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5 Things for Tuesday, including Pok Pok's missing food truck and an update on Homer Williams' homeless efforts



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May is off to a nice spring-like start so far. Hopefully that will continue. But if not, and a little rain seeps in like forecasters are expecting, you'll still have these 5 Things to keep the day bright.

Homer's homeless

Less than a month ago, [Homer Williams](#) and Oregon Harbor of Hope announced that [Columbia Sportswear CEO Tim Boyle was donating \\$1.5 million for a homeless "navigation center"](#) under the Broadway Bridge. That effort hasn't lost any momentum and, in fact, is moving forward

speedily. This week, the city of Portland noted a request for early assistance from the project, which is among the early steps of the permitting process for construction projects in the city. The application listed the applicant as Will Denecke, Oregon Harbor of Hope. Denecke is a planning and real estate development consultant.

Was that Lester Holt?

Why yes, yes it was Lester Holt here in Portland. The NBC Nightly News anchor was in town recently to check out the city, take a bike ride and report not only on the opioid crisis but also some teens who are feeding the homeless as part of a weeklong "Across America" series. Holt and his NBC crew also set up on the Eastbank Esplanade for last night's news broadcast.

Bye-bye Pok Pok?

Not really, but someone did steal the popular Thai restaurant's food truck/trailer from its home at 3120 S.E. Milwaukie Ave. early Friday morning. Pok Pok sent photos around social media in search of the trailer, and later that night, [according to the Oregonian](#), two people spotted it in North Portland. On Twitter, the restaurant noted that trailer was "a bit trashed, and some items are missing, but it could be much worse."

Big buy

There wasn't much chatter about this deal, but it's a big one. Longtime Portland real estate company Melvin Mark Companies partnered with the Rose City's [Becker Capital Management](#) to buy Five Centerpointe in Lake Oswego for \$27.85 million. There are a lot more details about the recent deal in [our exclusive story](#).

Fine wining and dining

The popular ["Dinners in the Field"](#) dinner series, which brings together food lovers, farmers and winemakers, is back again this year with 35 dinners set to take place between May and December. The dinner series comes from the mind of Pascal Chureau, chef and owner of Field & Vine Events and Allium Bistro in West Linn. The venues range from the Wooden Shoe Tulip Farm and Cornell Farm to wineries and vineyards like [Domaine Serene](#), [Willamette Valley Vineyards](#) and Eola Hills. The series kicks off May 12, and a portion of the proceeds benefits the nonprofit Oregon Farm Loop.