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The Astoria Regatta fireworks show lights up the night sky over the East End Mooring Basin Saturday.

Regatta honors tradition, maritime heritage

Thousands marvel as parades, boats and fireworks light city

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Cries of "the clowns!" rang out up and down the parade route Saturday afternoon as several members of the Astoria Clowns rode up Exchange Street, red-nosed harbingers of the booming, bagpiping, candy-throwing extravaganza that is the Astoria Regatta Grand Land Parade.

The Regatta, which celebrated 121 years this season, honors the traditions of Astoria, especially ones tied to the river and the sea. This year's theme was "Rockin' on the River." Warrenton High School student Allison Bentley was crowned Regatta queen at Thursday night's coronation.

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ABOVE: The Astoria Clowns made their presence known throughout the Astoria Regatta Grand Land Parade with waves, cheers, and motorcycle antics. BELOW: The Ironwood makes its way through the Columbia River during the Highwater Boat Parade Saturday.



Seaside factors tsunami threat into boundary

Commission plans uphill growth

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SEASIDE — Tsunami preparedness, public transportation, affordable housing and environmental protection are just some of the competing concerns the city of Seaside is taking into consideration during the process of expanding.

The Planning Commission heard a second round of public testimony last week on a proposal to amend the city's comprehensive plan and pull approximately 200 acres of new land to the south and east — known as Southeast Hills — into the urban growth boundary.

City officials and consultants favor Southeast Hills as the most suitable for development over the next 20 years because of slope conditions, emergency vehicle access and infrastructure, among other factors.

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Victim wins \$40,400 from chiropractor in civil suit

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The first patient to report inappropriate touching from Warrenton chiropractor Adam Lopez was awarded \$40,400 in damages from a civil lawsuit.

The woman, who was 26 at the time, was one of eight victims to come forward last year accusing Lopez of sexual abuse.

Lopez, 59, was sentenced in July 2014 to one year in jail for sexually harassing the eight female patients during their appointments dating back to 2009. As part of his sentence, he was required to pay a \$5,000 compensatory fine to each victim.

Four more women have since made sexual abuse allegations against Lopez, who faces trial in September.



Adam Lopez

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Bumble Bee workers share blasts from the past

Reunion honors Astoria's cannery history

If there was a downside to working at the bygone Bumble Bee cannery operations in Astoria, it was the smell.

Betty Curtis, a former cannery employee, remembers that smell lingering long after she clocked out for the day.

"That tuna oil got in your hands, and so when you'd go home at night, you had to take all your clothes off, and you had to keep them separate — your shoes and your clothes that you wore — because it smelled so horrible," she said.

The memories, like the tuna



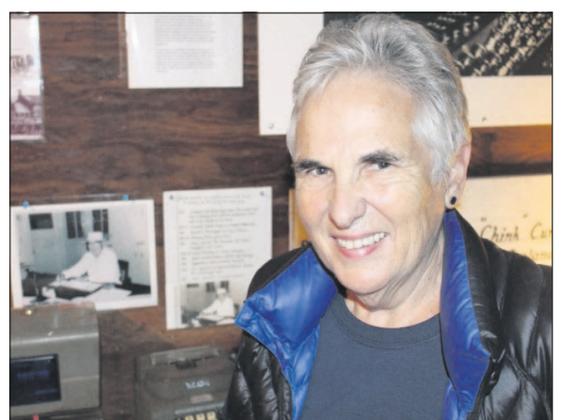
Starting in 1899, the company that later became Bumble Bee Seafoods operated the Samuel Elmore Cannery in Uniontown's "cannery row" — the next stop for the tuna cleaned and frozen at Pier 39. Bumble Bee shut down its Astoria headquarters in 1981.

itself, came at a rush for Curtis and the dozens of cannery workers and their relatives who gathered at Pier 39 Saturday for the 11th annual cannery workers reunion, organized by the Hanthorn Cannery Foundation.

Though held at the Hanthorn Cannery complex — the ex-Bumble Bee cold-storage site — the event honored anyone who ever labored in an Astoria cannery back when canning still stood among the city's economic pillars.

Her father, Arnold Curtis, served as the company's superintendent of cold storage. His desk now sits in the dimly lit Hanthorn Cannery Museum, home to relics of Astoria's canning period.

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Betty Curtis, a former Bumble Bee Seafoods cannery worker, stands before a photo of her father, Arnold Curtis, in the Hanthorn Cannery Museum at Pier 39. Arnold Curtis, who passed away in 2001, served as the company's superintendent of cold storage in Astoria.

