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## A brief refuge from the cold



Men wait outside the Astoria Senior Center, converted to a warming center, as volunteers set up inside Tuesday. The warming center opens on nights when the temperature is expected to drop below 35 degrees.

## New Astoria Warming Center provides night shelter for homeless, needy

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Wayne W. said he would probably have spent the past few wintry nights sleeping in a pup tent outside if not for the new Astoria Warming Center, a temporary night shelter meant to fill a gap in social services for the homeless and needy.

Homeless for the past several months, he described himself as a 60-year-old disabled Army veteran muddled after a personal loss. He said he has a line on a place to live soon, but Tuesday night, when temperatures fell below freezing, he was among more than a dozen people who took advantage of the makeshift shelter at the Astoria Senior Center.

"It was just a blessing. It really is," said Wayne W., who had also stayed at the shelter Sunday night, the first night it opened, and Monday night.

Approved in November by the Astoria City Council, the warming center is using space in the senior center, which is awaiting renovation. The

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Volunteer Charles Schweigert walks past shelves of donated blankets, sheets, and pillows in the warming center.



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Volunteer Kate Leonard and Larry Miller, executive director of the senior center, walk past beds in the warming center. Bedding is kept in plastic bags for guests that have stayed multiple nights in the warming center. New guests receive donated bedding to use.

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Volunteer Jack Leonard hangs a sign with some of the rules of the warming center.

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AP Photo/Argus Leader, Joe Ahlquist, File Susan Edwards, of Westborough, Mass., browses the wine selection at Prairie Berry East Bank in downtown Sioux Falls, S.D., in July. Wine connoisseurs will be popping the cork over a new law taking effect today that allows out-of-state wineries to ship bottles directly to consumers in Massachusetts.

## Nix the tiger selfies

New laws OK wine shipments, give chicken more space

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — New state laws taking effect Thursday give livestock in California more living room, approve direct-to-consumer wine shipments in Massachusetts and levy the ultimate punishment on wannabe teen drivers in Nevada by denying them licenses if they skip too much school.

Other laws will allow Louisiana teens as young as 16 to register to vote, crack down on meth dealers in Michigan, end tax breaks for Hollywood in North Carolina and raise the minimum wage in Ohio, New York, Rhode Island and elsewhere.

Although it doesn't take effect until early February, a New York law captures this year's "Who knew?" prize by banning tiger selfies, which have been used by young men as profile photos on social media sites.

A look at some of the new laws taking effect Jan. 1, in alphabetical order by topic:

### ALCOHOL

Wine connoisseurs will be popping the cork over a new law taking effect Thursday that allows out-of-state wineries to ship bottles directly to consumers in Massachusetts. The drive for direct wine shipments had been stalled for years before getting a big boost from former New England Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe. Now a winemaker in Washington state, Bledsoe complained to lawmakers he could not send his products to Massachusetts residents, including fans and former teammates like current Patriots quarterback Tom Brady.

### ANIMALS

In California, a ballot initiative approved by voters in 2008 takes effect restricting the confinement of egg-laying hens, breeding sows and

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## Nursing teacher worked way up West Coast

CCC's new instructor arrived in August

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Slowly but surely, Karson Nasstrom's been making her way up the West Coast.

A former nurse practitioner from Coos Bay, Nasstrom made her latest move in August, when she, husband Doug and two daughters, Piper, 3, and Poppy, 6, relocated to Astoria.

She started in the fall as one of the newest nursing instructors at Clatsop Community College.

Nasstrom and her husband have spent their professional lives in the health care industry, Nasstrom as a nurse prac-



itioner and Doug as an anesthesiologist.

"Nursing is a field of caring and education," Nasstrom said, about her natural transition from nurse practitioner to instructor. "You do a lot of education with patients."

"I saw myself doing a lot of that, educating patients and promoting health."

She joins a vaunted program at CCC with four nursing faculty in Astoria, another teacher located at Tillamook Regional Medical Center and a pristine record of almost all its nursing graduates passing their licensing exams the first time out.

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