

Body in Brookfield was Beaverton man

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The body found on a beach near Brookfield, Washington, earlier this month has been identified as a Beaverton man.

Recreational boaters found the body of Scott J. Baguley, 61, on the Columbia River shore April 2. He disappeared in July and his car was located in a church parking lot in Rainier near the

Lewis and Clark Bridge.

A postmortem examination and comparison of teeth with dental records helped authorities identify the body, Wahkiakum County Prosecuting Attorney Dan Bigelow said.

Though tests were conducted, a cause of death is still unknown due to the condition of the remains. Foul play is not suspected, Bigelow said.

Clatsop gets two corrections deputies

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Two of Oregon's 39 new corrections deputies will work for the Clatsop County.

The Oregon Public Safety Academy in Salem will hold a graduation April 21 for its Basic Corrections

Local class. Deputies Alex Brown and Kyle Bush of the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office are listed as two of the graduates.

The ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. Lt. Matt Phillips of the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office will be the guest speaker.

J.C. Penney store closure in Pendleton delayed

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The clock hasn't struck midnight yet for J.C. Penney in Pendleton.

The company plans to close 138 stores across the country, including locations in Pendleton, La Grande, The Dalles and Astoria. Liquidation was supposed to begin Monday, but has instead been pushed back to Monday, May 22.

Michelle Mizerka, Pendleton store manager, confirmed the news Thursday. Corporate officials say stronger-than-ex-

pected traffic and sales have led to the postponement, though Mizerka said she could not discuss business locally.

The status of the Astoria store was not immediately available.

J.C. Penney still intends to close the stores July 31 — about six weeks later than originally announced.

The store on Pendleton's Main Street is the oldest J.C. Penney still operating at its original location nationwide. The closure will affect 20 associates.

Two bills reversing GMO pre-emption die in Oregon

Questions still loom about pollination, mediation

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Two bills that would have allowed local governments in Oregon to regulate genetically engineered crops have died in the Legislature.

Lawmakers prohibited most local governments from restricting seed in 2013, but Senate Bill 1037 and House Bill 2469 would have exempted genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, from that statewide pre-emption law.

State Sen. Michael Dembrow, D-Portland, said he's decided to let SB 1037 die during the Thursday meeting of the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee, which he chairs.

A legislative deadline previously killed HB 2469 in the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

There are still too many looming questions about the extent of cross-pollination of conventional and organic crops from GMOs and the efficacy of mediation aimed at promoting coexistence, Dembrow said.

"I want to get a sense if there are problems with contamination or if there are problems with the mediation process," Dembrow said, adding that he planned to hold an informational session on the matter.

Conflicting testimony

The committee recently heard conflicting testi-



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State lawmakers have killed bills that would have allowed local GMO regulation.

mony about the frequency of cross-pollination among genetically engineered, conventional and organic crops.

While supporters of SB 1037 said they face market shutdowns from the presence of biotech traits in their seeds, opponents of the bill said very few organic growers reported crop loss from GMOs to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

No growers in Oregon have taken advantage of a mediation program overseen by USDA to resolve GMO disputes, said Barry Bushue, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau, which opposes the bill.

The right to self-determination among local governments versus the efficiency of statewide agricultural rules was also debated during the legislative hearing.

"We're asking for flexibility in Oregon," said Mary Middleton, director of Oregonians for Safe Farms and Families, a group that supported a ballot initiative banning GMOs in Josephine County.

While voters in Josephine County voted in favor of the

GMO ban in 2014, a state judge has ruled the ordinance is pre-empted by state law.

Middleton urged the committee members to "honor the will of the people" by passing SB 1037, which would retroactively make Josephine County's ordinance effective.

Proponents of SB 1037 argued that lawmakers passed the statewide pre-emption on local seed rules with the understanding that Oregon regulators would step into the breach, but that hasn't materialized.

"Our farms remain at risk of contamination because the state has not put any protections in place," said Carol Valentine, a Josephine County resident.

Counties oppose

The Association of Oregon Counties opposed SB 1037 because genetic engineering is a complex issue best left to the state government, said Mike McArthur, the group's executive director.

"This is not the proper role for a county government to be engaged in," he said.

Lawmakers created an

exception to the 2013 pre-emption bill for Jackson County, which already had a GMO ban proposal on its ballot at that point.

McArthur said the government of Jackson County is nonetheless not enforcing the GMO ban due to a lack of resources.

