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Sparks from downed power lines cause trees to catch fire along Southwest 55th Avenue on Jan. 11. Additional snowstorm photos on Page 3. (Anonymous photo)

Snow blankets community causing businesses and schools to close

By Erik Vidstrand
The Southwest Portland Post

Over a foot of snow fell on Jan. 11 blanketing southwest Portland neighborhoods.

As temperatures dropped below freezing during the day and into the teens at night, snow remained on the ground for over a week.

The inclement weather caused downed trees, power outages, school and business closures, traffic accidents, and a variety of broken pipes.

At the same time, children enjoyed sledding, locals were seen skiing and snowshoeing, and igloos and forts popped up around neighborhoods and town centers.

Many shops in Multnomah Village had posted closed signs. Employees could not get to work in many cases and customers were scarce at shops that did remain open according to many owners.

This reporter, who was snowbound, did not have mail for a whole week. Large packages were delivered but regular mail service was postponed.

"What happened to the post office's motto?" asked neighbor Penny Shattuck.

According to the local mail carrier after the snow melted, postal workers could not make it to the downtown Portland main post office due to the weather. The mail could not be sorted or delivered for days.

"Post offices worse hit were West

Slope, Tigard, and Multnomah stations," the carrier said as snow drifts lay melting.

"Certified carrier assistants who have been trained for situations like this, were utilized to sort mail and deliver it using four-wheel drives or vehicles with chains."

Around 5,000 gallons of sewage overflowed from a manhole in southwest Portland. Sewer maintenance crews responded to the overflow on a vacant lot on Shattuck Road near Hamilton Street.

The sewage went into the ground and a ditch that leads to Fanno Creek at Beaverton-Hillsdale Highway. Workers cleared a sewer line blockage to stop the sewage release and restored service finally. Warning signs were posted in areas accessible to the public.

People were advised to avoid contact with Fanno Creek for at least 48 hours due to the possibility of increased bacteria in the water.

The City of Portland treats an average of 70 million gallons of wastewater each day. With the snow and ice melt, that volume is increasing, according to the Portland Bureau of Environmental Services.

According to the bureau, over one third of Portland's more than 2,500 miles of sewer pipes are more than 80 years old.

"Pipes that fail or become blocked with grease, tree roots, and debris can cause sewage overflows," replied

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After five years, a few finishing touches are yet to be completed

SELLWOOD BRIDGE

By Erik Vidstrand
The Southwest Portland Post

A few projects are still wrapping up at the Sellwood Bridge. The contractor is working on clean-up tasks throughout the project area. One of these involves restoring a work

zone slope under the western span of the bridge.

Other projects include installing a permanent concrete barrier on the outside of the northbound lane under the bridge. A protective barrier will be installed at the bottom of the fence on this bridge that will carry people from the regional trail under the main bridge to reach its south sidewalk.

Concrete was recently poured where the trolley tracks cross the Macadam Bay driveway. Raised warning domes for visually impaired pedestrians will be installed where the trail crosses the tracks near the bridge.

Bicyclists and pedestrians crossing the Sellwood Bridge are being re-

routed a short distance around a piece of construction equipment which is stationed on one of the bridge sidewalks.

"Crews are using a snooper truck to install architectural light fixtures below the bridge deck," said Mike Pullen, county spokesperson. "The daytime work is expected to last through early February."

"The work will impact only one sidewalk at a time and equipment will be removed on nights and weekends."

On Jan. 19, bridge project managers provided a farewell briefing about the replacement of the Sellwood Bridge at the very first meeting of the new Multnomah County Board of Commissioners.

"We're 99.9 percent done with construction," county transportation director and Sellwood Bridge program manager Ian Cannon explained to the board. The board includes three new commissioners.

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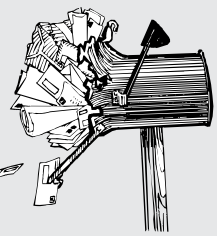


Winter snow covers the new Sellwood Bridge. According to officials the bridge is 99 percent complete. (Photo courtesy of Multnomah County)

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Letters to the Editor



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Putting America first may sound like a noble, patriotic idea...

