers
 - 24 Mischief-maker
 - 28 Online marketplace for crafts
 - 29 Faux ___ (mistake)
 - 30 "The Wire" aier
 - 31 Magazine edition
 - 34 "Help us!" letters
 - 35 Sound from a 44-Across
 - 36 Grand Floral ___ (53-Across event)
 - 40 Toy brick brand
 - 41 "The Raven" poet
 - 42 Soda bottle size
 - 43 Wide street, for short
 - 44 Purring pet
 - 45 Iowa State University city
 - 47 Silver and gold, for example
 - 49 Vegan gelatin substitute
 - 50 You might pay extra to remove them on Netflix
 - 53 Annual Portland celebration that includes CityFair and Fleet Week
 - 56 No-frills
 - 59 Monastic Buddhist
 - 60 Window section
 - 61 "___ a leg!" ("Good luck!")
 - 62 Pie a la ___
 - 63 A single time
 - 64 Barking animal
 - 65 Very slightly
 - 66 Stair

- DOWN**
- 1 Banana ___
 - 2 Enticing smell
 - 3 Word before "opposite" or "bear"
 - 4 Goody bag contents
 - 5 Pilots' vehicles
 - 6 The "S" in OSHA
 - 7 Bogus offers
 - 8 Banks of Coyote Ugly
 - 9 Voting groups
 - 10 ___ Culturistas (podcast)
 - 11 Mined material
 - 12 Magnus Carlson and Hikaru Nakamura, in chess
 - 15 Fake identity a spy might use

- 20 Info from a spy
- 21 Hold tightly
- 25 Don't play by the rules
- 26 "Humble" home
- 27 Bring down
- 28 Money in Milan
- 29 Dispensary purchase, informally
- 31 Imam's faith
- 32 Carell of The Office
- 33 How I Met Your Mother narrator Bob
- 34 ___/her/hers
- 35 Radiology scans
- 37 "Count me out"
- 38 Received
- 39 Urgent notification

- 44 Time machine?
- 45 Meeting outline
- 46 The ___ Singer (reality competition show)
- 48 Font similar to Helvetica
- 49 "The game's ___!" (Shakespearean phrase used by Sherlock Holmes)
- 50 ___-garde
- 51 Salsa or ballet
- 52 Catch some z's
- 54 La La Land star Stone
- 55 Wall Street debuts
- 56 Sweeties, for short
- 57 "___ you sure?"
- 58 <>

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STAR COMMUNITY CALENDAR

ENJOYARTS

HAPPY HOUR WITH CLAY

July 10 or July 16. 6-9 p.m. Enjoy a creative evening solo or with friends. Hand-build your project and paint it with glaze. No experience necessary. BYOB — bring wine, beer or your beverage of choice to enjoy while creating. A private happy hour with just your friends or colleagues is also available. Cost: \$75 per person, includes instruction, up to 2 pounds of clay, glazes and firing. Registration required; space is limited. There are no refunds, but reservation is transferable to someone else. Owl & Bee Clay Co., 3506 N.E. 57th Ave., 503-516-4837, <https://tinyurl.com/baymwwh7>

The Melao de Cuba Orchestra will heat up the night July 9 at the Mount Tabor Caldera Amphitheater as part of the summer concert series.
(Tabor Friends)



Get creative with clay while enjoying happy hour at a Northeast pottery studio. (Owl & Bee Clay Co.)

<https://overlookneighborhood.org/porchfest>

BEAUMONT ART AND GARDEN TOUR

July 18. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Tour five private gardens along with the work of nine artists in the Beaumont-Wilshire neighborhood. Get gardening ideas and meet neighbors. Cost: \$17; proceeds go toward funding Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association events and projects. Buy tickets and receive map at <https://tinyurl.com/3f9b4xy8>. 503-440-7732, BWNapdx.org

BOTANICAL ALCHEMY

July 30. 6-9 p.m. View metal-crafted jewelry by Kirra Teal Hellfritsch and floral watercolors by Mary Lyn Gough at this Last Thursday artist reception. There will also be a group exhibition from the artists of North Pole Studios, presenting works that examine the spaces, landscapes and communities that shape our sense of belonging. Alberta Street Gallery, 1829 N.E. Alberta St., 503-954-3314, albertastreetgallery.com

MUSICNOTES

TABOR CONCERT SERIES

July 9. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Warm up your hips and head to the Caldera Amphitheater

at Mount Tabor to hear the Afro-Cuban rhythms of the Melao de Cuba Orchestra. There will also be food vendors, baby goats and face painting. No dogs allowed. Parking is extremely limited; public transit, carpool, rideshare, biking or walking is suggested.

