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Greenway Plan for South Waterfront ruffles feathers

By Lee Perlman
The Southwest Portland Post

For two hours last month the Portland Design Commission took public testimony on the Bureau of Parks' proposed \$9.5 million Greenway Master Plan for the South Waterfront. The vast majority of those who spoke said they loved the plan except for one detail – the relocation of an osprey nest.

The Greenway Plan, nine years in formation, calls for a stretch of Willamette River waterfront 1.2 miles long and 100 feet wide to be made over for human recreation and natural habitat.

The greenway will have separated bike and pedestrian trails and both grass and "hardscape" facilities for people, as well as extensive tree planting and other improvements to create habitat for birds and fish.

In the case of habitat for fish, Portland Parks and Recreation planner Allison Rouse said the bank of the former industrial area would be altered to create a gradual slope more typical of the area before human activity.

Instead of a fly in the ointment, there was a flying object: an osprey that, for

several years, has made a nest in the construction zone area, and consistently returns to it after migrating to Central America in the winter.

Park Bureau staff has proposed moving the nest to a "dolphin" (upright piling) down river. It should serve, they said, because it is within sight of the old nest. Local residents felt differently.

Mirabella resident Paul Johnson said, "We should honor the osprey's choice of nesting site." Its annual migration is "a miracle of nature," he said, and "the osprey has been very clear about where it wants to nest."

Another resident, Charlotte Beeman, gave a brief history of the nest. It has come to the same area for five consecutive years, she said. At one point it chose to nest on a Zidell Company barge; for three days Zidell workers threw the nest away, and each time the bird rebuilt it.

Finally, in 2009, Zidell built a special pole, 40 feet tall and weighing eight tons, that the osprey accepted as a site. In 2010 a Canada goose beat the osprey to the nest, setting off an avian fight that the osprey won.

In 2011, with the help of the South Waterfront Dog Club, the pole was dis-



Osprey family enjoys mealtime in their nest on the west bank of the Willamette River at South Waterfront. (Photo courtesy of Paul Johnson)

mantled and moved; the osprey moved with it, undeterred by construction activity going on around it.

Ralph Larson, declaring that he was "acting as the voice of the osprey," said that the Dog Club was willing to move the pole to the property of a willing

landowner out of the construction zone.

"It's ironic that the Park Bureau wants to spend \$6.75 million on wildlife restoration, and is beginning by displacing a migratory bird," he said.

Commission member David Wark
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Angela Coefield, Dante Dainton-Piacente, Vivian Allard-McNeely, Fletcher Calcagno, and Max Calcagno get ready for SW HOPE at St. Barnabas Church's "Souper Bowl Sunday" event on February 5. (Photo courtesy of Mari Yerger, Neighborhood House)

Neighborhood House seeks food for the hungry

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Lee Perlman
The Southwest Portland Post

Neighborhood House's "Southwest Hope – Feed the Hungry" campaign for 2012 is under way and runs through April 1.

During this time there will be donation barrels to receive non-perishable food throughout Hillsdale and Multnomah, including such locations as the Multnomah Arts Center, Garden Home Recreation Center, Mittleman Jewish Community Center, and Food Front grocery store in Hillsdale.

All non-perishable items are useful, but peanut butter, tuna fish and cooking oil are especially welcome, N Neighborhood House executive director Rick Nitti told *The Post*. Contributions will be distributed to needy families through Neighborhood House's Emergency Food Box.

The program started six years ago, in cooperation with area churches, as a "faith" response to "growing food insecurity in the area," Nitti told the Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. board in February.

"Southwest is a fairly affluent area, but there are large pockets of poverty," Nitti said. For instance, 53 percent of students at Markham School qualify for free or reduced lunch, and so do one in five students in the Wilson High School cluster of schools.

Patti Campbell of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, one of the partners in the drive, said part of the purpose is to make people more aware of the problem.

Some area restaurants are holding benefits and donating part of a day's proceeds to the drive. Individuals can also contribute cash donations directly to Neighborhood House.

Proceeds will be used to purchase food from the Oregon Food Bank at the rate of \$1 for five pounds of food. Neighborhood House headquarters is located at 7780 SW Capitol Hwy. The charity can be reached at (503) 246-1663.

Terwilliger Parkway's 100th anniversary planning includes gateway markers

The 100th anniversary of Terwilliger Parkway is coming up in July, and there are at least two ventures in the works to mark the occasion.

