

Missing boater’s body discovered on Sunset Beach

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The body of the woman who capsized while on a fishing trip last week near the North Jetty of Grays Harbor, Wash., was found washed up Tuesday afternoon just south of Sunset Beach in Warrenton.

Someone on the beach reported seeing the dead body at about 1:30 p.m. An Oregon State Police trooper had to go out in the surf to pull the body out of the water.

The woman, identified as Tina Pittman, 41, of Olympia, Wash., was fishing in a 20-foot Boston Whaler Thursday night with Thomas Miller, 68, when they capsized in the surf off of Grays Harbor.

By Friday morning, the boat had washed up near Ocean Shores, Wash. The U.S. Coast Guard suspended the search Friday night after covering 555 square miles in 24 hours.

The Coast Guard, after being

tipped off by a beach walker, searched with an MH-60 Jayhawk from Air Station Astoria, a 47-foot motor lifeboat from Station Grays Harbor and the 87-foot patrol boat Adelie from Port Angeles, Wash.

The cause of Pittman’s death is an apparent drowning, according to state police. There did not appear to be anything suspicious about the death.

Miller, of Olympia, has not been found.

Clatskanie mayor’s husband arrested for indecent exposure

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The mayor of Clatskanie’s husband was arrested on multiple charges of public indecency, according to Oregon State Police.

State police investigated a report earlier this month of a man who frequented a Clatskanie drive-up coffee stand and had been exposing his genitals to at least one female employee.

The man, later identified as

Raymond S. Pohl, 64, the husband of Clatskanie Mayor Diane Pohl, cooperated with investigators and was arrested for multiple counts of public indecency.

Pohl had engaged in the indecent activity for some time, state police said, usually while operating a blue 2005 Chevrolet pickup. The pickup had a canopy with rack and an Oregon license of “SAR”.

Oregon State Police are continuing the investigation and

believe there may be victims of similar conduct by Pohl. If anyone has any information, they are asked to contact OSP Sgt. Luke Schwartz at 503-731-3030.

Mayor Pohl has been embroiled in the controversy involving Marvin Hoover, the city’s former police chief who retired in August after other police officers reported that he made racist comments and gestures.

Classes for parents, children offered

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Northwest Parenting has several upcoming classes for parents and their children.

Lum’s Auto Center in Warrenton will host a safety fair and child seat clinic from 10 a.m. to

2 p.m. Saturday with activities and prizes. Learn about poisons, water, fire, pedestrian and helmet safety.

Astoria and Seaside libraries host “Read for the Record,” at 6 p.m. Oct. 22, when families will gather to

read “Not Norman: A Goldfish Story.” There will be store time, crafts, snacks and a free copy of the book. Astoria Public Library is located at 450 10th St., and Seaside Public Library is located at 1131 Broadway.

Head Start recruits preschoolers

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Clatsop County Head Start is recruiting 3- and 4-year-olds to join its free preschool.

Head Start’s focus is families with incomes at or below the federal poverty guidelines. There are about 100 openings available, said Liz Visser, Clatsop area supervisor for Child & Family Development Programs.

Now in its 50th year, Head Start addresses the health and education of the child and family, offering assistance in finding medical and dental care, vision and hearing screenings for the children, and nutritional advice. The whole family is included in the learning process, through home visits and involvement with social services.

The program works with the Regional Education Service District on developmental, social and emotional screening.

“The more we work with the whole child, the bigger impact we can have on the child’s education,” Visser said.

The teachers are busy setting up the classrooms with activity centers where the children can explore computers, books, a kitchen area, building blocks and hands-on stations.

Parents are responsible for getting children to the centers. Some stipends for gas are available. Carpooling has



Liz Visser poses next to the community gardens adjacent to Astoria Head Start at Capt. Robert Gray School.

become popular. “This creates a positive community of parents willing to get the kids to school,” Visser said.

The federal poverty guideline for a family of four is \$24,250 a year.