Abraham Lincoln once said: "My dream is of a place and a time where America will once again be seen as the last best hope of earth."

Donald J. Trump's inaugural address offered us exactly the opposite vision, one of a selfish, insulated America responsible only to itself.

The new president is committed only to fixing the supposed "carnage" here but unconcerned about global poverty, Earth's deteriorating environment and ecosystem, and human rights here and everywhere.

President Trump made all the usual, and unfulfillable, promises about jobs, terrorism, and corruption—and avoided all the problems he has always avoided, such as health care for all, equal opportunity for all, his own record of irresponsible behavior, and "a decent respect to the opinions of mankind."

Trump doesn't understand the difference between patriotism and nationalism.

Charles de Gaulle did: "Patriotism is when love of your own people comes first; nationalism, when hate for people other than your own comes first."

Trump's "American First" doctrine was falsely presented as the former when it clearly is the latter.

Putting America first may sound like a noble, patriotic idea, but in reality it reflects a careless, ultimately dangerous world view.

Walling America off from Mexico, keeping out Muslims fleeing war and oppression, denigrating China, and undermining our European allies have nothing to do with love of country.

These promised policies exemplify

narrow nationalism of the sort that will reduce respect for the United States and undermine national security.

"There are seasons in every country," Alexander Hamilton said, "when noise and impudence pass current for worth; and in popular commotions especially, the clamors of interested and factious men are often

mistaken for patriotism."

This is such a time, and Donald Trump is such a man.

Mel Gurtov
Portland

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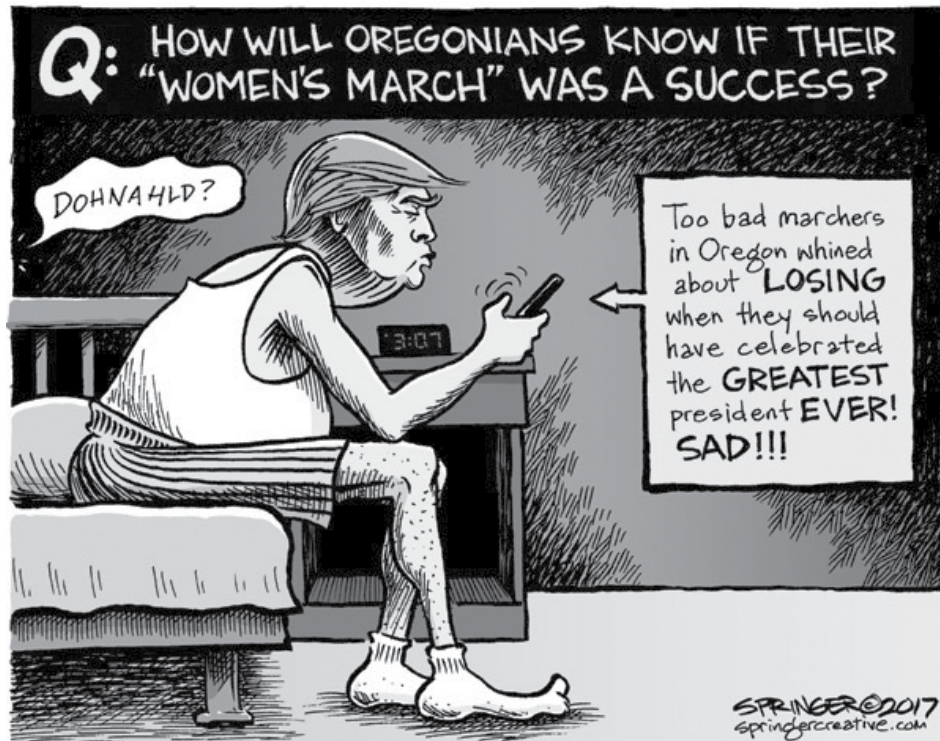
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Women's March on Portland a test of willingness to be cold and drenched for hours

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Don Snedecor
The Southwest Portland Post

I hurried Saturday morning, Jan. 21, to gear up for the Women's March on Portland. The temperature was around 40 degrees but the weather forecast was for sporadic showers.

After parking in a garage on Southwest Third Avenue and Alder Street, I followed the crowd and made my way as close as I could get to the main stage near the Morrison Bridge at Waterfront Park.