Last month the Portland Bureau of Parks presented the Portland Design Commission its prototype for gateway markers for the parkway.

The bureau hopes to have two gateways, one at each end, but for budgetary reasons is beginning with one at the north end. The location will be opposite upper Duniway Park, designer Kurt Lango told the Commission.

An alternative location opposite Southwest Sheridan Street was deemed
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Fulton Park Community Center should remain open

We've seen the reduction packages being considered by the Portland Parks and Recreation budget advisory committee.

The Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. board, on a motion from SWNI's Parks

and Community Centers Committee, urges (the Park Bureau) to keep the Fulton Park Community Center open.

FPCC has a long history and deep roots in the local community. The building was built in 1914 as a joint project of PPR and Portland Public Schools.

During the day, the building hosts pre-schools. At night, the big gym floor is always in demand. Dancing has a long tradition at FPCC. Waltz dancers have used the facility for 16 years, contra dancers for 22 years.

Israeli folk dancers have more recently begun using FPCC. Weddings are another popular event. Volunteers provide a lot of help.

FPCC has unique attributes that have served the community well and will continue to do so if allowed to remain open.

Like other community centers, FPCC needs a subsidy, but it can generate good revenue. For example, two years ago, the revenue goal for FPCC was \$147,435. However, it brought in

\$157,808.

The only other community centers in Southwest Portland are often filled to capacity and would not be able to accommodate existing Fulton Park uses.

Marianne Fitzgerald
President
Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc.

Editor's Note: This letter was originally addressed to Portland Parks and Recreation Commissioner Nick Fish.

Neighbor opposes off-leash area at Duniway Park

My view and my views of the Duniway Park jogging track differ from Chris Goodrich's on dogs [New off-leash

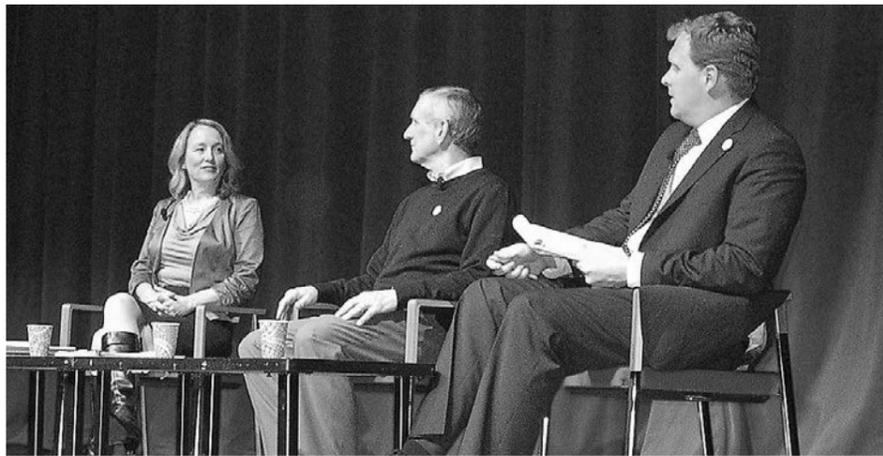
dog park proposed for Duniway Park," by Lee Perlman, February 2012].

I see it busy every day with scores of exercisers from Portland State University and neighboring high schools, and residents from nearby Terwilliger Plaza, and a few dog owners.

Most, not all are attentive to (dog poop). Dogs off leash do. We don't need more of it around the track.

Tom Wright
Southwest Terwilliger Boulevard

Editor's Note: According to our story, the upper section of Duniway Park, and not the jogging track, are being proposed by Goodrich as a dog park. Park Bureau administrators have so far vetoed the idea, most likely because of the proximity to traffic along Terwilliger Boulevard, and no fencing in the proposal. — Don Snedecor



Will one of these candidates be the next mayor of Portland?

New Seasons Market co-founder Eileen Brady, former Portland city commissioner Charlie Hales, and State Rep. Jefferson Smith participate in a debate on local transportation at PSU, February 6. Fifteen other candidates were not invited. (Post photo by Don Snedecor)



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Park Bureau gives Fulton Park Community Center higher priority

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

By Lee Perlman
The Southwest Portland Post

According to spokesperson Elizabeth Kennedy-Wong, Portland Parks and Recreation has made some revisions in a previous draft budget.

The park bureau, like all City bureaus, had prepared draft budgets with cut levels of four, six and eight percent to meet expected budget shortfalls, as ordered by Mayor Sam Adams.

