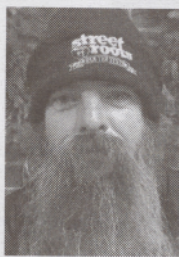


Holiday thanks

I want to say thanks to Street Roots for giving me the opportunity to get out and about and meet new, regular customers, and thanks to all my regular customers out there. I also want to say thank you to Gary Davis and Operation Nightwatch for allowing me to continue making sandwiches.



William Adams

Thank you to St. Stephens, Paul Davis of Clay

Street Table for allowing me to do our pantry lunch, even though we're all ready to pull out at the end of the day. Lastly, Danny and his mom for helping make sandwiches and Stephanie for all those tasty chicken flavored crackers.

— William Adams

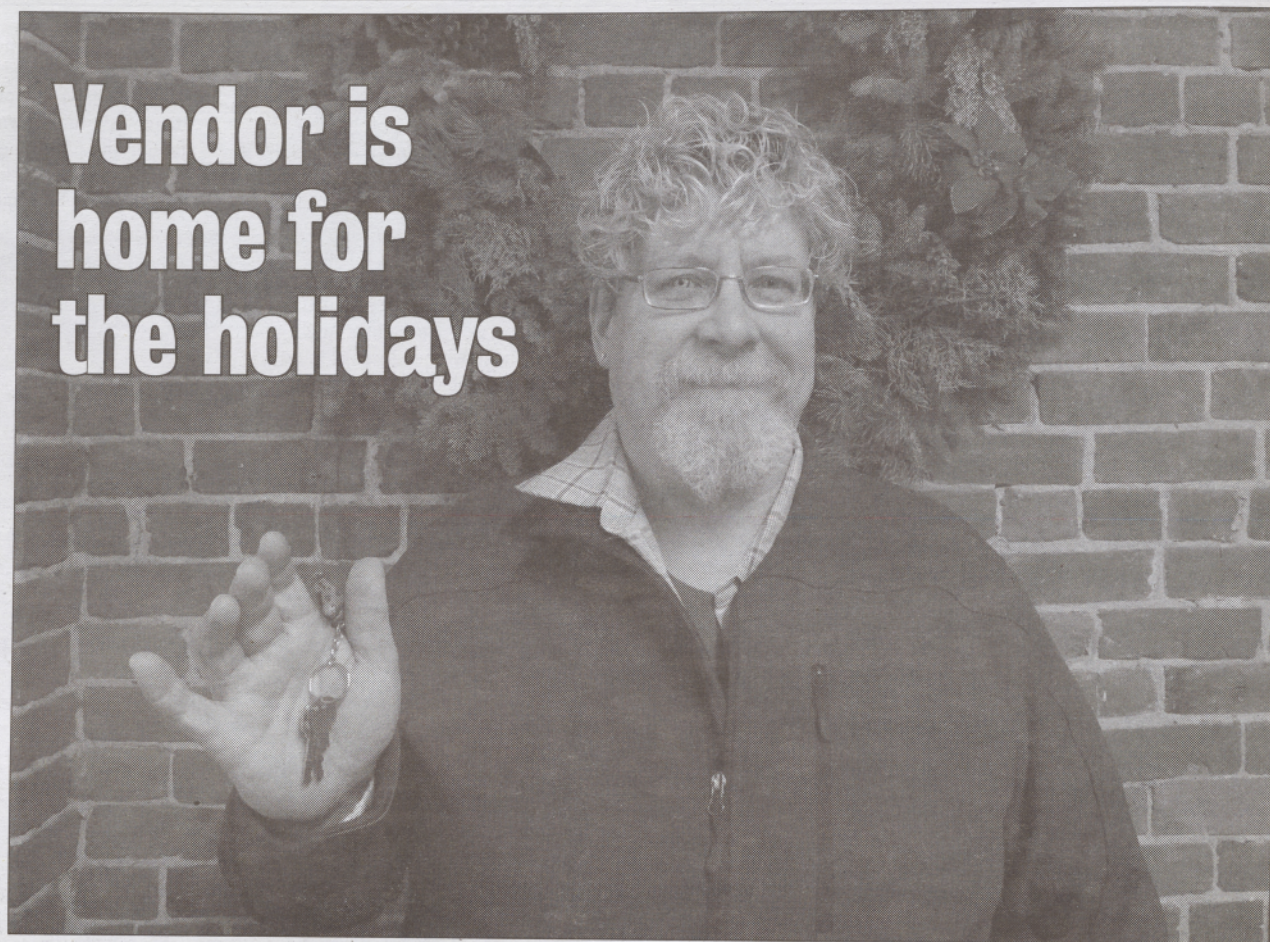
Answers to puzzles on page 15

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Vendor is home for the holidays



Steven Pease will be home for the holidays. This week he got keys to a shared apartment in Gresham Heights. "It's a ways out but other than that it gets me away from downtown. Nice, quiet, peaceful. I love it."

Just a few months ago Steven was sleeping in a Transition Projects shelter and working toward receiving disability payments. "I was able to have a little bit of stability. It gave me enough time to relax and just take things one step at a time instead of worrying about all the other stuff

that happens," said Steven. "They offered to help with the deposits and all that stuff, but I felt that since my disability came through, and I was able to take care of that all on my own and reserve that money for somebody else that's in a worse off position than me. I really believe that it was meant to happen. I put an ad on Craigslist and somebody responded."

Steven is now sharing a condo with a roommate, with hopes that it will enhance the quality of life for both of them. Steve is even able to save a bit of money now.

"The first night there I was ecstatic!" he said. "I couldn't really sleep."

"I just want to say thank you to all my customers for the blessings they've shown upon me in their own little ways and just to wish them a very happy and prosperous new year," said Steven. And for those who are still homeless, the same position Steven was in just a few weeks ago, he said, "Stay strong, stay steady and don't give up."

— Cole Merkel

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CORRECTION

In Street Roots Dec. 18 issue, Shelley Marchesi was incorrectly referred to as Home Forward's director in "Local landlords open doors to veterans." She is the director of public affairs at Home Forward. Michael Buonocore is the executive director.

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