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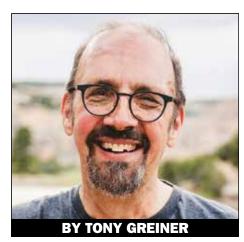
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RHYTHM TRADERS ADDS TWO BUSINESSES UNDER ITS ROOF

This fall, two of Portland's music shops, Eastside Guitar Repair and Hank's Music Exchange relocated to join Rhythm Traders at 3904 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., creating a broader music business alliance. This partnership offers customers the ability to bounce between three music businesses under one roof, with free on-site parking.

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They have a list of approved companies with certified arborists, which can be found at https://tinyurl.com/pdxtreecos. If serious trimming or removal is called for, a permit can be obtained at www.portland.gov/trees/treepermits. Folks with questions can contact the Urban Forestry division at 503-823-TREE (8733) or Trees@PortlandOregon. gov.

GRANT HIGH CONSTITUTION TEAM FEATURED ON PBS

A new PBS documentary series is shining a spotlight on Grant High School's award-winning Constitution Team.

The 2023-24 ConTeam, which took home first-place honors at the We the People National Finals in Washington, D.C., this past April, is featured in the "Citizen Nation" docuseries, which is currently streaming on PBS, YouTube and Amazon Prime.

According to the PBS website, the fourpart program, which premiered Oct. 8, is "an inspiring coming-of-age story that follows teenagers from across America as they face off in the nation's premier civics competition."

This is the ninth year in a row Grant High's team has made it to the Capitol, having secured Oregon's wildcard spot in the state finals this February. During the national competition they faced off against 47 other

schools from around the country, including fellow Portland rival, Lincoln High School.

ConTeam is part of the nationally recognized We the People curriculum, and competition is designed to foster a deeper understanding of the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, government institutions and to create a more engaged citizenry essential to protecting and furthering democracy.

At Grant High, ConTeam is a class available to seniors and comprises six units focused on a different area of constitutional history and law.

To learn more about the docuseries, visit pbs.org

JUSTICE GINSBURG MURAL GETS A FACE-LIFT

The Ruth Bader Ginsburg mural at the intersection of Northeast 27th Avenue and Bryce Street was recently refreshed and repainted by a group of neighborhood volunteers.

The mural, actually a painting on the street, was originally created in 2020 to honor the Supreme Court justice and continues to be a popular visitor destination.

BEAUMONT-WILSHIRE SEEKS GARDEN TOUR HOSTS

The tour organizers of the Beaumont-Wilshire Neighborhood Association are looking for gardeners interested in being hosts for the July 2025 Art & Garden Tour. It's a fundraiser for the association and they promise "it's fun — not "stuffy!"

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HERITAGE TREE LIST SPROUTS MORE LIMBS

Portland recently added five additions to its Heritage Tree list, and Montavilla can boast of having two of them.

One of the trees, #393, is a copper beech (Fagus sylvatica) next to Clark Elementary. It is 75 feet tall with a 36-inch-wide trunk. It greets the students when they walk to school by providing shade, beauty and good health.

The other, #394, is a western redcedar (Thuja plicata). It's in a backyard. Redcedars are native to this part of Oregon, and this one stands 89 feet tall and provides habitat for native wildlife.

LOCAL PODCAST EXPLORES GREEK TOPICS

The Hellenic-American Cultural Center and Museum (HACCM) has launched a monthly podcast, "All Things Greek," which is available on Spotify.

Last month art history professor Lisa Gadinas shared her knowledge of the Erechtheion, a temple on the Acropolis of Athens.

The podcast is a project of Laurelhurst residents Joan and Georgia Liapes, who partnered with their great-nieces to launch it.

Topics range from Greek cultural traditions, history, travel and music. They often interview local community members



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who specialize in the given topic.

INTERVAL TRAINING AT GRANT PARK

At 7:15 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, rain or shine, women of all fitness levels are invited to gather at Grant Park for interval training, which alternates a few minutes of fairly serious exertion with a more relaxed, stretching and resting session.

Meet at the covered area (corner of Northeast 36th Avenue and Brazee Street). The class is adaptable to a wide variety of fitness levels, provides 45 minutes of fun and friendly exercise and there is no cost. Their slogan: "Just show up with your yoga mat and your smile."

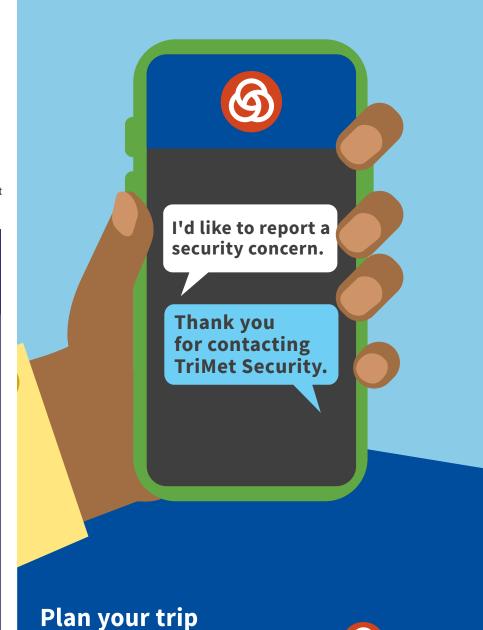
PARKS & REC CUES UP FUN FALL ACTIVITIES

Portland Parks and Recreation has released its fall calendar, and there is much to choose from. There are tennis sessions for women, or just practicing with a ball server. There's Pilates and hiking, including along the beautiful Old Salmon River.