An earlier budget called for the closure of the Fulton Park Community Center as a way to meet the four percent cut. Fulton Park's closure is still on the table, but now only if a six percent cut is called for.

The latest budget also rescinds an earlier call for closing operations of park "splash pads" and working water features.

In their place, the bureau proposed to eliminate an administrative position and slash its printing budget by \$100,000. Kennedy-Wong said she was unsure of the practical effect of this last cut.

The earlier budget suggested transferring 13 City-run SUN School recreation programs to Multnomah County, achieving a saving in administrative costs.

The current budget suggests keeping the SUN Schools under City administration, but to eliminate three of them. The City has yet to decide which three to cut, Kennedy-Wong said.

Markham Neighborhood Association may soon dissolve

The Markham Neighborhood Association may soon officially dissolve



Fulton Park Community Center may be spared from proposed budget cuts by Portland Parks and Recreation. (Photo courtesy of Isabel Souza)

their neighborhood as a community unit, spokespeople said last month.

Neighborhood groups have gone inactive over the years due to a lack of committed volunteers to carry on the work, and neighborhood boundaries have changed as smaller groups have seceded from larger ones or chosen to affiliate with an adjacent organization.

However, for a neighborhood group to say it is no longer an independent entity, while not a first, is highly unusual.

According to Markham board member Philip Richards, the neighborhood association is currently inactive and unviable. "We are split by an impenetrable barrier (Interstate 5), and by the boundaries of the Portland School District, with half of our children going to Markham and half to Stevenson," Richards told *The Post*.

Some, though not all, of those currently active feel the territory should be split between the South Burlingame and West Portland Park neighborhood associations. They have had conversations with the leadership of both or-

ganizations, and both seem receptive to the idea, Richards said.

Pearson elected to serve neighborhood coalition

Sam Pearson, who represents the South Burlingame Neighborhood Association on the Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. board, was unanimously elected as to be the group's second vice president at their January meeting. He succeeds Sharon Keast, who resigned the post to take a part-time staff position in the SWNI office.

Southwest Candidates Fair set for April 10

Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. (SWNI) will hold a Candidates Fair the evening of April 10 at the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 S.W. Capitol Hwy. SWNI is inviting all candidates for City Council Position 1, which Randy Leonard currently holds and is not running for re-election to, and Position 4, currently held by Amanda Fritz.

SWNI will also hear from supporters and opponents of Measure 26-125 on local library funding. The coalition of neighborhoods decided not to provide speaking time for Mayoral candidates because, with 18 in the race, they felt it would not be possible to be inclusive and also have a meaningful discussion.

Multnomah Boulevard sewer line work continues

The Portland Bureau of Environmental Services will continue installing new sewer lines on Southwest Multnomah Boulevard this month, working eastward between 25th and 31st avenues, according to BES spokesperson Stephen Sykes. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays the work will require restricting traffic to a single lane controlled by flaggers.

Near Southwest 29th Avenue, Sykes said, the work may interfere with access to adjacent commercial businesses; BES is seeking to find alternative parking for workers and customers. As the work is completed, the bureau will replace sidewalks damaged in the process.

BES is also working on creating a new Fanno pump station near Southwest 86th Avenue. Although it will serve Portland, the station would be located in Washington County, and it is now undergoing land use review by that jurisdiction.

