

# Letters to the Editor



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## Neighborhood House team helps preserve a piece of Multnomah history

A piece of Multnomah history has been moved and preserved.

If you visit Ivan Tadic's barber shop at 7826 SW 35th Ave, you'll now see the impression of a pair of barber scissors embedded in the threshold.

Venerable barber Ivan Tadic, whose time in the village goes back to his boyhood in 1937, recalls that as a boy he would stare at this impression outside his dad's barber shop.

Young Ivan waited for his father (also named Ivan) to finish cutting hair. "As I stared at it, I wondered where it on Earth it came from," he recalls.

Ivan figures the impression was implanted in the cement work in the early 1900s before the elder Tadic's time as village barber. Back then another barber worked out of the location.

The shop was at 7824 SW Capitol, today Anne Bocci's Boutique.



Rick Nitti, Ted Coonfield and Frank Rudloff restored "Ivan's Scissors" to a new home in front of Ivan's barbershop. (Photo by Rick Seifert)

Ivan's dad moved the business to current site in 1944, but until 2013 the impression remained at its original location.

When a new, wider sidewalk was built in the Village this year, the impression was jackhammered out, given to Ivan and embedded at the site on Sunday, Oct 6.

The volunteer relocation work was done by a Neighborhood House team consisting of Ted Coonfield, past Neighborhood House board chair; Frank Rudloff, spouse of board member Susan Rudloff, and Rick Nitti, executive director.

Rick Seifert  
Hillsdale

## Hayhurst School mom dreams of new playground

My name is Courtney Kreutz and I am the parent of a kindergartener at Hayhurst Elementary School. I am chairing the committee to build a new playground for the children, an endeavor we have termed "The Dream Big Project."

I recently created a website - [hayhurstdreambigproject.weebly.com](http://hayhurstdreambigproject.weebly.com) - detailing our efforts.

The cost associated with a new playground will be significant so I am hoping to bring as much awareness to the community as possible.

To that end, I would sincerely appreciate any help you can provide in creating a "buzz" in the community. I'm not sure if you have had a chance to visit Hayhurst's playground, but it is in desperate need of a makeover.

Thank you!

Courtney Kreutz  
Hayhurst

## Slow down! Reduce speed limit along Vermont Street

What can be done to make the roads in southwest Portland safer? Southwest Vermont Street is too fast. Thirty-five miles per hour is too fast for a street with schools, churches, Alpenrose Dairy, and parks nearby. It needs to be 30 mph.

Rick Kappler  
Southwest Portland

## "Community Life" article gets holiday bells ringing

Thank you for including us in "Community Life" (*The Post*, November 2013). "All Things Holiday" was spread all over the Hillsdale shopping center. I have already had calls from people who saw the article and had a question. They had not been to Alpenrose (Dairy) in years and thought this show sounded interesting. Many thanks to you.

Betty Merrill  
Northwest Senior Theatre

## Thanks for the story on OHSU nursing students

RE: "OHSU students share community needs assessment of Multnomah," by Erik Vidstrand, *The Post*, October 2013.

I am long overdue in expressing my gratitude, on behalf of my group, for your enthusiasm and interest in our community health project.

We were all very pleased with the article and thought it reflected our efforts/achievements well. We hope that your community will continually benefit from the work of future cohorts. Again, thanks!

Marcus Benton  
OHSU nursing student

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