

Regatta: 'The kids always like the boat parade'

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Local and regional groups took part in the parade, from costumed players in the salty melodrama musical "Shanghai in Astoria" to the Portland Royal Rosarians, dressed to the nines.

Dancers representing Providence Seaside Hospital moved to the beat of "Stayin' Alive," a song used to set the rhythm for a CPR technique.

"CPR saves lives, man," one of the dancers called out, attired in blue scrubs with medical booties.

Pageant winners from all over waved from elaborate floats, including Miss Clatsop County and Miss Oregon fourth runner-up Alexis Mather. The Regatta court also made an appearance, riding on their sparkling float.

Tashi Gremer, a substitute teacher in the Knappa School District, attended the parade with her children Nadia, 7, and Kaden, 10.

Gremer had ties to many of the groups in the parade, pointing out those she knew or waving to familiar faces.

"Since I'm a teacher, half of them will try to avoid contact," she said as the state champion Knappa Loggers baseball team cruised by on their float.

Parading on the river

The Grand Land Parade wasn't the only parade Saturday. The Highwater Boat Parade took the festivities to the Columbia River.

People gathered at the 17th Street Dock to watch the parade of 17 registered boats, with a few unregistered party crashers thrown in. The gray sky sent a few mists of rain down, but the weather didn't impede the maritime procession.

"This odd wind is keeping the river flat," said Hal Nauman, from the Regatta committee. "The water is comfortable for these boats."

Leading the boats was the bright yellow Columbia River



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Thousands gathered for the Astoria Grand Land Parade Saturday.



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Willis Van Dusen waves to the crowd as the grand marshal of the Grand Land Parade.

Bar Pilot ship Astoria, which carried the Regatta court.

The boats came in at about 5 knots, a little faster as they rode the flood tide, according to Nauman. Sea lions kept the attention of many parade watchers before and even during the parade, breaching the water with loud snorts before diving back under in groups.

'Out of the soup'

As the Clatsop County Sheriff's Marine Patrol boat went by, Nauman, who announced for the parade, followed up with commentary.

"I say God bless them, they pull you out of the soup more often than they write tickets," he said.

The water taxi Miss Molly

did a donut on the river for the boat-watchers on the dock before returning to the route. The Port of Astoria Trident shot jets of water up in the air, and the shrimper Capt. Ryan sprayed water from a hose on deck.

"This is a really good parade, I think one of the better ones we've seen," said Astoria resident Angie Cereghino. "The



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The Beat Goes On marching band from Portland marches down Exchange Street during the Grand Land Parade.



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People wave and cheer from the Columbia Maritime Museum during the Highwater Boat Parade Saturday.



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Sailboats race through the Columbia River Saturday.

Curtis: She started out making boxes, then graduated to canning

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Betty Curtis — who started out making boxes and, upon turning 18, graduated to canning — worked summers for Bumble Bee during high school and college from the mid- to late 1960s.

While enrolled at Oregon State University, where she studied math, science and education, she earned enough money each summer to pay for a full year of tuition, which, at the time, was about

\$330, she said. One August, she worked in the Elmore cannery and made more than \$600.

"I guess I didn't realize how spoiled I was with all the good jobs," she said. "Today, where can a college kid get a job and make (enough money) in a summer to pay their tuition and board at a university? They can't."

'I worked here, dammit!'

Smell aside, Curtis and her

Bumble Bee brethren have fond memories of the canneries.

Astoria resident Ron Larsen remembers the friendships he formed as a 17-year-old cold storage worker during the summer of 1950.

"Working here was one of the funnest jobs I ever had," he said. "We worked hard ... but it was interesting work. And, of course, you get guys of the same age together, (there's) always a little goof-

ing off and stuff. But you still did the job."

Larsen walked over to a stretch of wall where hundreds of cannery workers, including Larsen, from Bumble Bee and elsewhere signed their names with felt-tip pens and recorded their cannery jobs and years of employment.

A tradition begun at the first reunion by Peter Marsh, the museum director, the wall of names allows the workers to claim ownership

of a place where they spent a significant part of their lives — to memorialize their contribution to the canning trade.

"It's a way to say, 'Hey, I worked here, dammit! I put in good time, and my name's on the wall,'" Marsh said.

Slowing down

Naturally, things are slowing down for the people who worked at the canneries, Marsh said. "Sad but true, we're going to have

less people here as time goes by," he said.

Every year, a greater percentage of the wall's signatures are those of the departed. Curtis' father passed away in 2001, four years before he had the chance to add his name to the collection.

"A lot of these people are no longer around," Larsen said, perusing the names. "So how long this reunion will go on? I don't know. But for now it's nice to see it going on."
— Erick Bengel

Seaside: There's concern over how future tsunamis could impact the Southeast Hills

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While a Seaside School District 10 campus is not planned for the site, at earlier meetings commission members said a potential new school campus could be readily accessible to Southeast Hills.

Of the proposed 200.8 acres of Southeast Hills, the city is proposing to designate 61.3 acres as residential low density; 54.5 acres as residential medium density; 33.5 acres as residential high density; 5.3 acres as resort residential; 16.1 acres as industrial; 19.5 acres as institutional; and 10.6 acres as park.

