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Congratulations: RHS Junior Baseball team takes 1st in State

Roosevelt Junior Rough Riders JBO (Junior Baseball Organization) is a feeder team into Roosevelt High School. This year's season consisted of 18 wins and 0 losses played during the normal season. The team then played for league champion and took first undefeated. The team went onto "Districts," which were held July 10, 11 & 12 in Welches, Oregon, and took first giving up just one loss. On July 16, 17, 18 & 19 they then played for the State Championship tournament in Corvallis, Oregon. The team went undefeated during the tournament and brought home a first place win. This is the second year in a row that the Junior Rough Riders have taken a state championship. The team is coached by Don Wilkinson, Kevin Arrington and Daryl Cox. Team players for this year were: John Alvarez #41 Tyler Arrington #28 Sebastian Campsey #35 Hunter Cox #43 Ethan Crawford #9 Monyell Hedgmon #7 Brady Johnson #33 Luke Meyerink #36 Jackson Monfort #34 Michael Noil #42 Markus Nordin #47 AJ Olson #3

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Dangling Protesters surprise everyone

By Gayla Patton
The Review

It was a photographer's dream come true to awaken Wednesday, July 29 to see 13 people with large red and yellow banners suspended from the bottom of the St. Johns Bridge. The sight was startling, but beautiful. Under blue sunny skies, the dangling protesters made for wonderful pictures.

Authorities expected Green Peace kayaktivist (demonstrators) to be in the Willamette River, but they did not expect to see people hanging from the bridge. State, City, and Federal Bureaus immediately put their heads together to devise a plan to peacefully remove them.

Green Peace was protesting the Royal Dutch Shell Icebreaker *Fennica*, which was in Swan Island for repairs, after which it was to join Shell's exploration fleet in the Chukchi Sea for an Arctic drilling operation. The protesters were hoping to detour and/or stop the vessel, which they had successfully done a day earlier.

After leaving them alone Wednesday, it was Thursday morning the various agencies, in full gear, in 100-degree temperatures, commenced with their plans. After closing the



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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

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bridge to foot and vehicular traffic, and closing the Willamette River from Kelly Point Park to Swan Island to all boat traffic, Portland Fire Bureau brought their big rigs onto the bridge with members from their high-angle rescue team. Carefully they began lowering themselves from the bridge to cut the connecting ropes between several of the protesters and set up rigs that would lower three of the hanging protesters if they did not cooperate.

At approximately 4:30pm Rescue workers asked protesters if they would leave voluntarily before action was taken. They denied

the request before eventually lowering themselves voluntarily one at a time into waiting boats below. "Our number one priority was safety," said Sgt. Pete Simpson of the Portland Police Bureau.

It was unknown at the time, but law enforcement's plan was to just remove three protesters allowing enough room for the *Fennica*, (which had already left Swan Island,) to pass between the rest of the danglers.

After a lone protester was removed from the Railroad Bridge, it was raised and the *Fennica*

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St. Johns Central Hotel begins five-week campaign toward restoration

By Barbara Quinn
St. Johns Review

Due to increasing developer pressure in St. Johns, Risa and Brent Davis, local proprietors of Central Hotel, have been turned down for contract renewal for purchasing the hotel building. "We went to renew our contract with the owner and she said there is another offer in," said Risa. The couple, who have envisioned restoration of the building to its original 1800s storefront style, including adding several stories that burned, said they discovered good structural bones beneath the stucco 1960's exterior. Since signing the original contract for purchase of the hotel, they have worked many hours at its restaurant and also at outside jobs to support their vision.

They fear an outside developer would likely tear down the building rather than take the time to restore the underlying structure. Risa Davis has been a board member of the Architectural Heritage Foundation and has taken classes through the National Trust

for Historic Properties on repurposing old buildings. She values the original Central Hotel and would like to restore the building to its original character. The Davises have taken an active role in the adjacent St. Johns Plaza by asking Portland Parks to post signs prohibiting alcohol use beyond the restaurant's outdoor seating area. They've also recently completed several thousand dollars worth of improvements to the hotel including painting the exterior and adding new signage with the help of St. Johns Main Street.

The Davises have put in another offer on the building of \$980,000 and must come up with a 30% cash down payment, \$300,000, for the bank loan by September 5, five weeks away. They will use \$50,000 of their own savings and have kicked off a campaign to raise the remaining \$250,000 on Indiegogo at indiegogo.com/projects/the-central-hotel-st-johns/ where you can see a video about the project.

The campaign offers several levels of participation that start at \$1 and go

to \$5,000+. Donors at the \$5000 level and above will gain coop ownership in the building. "People can own a little piece of St. Johns," said the couple. The coop would then be the purchaser of the building, which would be sold to the Hotel Project to start work on restoration. A similar plan has worked in the Cully neighborhood where locals combined resources to cooperatively buy the Sugar Shack in order to repurpose the building. The hotel purchase would help preserve the character and history of St. Johns town center, once a bustling, independent city in its own right say the Davises.

The headquarters for the campaign will be the hotel restaurant at 8608 N. Lombard where a graphic will show the climb of funding toward the final goal. Participants can bring contributions directly to the restaurant at any time. Risa is also available 1-3pm every Friday to answer questions, accept funds or offer help with Indiegogo. Call 503-477-5489 or email them at centralhotelstjohns@gmail.com with support, questions or suggestions.

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photos of the
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