It wasn't long before I was stuck in an ocean of demonstrators waiting for the march to begin.

It was around noon that it really started raining hard.

By 2 p.m. I had gotten to know my immediate neighbors in the demonstration. A woman ahead of me several feet was breastfeeding a hungry infant.

A young female school teacher and a mother with three young children in tow were very nice and we enjoyed chatting while we waited. And waited.

People waved signs. Drummers kept on drumming. People started chanting, "Let us march, let us march, let us march!"

Umbrellas became a serious issue as they blocked vision and it was difficult to avoid being hit by them.

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Snow Blankets Community

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Dylan Rivera, spokesperson for the bureau.

Winter weather travel advisories were issued with freezing rain and urged travelers to exercise extreme caution, avoid travel if possible. But many did not as evidence of abandoned cars on freeways, overpasses, and side streets.

A water main line broke at 35th Avenue and Capitol Highway in Multnomah Village, causing major ice issues Jan. 14, as this reporter was gathering stories.

“This snow event provides an opportunity for neighbors to examine their own plans and supplies, as well as checking on others,” said Bob Cogan, who heads up the local Neighborhood Emergency Team.

On Jan. 16 the National Weather Service had issued a freezing rain advisory for the Portland metropolitan area but the ice never came at least on the westside. Schools were closed on Jan. 17 in anticipation of the freezing rain.

“The big concern is black ice,” said Don Hamilton, a spokesperson for the Oregon Department of Transportation.

“Black ice is defined as ice that

remains on roadways that are not subjected to direct sunlight. It commonly forms on roads that can be found in tunnels, on overpasses, and in highly shaded, rural areas.”

Many were caught off guard with half tanks of gas. Hamilton said it’s always wise to carry an emergency weather kit including chains, battery jumper cables, first aid kit, shovel, basic tools (pliers, wrench, screwdriver and knife), blanket, extra clothing (hats, socks, boots, and mittens), and flashlight.

Portland Public Schools were closed for several days causing bouts of cabin fever while parents needed to remain at home for childcare.

“We understand and share your frustration with the number of school closures,” said Bob McKean, PPS interim superintendent.

“The Board voted to add two days at the end of the school year to make up for (school) days lost in December,” McKean said. “An additional day was added due to more lost school days extending the last day of school to June 14.”

The Portland school district may also eliminate the rest of late starts for elementary and middle schools and early releases for high schools, which will restore approximately ten

hours of additional instruction for elementary schools and four hours for high schools.

The district will be working with the Oregon Department of Education in coordination with other school districts across the state facing the same situation to evaluate how best to address this issue, including the potential for additional weather related closures throughout this winter.

Neighbors helped each other shoveling walkways, running errands especially for the elderly. Meals on Wheels was looking for drivers with traction tires to deliver hot meals to shut-ins.

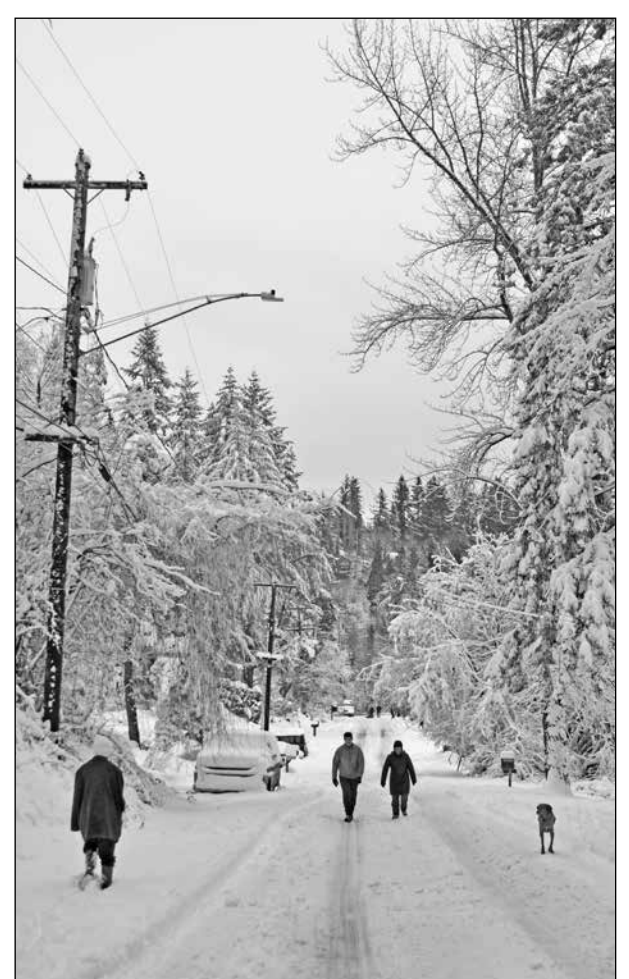
Shattuck, who is elderly, had no problem walking to the local Safeway. She even held an evening cocktail party for a dozen neighbors as the