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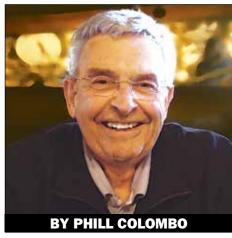
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20 HOUSING UNITS TO RISE ON SITE OF FORMER CHURCH

Following a January fire at Word and Spirit Church that took the lives of twin-sister pastors, Kimberly and Stephanie Hjelt, Anamic Construction of Clackamas began deconstructing the 1949 structure in mid-October.

According to Anamic President Gene Pavlenko, site clearing should take six to eight weeks to complete, and "we ... are looking to have four units on each of the 5,000-squarefoot lots for a total of 20 new dwelling units,



The Word and Spirit Church in Rose City Park was damaged in a January fire and is being deconstructed to make way for 20 new living units. (Phill Colombo)

consisting of a mix of attached and detached products." The project is in preliminary design, and construction is expected to begin next summer.

ELIOT PARKING RULES IN EFFECT THROUGH MAY

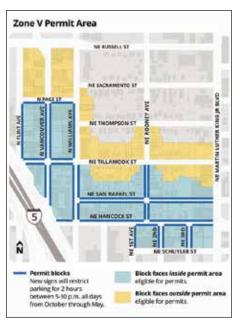
Beginning last month and continuing through May, visitors parking in the Eliot

neighborhood will be restricted to no more than two hours between 5 and 10 p.m. Residents and businesses will be permitted to park longer during those hours.

The restrictions resulted after the Eliot Neighborhood Association requested Portland's Bureau of Transportation to review parking issues in the neighborhood again after the bureau imposed similar restrictions in the Lloyd District during major events. Following collaboration with a task force composed of area residents and businesses, the Portland City Council unanimously approved Eliot's new parking permit area in June.

GROUNDWATER ADDED TO BULL RUN SUPPLY

On Oct. 10, the Portland Water Bureau began blending groundwater from the



Map shows where residents and businesses are eligible for permits to park longer than two hours in on-street spaces while visitors' time is limited. Eliot residents have sought a solution to parking congestion problems here since at least 1002 (PROT)

Columbia South Shore Well Field into the distribution system.

The move was caused by predominantly dry weather, warm temperatures and long-term weather forecasts. The groundwater is augmenting water from the Bull Run Watershed, Portland's primary water source.

Interim Bureau Director Edward Campbell said, "Portland's two high-quality drinking water sources help create a resilient water system, and careful planning and maintenance ensure that groundwater is here to fully meet our regional water needs."

Customers can expect to receive a blend

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of Bull Run water and Columbia South Shore Well Field water in the two weeks — depending on location — it takes for blended water to make its way through the distribution system to homes and businesses.

Water from field wells is supplied by deep aquifers that store Portland Basin rain, producing a high-quality water supply, meeting or surpassing all federal and state drinking water regulations.

The bureau informs the media and sensitive water users when groundwater is activated or other significant operational changes are made. Another notification will be issued when the distribution system returns to 100% Bull Run water.

Customers with questions may call the Water Quality Line at 503-823-7525 and can learn more about groundwater at https://tinyurl.com/27x6xe4d.

PERMITS

In Buckman at 550 S.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Burns Brothers Inc. has a permit to construct a seven-story, mixed use, 132-unit apartment building with basement and parking.

In Concordia at 5090 N.E. 27th Ave., Todd Mylet has been permitted to build a two-story, single-family residence with an attached accessory dwelling unit and no garage.

In Cully at 4604 N.E. Sumner St., Sara Reinhardt has secured a permit to construct a two-story, single-family residence with a single-vehicle garage on the south end of property occupied by a 1,554-square-foot single-family residence built in 1924. In Humboldt at 540 N. Blandena St., Lotus
Development LLC of Southeast Portland
has a permit to construct a four-unit,
two-story townhouse with no garage on
vacant property.

APPLICATIONS

In Arbor Lodge at 7379 N. Mobile Ave.,

Elijah Primachenko, of Vancouver, Washington, would like to build a fourunit, two-story townhouse on a shared lot with no garages.

In Concordia at 5705 N.E. Cesar E.

Chavez Blvd., Ondrej Cech had filed for permission to build two detached, two-story accessory dwelling units without garages at the rear of an existing single-family residence that has occupied the property since 1949.

In Kenton at 1268 N. Farragut St.,

Blackbird Investments LLC of Vancouver, Washington, is seeking a site development permit to replace an 880-square-foot, single-family residence built in 1928 with a six-unit, two-story townhouse built on a shared lot without garages.

At 3205 N. Terry St., Brady and Leslie Pearson are seeking a permit to build a free-standing pergola on a concrete slab in a concrete and rain garden.

In North Tabor at 405 N.E. 67th Ave.,

Donald and Donna Hartel want to deconstruct a 264-square-foot shed built in 1911 and replace it with a modular, detached, single-story accessory dwelling unit in the rear of the property.

In Rose City Park at 1513 N.E. 58th Ave.,

Mai Hong Nguyen wants to deconstruct a 2,211-square-foot, single-family residence and detached garage built in



Members of the Community for Positive Aging team with Sen. Ron Wyden at the center on Oct. 15.

(Community for Positive Aging)

Wyden advocates for Oregon seniors during Medicare open enrollment

As the annual open enrollment period for Medicare opened, Sen. Ron Wyden spoke at the Community for Positive Aging on Oct. 15, outlining efforts to reform the federal health insurance program, which covers about 923,000 Oregonians.

As chair of the Senate Finance Committee, Wyden has pushed for a crackdown on aggressive marketing by Medicare Advantage plans. The plans have elicited complaints about red tape that prevents seniors from getting care and deceptive advertising that ramps up during enrollment season.

The senator also said he is working on addressing "ghost networks," insurer directories padded withs inaccurate phone numbers or contacts for unavailable providers.

In addition, Wyden said he has asked

federal regulators to ban Medicare Advantage insurers from paying brokers more money for enrolling seniors in certain plans.