OVERLOOK PORCHFEST

July 11-12. The neighborhood transforms its streets into a decentralized arts venue for the fifth annual Overlook Porchfest. Local parks, businesses and neighbors offer their porches, driveways and yards as stages for over 100 local musicians performing a wide range of genres. Other highlights include a classic car show at the Green Triangle and a kid-focused event at the Overlook House. Volunteers also sought for easy, two-hour shift. Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/36twfa3a>. Porchfest coincides with the Overlook Yard Sale and Free Share weekend. Cost: Free.

FOR SENIORS

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Wednesdays. 11-noon. Join Sandy Morales for a weekly drop-in class, in person or on Zoom, that emphasizes gentle strength training, balance and range of motion exercises that help keep joints moving and feeling great. Cost: Free. Email Morales with questions at smorales@email.com. To watch exercise video, visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=MeTGrIw_ND4. Community for Positive Aging, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave., 503-288-8303, www.communityfpa.org/

ENERGY-SAVING SOLUTIONS FOR AGING WELL

July 16. 4-6 p.m. This event connects community members and a network of service providers in Portland to improve energy efficiency, affordability and sustainability for older adults in the Portland area. PGE, Energy Trust, Green Savers, NW Natural and others provide home upgrade and energy-saving resources. Pizza and dessert provided. Cost: Free. Community for Positive Aging, 1820 N.E. 40th Ave., 503-288-8303, www.communityfpa.org/

ART IN THE GARDEN

July 18-19. 11 am.-5 p.m. Artists who live mostly along the Northeast Prescott Street corridor open their studios and gardens to the public in this fourth annual event. There will be live demos and art available for purchase. The tour is part of the National Craft Open Studios Weekend. Cost: Free. 4316 N.E. 38th Ave., artgardenpdx.com for maps.

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4333 NE 75TH AVE • \$550,000 • 2+ BEDROOMS 2 BATHROOMS 1788 SF



A rare opportunity awaits to own an iconic home perched above Rose City Golf Course atop the Alameda Ridge. This beautiful home, built in 1927 for an opera singer is situated on an oversized corner lot, perfectly positioned to take in views of the golf course, mountains, and surrounding treetops. Enjoy easy access to the neighborhood greenway, hiking trails, parks, and schools. Step inside and be greeted by quality craftsmanship and beautiful period details, which include original hardwood floors, built-ins, coved ceilings, vintage tile and a grand fireplace. The array of large picture windows provides for much natural light, framing the lovely greenery and blooms in the garden. Recent remodeled kitchen with Brazilian quartz countertops, subway and mosaic tiles, stainless steel appliances, a breakfast nook with original built, wide plank fir floors and lots of pantry storage. Adjacent to the kitchen is a '60s-style family room with a second fireplace with striking period tiles surround, built in shelving and a wall of windows looking out onto the back garden. Hard to find layout upstairs with 4 generous sized bedrooms and 2 bathrooms. The primary suite has a remodeled bathroom, 2 walk in closets and access to a balcony, ideal for either morning coffee or evening wine, while watching a sunset. The garden patio offers privacy, encircled by mature plantings, including heritage rhododendrons, azaleas, fig and apple trees, berries, roses, dahlias, and many other perennial plants. Truly a gardener's paradise.

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1910 craftsman conveniently located in the lovely University Park Neighborhood with close proximity to Columbia Park, Lombard commerce, St. Johns, and University of Portland. The home is a cosmetic fixer with good bones, waiting to be reimagined. Formal spaces include a walk-in entry, a large living room with a fireplace and tall ceilings, plus a dining room. Plenty of room in the kitchen to transform it into the cooking space of your dreams + a toilet closet with no sink off the backdoor. 3 bedrooms upstairs + a large landing. Unfinished basement with an exterior door and plenty of room for expansion. Quintessential craftsman porch to soak up the sun and watch the world go by. Private backyard with alley access and an oversized garage. R2.5 Zoning.

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