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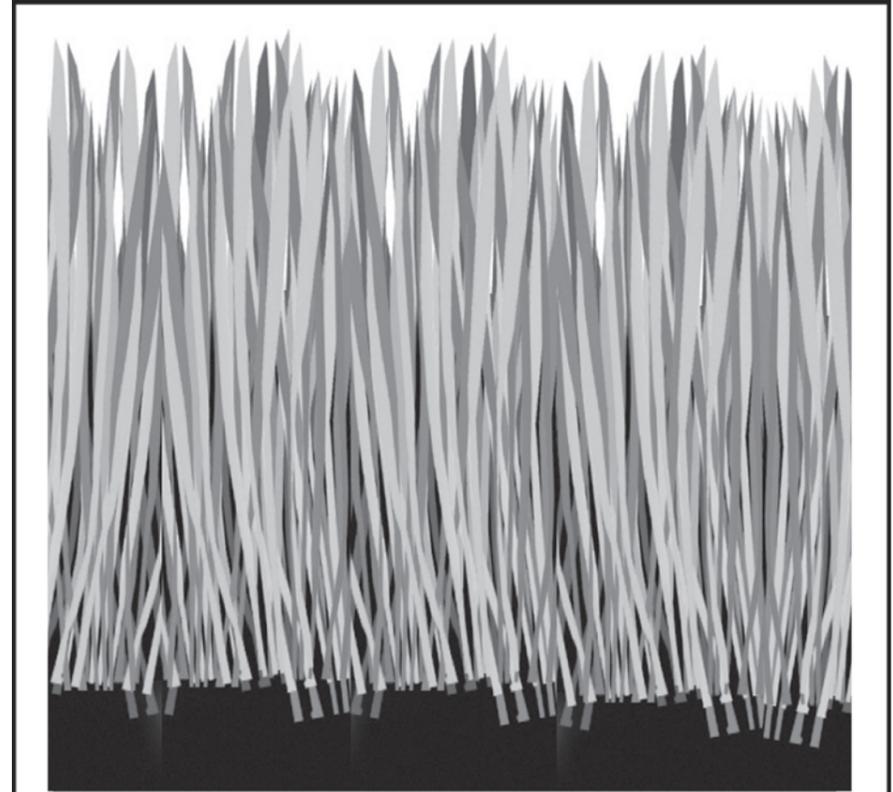
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Doctors are at a loss to explain the miraculous recovery in *Fracture*

BOOK REVIEW

By Stephanie Lodromanean
The Southwest Portland Post

Fracture is a young adult novel written by Megan Miranda and published by Walker & Company (hardcover, 272 pages, \$17.99, January 2012). This novel is her first. Before venturing into writing Miranda (who lives in Charlotte, North Carolina) was a scientist and a high school teacher.

The novel follows the life of Delaney Maxwell after she falls into a partially frozen lake and wakes up miraculously from a coma. There is a great cast of characters, and Delaney mends and discovers the intricacies of their friendships over the course of the story.

It is kind of a coming of age story, but forced into action by the interesting side effect of Delaney having been in a coma for over a week. Although Miranda has a bachelor's degree in biology from MIT she does not appear to bring any of this knowledge or scientific reasoning to the foundation of the novel.

Delaney finds herself in a medical miracle after waking up, with her

doctors saying such things as "Obviously, this is surprising since you woke up fully aware, memory complete, speech intact, everything firing as we like to say." He stuck his hands into his white lab coat and continued, "I have no idea how this is possible."

While this story device might be intended to create a sense of faith, it really comes across as far-fetched and leaves the reader curious as to why medical science cannot form coherent thoughts on Delaney's situation, instead throwing miracles around every place it can.

There are strong points to *Fracture*, such as the friendships that evolve and change throughout the novel. As a 17-year-old Delaney is at the cusp of still being a kid and realizing that she is inevitably growing up.

Delaney's partner in crime growing up, Decker, stays by her side through the grueling week of her coma and was even the one to save her from the frozen pond.

As a reader you have to wait patiently to see if all the things left unsaid (and read between the lines of their friendship) will resolve or fall apart and whether other friends and enemies will make their romantic tension build up as the novel progresses.

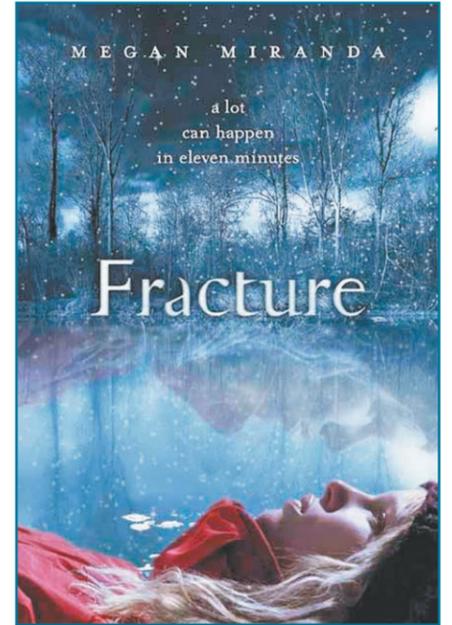
Delaney's relationship with her parents, mainly her mother, is also a great focal point of the novel. After the traumatic event of nearly losing her daughter



First-time novelist Megan Miranda is the author of "Fracture."

to such an early death, Delaney's mother becomes tightly wound and overbearing.