Wyden pointed toward Oregon's Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance Program, or SHIBA, that helps people navigate enrollment in Medicare plans and thwart potential abuses.

Carisa Dickson, head of the SHIBA program for Multnomah County, said seniors can schedule an appointment by calling 503-988-3646 and selecting option 3. There also is a series of events (visit www. multco.us/services/shiba) at libraries and community centers during open enrollment, which continues through Dec. 7. Learn more at https://shiba.oregon.gov/Pages/index. aspx.







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Bryan Butcher, Oregon Teacher of the Year, starts by asking:

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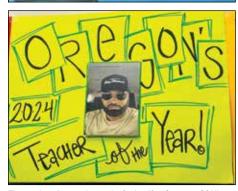
ve cycled past Beaumont Middle School hundreds of times. I have enjoyed reading the engraving above the main doors and smiled at the sounds of youngsters playing excitedly on the grounds. Today, as I approached the school I was on a mission to meet and talk with Bryan Butcher, Oregon's newly minted Teacher of the Year.

As I approached the school, this quote caught my eye:

"The riches of scholarship, the benignities of literature, defy fortune and outlive calamity. They are beyond the reach of thieves or moths or rust. As they cannot be inherited, so they cannot be alienated." -James Russell Lowell

As the 2024-25 Oregon Teacher of the Year, Butcher will serve as a spokesperson and representative for all Oregon teachers. He also will receive yearlong professional development and networking with other state Teachers of the Year through the Council of Chief State School Officers'





Time. (Mike Wright)

National Teacher of the Year program.

Gov. Tina Kotek had this to say: "Bryan exemplifies the impact committed teachers can have on students' lives, from helping each of his students learn math in the way that works for them, to creating the Black Student Union at his school. Teachers like



Bryan Butcher, the 2024-25 Oregon Teacher of the Year, grew up in Portland. He left for college in Georgia and spent time in w York City before returning to the Rose City to teach at Beau

Bryan go above and beyond to make Oregon schools a place where students not only learn, but feel a sense of safety, belonging and pride. I'm thrilled to see his hard work being honored."

Butcher traveled a long way to get

his start in teaching — from Northeast Portland, where he attended Fernwood (now Beverly Cleary School) and Boise-Eliot Elementary School, then Grant High School,

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Bryan Butcher, newly proclaimed Oregon Teacher of the Year, has no shortage of fans. (Oregon Department of Education)

where he played baseball and football for the Generals. From there he was off to Morehouse University in Georgia and then on to New York City with Teach for America, and back to the Rose City.

"Full circle," Butcher says as he prepares to welcome his next class at Beaumont.

When we spoke Butcher was humble about his newfound fame and surprised at the overwhelming attention he received from friends and family, past classmates and teachers of his own. Social media magnifies everything these days he soon learned. The good news is that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive.

He invited me to sit in on his next class and gave me a heads-up on how he would choreograph the lessons. I was intrigued by his style — inclusive — and very unlike any I had experienced before.

At the end of the day, here is my take on two elements of Butcher's teaching that make him stand out from the crowd.

Butcher currently specializes in teaching math. He starts with "why." Imagine how to creatively inspire children to learn multiplication skills. The kids all know "who" is expected to learn. Of course, you can teach them "where" they are — in class — and even "when" they are in class. Ultimately, you must teach them "how" multiplication works. However, the magic begins when the students understand "why" multiplication is worth learning. Butcher teaches that in



If you are like me, you had to look up the meaning of "benignities." It means "kindness," and i's a central element of Bryan Butcher's teaching. (Mike Wright)

Butcher also has discovered that the best learning takes place when he gets to know each of his students as individuals, not as one group.

Then he can get to what he believes is crucial — building confidence. Confidence inspires students to want to try, even when they think they may fail. In fact, Butcher considers it a win, when each student tries, fails, tries again and ultimately gets to the correct answer. They win by being willing to put themselves out there and they develop a powerful tool.

It reminds me of "The Little Engine That Could" story. They think they can ... and



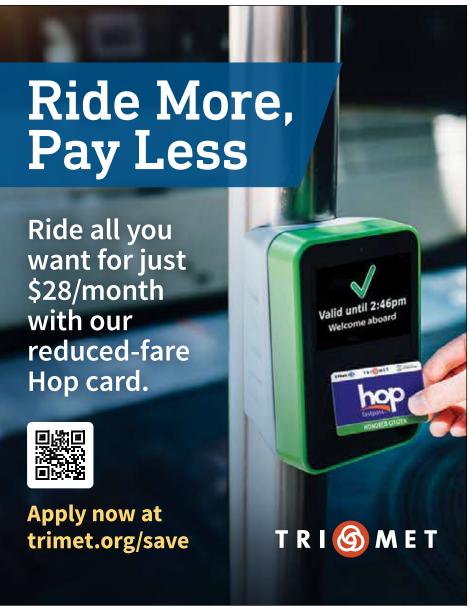
Confidence. If you remember a teacher who changed your life by instilling confidence, look them up and tell them so. You can start with "why."



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Saluting those who served

Veterans Day Parade kicks off Nov. 11 with four grand marshals

By Maggie Grainger

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oin the community in celebrating our armed forces during the 50th annual Veterans Day Parade on Monday, Nov. 11.

For the first time, this year's parade will have four grand marshals with close ties to the Portland community. As reported in the Portland Tribune, they are:

- George Carrillo, a former Marine and disabled veteran. He is a leader and advocate for equity and public safety, serving as president of Progreso Latino PAC and founder of the National Construction Coalition for Hispanics.
 - James Posey, an Air Force veteran who

served in Vietnam. He has dedicated his life to community service and is the president of the Portland branch of the NAACP.

