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'Ajax,' an oil painting by Gabriel Fernandez.



A ceramic work by Michelle Gallager.

Guardino's Featured Artists

Two artists, clay sculptor Michelle Gallager and oil painter Gabriel Fernandez will show with their works of art on display through Sunday, Nov. 20 at the Guardino Gallery, 2939 N.E. Alberta St.

Gallager is inspired by her interest in the face and figure. Her life-long fascination of primates, and a career in the theatre arts as a prop master, drove



her to create sculptures of children, monkeys and other odd creatures.

Fernandez explores the personas of inanimate objects and moods by painting with realism, color, composition and texture.

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Celebrating 40 Years of Amtrak

Amtrak joined local residents to celebrate four decades of rail passenger service when its 40th anniversary exhibit train made a stop in Portland.

The special train, with artifacts and memorabilia, left Washington D.C. in May and stopped in cities both large and small before arriving

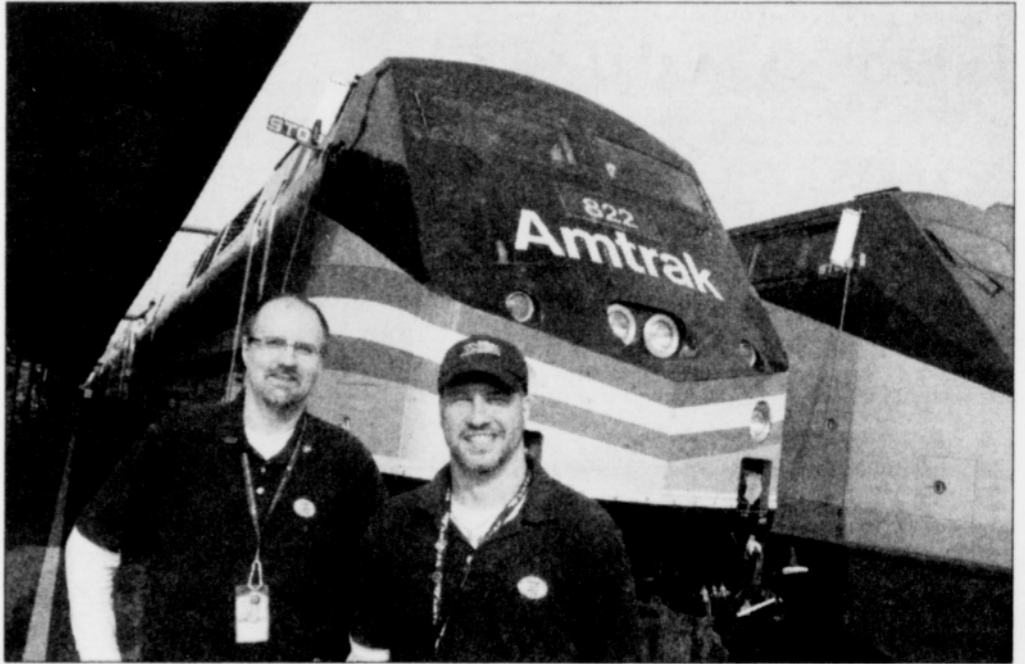


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 Amtrak's Christopher Jagodzinski and Steven Ostrowski welcome folks to the 40th anniversary celebration of the passenger train service during a celebration in Portland.

in Portland on Oct. 29.

Led by a diesel-electric locomotive decorated in a historic Amtrak paint scheme, the exhibit included three baggage cars which were renovated into exhibition space to show visitors the achievements of Amtrak since its creation as America's intercity passenger service in 1971.

Amtrak is on the path to a new ridership record, which is estimated to be more than 28.7 million passengers, who rode their trains in 2010.


"Not many companies survive for 40-years," wrote Amtrak President and CEO Joe Boardman in Amtrak: An American Story. "And those that do survive because they have talented people, a great product, and a strong history."

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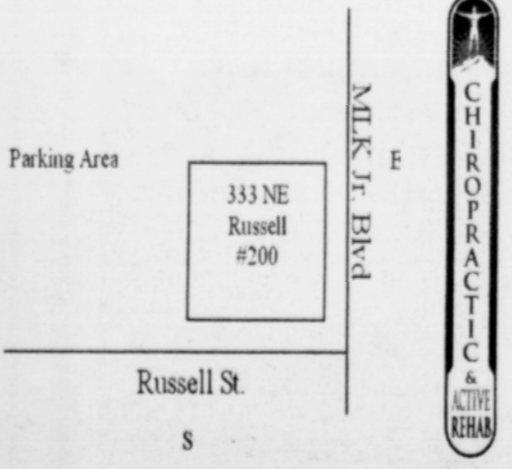
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Enjoy Native American Culture

The eighth annual enrichment for the whole family. Kanawaksooma (Quiet Thunder) powwow is coming to Mt. Hood Community College on Saturday, Nov. 12, noon to 10 p.m. This cultural celebration offers traditional Native American music, dance, crafts, food and cultural

Chako Kum Tux, the college's Native American student club, welcomes the public to this free event. It will be held in the MHCC gym at 26000 S.E. Stark St. Parking is free in lots U and V (enter on 27th Street).