Craig Pope, a Polk County commissioner, said he sympathizes with the organic farming community but said county governments need to focus on public safety and other key services.

"Continuing to hammer at pre-emption is not going to solve this problem," Pope said.

The economic threat of cross-pollination among organic, conventional and GMO crops was also debated at the Wednesday hearing.

Buyers of organic seed have no tolerance for traces of biotech traits, so the risk posed by GMO crops is a one-way street that can only damage organic growers, said Don Tipping, an organic producer in southern Oregon.

"For us, this is an economic issue," he said.

Buffer strip

Helle Ruddenklau, a seed grower in Polk County who opposed SB 1037, said the problem of cross-pollination isn't limited to GMO crops, but farmers find ways to resolve the issue.

For example, if a neighbor is planting a related seed crop, Ruddenklau establishes a buffer strip to distance her crop from the pollen, she said.

"That's a financial burden for us, but it's a cost of being a certified seed grower in Oregon," she said.

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TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
41	55 40	63 46	55 47	56 45

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Astoria through Thursday. Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

City	Hi	Lo	W	Sat	Lo	W
Astoria	41/55					
Tillamook	39/56					
Portland	38/60					
The Dalles	37/62					
Pendleton	35/57					
La Grande	30/52					
Salem	35/61					
Prineville	24/56					
John Day	27/52					
Baker	25/52					
Eugene	34/60					
Bend	24/53					
Medford	35/64					
Klamath Falls	23/56					
Lakeview	22/55					
Coos Bay	38/59					
Roseburg	36/63					
Brookings	39/59					
Ashtland	31/62					

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight: 8:02 p.m.
Sunrise Saturday: 6:29 a.m.
Moonrise today: 11:32 p.m.
Moonset today: 8:42 a.m.

Apr 19: Last, New, First, Full

Apr 26: Last, New, First, Full

May 2: Last, New, First, Full

May 10: Last, New, First, Full

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OBITUARY

Thomas Charles Durham

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Sept. 9, 1956 — March 26, 2017

Thomas Charles Durham, 60, passed away on March 26, 2017 in Portland, Oregon.

He was born on Sept. 9, 1956 in Astoria, Oregon, to his parents, Norman and Minnie Durham. He was the youngest of five sons. He graduated from Astoria High School in 1974, and from Oregon State University in 1979.

He and his wife have been married 34 years and have two grown sons, Nathaniel (29) and Nicholas (25).

Tom worked for Bonneau Products for 33 years. After the sale of the plant, he went to work for West Linn Paper Co.

Tom had a deep abiding faith in God and loved reading his Bible, which he came to know well. He believed God and believed his promises and is now in the presence of Christ, his savior, and

will one day be resurrected.

Tom lived a simple life. He enjoyed walking, riding his bike and his Oregon State Beavers!

Tom will be remembered as a wonderful and loving husband and father. He was humble, soft spoken and gentle. His family will fondly remember his wonderful sense of humor.

Tom was preceded in passing by his parents, and his brothers, Benjamin and Richard Durham. He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Annette Durham; his sons, Nathaniel and Nicholas Durham; his brothers, Don (Lorrie) and Gary Durham; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Thomas will be laid to rest at Cliffside Cemetery in Sandy. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Bible Church in Portland.



Thomas Durham

DEATHS

April 12, 2017

CABALLERO, Felix Gomez, 89, of Longview, Washington, formerly of Astoria, died in Longview. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

April 11, 2017

HAYDON, Ronald A., 76, of Hammond,

died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

WESTHOVEN, Betty C., 90, of Beaverton, formerly of Seaside, died in Beaverton. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

ON THE RECORD

DUI

At 1:22 a.m. Thursday, Pavel Civetz, 32, of Portland, was arrested by the Astoria Police Department near the Youngs Bay Bridge for driving under the influence of intoxicants. His blood alcohol content was 0.21 percent and he was also cited for failing to maintain lane and speeding.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Knappa School Board, 5:30 p.m., Knappa High School, 41535 Old U.S. Highway 30.

Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.
Jewell School Board, 7:30 p.m., Jewell School library, 83874 Oregon Highway 103.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Thursday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 1-6-1-9
4 p.m.: 8-1-6-3
7 p.m.: 2-3-8-3
10 p.m.: 1-7-5-4

WASHINGTON

Thursday's Daily Game:
8-6-0
Thursday's Keno: 01-03-05-14-18-20-21-26-31-33-36-37-43-44-49-59-63-65-77-80
Thursday's Match 4: 03-12-20-22

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