- Crystal Chanel, an Army veteran and business owner. She provides marketing services aimed at empowering nonprofits and community organizations.
- Ken and Malinda Buckles, the founders of Remembering America's Heroes. They have spent nearly three decades honoring veterans through educational programs and tributes.

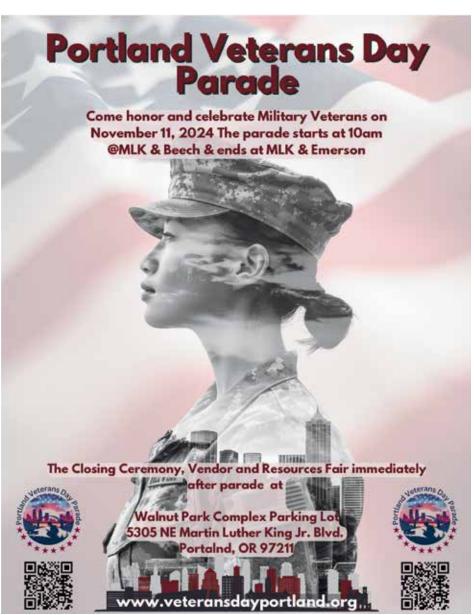
The Tribune also reports dozens of schools, organizations and special guests will march in the parade. They include two Portland Public Schools bands that could not participate last year because of the teachers strike — the McDaniel High School Drumline and the Robert Gray Middle School Band. Also scheduled are: Scouting America Troop 117 and 5117; Cub Scout Pack 351; Easterseals Oregon; Daimler Truck North America; Portland Fire & Rescue;

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(Photos courtesy of Veterans Day Portland Inc.)







Multnomah County Veteran Services; the Salvation Army Cascade Division; the Military Vehicle Collectors Club of Oregon; TriMet and others.

Starting at 10 a.m., this year's parade will proceed along Northeast Martin Luther King Jr. at Beech Street, moving north toward Alberta Street. A closing ceremony will be held in the Walnut Park complex parking lot at 5305 N.E. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd immediately following the procession. Vendors will be at the site along with a number of distinguished speakers.

Past parades have featured marching bands, floats, military units, veterans' organizations, and community groups from all walks of life and provides an opportunity for the community to come together and express gratitude for their service.

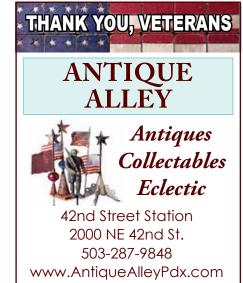






About the parade

Portland's only Veterans Day parade was established in 1974 by Vernon E. Ross, proprietor of Ross Hollywood Funeral Chapel. He founded the parade to honor all veterans, past and present, living and deceased. Today, the tradition is carried on by Veterans Day Portland Inc. The Portland Veterans Day Parade is an inclusive, nonpartisan, family-friendly event officially permitted by the City of Portland.





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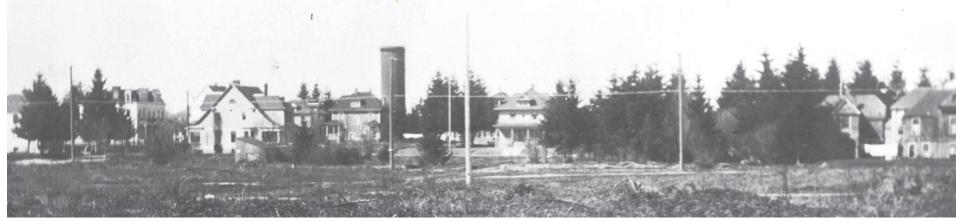
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A pre-1906 photograph showis the water tower standing at Northeast Schuyler Street and 13th Avenue. It held 350,000 gallons of water. (Photos courtesy Oregon Historical Society)

TANKS FOR THE MEMORIES | Glimpse into the history of local hydrology is a moving tale of our precious resource

By Tony Greiner

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ortland is blessed with plentiful water, good-tasting stuff as well, thanks to the development of the Bull Run Watershed in the 1890s. That water now travels to various storage tanks around the city, including the two huge tanks atop Alameda Ridge.

But before the tanks on Alameda were built, there was a water tank (called a standpipe, because it was essentially a very large vertical pipe) in Irvington, at the northwest corner of 13th Avenue and Schuyler Street, where two apartment buildings now stand. It held 350,000 gallons of water.

A 1905 photo from the Oregon Historical Society library shows the standpipe in Irvington. The description with the photo says it was taken from 15th and Multnomah, roughly where the old Sears building in the Lloyd Center stands. The Irvington location didn't work well, as the standpipe wasn't high enough to generate the needed water pressure. So in 1906, the pipe was removed and rebuilt on top of Alameda Ridge at Northeast 19th Avenue and Prescott Street. where the two big water towers now stand. A much better photograph from 1920 shows the rebuilt pipe in its new location.

City government, which owned the two lots



The standpipe today in St. Johns

where the standpipe originally stood on 13th, didn't do anything with them for many years, and the lots became a dumping ground. Pressure from the neighbors led to the lots being finally being sold, and two apartment buildings were erected on the site in 1925.

Up on Alameda Ridge, the tower, renamed



The Vernon Standpipe on Alameda Ridge, c. 1920.

the Vernon Standpipe may have had better water pressure, but it wasn't big enough to meet demand, nor did it have a service pipe to the Mount Tabor reservoirs to refill it

The solution was to dig, by hand, a nearly 3-mile-long trench underneath today's Skidmore Street, which allowed a 30-inch service pipe to reach a new, million-gallon tower. That tower is the smaller of the two on the ridge today.

But the Vernon Standpipe wasn't done yet. After the new tower began operation, the Le Doux construction company was paid to

dismantle the standpipe and rebuild it in St. $\,$ Johns, at the corner of North Princeton Street and Oswego Avenue, where it continues to do its duty - 120 years old and still holding water. How many other public works have functioned for so long?