Zach Snodgrass, chef at Journeys, shovels the sidewalk along Capitol Highway in front of his business. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

snow remained frozen outside.

“We have a great neighborhood,” she beamed. “Everyone was checking on me and I wanted to just have people over.”



SNOWSTORM: (Clockwise from upper left) Father and child share a sled down the hill at Dickinson Park (Photo by Ryan Baird Thompson). Oliver Deligio-Busha gets a sled ride by mom Cathy Busha (Photo by Anna Deligio). Sarah J. Instenes clears the sidewalk in front of her boutique in Multnomah Village (Photo by Carley King). Martin and Nancy McClain snowshoe their way to lunch at Marco’s Café (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand). View out the doorway of a Maplewood home with lamp post in the distance (Photo by Carol Vaughn). People walk along snowy 55th Avenue toward Dickinson Park (Photo by Ryan Baird Thompson).

THE COUNTRY STORE

By Erik Vidstrand
The Southwest Portland Post

New bar opens inside John's Marketplace

A new bar has recently been built inside John's Marketplace in Multnomah Village. Managed by Eldon Farlow, a former general manager of a local pub, Farlow is an ale specialty buyer and draft manager. "We will be tapping five different kegs and one nitro tap for five dollar pours," Farlow said as he served customer Oliver Manuel.

"The amount of beer I pour in your ale glass depends on the type of ale being offered," Farlow explained.

Manuel organized last year's Nano Beer Fest which was held in John's parking lot. Started back in 2008, the Nano Beer Fest began at Max's Fanno Creek where the owners were looking for a way to showcase the local small brewers who were coming on the scene.

"Mark your calendars for the next Nano Beer Fest from April 20-23," Oliver announced as he sipped his port. "We're expanding the event and will feature even more beers."

John's Market was founded in 1923 by John Feus, a Swiss immigrant who settled into a storefront along what is now Capitol Highway in Multnomah. In 1958, the store relocated to the site of the former



Eldon Farlow and Oliver Manuel show off the new bar in John's Marketplace. The grand opening is sometime in February. (Post photo by Erik Vidstrand)

Oregon Electric station along what is now Multnomah Boulevard at 35th Avenue, and a modern 12,000 square foot supermarket was born.

John's flourished as a grocery market until the large box stores and shopping malls appeared throughout southwest Portland.

The second owner, Jack Furman, had a new formula for success. He put in a large wine selection and sold beer for less. Furman later began to operate the store as a marketplace, using part of the space for a grocery store and part for a deli. In 1999, David Percival became the third owner of John's Marketplace.

The bar will be open Tuesday – Saturday from 2 p.m. – 9 p.m. A grand opening will be taking place sometime in February.

"Look out for the marquee outside

for the date and time," Farrow said. "We're excited to be here."

Editor's Note: I remember Gelfand's New York Delicatessen (The Multnomah Village Post, May 1995) in the mid-90s and later Percival's Multnomah Deli in the same location.

Village Glass Studio opens in Multnomah Village

Village Glass Studio, a long time passion of owner Tracy Wolf-Paquin, has opened its doors in Multnomah Village. Located at 7319 SW Capitol Highway, next to West Hills Learning Center, the modern-style home and studio offers individual classes for those who want to learn about glass and create their own pieces.

"I've lived in the village for 25 years," Wolf-Paquin said, "so I knew this was where I wanted to open my business. I wanted to create a place where I could build community around glass and create a space where people could be creative and enjoy beautiful surroundings."

