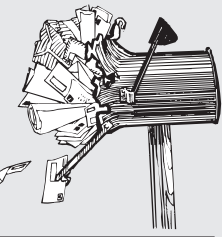


Letters to the Editor



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TriMet's #1 Vermont bus line no longer provides service during non-rush hours

If you are not a frequent rider of the Vermont #1 bus line that runs through the Hayhurst and Maplewood neighborhoods you may not be aware of the very limited service that we now have as of September 13, 2009.

Morning and evening "rush hours" on "week days only" is what TriMet now offers if we want to go downtown or even get to other bus lines at the Burlingame Transit Center.

There is no way that someone can ride a bus between 9:43 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. in our area to go grocery shopping, get an appointment at the OHSU Medical Clinic at SW 45th and SW Vermont, get to the SW Community Center on that corner, get home from Wilson High School before 3:15 p.m., or even pick up a child from either Maplewood or Hayhurst School in the middle of the day.

Also you will not be able to get back to the neighborhood from downtown after 5:45 p.m. so no staying in town for dinner after work. Forget riding a #1 bus on weekends, there is no service!

The Hayhurst Neighborhood Association & the board of Southwest

Neighborhoods, Inc. knows that there is little chance of getting TriMet to change this decision, but we feel that there has been limited publicity of the cutbacks in service.

Only a small notice on each bus stop sign alerts riders to the fact that it is now "Weekday Rush Hours Service" only.

This letter is an attempt to let the occasional bus rider know that you will have a long wait in the rain & cold if you try to get somewhere in the middle of the day in our area.

Carolyn Rundorff
Hayhurst Neighborhood Association

Streetcar misnamed 'trolley' in front page story

I just read the headline article on the front page of Volume 17, issue 12, about Don Baack's so-called "4T Trail" ["Hikers test SW Portland's diverse transportation on 4T Trail," by Allison Voigts, October 2009]. For the record, it's not really *four* Ts because what Mr. Baack mistakenly refers to as "Trolley" is actually "Streetcar."

Maybe this wouldn't matter at all if there wasn't already an actual existing Trolley in Portland. I'm referring to the antique trolley that runs between Lloyd Center and downtown (not to mention the Lake Oswego Trolley).

It may be too late to correct this nomenclature in Mr. Baack's mind, but it would sure be nice to see a clarification in print. Perhaps I'm the only persnickety Portlander who's bugged by his poetic but incorrect play on words. Thanks for considering this minor point!

Christine Carocci
(Portlander x 20 years)

Beware of coyotes in the neighborhood

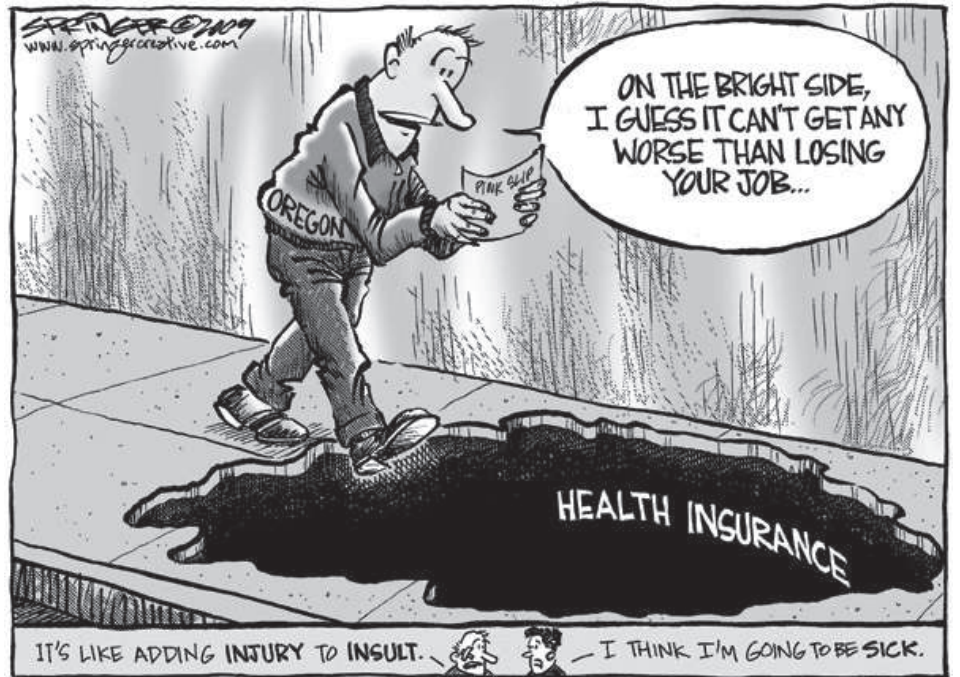
I live on Hume Court and three days ago saw a coyote in my street with a dead cat in its mouth. I wonder if this topic might be worth covering in your paper since these animal sightings seem to be increasing and the potential for losing pets is high.

Several of my neighbors have seen coyotes all over our neighborhood including in the Village area. I left flyers on the doors of the homes on the street to give some warning but I think we really do need to get the word out to people throughout the whole area. If we continue to provide "food" they will keep coming back for more.

Nancy Craig, Multnomah

Put on your dancin' boots!

On Saturday, November 14th, join us for the monthly Family Dance put on by Portland Country Dance Community! Sherry Nevins is coming from Seattle to provide wonderful country dance calling and live music for all ages of kids and their grownups. Fulton Park Community Center, 68 SW Miles, from 5 to 7 pm with a potluck afterwards. \$6/adult, \$5/child, babies are free, maximum \$20/family. For information call 503-981-2179.



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