This article owes a big thanks to Doug Decker and his "Alameda Old House History" blog, and photos from it and the Oregon Historical Society. To get more details on the pipe and water service on Alameda Ridge, visit alamedahistory.org and search "Standpipe."



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Northeast 82nd Avenue and NE Klickitat Street, you'll find one of Portland's most buzzed-about restaurants: Ki'ikibaa.

Named 2023 Restaurant of the Year by The Oregonian and recently featured in The New York Times, it's one of the most talked-about spots in town. Husband-andwife owners Manny Lopez and Suny Parra Castillo couldn't be more excited, surprised and happy.

"It's been a little bit busy," Castillo says.
"The community has helped us a lot and supported us."

The duo opened Ki'ikibaa — which is Mayan for "delicious food" — in late 2022, and their small staff of mainly family members has been riding the wave ever since.

Castillo says customers can't go wrong ordering their signature panuchos, which are crisp handmade tortillas stuffed with refried black beans, lettuce, pickled cabbage, onions and a meat of your choice. Castillo recommends the panuchos de pollo to start

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Ki'ikibaa was The Oregonian's Restaurant of the Year in 2023, and co-owners Manny Lopez and Suny Parra Castillo couldn't be prouder. It also made a recent New York Times list of best places to eat in Portland. (Maggie Grainger)





Panuchos are a signature dish at Ki'ikibaa handmade tortillas stuffed with refried beans, lettuce, pickled cabbage, onions and your choice of meat. (Maggie Grainger)





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Ki'ikibaa brings the fresh flavors of the Yucatan with dishes like pozole. (Maggie Grainger)





Fork and Spoon made a successful transition from a food truck to a brick-and-mortar restaurant in 2018. (Fork and Spoon)

but admits it's tough to pick just one.

They also serve salbutes, which are similar to panuchos but served on a puffy, fried tortilla as well as burritos, tamales and Cochinita Pibil, slowly-braised pork that has been wrapped and baked in banana leaves.

Castillo's favorite is the Relleno Negro, a Yucatan delicacy that features blackened chili turkey stew full of flavor and topped with a boiled egg.

What's the secret to this tasty dish?
"It's the spices," she says. "A lot goes into it."

ADDRESS: 3244 N.E. 82nd Ave. **INSTAGRAM:** @kiikibaapdx **DON'T MISS:** Their Pozole Rojo, which is pork and chicken simmered in a red house broth with hominy and served with cabbage, cilantro, radish, avocado, queso fresco and house-fried chips.

FORK AND SPOON

A serious bout of homesickness inspired a Portland-based chef to take matters into her own hands and open a Filipino restaurant.

Erwina Barney first gained a following with her authentic Filipino food truck — Erwina's Inasal — before opening Fork and Spoon in the Parkrose neighborhood in 2018.

"Looking back more than a decade ago when I arrived here in Portland from the Philippines, I was craving the food I grew up with, and it's so disappointing when you cannot find them around," she says. "That's what made me decide to open a food truck to serve Filipino food."

Barney has always had a passion for cooking. She attended Oregon Culinary School in downtown Portland in 2009 and worked at restaurants in Southeast and downtown Portland before branching out on her own.

"I was born and raised in the Philippines



and migrated to the U.S. in 2009 through marriage," she says. "I started my culinary journey when I was 14 learning from my Aunt Lourdes, who passed away years ago. She was my mentor and my teacher before I entered culinary school.

"She lived in the Philippines, and when I was growing up, she owned a catering business. She made me her assistant and I patiently watched her while working in the kitchen to learn some of the techniques on how to make the food delicious."



Barney says her aunt taught her how to cook some of her signature dishes including adobo — meat cooked in soy sauce and vinegar with garlic and onions — and karekare, a stew with a thick peanut sauce..

"These two have unique flavors that bring back memories from childhood," she says.

The menu is full of traditional Filipino comfort food that Barney hopes will remind people of their grandma's cooking or bring back their own childhood memories — or turn first-timers into repeat customers.

"I am not trying to be creative or fancy—just using as many flavors from my early cooking years as possible to create a fun dining experience," she says.

Barney says the Parkrose neighborhood has been the perfect place to grow her husiness

"What I love about being in the historic Parkrose area is the sense of community," she says. "The business is progressive, and the freeway makes it accessible to commuters coming from different areas.

"The people are warm and friendly and the community is growing now with great diversity."

ADDRESS: 10634 N.E. Sandy Blvd. WEBSITE: forkandspoonpdx.us INSTAGRAM: @fork_and_spoon_pdx DON'T MISS: For Thanksgiving, enjoy roasted pork belly along with other favorites like biko — sweet rice cake — and sapin-sapin — a rice and coconut dessert. Also, check out their popular winter dish called "mami soup," which consists of egg noodles, chicken, boiled eggs, toasted garlic and green onions on top.

O'DEAR BAR

Looking for a killer cocktail and a solid meal? Look no farther than O'Dear Bar on Sandy Boulevard.

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Fork and Spoon owner and Portland Culinary School alum Erwina Barney missed the food she grew up with in the Philippines, so she started serving it herself. (Fork and Spoon)



Comfort food is on the menu at Fork and Spoon with traditional, authentic Filipino dishes. (Fork and Spoon)

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The bar has become a neighborhood go-to with something for everyone, whether you want to watch a game, dance or just meet up with friends. (O'Dear Bar)



The Parkrose restaurant and lounge opened in September 2022 and has since evolved into a neighborhood favorite with daily happy hour specials, monthly events and more.

Owner Vincent Culp notes the spot's nostalgic vibes and elevated menu make it the perfect place for casual date nights, watching the game or getting your dance on.

And for those looking for a quality cocktail,

Culp says you can't go wrong with a new spin on an old standby: the Old Fashioned.