The studio hosts corporate team building events, birthday parties,

and girls' nights out. Guests make their own glass creations or group projects.

Adult and youth classes, as well as open studio time, are offered on a year round basis.

Wolf-Paquin's work can be seen in public spaces where she builds glass murals as a resident artist in Portland Public Schools. The artist has completed over 20 large scale installations and has reached over 2,500 youth.

Last year, the studio hosted a fundraiser for Our House which provides healthcare, housing, and other vital services to low-income people living with HIV.

"We also created a glass quilt in collaboration with cancer patients," she said. "The quilt was sold at a Doernbecher Hospital auction for \$12,000 and will be installed at the new Guest House soon to be constructed in the Southwest Waterfront neighborhood."

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Some samples of glass art at Village Glass Studio. (Photo courtesy of Tracy Wolf-Paquin)

Multnomah Village, studio projects are set up for anyone to do with little instruction. "Unfortunately, in February we won't have an open house," Wolf-Paquin said, "but we will resume on March 3." Wolf-Paquin said people were welcome to drop in from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. during weekdays.

For more information, contact the studio at (503) 327-4899 or www.villageglassstudio.com.

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COMMUNITY LIFE

By KC Cowan
The Southwest Portland Post

3 New Art Show: Amanda Triplett & Tracy Walstead present “Bodily Remnants” (soft sculpture) & “Electric Sheep” (ink & acrylic ink on paper) at the Multnomah Arts Center Gallery, 7688 SW Capitol Highway. An opening reception will be held in the gallery Friday, Feb. 3, 7–9 p.m. The show closes February 28.

4 The Immigrant Issue: Global displacement is on the rise. Oregonians have and will continue to see the results of international migration in our neighborhoods. Join the Oregon Humanities Conversation Project with Manuel Padilla, to consider questions of hospitality, identity, perception, and integration and how it can benefit our communities. Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Garden Home Community Store, 7306 SW Oleson Road. Free. Time to be announced. Call 503-245-9932 for more information.

Southwest Community Recycling: Volunteers are holding a recyclables collection morning on Saturday, Feb. 4, 9 a.m. to noon, at St. John Fisher Church parking lot, Southwest 45th Avenue at Nebraska Street. Master recyclers will be on hand to help you identify items that can avoid the waste stream. Visit www.community-recycling.org for more information.

6 Capitol Highway Subcommittee will meet to discuss stormwater

issues on Monday, Feb. 6, from 7–9 p.m. at the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Highway. For more information, please email Chris Lyons at chrislyons7@yahoo.com.

Singer/Songwriters Circle: Cal Scott and Richard Moore welcome Portland singer-songwriter Thad Beckman to their bi-monthly circle at O'Connor’s Vault in Multnomah Village, Monday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. Thad’s mastery of finger-style, electric and steel guitar will thrill you. Advance tickets are \$15 each at <http://circlethad.brownpapertickets.com>. For more information, contact Matt Miner mattminermusic@gmail.com.

7 Multnomah Neighborhood Association will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Multnomah Arts Center, 7688 SW Capitol Highway. Agenda items include the presentation of the Portland Tree Steward, and a report on the neighborhood’s objections to elements of the 2035 Comprehensive Plan.

9 Museum Junkies Unite! Portland author Marilynne Eichinger will read from her book, *Lives of Museum Junkies*, at Annie Bloom’s Books, 7834 SW Capitol Hwy, on Thursday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. Follow the missteps and breakthroughs of Marilynne Eichinger and 11 other naïve, but dedicated, museum directors and managers as they strove to change the way science was taught. Free.

11 Fall Prevention for Seniors: This workshop will introduce ways to reduce the risk of falls by

focusing on factors such as medication side effects, poor vision and balance, difficulty walking, and home hazards. Saturday, Feb. 11, 10:30 a.m.–noon at the Capitol Hill Library, 10723 SW Capitol Highway. Registration required—online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234.

12 Basket Case: Come to the Hillsdale Library, 1525 S.W. Sunset Blvd. and learn how to create your own handheld coil basket using a variety of re-purposed materials. Registration required: online, in the library or by calling 503-988-5234. Sunday, Feb. 12, 2-4 p.m.

