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City Lumber owner to take on Flavel home

Greg Newenhof agrees to pay \$221,901 for historic property

By DERRICK DePLEDGE
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The Flavel home, a historic but neglected relic of Astoria, finally has a new owner.

Greg Newenhof, who with his brother, Jeff, owns City Lumber Company,

has agreed to pay \$221,901 in cash for the long vacant mansion at 15th Street and Franklin Avenue.

"I plan to fix it up and move into the house," Greg Newenhof said Thursday evening.

Newenhof, who lives two blocks away on 17th Street and frequently walks

and drives by the Flavel home, said he helped a conservator work on the property when she was preparing for the sale.

"I've always just enjoyed that look to the house and thought, 'Wow, neat house,'" he said.

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The Flavel home at 15th Street and Franklin Avenue went up for sale after the owner agreed to sell in December.

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GREEN LIGHT

Senate gives fish commish go-ahead to Buckmaster by 18-12 vote

By HILLARY BORRUD
Capital Bureau

SALEM — The Oregon Senate voted Thursday morning to confirm two controversial appointees to the Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission.



Bruce Buckmaster

The sport-fishing industry and some recreational anglers lobbied hard to stop Gov. Kate Brown's appointment of Astoria resident Bruce Buckmaster to the commission because of his work on behalf of the commercial fishing industry, but the Senate voted 18-12 to confirm Buckmaster. The Senate also voted 27-3 to confirm Jason Atkinson of Jacksonville to the commission. Senators voted unanimously to confirm 92 other appointments by the governor to various boards and commissions.

During a committee hearing earlier this week, sportfishers said they want the governor to appoint a commissioner who works in their industry. It is unclear how Brown might respond to that request, but the Senate Committee on Rules held back the governor's two reappointments to the commission — Holly Akenson of Enterprise, and Michael Finley of Medford — because senators said they were concerned commissioners did not do enough to prevent budget problems at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The seven fish and wildlife commissioners serve four-year terms and are appointed to represent the state's Congressional districts. Brown appointed Buckmaster to fill the position representing Oregon's 1st Congressional District, after former Gov. John Kitzhaber left that position vacant for more than two years.

Sen. Arnie Roblan, D-Coos Bay, carried the Buckmaster nomination. Buckmaster previously owned a salmon feed company and served on the board of Salmon for All, a group that represents commercial fishermen, processors and other businesses on the

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Swim because you love it!



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Taylor Christie, a junior at Astoria High School, swims during single-pool-length drills at the North Coast Swim Club practice at the Astoria Aquatic Center Wednesday.

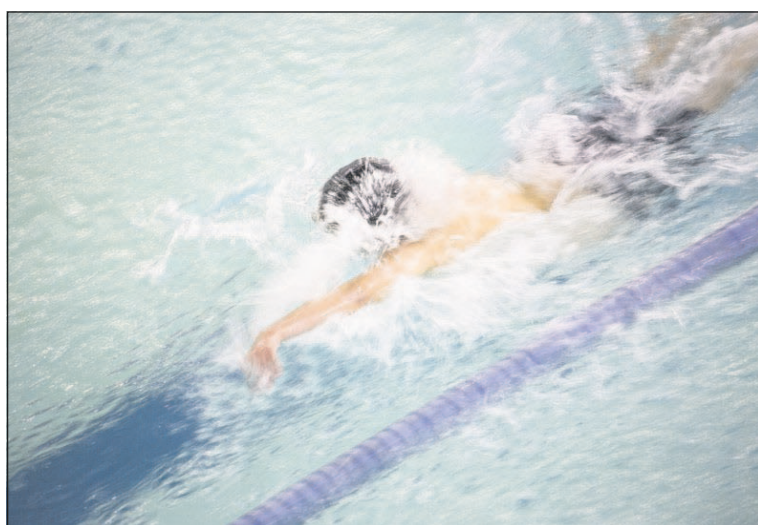
North Coast Swim Club takes drive, fun, discipline

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

With a stopwatch in hand, Alex Reed paced alongside the 25-yard-long pool in the Astoria Aquatic Center Tuesday night yelling out lap times as a dozen swimmers made their way through the water.

Reed, entering his third year as head coach of the North Coast Swim Club, understands every second matters to the swimmers who are pursuing state championships and invitations to national meets.

"It takes a lot of discipline to grind out a tough two-hour work-



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In this long-exposure photograph, Jacob Hulti, a student at Astoria High School, swims the length of the pool during a timed drill at the Astoria Aquatic Center.

out," Reed said. "These kids are pretty incredible."

Reed coaches advanced swimmers in the Gold training group six nights a week. Beginners are placed in the Bronze group taught

by Monica Feigert, who also works at the Aquatic Center. Intermediate swimmers are in the Silver group coached by U.S. Coast Guard rescue swimmer Brad Simmons.

A total of about 40 children

HOW TO JOIN

Those interested in joining or sponsoring the North Coast Swim Club are encouraged to visit www.swimnorthcoast.org for more information and contact details.

— 6 years old to high-school age — participate in the North Coast Swim Club, a year-round competitive swim club that follows standards, rules and regulations of USA Swimming Inc. The club draws children from across the Lower Columbia region, including members of the Astoria and Seaside high school swim teams.

"I grew up swimming. It's the sport I kept coming back to. I love that day in and day out, yearlong grind," Reed said. "It's a lot of work and a lot of hours, but watching these kids grow up as individuals, makes it all worth it."

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Interest in remodeling library, old hotel remains



Courtesy of Jeff Daly

The Waldorf Hotel sign behind some railings inside the Merwyn Building.

Developers pitch potential fallback for Heritage Square

By DERRICK DePLEDGE
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As Astoria looks to Heritage Square for a new library and mixed-use housing project, some have not given up on renovating the existing public library and, if possible, the old Waldorf Hotel.

The City Council this week adopted goals for the next fiscal year that include looking into a new library with housing at Heritage Square, a definitive course after months of uncertainty about a location.

Behind the scenes, though, some remain interested in working with the city to expand the aging Astoria Public Library at 10th and Exchange streets into

the vacant Waldorf Hotel next door and using the top floors of the hotel for housing.

Ted Osborn, the president of the Lower Columbia Preservation Society and a retired architect, has shared drawings for a renovated library and hotel with housing. He has said he would consider developing the housing portion of a project.

Others, including developers working with Suenn Ho, the Portland urban designer behind the Garden of Surging Waves at Heritage Square, have also shown interest.

City Councilor Cindy Price was unable to convince the council to add the option of renovating the existing library to the goals for next fiscal year, but she does want an alternative to Heritage Square.

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