"The O'Dear Old Fashioned is our most popular cocktail," Culp says. "It's a perfectly balanced Old Fashioned made with a great pairing of bourbons, house blend of bitters and rich cane sugar syrup." Bartenders also serve up a Cold Brew Old Fashioned, which adds cold brew liqueur and chocolate bitters to the mix.





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But there's more than bourbon on the drink menu. For those looking to forget that it's raining outside, transport yourself to Key West with a Hemingways Keys, which combines vanilla vodka, key lime, coconut and lime zest, or try the Flaming Pain Killer, a yummy tropical mixer of dark rum, pineapple, fresh squeezed orange and coconut.

Spirit flights and draft beers are available as well as non-alcoholic options.

The menu is full of shareable plates and an extensive burger selection. Pair your drink with tasty bites like the Crispy Honey Balsamic Brussel Sprouts, Bourbon Ranch Dates or the O'Dear Fondue. Sink your teeth into a satisfying prime rib dip or the baconhabanero jam burger, which is topped not only with bacon-habanero jam but goat cheese, spring greens, tomatoes and pickled jalapeno peppers.

There's also a kids menu and minors are allowed inside until 8 p.m.

"I love that Parkrose is a very tight-knit community. There is a genuine sense of pride and strong support for its businesses, schools and programs," Culp says.

Starting this month, the bar will host karaoke on Wednesdays and have a DJ and dancing every Friday and Saturday night, further cementing it as the go-to neighborhood hangout.

Check their website or Instagram for more information on upcoming events.

ADDRESS: 10810 N.E. Sandy Blvd. WEBSITE: odearbar.com INSTAGRAM: @odear.bar DON'T MISS: Happy hour is from 2:30-5:30 p.m. daily. Enjoy \$2 off draft beers and house cocktails and food specials. Stay tuned for more information on their Black Friday party going down on Friday, Nov. 29.

SANDY-O'S SANDWICHES, SUBS AND BURGERS

 $\begin{tabular}{ll} A sandwich shop on Sandy Boulevard is \\ making people shout, "Ohh man, that's \\ good!" \end{tabular}$

Sandy-O's opened in 2023 and has been building a following ever since. Located next to the historic Parkrose Hardware, the restaurant offers up a wide variety of smash burgers and hot and cold sandwiches.

Sandy-O's is part of Your Neighborhood Restaurant Group, which is behind such popular spots as Laurelhurst Market, Ate-Oh-Ate Hawaiian Restaurant and Big's Chicken. According to their website, they make most everything in house, including their sauces, and smoke and process their own meats.

Customers can take a bite out of their signature Holy Smokes Smash Burger, which









Sandy-O's specializes in sandwiches with lots of hot and cold options to choose from. (Sandy-O's)

combines a beef patty and smoked brisket with fries, pimento cheese, American cheese and BBO sauce.

Those craving a sandwich have a variety of hot and cold options to choose from. The cold "Beauty and the Beast" sando combines smoked roast beef with slaw, cheddar, pickled red onions, horseradish mayo and crispy onions on a hoagie for one big, satisfying bite, while their Tender Loving hot sandwich is a combination of fried chicken tenders, pimento cheese, lettuce, giardiniera and ranch on a soft bun.

Needless to say, you won't leave hungry.

ADDRESS: 10505 N.E. Sandy Blvd. WEBSITE: sandyospdx.com INSTAGRAM: @sandyospdx DON'T MISS: Hosting a game day or office party? You're in luck! Sandy-O's is here for your catering needs. Email for more information.

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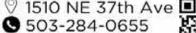
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STAR PET CONNECTIONS

Navigating the nuances of pet insurance

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any people consider their pets as family members and strive to provide a high quality of life for them.

However, owning a pet can be expensive, sometimes shockingly so. Accidents or serious illnesses such as cancer or diabetes can be devastating to a budget. And as pets age, costs can mount, especially if they develop long-term health issues. Veterinary science has developed to a point where specialists can treat conditions that formerly would have required euthanasia.

These treatments can be costly. By way of example, one pet owner had a small dog that developed a very aggressive form of cancer. The owner chose to give her one chemotherapy treatment. The dog had a reaction to the medication and was in intensive care for five days. The charges added up to thousands of dollars. The owner did not have insurance. Needless to say, she has carried pet insurance on all her subsequent pets.

Each state sets regulations for insurance, including pet insurance. In Oregon, the Department of Consumer and Business Services sets rules and guidelines pet insurers must follow to do business in the

This brief article is not intended to be a comprehensive review of pet insurance, nor is it advocating the purchase of insurance or the selection of a particular brand. The aim is just to give an overview of some of the key points and provide some links for you to research further.

Basically, there are three types of pet insurance: comprehensive (accident and illness), accident and wellness/ preventative care, which is

There are several considerations pet owners should ponder when deciding on insurance. They include:

- The role your pet plays in your family the value you place on its life and quality of life.
- Your budget.
- Type of dog or cat do you own a pedigreed breed that is prone to specific issues like hip dysplasia?
- Age of dog or cat premiums for older dogs will be higher. Premiums for a younger dog will be less, but should the pet develop a chronic illness, it may be covered because it was not considered a preexisting condition.
- Your ZIP code veterinarians may charge higher fees in densely populated cities vs. rural areas.
- Does your pet already have a preexisting condition?
- Does the plan have an annual or lifetime cap on claims?
- The policy's waiting period. There are many online resources that provide comparisons between companies. Be aware that these sites may receive commissions if you purchase through one of their links. You may get a free quote directly from companies by putting in a few details about your pet, such as type of pet, age, breed, gender and preexisting

can help owners avoid making difficult decisions about their pets' fate when their furry friends need medical attention. Vet bills can quickly ramp up and insurance will help minimize out-ofpocket costs.