20 Needle Felt Flowers Workshop: Learn to create simple, elegant looking 3-D flowers using barbed needles to tangle and compact natural wool fibers. Cost of \$20 includes all supplies. No experience necessary. This event is Monday, Feb. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Mittleman Jewish Community Center, 6651 SW Capitol Highway. For more information, call 503-244-0111.

Editor’s Note: Don Snedecor and Erik Vidstrand contributed to this calendar.



Mojo Holler, a blues and roots band, will perform on Friday, Feb. 10, 8 to 11 p.m. at O'Connor's Vault, 7850 SW Capitol Highway, in Multnomah Village. Visit www.mojoholler.com/ for details.

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Dear EarthTalk: What are some ways environmentalists are using social media to further their causes?

— Sam Baskin, Tullahoma, TN

Environmental advocates and organizations have embraced the revolution in online networking in no small way to raise awareness about climate change and the need for conservation of wild lands and animals—and to generate support for specific campaigns and the green movement in general.

Perhaps the most immediate way social media help the cause is via the mountain-top selfie.

For many of us, a trip into the wilderness isn't complete without a public post to announce our whereabouts.

At the University of Vermont, researchers are using geo-tagged photos on social media to study the use and relative popularity of different parks and even specific trails.

New tracking capabilities of personal technology also record real time statistics that can be used as a crucial defense of public parks.

Social media has also been repurposed for environmental activism in several ways.

Advocacy organizations are able to widely disseminate their messages through different social media platforms.

By delivering their messages in a short, dynamic format, these groups are able to reach a wide consumer base. However, it's difficult to assess the long-term engagement resulting from these messages.

Nevertheless, larger environmental groups have hundreds of thousands of online



One way people are using social media to further the environmental cause is by sharing their mountain-top selfies, engendering public support for the conservation of wild lands. (Photo by Daniel Patman, FlickrCC)

fans that drink up every post and call-to-action.

For instance, the Sierra Club has some 625,000 "likes" on Facebook and more than 200,000 "followers" on Twitter.

A number of environmental campaigns have used social media to apply key pressure on polluters, including the Greenpeace anti-Arctic drilling campaign.

Groups have used disturbing videos and touching images alike to garner large-scale public support.

And social media isn't just for the large, well-heeled groups. Individuals are using social media to similar ends, telling their stories and drumming up sympathy and support.

Communities that are suffering particular environmental damages are able to tell their stories on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other social media platforms, helping to humanize the issues.

For example, victims of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill posted about the environmental effects of the accident on Facebook and Twitter.

Social media platforms also effectively connect these stories to larger issues through the use of hashtags.

This includes a recent movement

nationwide to reach President Donald Trump through his daughter, Ivanka, whom the president stated he leans on for advice.

The #DearIvanka campaign on Twitter allows individuals to raise their concerns about a number of

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

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No one could move. We had progressed about 150 feet so that we were directly underneath the Morrison Bridge. Soaking wet, we watched as many people simply gave up and made their way laterally out of the crowd.

The idea was that we were supposed to march south on Naito Parkway to Jefferson Street, then turn west and then north along 4th Avenue and then back to Waterfront Park and then home.

I bailed long before we reached Jefferson Street. I did have a chance to take more than a dozen photos before I quit.

After some two-and-a-half hours I was soaking wet and really needed to find a warm, dry space and a cup of hot coffee. I found it at a local coffee shop. After standing in line

proposed policy changes, including environmental deregulation and nominated officials.

One such tweet read "Ivanka Trump: Please work with your father to respect the environment. Our children's future is at stake. #dearivanka #greenpeace."

"Social media has become an important tool for providing a space and means for the public to participate in influencing or disallowing environmental decisions historically made by governments and corporations that affect us all," said Public Lab co-founder Shannon Dosemagen.

"It has created a way for people to connect local environmental challenges and solutions to larger-scale narratives that will affect us as a global community."

Contacts: "What's Nature Worth: Count the Selfies," <http://bit.ly/2hxxqUa>; #DearIvanka on Twitter, twitter.com/hashtag/dearivanka; Public Lab, www.publiclab.org.