Delaney struggles to understand her mother but, after realizing her mother's past and how she came to become the way she is, there is a transformation in their relationship; they start to understand and respect one another, and that



gives way to a new level of love.

Fracture is a fast-paced, easy and at times superficial read. The novel lacks detail in terms of some of the science behind what is happening to Delaney and how her world has been turned upside down by the coma. It is still fun and keeps the reader entertained, at least enough to want to know how Delaney's life plays out.

Design Commission approves new OHSU Life Sciences building

By Lee Perlman
The Southwest Portland Post

The Portland Design Commission gave unanimous approval in January to the design of Oregon Health and Sciences University's new Collaborative Life Sciences building in the South Waterfront—three months after the project's official groundbreaking.

The building at Southwest Moody Avenue and Porter Street, the first structure to be built on OHSU's new 19-acre Schnitzer waterfront campus, will comprise 650,000 square feet of space, including a 470-space underground garage.

A tower on the north side will be 12 stories high. It is a collaborative project by OHSU, Oregon State University and Portland State University. It will house lecture halls, research facilities and a replacement for the OHSU Dental School.

The project underwent two informal Design Advisory sessions with the Commission prior to a formal submission of plans, and three hearings after a formal application had been made.

The second of these, on January 5, might have led to a vote of approval, but the development team had submitted their revised plans too late for planner Kara Fioravanti to write a staff report reflecting the changes.

At the final hearing on January
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Questions & Answers About Our Environment

Dear EarthTalk: I know that there are many issues with personal care products being unsafe for our health, but where do I look to find out what's safe and what's not?

— Mary Pulaski, Trenton, NJ

The average American uses about 10 personal care products each day, resulting in exposure to some 100 unique chemicals.

But the vast majority of the 12,500 chemicals used by the \$50 billion beauty industry have never been assessed for safety, according to the Campaign for Safe Cosmetics (CSC), a coalition of eight non-profits concerned about the health of cosmetics and personal care products.

"Many of these chemicals are linked to adverse health effects like cancer, birth defects and other serious health issues," CSC reports.

And with cosmetics chemicals showing up in breast milk and umbilical cord blood, not to mention rivers, lakes and drinking water aquifers, it is indeed a problem that affects us all.

Unfortunately for American consumers, these products aren't held to the same high safety standard as foods and drugs in the United States, and as such manufacturers do not have to disclose ingredients on their products' labels.

That means it's up to consumers to educate themselves as to what products to buy and which to avoid if human health and the environment are concerns.

To the rescue comes the non-profit Environmental Working Group (EWG), which launched its SkinDeep database back in 2004 to give consumers a way

to learn about what's in the products they use on their skin and bodies.

Today, SkinDeep—which is free to use and has a user-friendly, keyword-searchable interface—features health and safety profiles on 69,000 different cosmetics and personal care products.

"Our aim is to fill in where industry and government leave off," reports EWG, whose researchers cross-reference hundreds of safety studies and nearly 60 toxicity and regulatory databases against thousands of product ingredient labels to help consumers find the safest cosmetics and personal care items.

Beyond searching for your most frequently used creams, gels and elixirs to get the low-down on their safety, users can also learn what to avoid by browsing the site's "What Not to Buy" section.

Harsh soaps, anything with chemical fragrances, many nail polishes and most dark permanent hair dyes top the list of products health-conscious consumers should steer clear of—or at least check out on SkinDeep. The website lists safer versions of all these product types for those who just can't live without.

But public health advocates and environmentalists alike, of course, would prefer that all personal care products could be trusted to not be rash-inducing, carcinogenic or otherwise harmful.

CSC has been lobbying Congress about the need for stricter laws and U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) oversight, and last year was instrumental in getting the Safe Cosmetics Act (HR 2359) introduced into the House of Representatives.

While the bill stalled in committee, it



The vast majority of the 12,500 chemicals used by the \$50 billion beauty industry have never been assessed for safety. (PhotoDisc/Thinkstock)

the implications for U.S. alternative energy industries?

— Walt Bottone, Englewood, NJ

Solyndra was a California-based maker of thin-film solar cells affixed to cylindrical panels that could deliver more energy than conventional flat photovoltaic panels. The company's novel system mounted these flexible cells, made of copper, indium, gallium and diselenide (so-called CIGS), onto cylindrical tubes where they could absorb energy from any direction, including from indirect and reflected light.

