



Former Sears Armory should not be used as a shelter for homeless people

I am shocked and appalled to hear that Portland Mayor Charlie Hales' latest scheme is to take over the Westside Emergency Services Center (former Sears Armory) on Multnomah Boulevard to house homeless people!

The city of Portland clearly has let the homeless situation get out of control and dumping these people in Southwest Portland is not the answer. This facility has been specifically targeted to support the west side for emergency services and resources.

The building needs to be used for the

original intent. Furthermore, it would be a disservice to homeless people as there is no public transportation or access to [critical] services.

It is clear that city of Portland is a magnet for homeless folks who know how to work the system and where they know they can get away with just about anything.

How about toughening up policies so that this population will find somewhere else to set up camp? Many of this population choose [homelessness] as an alternative lifestyle, use drugs and have mental health issues.

If the average citizen tried to set up camp at Waterfront Park, we would not be allowed to do so. Portland makes it too easy and it is widely known that this is a place where the city allows lots of illegal activity.

Take a look at other cities and find a model that will not make Portland a magnet because city laws are not enforced. Take Portland back!

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Wilson men's cross country team wins PIL championship

In October, the "Green Machine" that is Wilson cross country had a historic day of racing at the 2015 Portland Interscholastic League district championships.

The afternoon started off with our junior varsity women Trojans finishing a strong fourth place. The lead pack of Trojans included freshmen Annika Sunderstrom, Lizzie Reunert, Emma Halling, junior Elsa Douglas, and senior Natalie McKinnon. The future is extremely bright for this group of up and comers!

The junior varsity men placed second in a very competitive JV division. The "wolfpack" was led by senior Xavier Triplett, juniors Elius Graff, Aidan Manley and freshman Caden "Kid" Samkutty, all finishing in the top 10.

However, the main events for the afternoon were in the varsity divisions. At the district championships only the top three placing teams and top ten individuals qualify for the opportunity to compete at the state meet in Eugene, on October 31st.

The varsity women's team (Grace Heizer, Isabelle Brooks, Ellie Stein, Iris Emmerick, Adarha Poasa and Aurora Emmons) ran their hearts out, yet finished in fourth place (by three points) behind Lincoln, Grant and Franklin.

However, sophomore Grace Heizer ran like the wind and finished third overall, qualifying her for state as an individual and becoming a member of the 2015 PIL all-league team.

The big news of the day was in the men's division. The mighty Trojans (Alex Slenning, Nick Slenning, Kian Mitchell, Chris Nussbaum, Caleb Seely, Sam Barhens and Chase Howard) ran a perfect race and shocked their rivals by winning the district championship.

This is the first outright district championship for Wilson cross country since 1985 and qualifies the team for the state meet. Highlighting the day was sophomore superstar and now district champ Alex Slenning who blew the field and won the race

by 12 seconds.

Junior power-house Caleb Seely made a huge move in the last 400 meters to finish in second place. Alex, Caleb and senior Chase Howard all earned All-Conference honors. Now it's on to state!

Aaron Olsen

Editor's Note: Aaron Olsen is assistant cross country coach at Wilson High School.

Correction, Wilson High School has an orchestra

Regarding, "Wilson students and teachers gear for school year," by KC Cowan, The Post, September 2015.

In the September 2015 issue of your newspaper, KC Cowan did an exciting thing by covering the registration and new school year at Wilson High School and it was great that it made the front page.

Two corrections I know of. It is not "Corey Bissonette's brother, Coby" but rather Jonah Hart's brother, Coby Hart who plays the cello in the orchestra.

And, Jonah Hart plays the viola in the orchestra. It is very interesting that last year that same orchestra had Maia Hoffman who won best violist in Oregon high schools for like four years.

The other correction is in the continuation of the story when, alas, the poor struggling orchestra did not make it on the list of classes that make the "arts well covered."

The orchestra is small and mighty. It struggles to be kept on the schedule. Please help spread the word that Wilson has one, and, I believe, is one of the two PPS high schools that do.

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