There are three Head Start sites in Clatsop County: Seaside, Warrenton and Astoria, which can serve 209 students. Warrenton has 114 of those slots. Each location has a morning and afternoon session of four hours, four days a week, Monday through Thursday. Meals are served in the dining rooms. Classes begin Monday.

For more information, visit www.nworheadstart.org

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Port moves forward with stormwater treatment plan

State had found too much copper

By **EDWARD STRATTON**
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Since being put on notice by the state Department of Environmental Quality about too much copper entering the Columbia River, the Port of Astoria has been developing a network of pipes and pump stations to capture stormwater runoff.

The Port Commission on Tuesday voted 4-0 to spend up to \$50,100 on design and permitting of the stormwater system.

In August 2014, the state notified the Port it would have to adhere to Tier II Corrective Action requirements after two years of sampling revealed unacceptable levels of copper coming from stormwater drains near Piers 1 and 3. The state mandated that the Port turn in a treatment plan by last December,

which it did, and install treatment by next June.

In a bit of irony, the Port’s environmental engineer on the project, Ana Banasik from environmental consulting firm Maul Foster Alongi, said copper is no longer an issue, as the Port has since been under the acceptable benchmarks. But the past matters more than the present, she said, so the development of a new stormwater system continues.

Port staff submitted a stormwater treatment system that would gather runoff throughout the central waterfront and pump it to a series of bioswales on the southwestern corner of Pier 3, with filters filed with oyster shells to take out, among other things, copper and other metals. Similar systems have been used at other Ports for the same issues.

“Our plan is to design a treatment system that can handle the entire central waterfront,” Banasik said, add-

ing the Port could connect various facilities on the central waterfront to the system as needed.

“The system is designed to treat a wide range of pollutants, much of it related to log-handling,” she said.

Astoria Forest Products hopes to hook into the system, she said. The company operates a log-processing yard on Pier 3 and exports logs off of Pier 1. The company received a separate agreement on development of the stormwater system.

Banasik estimated the cost of the system at \$1.5 million to \$2.5 million, adding the cost could significantly change based on how much earth moving and other work the Port has to do. She and Robert Evert, the Port’s permit and projects coordinator, said the easiest option would be to move dirt from Pier 3 to Tongue Point for storage and possible reuse on Port property.

Aggressive bull elk attacks two Hammond residents

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A Hammond man and a teenage girl reported being chased by an aggressive bull elk Wednesday afternoon in the area of Seventh Street and Fleet Street.

Sgt. Joe Warwick, from the Oregon State Police Fish and Wildlife Division, said the elk was not provoked by either human. He believes the elk is competing with another bull elk and the fact

the elk are in the “rut season” contributed to the attack.

The aggressive bull elk has been identified and Warwick is attempting to locate the animal.

Officials are warning everyone in the Hammond area to be aware of the presence of the elk and to stay away from them.

If an elk attack occurs, residents are asked to contact their local law enforcement and Oregon Fish and Wild-

life at 503-378-3720.

People should also never feed deer and elk as it encourages interaction with humans and increases the potential for this type of incident with the bulls or with protective mother deer and elk, according to officials.

For tips on living with deer and elk, visit ODFW’s website at www.dfw.state.or.us/wildlife/living_with/deer_elk.asp

Cormorant killing resumes despite legal fight

Associated Press

PORTLAND — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has resumed killing double-crested cormorants so the birds eat fewer juvenile salmon migrating down the Columbia River despite an ongoing legal battle with conservation groups.

The Oregonian reported that contracted workers shot 200 cormorants last week on East Sand

Island as part of a program to reduce the size of North America’s biggest cormorant nesting colony by 57 percent over four years. The killings come after a nearly two-month break that allowed adult birds to take care of their hatchlings.

Since May the agency has killed 358 birds and oiled more than 5,000 nests to keep eggs from hatching.

Five conservation groups are challenging the killing in court. A U.S. District Court judge is expected to rule on the case in spring 2016.

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