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Resources

- Costs of pet ownership: www.marketwatch.com/guides/insurance-services/cost-of-
- Cost of owning a cat: https://pettable.com/blog/cost-of-owning-a-cat
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Similar to human health insurance, each policy will have a premium, a deductible amount, an annual amount of coverage, as well as a description of what is covered and not covered. In most cases, you will pay veterinary costs upfront and the insurance will reimburse you for the

covered amount. After purchase, you will receive detailed information about the policy, including a summary.

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When you file a claim, you will be asked to provide prior veterinary records for your pet. The insurer will be looking for preexisting conditions. Most veterinarians are willing to submit this information directly to the insurer. There is often a brief waiting period before coverage begins, often three months.

Pet insurance can be a benefit depending on your situation, providing peace of mind in the event of unforeseen illness or accident.

Consulting trusted sources such as friends or family who have had experiences (positive or negative) with a particular insurer can be helpful.

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Star-News columnist Mike Wright is a man of many talents. When he's not tooling around town on his bike unearthing cool people and things, he indulges one of his pastimes. When October comes around, he turns to carving pumpkins, and this year's projects had a familiar theme. (Photos courtesy Mike Wright)







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MUSICNOTES

TOM PAXTON FAREWELL TOUR

Nov. 17. 7:30 p.m. Folksinger and songwriter Tom Paxton is taking one last loop around the country before calling it quits. He broke into the New York folk scene in 1962 and was awarded a lifetime achievement Grammy in 2009. Among his songs are "Rambling Boy," "Bottle of Wine," "The Last Thing on My Mind," and the favorites of kids and parents, "Going to the Zoo" and "My Dog's Bigger Than Your Dog." Everybody from Dolly Parton to Bob Dylan has sung his songs. He is accompanied on this farewell tour by the Don Juans, \$30-\$50. Alberta Rose Theatre: 3000 N.E. Alberta Ave. https://albertarosetheatre.com

TRIBUTE TO THE BAND

Nov. 22-24. 8 p.m. Friday Saturday, 5 p.m.





See Tom Paxton one more time as he makes a stop in Portland Nov. 17 on his farewell tour. (Alberta Rose Theatre

Sunday. "The Next Walt,z" an annual show featuring local musicians, is a tribute to the final concert of "The Band," a Canadian group (originally known as the Hawks) that also served as Bob Dylan's backup band. Among their hits were "The Night They Drove Old Dixie Down." This performance will include locals LaRhonda Steele and Norman Sylvester. Some of the proceeds will go to the Jeremy Wilson Foundation for musician health care, and items for the Oregon Food Bank will also be collected. Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St. \$35-100. Tickets and information at https:// albertarosetheatre.com/

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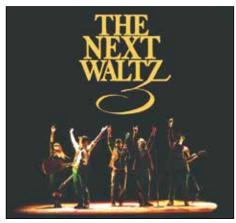
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NATURE PATCH STEWARDSHIP

Nov. 21. 9 a.m.-noon. Become a friend of the Irving Nature Patch. Pitch in to help keep up the natural garden at Irving Park. Work parties — planting, weeding, mulching, etc. — are held every third Thursday of the month. To register, call 503-341-0855. Northeast Seventh Avenue and Fremont

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BRAINS AND THE VISUAL WORLD

Nov. 19. 7-9 p.m. When we open our eyes, how are we perceiving reality? Why did we fail to agree on the color of the famous dress in 2015? Neuroscience research suggests that is because the brain evolved to make

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rapid, best guesses about the objects in our environment.

Dr. Mark Pitzer will discuss how our visual system highlights some objects, ignores others and alters our conscious awareness in an attempt to help navigate our visual world. McMenamins Kennedy School Theater. 5736 N.E. 33rd Ave. Tickets (\$5 suggested); https://tinyurl.com/scipubseeing

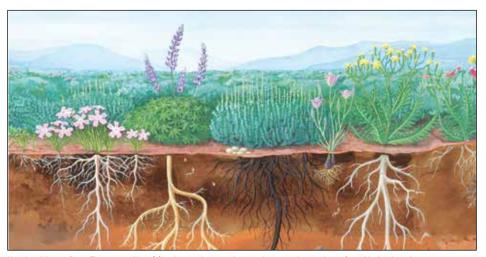
INDIGENOUS SCIENCE: SEEDS

Nov. 20. 7 p.m. Most ecological restoration projects follow a pattern: kill the weeds, then plant native seeds. But across the West, native plants have unexpectedly reestablished themselves via wind, water or underground seeds in restored land without human action.

Native seeds can regerminate after decades of dormancy once soil and water conditions allow. This program will discuss a handful of tribally led restoration projects where native plants have returned on their own. Presenters are Josephine Woolington, author of "Where We Call Home," which won the 2024 Oregon Book Award for nonfiction, and David Lewis of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, author of "Tribal Histories of the Willamette Valley." Alberta Rose Theatre, 3000 N.E. Alberta St. \$15-45. albertarosetheater.com



Help tend the natural garden at Irving Park every third Thursday. (City of Portland)



Head to Alberta Rose Theatre on Nov. 20 to learn about native seed restoration projects from Native American presenters and authors. (Alberta Rose Theatre)

FAMILIES AND KIDS

'THE TEACHER SHOW'

Nov. 23. The Grant High School Royal Blues choir will perform at "The Teacher Show," a National Public Radio program that features classroom teachers from Oregon and Washington doing stand-up comedy about the classroom. Everyone is welcome, but the venue has issued a "strong content warning." Doors open at 7 p.m., the show starts at 8: \$25. Revolution Hall: 1300 S.E. Stark St.; www.revolutionhall.com/

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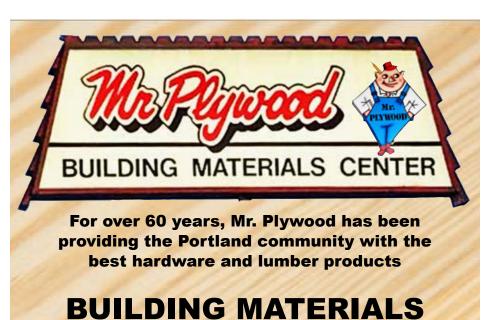
and crafts, obstacle courses and free time in the playrooms and gymnasium. Campers will end the day in the pool for open swim. https://necommunitycenter.org/breakcamps/. 503-284-3377, 1630 N.E. 37th Ave.