Solyndra's technology was so promising that the U.S. government provided \$535 million in loan guarantees—whereby taxpayers foot the payback bill to lenders if a borrower fails. And fail Solyndra did: In September 2011 the company ceased operations, laid off all employees, and filed for bankruptcy.

What caused this shooting star of alternative energy to burn out so spectacularly after just six years in business and such a large investment? Part of what made Solyndra's technology so promising was its low cost compared to traditional photovoltaic panels that relied on once costlier silicon.

"When Solyndra launched, processed silicon was selling at historic highs, which made CIGS a cheaper option," reports Rachel Swaby in *Wired Magazine*. "But silicon producers overreacted to the price run-up and flooded the market." The result was that silicon prices dropped 90 percent, eliminating CIGS' initial price advantage.

Another problem for Solyndra was the falling price of natural gas—the

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would have required the FDA to create a list of specific contaminants likely to be found in certain cosmetics ingredients and provide testing protocols to determine which ones qualified for warning labels, phase-outs or outright bans.

Whether a similar bill will come up again anytime soon remains to be seen. In the meantime, consumers should make sure to visit the SkinDeep database before lathering up.

CONTACTS: EWG's SkinDeep Database, www.ewg.com/skindeep; CSC, www.safecosmetics.org.

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Patricia Alison "Patty Lee" Brownell-Lee

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OBITUARY

Patricia Alison "Patty Lee" Brownell-Lee, former Southwest Neighborhoods, Inc. president, died last month of cardiac arrest during a trip to Mexico. She was 88.



Lee helped write the bylaws for the Ash Creek Neighborhood Association and served as its president for six years. She also served on the SWNI board, including five years as president from 1998 to 2003.

Even after her retirement from the board, Lee remained active, making her house available for retreats and social events. For her efforts she received the Mayor's Spirit of Portland Award.

"Patty's leadership skills allowed her to run efficient, productive meetings," SWNI executive director Sylvia Bogert said. Bogert recalled that Lee would often bring both neighborhood chairs and city officials to her home for private discussions. "She was a generous, caring

person," Bogert said.

Born in Portland to a farming family, Lee graduated from Milwaukie High School and Reed College. She taught health and fitness at Jefferson High School before joining the WAVES and serving in World War II; she was discharged in 1946.

She taught physical education at Reed before marrying Gilbert Prentiss Lee in 1949 and moving to Montana.

The couple returned to Portland and settled in southwest in 1952.

In addition to raising sons Gary, Gilbert and Granville, and her neighborhood work, Lee had extensive volunteer activities. She contributed work for the March of Dimes, YWCA Building Fund, American Heart Association, Multnomah County Medical Society Auxiliary, and Jackson High School PTA.

Lee received the Reed College Foster-Scholz Club Distinguished Service and the Oregon Journal Woman of Achievement awards, and was also honored by the Portland Chamber of Commerce. Lee was preceded in death by her husband Gilbert and oldest son Gary. At Lee's request, no memorial service will be held.

—Lee Perlman

EARTH TALK

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cleanest of the readily available fossil fuels—as extractors implemented new technologies including horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing to get at formerly inaccessible domestic reserves in shale rock.

In 2001 shale gas accounted for two percent of U.S. natural gas output, while today that number is closer to 30 percent. The result of this increased supply is that the price of natural gas has fallen by some 77 percent since 2008, meaning utilities can produce electricity from it much cheaper as well. "Renewables simply can't compete," adds Swaby.

The final blow to Solyndra was China's creation of a \$30 billion credit line for its nascent solar industry. "The result: Chinese firms went from making just six percent of the world's solar cells in 2005 to manufacturing more than half of them today," says Swaby. U.S. market share is now just seven percent.

Low natural gas prices have also hurt other renewables, especially given the slow economy and its stifling effect on innovation. To wit, the rate of new wind-turbine installations in the U.S. has declined by more than half since 2008.

"The fossil fuel industry and its allies in Congress clearly see the solar and wind industries as a threat and will try to kill [them]," says Representative Edward Markey, a top Democrat on the House Energy and Commerce Committee.

Regardless of the challenges in furthering renewables, the White House remains committed to the greener path. In his recent State of the Union address to Congress, President Obama renewed the call for a federal Renewable Energy Standard that would force utilities to derive significant percentages of their power from cleaner, greener sources.

This would provide much-needed regulatory uniformity and a more robust and consistent market for renewable power, wherever solar panels, wind turbines or other equipment happen to be manufactured.

