

## Summer academy takes students into the wild



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Shoshanna McCleary, foreground, and Pi Espinoza, background, watch for birds at a wetland restoration site along the Klaskanine River Monday. The two are part of Upward Bound Summer Academy helping measure the effectiveness of the restoration project.

## Upward Bound program helps prepare youth for college

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Astoria High School seniors Pi Espinoza and Shoshanna McCleary paused along the water and listened quietly to the birdsong. For three minutes, they waited and surveyed. Then they walked back up the trail to the next site to do it all over again.

"Now it's not just noise anymore," McCleary said. "Now you know exactly what kind of bird it is."

Espinoza and McCleary are part of Clatsop Community College's Upward Bound Summer Academy. The program, funded by a \$296,588 federal grant, prepares promising students from local high schools for higher education. As part of the program, the students get to choose an afternoon project to work on.

Espinoza and McCleary have spent their afternoons studying a restored wetland on the Klaskanine River, nearly 9 miles from Astoria. Espinoza is no stranger to the program. She attended last year and chose the mock United Nations project. She's interested in law, spurred on by stories of injustice.

Monday, they surveyed birds while their classmates set out 2-liter soda bottles as tadpole traps at designated places in the wetlands, marking them with strips of flagging material. The traps are left out about 24 hours, and students pay particular attention to the Northern red-legged frog, northern Pacific tree frog and American bullfrog, according to the protocol.



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Marcos Stewart counts out tadpole traps before setting out to set them up.



Upward Bound students Marcos Stewart, left, and Monica Alward, right, set off down the Klaskanine River to set tadpole traps.

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The project also studies pH, dissolved oxygen levels, temperature and turbidity in the wetland as measures of water quality.

### A downy woodpecker

At one of their first survey sites, Espinoza and McCleary spotted a bird in the trees behind them. The

binoculars came up as they investigated its identity. The two students went back and forth, talking about color and beak length before deciding it was a downy woodpecker. The bird was not on the list of 20 species they are surveying, but they made note of it.

As part of their training, they spent time learning identifying characteristics of the birds they are studying, as well as birdsong and habitat.

There are eight sites where they survey birds, and some can be difficult to access.

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## Citizens rebuff license to beg

### Proposed rule changes for panhandlers come under fire in Seaside

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SEASIDE — The Seaside City Council tabled an amendment to the itinerant merchant ordinance after testimony from numerous residents, as well as the audible support the speakers received from the audience during Monday's meeting.

During the public hearing, words such as "wrong," "brutal," "discriminatory" and "a street-sweeping technique" were used to describe the amendment, which would expand the definition of "itinerant merchant" to include anyone who "provides a service (entertainment, etc.) or solicits for any form of compensation or remuneration."

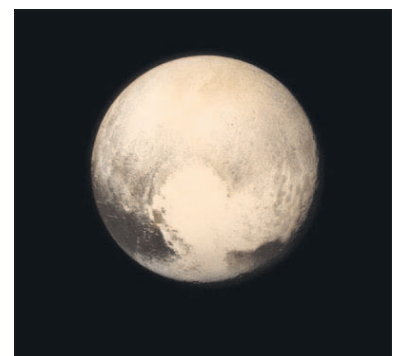
Street merchants would have to pay \$50 per day or as much as \$1,000 per year for a permit. The broader definition would cover panhandlers, which were the main source of concern for many.

"Draconian policies against the homeless are not the answer," Mary Eng said during the public hearing, "We need humanitarian solutions."

Adopted in 1984, the ordinance regulates the buying and selling of merchandise by individuals who do not have a fixed location.

The city code entirely bans begging or soliciting on the streets or

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NASA/AP

Pluto as seen from the New Horizons spacecraft. The United States is now the only nation to visit every single planet in the solar system. Pluto was No. 9 in the lineup when New Horizons departed Cape Canaveral, Fla. on Jan. 19, 2006.

## Pluto's close-up

### Spacecraft makes flyby of mystery world

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — We've made it to Pluto by NASA's calculations, the last stop on a planetary tour of the solar system a half-century in the making.

The moment of closest approach for the New Horizons spacecraft came around 4:49 a.m. PDT Tuesday, culminating an epic journey from planet Earth that spanned an incredible 3 billion miles and 9½ years.

"This is truly a hallmark in human history," said John Grunsfeld, NASA's science mission chief. "It's been an incredible voyage."

Based on everything NASA knows, New Horizons was pretty much straight on course for the historic encounter, sweeping within 7,700 miles of Pluto at 31,000 mph. It actually happened 72 seconds earlier and about 40 miles closer than anticipated.

But official confirmation of the flyby wasn't due until Tuesday

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## Cannon Beach drinks to Harley Sroufe

### Memorial fountain up and flowing at the library after 41 years in other places

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CANNON BEACH — James Harley Sroufe was a well-loved character in Cannon Beach, and now his memory can live on more fully in the public eye. The 41-year-old fountain built to honor Sroufe was relocated to the front of Cannon Beach Library and rededicated Thursday.

Sroufe's Grocery on North Hemlock Street from 1951 until his death in 1964, and was a member of the city parks committee.

Sroufe Memorial Fountain, a drinking fountain in the shape of a seashell, was designed by the late John Yeon, a former Portland architect and Cannon Beach resident, and originally placed in the city park Sroufe helped create.

"Nobody could think of where else it might be put," Sroufe's son, Gerald Sroufe, said. "Main Street wasn't quite as grand as it is today."

The fountain was relocated near the Christian Conference Center for a time before

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Members of the James Harley Sroufe family attended a memorial Thursday at the rededication ceremony in his name. Standing with the James Harley Sroufe memorial fountain from left to right are: Susan Brander, Peter Sroufe, Gerald Sroufe, Maureen Dooley-Sroufe, Clara Sroufe, Gerry Sroufe, Angie Edwards, Gladys Womack and Matthew Sroufe.