"We're not proposing or suggesting that any property owner has to change their current use," Commission Chair Ray Romine said. "All we're doing is making a proposed urban growth boundary expansion for some future development to occur.

That doesn't mean that it will, it just means that it can."

The city is working with consultants from HLB Otak Inc. The local engineering and consulting firm was hired for the city by Weyerhaeuser, which owns much of the land under consideration.

Future tsunami

During the meeting, the commissioners brought up concerns over how future tsunami events of various sizes might impact the Southeast Hills area and how to factor that into urbanization decisions.

Don Hanson, a principal and director for HLB Otak, provided a map of the Southeast Hills area overlaid with a tsunami modeling graphic, developed by the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries. The map showed the probable impact on the area in case of five differ-

ent tsunami event scenarios, labeled as "T-shirt sizes," or S, M, L, XL and XXL.

"We went through the acreage by zone, by proposed land use in the area and provided a summary so you could see which land uses end up in which T-shirt size tsunami event," Hanson said.

The Southeast Hills provides relative safety in the case of a small- or medium-size seismic event. If a small tsunami occurred, only 3 percent of the land would be affected.

If an extremely large event occurred, all of the Southeast Hills industrial and parklands would be impacted. A large portion of residential land would be affected, including 80 percent of high density residential lands.



Don Hanson

Because a large or medium event is considered "very probable" in the future, commissioners focused on those scenarios. Under a large disaster scenario, 41 percent of both residential high-density and 41 percent of industrial land in Southeast

Hills would be impacted, which concerned members of the commission.

The proposed expansion doesn't get buildable lands completely out of the inundation zone, but it lessens their risk and in some cases takes future residents completely out of risk categories, Seaside Planning Director Kevin Cupples said.

Think ahead

Commissioners Tom Horn-

ing and Richard Ridout suggested it might be best to think ahead and start encouraging population growth further uphill through the urban growth boundary expansion process.

The decision to put the area with a higher-density designation on the lower slopes, and subsequently more at-risk in case of tsunami events, is because the area would provide better access to the public transportation system or pedestrian pathways, which many residents rely on, Hanson said. "We're always weighing one thing against another," he said.

During the two public hearings on the topic, landowners in the Southeast Hills area voiced concerns about how the boundary expansion could affect their neighborhood. They said they are worried about tax increases, overdevelopment,

environmental impacts and higher traffic volume, especially on Wahanna Road.

Other residents have stressed the need for more affordable housing to maintain seasonal and resort employees. Expanding the boundary means providing additional land that can be developed at urban-level densities, which could help with the city's housing issue.

Planning Commission members said they are seeking input from the state on the zone changes.

Seaside resident Angela Fairless suggested the city also seek input from the North Coast Land Conservancy and Necanicum Watershed Council.

The public hearing was continued to the Planning Commission's Sept. 1 meeting.

Lopez: He was disciplined in 2006 for having a sexual relationship with a patient

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'Nightmares, anxiety'

In the civil lawsuit, the woman sought \$22,887 in economic damages for medical expenses and \$150,000 in non-economic damages related to her emotional distress. She has nightmares, anxiety, panic attacks, fear and mistrust of all medical professionals, according to the lawsuit.

"His only intent was to gratify his sexual desires by touching her private parts with no intent to provide

proper chiropractic care," Jerry Widawski, the woman's attorney, wrote in the lawsuit.

During an appointment in September 2013, she reported that while Lopez was stretching her legs out by pushing on her inner thigh and knees, his hands moved from the inner thigh across her vagina and then up the other thigh.

Touching an intimate part of the female body is not a medically recognized method of chiropractic treatment, and the woman did not consent to any of the acts, the lawsuit states.

She reported the incident to the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office. In an attempt to get an admission, a deputy urged the woman to send a text message to Lopez asking him to sexually touch her again. He responded, "I will. I did it at first by accident but second time it was not an accident. I liked it."

Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Paula Brownhill Wednesday awarded the woman \$30,400 in economic damages and \$10,000 in non-economic damages, totaling \$40,400.

"After she met with law enforcement in the days after the incident, she became fearful and anxious," Brownhill wrote. "I conclude there is a reasonable probability that defendant's medical negligence caused plaintiff's emotional distress."

Brownhill ruled in favor of Lopez on one point related to his intent to inflict emotional distress, which the woman had claimed.

Lopez did not intend to cause the woman distress, Brownhill ruled, he touched her for his own sexual gratification.

New charges

Four more women have accused Lopez of similar sex abuse during the same time period as the previous victims.

The new victims claim Lopez touched them and made them touch him sexually, according to a complaint filed in April. He is charged with 11 counts of third-degree sexual abuse, a class A misdemeanor.

A trial is scheduled in September on the new charges.

Lopez, who worked at North Coast Chiropractic Center in Warrenton, was

arrested in September 2013 and is currently on electronic monitoring.

In December, he signed a document surrendering his chiropractic license and agreeing to never apply again. He is unable to practice anywhere in the United States.

Lopez had held his chiropractic license since 1990.

He was disciplined in 2006 for having an intimate sexual relationship with a patient and was suspended for 30 days. He was required to pay a \$5,000 civil penalty and attend an ethics program.