ARTSANDCULTURE

SEE CERAMICS, PAINTINGS

Through Nov. 24. 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday. Consu Tolosa's collection of abstract paintings, 'Liminal,' explores the concept of a transitional or transformative space that is somewhat confusing or disorienting but full of potential. Her work is bold, colorful and dynamic. Kim Murton is a ceramic artist working with low-fire terra cotta clay and colored slips. Her colorful, cartoon-like pieces are influenced from pre-Columbian $and\ Mexican\ pottery.\ www.guardinogallery.$ com. 503-281-9048. Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St.

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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.

MOVIES BY HOMELESS YOUTH

Nov. 7. 7-8:30 p.m. "Outside the Frame" presents movies created by homeless and marginalized youth. Films will include "American Teenager," a slice-of-life drama about a girl living in a motel, and "The Spot," a comedy about young people crammed into their first apartment. Also screening is "My Shoes," a music video by Talilo Marfil, a Filipino-American rapper and storyteller from Portland. Hollywood Theatre, 4122 N.E.



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WEAVING WITH PAPER TWISTS

Nov. 10. 1-5 p.m. Did you know that you can weave with English ivy, pine needles or cedar? Learn basic basket weaving with Celeste Whitewolf, a renowned fiber artist and Karuk basket weaver. Whitewolf brings knowledge, warmth, patience and fun to this all-ages workshop. Paper twists are a perfect technique for new, young and very beginner-level weavers. Registration required. Gregory Heights Library, 503-988-5123, 7921 N.E. Sandy Blvd. Hollywood Library and Gregory Heights events: https:// multcolib.org/events-classes

ART SALE

Nov. 11-22. 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday- Friday or by appointment. As the current exhibit, "Opening the Doors: An Exhibition of Community Artists," comes to a close, the museum will be selling selected artwork from the show. Free. Hellenic-American Cultural Center and Museum: Fr. Elias Stephanopoulos Center, second floor: 3131 N.E. Glisan St. 503-858-8567.

NATIVE AMERICAN STORY HOUR

Nov. 20. 11:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Karen Kitchen of the Osage Nation will lead a story hour featuring songs and books from Native cultures. Young and old, all are welcome.

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Guardino Gallery will feature new works by abstract painter Consu Tolosa and ceramics artist Kim Murton through Nov. 24. (Guardino Gallery)

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ANNUAL GALLERY GIFT SHOW

Nov. 29-late December. 11 a.m.-7 p.m. daily. Find a unique artist-made gift for your family and friends. Alberta Street Gallery, 1829 N.E. Alberta St., 503-954-3314, www. albertastreetgallery.com/

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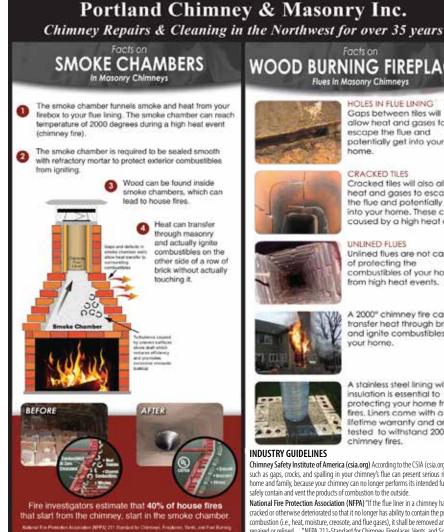
LEARN ABOUT NE VILLAGE PDX

Nov. 18. 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Learn about activities and services offered by Northeast Village PDX that support seniors opting to remain in their own homes and stay involved in their community. The member-led organization serves residents in Northeast neighborhoods as they engage with and help one another. Hollywood Library, 4040 N.E. Tillamook St. 503-895-2750.

CHAIR YOGA

Nov. 4, 18, 25. 9-10 a.m. Mondays. (No class on Veterans Day, Nov. 11.) Try chair yoga for pain relief, flexibility, relaxation and strength. Stretches and poses are done while sitting down, allowing seniors to get the benefit of exercise without fear of falling. Registration required.

Email staff@communityfpa.org or call 503-288-8303 with questions. Center for Positive Aging, 4040 N.E. Tillamook St. 503-895-2750.





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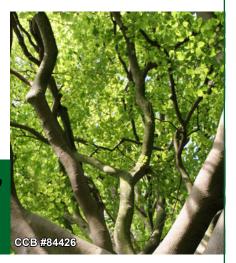
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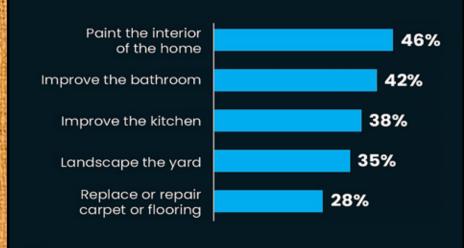
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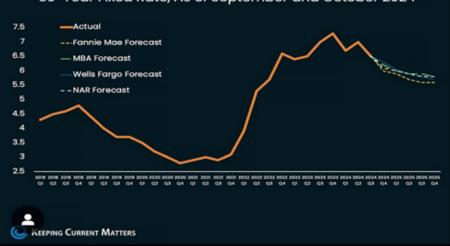
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