

# A foggy flight



Attendees watch as hundreds of kites take flight into the fog during the fourth and final mass ascension event at the Washington State International Kite Festival in Long Beach, Wash., Sunday.  
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# Police searching for armed home invasion suspect

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A masked gunman reportedly entered a residence on the 1100 block of Grand Avenue in Astoria Monday night, demanded money from one of the residents and then fled on foot.

Astoria Police responded to the home invasion robbery at about 11:22 p.m.

Police officers contacted about eight occupants who said the man entered through an unlocked door, held the occupants at gunpoint and fled on foot. No one was hurt during the incident.

The suspect is described as a white man with pronounced blue eyes, about 6 feet tall,

180 to 200 pounds, wearing a camouflage jacket, dark colored pants and a dark colored mask.

Police found a camouflage jacket about a block away from the scene, and believe it likely belongs to the suspect.

"Based on the circumstances of this robbery we believe that this location was targeted and not a random act", Deputy Chief Eric Halverson said. "This does not appear to be a random thing. Somebody knew where they were going."

Anyone who believes they may have information about this incident is asked to contact the Astoria Police Department at 503-325-4411.

# College crafts search committee

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Try creating a 20-person all-star roster of leaders representing all aspects of Clatsop County.

Clatsop Community College's governing board attempted the feat Tuesday.

As part of the search for a long-term president, the college's board is assembling an approximately 20-member stakeholder community.

The board, meeting in a work session along with interim president Greg Hamilton, tiptoed over eggshells trying to come up with names for the "external stakeholder" side of the committee, balancing male and female; Astoria, Warrenton, Seaside and Cannon Beach; North, South and East county; and business and government.

Board members sought names of people who cover multiple arenas, often politicians also in the business world and governing board representatives.

On the other "internal stakeholder" side, board members fretted over how to represent the college community. The stakeholder committee will include full and part-time faculty, staff, college foundation members and a student.

"There's so many good people who could help us," said board member Karen Burke about the delicate balancing act the board plays in assembling the committee. "We just have to find a way to use them all."

### Invites will go out this week

Leslie Lipe said invites for the committee will start going out this week.

The college board votes Sept. 8 on who it wants on the committee.

The Association of Community College Trustees, the search consultant, convenes community forums in early October to gauge what the public wants in a new collegiate leader.

"From the input I'm getting, people seem relieved that we're diving right in," said board member Anne Teaford-Cantor.

The college's search calendar has it receiving applications by Jan. 4. Throughout January, the stakeholder committee will narrow the field to between eight and 12 candidates, interview and ultimately recommend five or six names to the college board.

The board interviews the candidates, narrowing the field to three finalists who

visit the college in February. Later that month, the board selects the next president.

### Memory lane

The college last looked for a president in 2010, when Greg Hamann left for Linn-Benton Community College. It took the board four months to whittle applications down to Galizio, voting 6-1 that summer to hire him.

The lone "no" vote came from board member Larry Sparks, who resigned moments before the end of the same meeting. Sparks called the presidential selection process "politicized" and "corrupted."

Galizio led the college through a large, contentious faculty layoff in 2011, and near the end of his tenure, a successful construction bond campaign that helped finance Patriot Hall's ongoing modernization.

# County's taxation director resigns

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Mike Grant, director of the Clatsop County Assessment and Taxation Department, resigned effective Monday.

Grant joined Clatsop County in 2010 as a property appraisal supervisor. County Manager Scott Somers appointed Grant as assessment and taxation director in July 2013.

His background includes an appraiser position with the Oregon Department of Revenue, ownership of real estate and mortgage brokerage businesses and serving as adjunct professor of real

estate finance courses at Marylhurst University. He has a master's degree from Tulane University.

Somers said Deputy Assessor Suzanne Johnson will serve as interim department director as the county recruits for a permanent replacement.

The assessment and taxation department is responsible for setting and updating the assessed values of all property, including land and improvements, in the county, as well as maintaining property ownership rolls, determining property tax rates, processing tax bills and collecting tax payments.