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Greenway Plan on South Waterfront

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said, "It seems the osprey's little condo has been moved quite a bit." By providing a new nesting place, "It seems the City is acting in the best interest of the bird."

Osprey advocates said the dolphin is too delicate, is too far away – the maximum distance the bird can be moved comfortably is 300 feet, they said – and is too low; the birds want high nests with good visibility so that they can watch out for enemies such as eagles.

Rouse responded, "We're going ahead with our plan" until it is shown to be unfeasible. The end result, she said is "There could be two nests."

"Whichever one the osprey doesn't want, the duck can have," Wark quipped.

Osprey supporters seemed agitated when Bob Sallinger of the Portland Audubon Society, one of the city's leading environmental advocates, endorsed the City's approach. "I'd encourage you to move forward," he told the Commission.

The current plan "isn't all we'd like to see, but let's not argue about minor defects." The alternative nesting site is "not perfect," but ospreys are known to nest on dolphins and channel markers, Sallinger said. He conceded he didn't know for sure if the bird would move.

Resident Peter Fenner followed to say that Sallinger "didn't say this was the best location; he just said it might work. We know it works here, we're not sure it works there."

Jim Davis, South Portland Neighborhood Association land use chair, said that he didn't care personally – "I hate birds" – but that the issue was, "The South Portland Neighborhood Association wants the bird where it is, or within 300 feet. I don't see a problem here. I see a problem with Parks saying, 'This is what we want, and we don't want

discussion of it.' That kind of thing won't fly."

National Marine Fisheries Service threatens to veto any new dock

A secondary issue involved a human-fish conflict. The original Greenway Plan called for three docks at the foot of Southwest Gibbs, Gaines and Pendleton streets. Then, in 2008, the National Marine Fisheries Service, a division of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, stepped in.

As the Park Bureau's Elizabeth Moorhead told *The Post*, the federal agency does not control the siting of docks per se, but does have authority to regulate and prohibit anything that "harms or harasses" endangered species of fish in their habitat, which includes the Willamette River.

Docks meet the definition for "harm or harass," because their pilings can provide a hiding place for predators of young fish.

"They want an overall river recreation plan for the city so they know where all the docks will be, and not have to deal with them one at a time," Moorhead later told *The Post*. Until then, they are vetoing any individual dock.

The Park Bureau is going ahead without a dock at this time, Rouse told the Commission, but they remain committed to providing one "somewhere in the South Waterfront."

This did not sit well with residents. Resident Roger Gertenrich noted that residents raised thousands of dollars to supply a dock, and Leonard Michon said that Corbett and Lair Hill residents could use a dock once a foot bridge at Southwest Gibbs Street, now under construction, is completed.

Rouse said that the Park Bureau is currently \$1.75 million short of funding, but remains "committed to funding the entire project." If necessary, they will do it in phases, she said.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Terwilliger Parkway

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to have "too much visual noise," while one at the intersection of Southwest Sam Jackson Road turned out to have underground utilities that would be problematic. The design must be visible to all modes of transportation: cars, bicyclists and pedestrians, Lango said.

The Friends of Terwilliger Parkway is planning festivities for the occasion, and there is one element they'd particularly like to include.

The Portland Bureau of Transportation's Sunday Parkways program plots a circular route five to six miles long and bars auto traffic along it for five hours, allowing bicyclists and pedestrians to tour residential neighborhoods in a new way. The event has drawn as many as 28,000 people, especially when coupled with other events such as the Hawthorne Street Fair.

For two years there has been such an event in Northwest Portland. Now organizers are thinking of moving it to include some part of Southwest. Friends of Terwilliger Parkway would like to the parkway to be part of the route.

PBOT officials have shown some resistance. Sunday Parkways usually utilize local streets, spokesperson Linda Ginenthal told *The Post*, but officials haven't ruled the idea out and have been meeting with community representatives.

Closing this street to auto traffic is not unprecedented: It is done annually for the Shamrock Challenge (formerly the Cascade Runoff) road race.

One issue is cost. The event is expensive – five of them cost just

under \$500,000 – and this year PBOT is allocating only a fraction of this in their budget. One of the biggest expenses is the service of police officers, who must direct traffic wherever the route crosses a major street to allow participants to get across without interrupting traffic unduly.