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for 15 minutes, I asked the cashier and barista if this was the busiest day of the year. Surprise, the answer was yes!

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Bill Danner, longtime owner of Danner Boots, dead at age of 97

OBITUARY

By KC Cowan
The Southwest Portland Post

Anyone who went to Wilson High School in the 1970s knew the Danner family. They were hard to miss with their flaming red hair and freckles. They were, in order of age, Peter, class of 1972, David, class of 1974; Nancy, class of 1975; Craig, class of 1976; and Michael, class of 1980.

Their family lived just down the hill from Wilson High School, on Burlingame Terrace, on the corner of Terwilliger Boulevard.

Father, Bill Danner, was the president and owner of Danner Boots. Mother, Miriam Danner, was a teacher.

Bill and Miriam instilled in all their children (including three step-children from Miriam's first marriage to William Crary) a love of education and success.

Peter Danner works for Footwear Specialties. Nancy is a teacher in California. Craig is a physician assistant and an author of two books. David works for the Washington State Utilities and Transportation Commission, and Michael is a Portland musician.

The Danner/Crary clan is now grieving the loss of Bill Danner, who passed away just after midnight on Christmas Eve. Their mother had died the prior month on Nov. 4.

"I think that he had spent 63 Christmases with my mother and didn't want to be without her on the 64th," said David Danner, about the timing.

Bill Danner was born in Chippewa Falls, Wis., in 1910. His father began the boot/shoe company there, but was a bit of a mess when it came to finances. Then a scandal forced him to "suddenly" leave the state, according to David, and so the family and company moved to Portland in 1937.

Bill Danner served three years in the Army Air Corps as a top turret gunner during World War II. He flew 50 missions over Europe.

Becoming a shoemaker was not

his dream, but someone had to take over the struggling business. He and his brother stepped up and made it succeed.

"Well, mostly it became profitable because they were running it like a business," said David.

After his brother left Danner Boots to become a lawyer, Bill Danner ran it by himself until he sold the business in 1983.

By then, it had become nationally known for hiking and outdoor recreation boots, as well as footwear for lumberjacks and those in the construction business.

One lightweight boot, the Mountain Light, became a best seller after getting rave reviews in Backpacking Magazine. Over the years, the company grew from six employees to 75.

Danner Boots gained national headlines when Bill Danner was asked to make boots for an elephant at the (then) Portland Zoo.

One elephant had arthritis and could no longer keep from urinating on her feet, causing infections. The zoo asked Danner to come up with boots to keep her feet dry. He did—size 31—sporting the familiar Danner logo.

Although a war hero and strong businessman, his children remember him as sweet and gentle. Family always came first.

When he sold the business, Danner gave each child a "share" of the company, which Nancy Danner Jeu remembers she and her then-husband used for a down payment on a house.

"My father was the kindest, most generous man I've ever met," said Jeu. "Every decision he ever made was ultimately focused on his family and, by extension, his employees who he looked out for like family."

Michael Danner noted the generosity of his father. "The only thing he ever bought for himself was a new car every five years or so, which his kids would generally proceed to ding up even before the new car smell was gone," Michael remembers. "He never got mad about it though. Just the way he was—a very kind man."

Peter Danner, senior development



Bill Danner sits with his wife of 64 years, Miriam, surrounded by their family. (Photo courtesy of KC Cowan)

manager for Avenger Work Boots, said his father truly was part of the "Greatest Generation."

"The war, family, business. He put eight kids through college. Yet, he was the most humble man you could meet," Peter said. "I visited him the night before he died. He was just his old sweet self. We'll miss them both."

Bill Danner is survived by seven of his eight children, 19 grandchildren,

17 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He is also beloved by numerous AFS exchange students and "unofficial extra kids" (including this writer), who he and his wife considered just more members of the Danner family.

In February, the family will hold a memorial gathering at Willamette Manor, where both Bill and Miriam lived their final years.

SELLWOOD BRIDGE

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Cannon reported that the project's commitment to an open, transparent public process and a collaborative funding approach helped create momentum to push the project from an unfunded problem to a completed new bridge.