Old Sellwood Bridge to move 40 yards upstream in July

Current construction schedules call for the Sellwood Bridge to be moved to temporary piers 40 yards upriver in July, Multnomah County spokesperson Mike Pullen told *The Post*. Once this is done the construction of a permanent bridge at the old location may commence.

County work crews were able to get "almost all" of their in-water work done during the "window" permitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service between December 31 and January 31.

In-water work is forbidden after January 31 to protect spring Chinook salmon migrations. That they did not manage all of it was due to longer than expected delays in obtaining City building permits, inclement weather, and some unexpected surprises from the river.

County crews anticipated that they would have to drive pilings into the riverbed 90 feet deep to make them secure enough to hold the bridge, Pullen said. The bed proved softer than anticipated, and some of the pilings had to be driven 150 feet deep to make them secure, Pullen said.

A similar "window" is July 1 to October 31, after which in-water work is forbidden to protect the fall Coho salmon runs.

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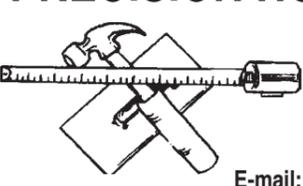


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2 **"The Midnight Garden,"** a show of pigment prints by Gigi Conot, will be on view at the Multnomah Arts Center Gallery (7688 SW Capitol Hwy) March 2 through April 4.

The work examines the structural beauty of found natural objects in a way that transcends the stages of their living and their dying, their simplicity and their complexity. An opening reception will be held Friday, March 2, 7-9 p.m. Call Jaye Campbell at 503-823-2787 for more information.

5 **"We Love History"** display can be viewed now at the Multnomah Center (7688 SW Capitol Hwy). Southwest neighborhood history is the focus of Multnomah Historical Association and the current display covers the wide variety of subjects covered by the past MHA newsletters.

Southwest residents are encouraged to join, donate and volunteer as we seek to preserve local history. The next MHA board meeting will be Monday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. at 2929 SW Multnomah Blvd, conference room.

Each meeting includes a segment on local history and all who have an interest in local history are invited to attend. For more information visit www.multnomahhistorical.com.

7 **Hillsdale Neighborhood Association** meets again on Wednesday, March 7, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at St. Barnabus Church, 2201 SW Vermont St. Come get the latest updates on the proposed Chase Bank branch, Sunset Boulevard sidewalks and city and TriMet budget cuts. Contact Mikal at 503-705-9777, mikal@windemere.com or visit www.hna-pdx.com.

10 **Second Saturday Family Dance:** Fun folk dancing for kids and families with live music and Paul Silveria aka Professor Banjo calling! Saturday, March 10, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Fulton Park Community Center, 68 SW Miles St., 4:30pm - 6:30pm. \$6/adults, \$5/kids, \$20/family max. For more information call 503-775-6537.

13 **Of Maus and Men:** Book group for adults is meeting Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. They are reading two graphic novels, the Pulitzer Prize winner "Maus" and "Persepolis." New members always welcome. Garden Home Community Library, 7475 SW Oleson Rd. For more information call 503-245-9932 or visit www.wcccls.org. Copies available in the library.

The Multnomah Neighborhood Association meets again on Tuesday, March 13, at 7:00 p.m. at the Multnomah Center, (senior center) 7688 SW Capitol Hwy. Newly elected officers include Moses Ross, chair; Katy Brunbelow, vice chair; secretary, Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen; treasurer, Brenda Koeny. For agenda information contact Ross at mnachair@gmail.com or 503-309-7985.



An artist's rendition of the OHSU Life Sciences building. (Photo courtesy of OHSU)

OHSU Building Design Approved

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19, Commission chair Gwen Millius said the proceedings were likely to be "pretty pro forma."

The biggest design issue was the structure's west side. It will be 45 feet from Moody, and ten feet above it, yet because it faces both Interstate 5 and the future Portland to Milwaukie light rail line, it is "the public face of the building," as Fioravanti put it.

The development team made extensive changes in the design here, making what had once been largely a blank wall much more perme-

able visually and physically. At the Commission's urging the team also simplified the use of materials and color.

Under pressure to proceed, OHSU held a ground breaking and started work in October under a "hold harmless" agreement with the City. This allows developers to move forward in advance of formal approval at their own risk, with the structure subject to physical changes later if later reviews call for it.

At the last two hearings the Commission complimented the development team on its willingness to respond to their suggestions. "I can't wait to see it built," Commission member Jane Hanson said.

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