"More than 300 apprentices worked more than 139,000 total hours on the project," said Mike Baker, of David Evans and Associates, the project owner's representative. "The project's total workforce included 28 percent minority employees, above our goal, and 13 percent females, which was slightly under our goal."

Baker said that the project came in a little over budget which was \$325.1 million about 5.7 per cent above the 2012 pre-construction estimate.

Cannon noted a variety of innovations including public involvement of community members, business owners, and school children.

"Moving the (old) bridge and pursuing Green Roads certification for the project's sustainability features was another novelty," Baker added.

Baker announced that the new Sellwood Bridge had just received the 2017 American Council for Engineering Companies "Project of the Year" award.

For project information and a history of the project, visit www.sellwoodbridge.org.

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Thousands protest Trump inauguration in peaceful Women's March on Portland

By Jack Rubinger
The Southwest Portland Post

Thousands of people met at Gov. Tom McCall Waterfront Park, and then marched in the rain through the downtown streets on Jan. 21 for the Women's March on Portland, a celebration of inclusivity, diversity and positive action.

Participants overcame the Portland weather and added a bit of Trump bashing. This march of a magnitude to beat most huge Portland events was a spectacular success of good will supporting the "love wins" attitude currently churning through our neighborhoods, our nation and the world.

"Over the weekend, tens of thousands of people—perhaps more than 100,000—exercised their right to assembly and expression in our city," said Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler.

"My top priority is always to protect the safety of everyone involved.

Additionally, I want to try to limit acts of vandalism and disruptions to transit. By these measures, the weekend was highly successful. In the end, no one entered the freeways. There were five arrests and no serious injuries were reported."

Some reported slow going through downtown streets and some degree of disorganization amidst the pink pussycat hat-wearing marchers. Many were confused about the route and not all wound up marching the whole route.

The streets were filled with signs, some of which read "Love Trumps Hate," "You Can't Comb Over Sexism" and "Make America Kind Again."

That said, the overall vibe was cheerful, uplifting, and eclectic — filled with drummers keeping the beat, colorful and clever signs, friends reuniting with friends and an overwhelming sense of making history and being part of something huge and important.

"Women, men, children and even some of their pets and the police were in attendance. All had the entire city thrumming with energy and goodwill," said Nadine Lefkowitz, a volunteer peace keeper and the owner of Topanien Global Gifts in Multnomah Village.

Lefkowitz said being a peace keeper for the march was a way for her and her husband to both participate in and be pro-active. Lefkowitz was joined by another Multnomah Village business owner — Joan Steinbach from Thinker Toys.

Lefkowitz said she and many others have been feeling crushed and powerless. She said that the march was a way to begin the process of discovering a new voice and



Thousands line up along Southwest Naito Parkway and the Morrison Bridge during the Women's March on Portland, Jan. 21. (Post photo by Don Snedecor)

of empowering herself through group action.

Lefkowitz said that she's been feeling heavy with sadness about Trump's attitude toward women and disbelief that anyone can be so cavalier towards other human beings.

"This was a huge coming together of people believing in each other and in sharing, helping and taking care of each other on a local, national and global level. This march is just the beginning of what we can do if we move together," said Lefkowitz.

Lefkowitz said she did not observe any violence or vandalism throughout the afternoon, unlike other Trump-related protests.

Her job, she said, was to keep participants moving forward and to be available if any problems arose which would stop and/or hinder the march's forward movement, including injuries, illness, altercations, and confusion.

Despite the size of the event and how quickly it grew, most of the marchers helped each other, apologizing for accidentally knocking into each other, raising umbrellas way above their heads and just generally bending over backward to make sure the march was peaceful.

Lefkowitz said it was all about people moving together in a steady stream of happiness, diversity, rain (lots of rain) and a flowing celebration of women and, of humanity.

She has observed that groups are popping up all over the city, the state, the country and the world that have missions of kindness, diversity, helpfulness and inclusivity.

At the end of the day, once marchers (and reporters) were home, many shed their sopping wet coats, placed shoes next to heating grates and indulged in hot baths — weary, but grateful to have been a part of a far-reaching movement.



This was just one of hundreds of people carrying signs protesting the words and actions of President Donald Trump. (Post photo by Don Snedecor)

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