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THE BIG REVEAL



Photos by Joshua Bessex/The Daily Astorian

The Astoria Column renovations become clearly visible as crews from Safway Services LLC take down the scaffolding. The scaffolding is expected to be completely removed by today.

Astoria Column restoration comes into focus

By JOSHUA BESSEX
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The scaffolding is coming down from around the Astoria Column, revealing the newly restored murals and nearly marking the end of the \$1 million restoration project that began in May.

The scaffolding is expected to be completely removed by the end of the day, but crews still need to install the doors and clean the interior of the Column, among other things, before it will be open to the public.

The last restoration project on the 125-foot-tall monument took place in 1995.

See before and after restoration pictures on the Friends of the Astoria Column Facebook page at <http://on.fb.me/1OY6t9O>



Crews remove stairs and scaffolding from around the Astoria Column Tuesday.



Using a chain of people, crews from Safway Services LLC lower scaffolding from the top of the Astoria Column Tuesday.

A new leader sought for The Harbor

Departing director placed on leave

By EDWARD STRATTON
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The Harbor is searching for a new administrator.

Executive Director Julie Soderberg has left the region's primary nonprofit support agency for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault.

Jason Schermerhorn, chief of the Cannon Beach Police Department and interim chairman of The Harbor's board, said Soderberg announced in a letter in late August her intention to move to Minnesota. She is an employee of the Harbor until the week of



Julie Soderberg

Oct. 23, he said, but has been placed on leave.

Early last month, Soderberg announced in an email to community partners that the Harbor was going to suspend services for about 10 days. The outage ultimately lasted several hours, according to Chris Wright, a community resource specialist with The Harbor.

"We are hoping this break in services will allow time for the board of directors to utilize outside resources to gain a new standard necessary for moving forward in a professional manner," Soderberg said in a statement the morning after the announcement.

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Do not get your shovels out, just yet

No clamming until at least mid-November

By KATIE WILSON
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LONG BEACH, Wash. — There won't be any razor clam digs in Washington or Oregon until at least mid-November, state fishery managers say.

Samples collected from beaches in both states show that levels of the marine toxin domoic acid are still above health department thresholds.

In the last round of tests in mid-September, levels dropped slightly in Long Beach to 19 parts per million, only just below the Washington Department of Health's threshold of 20 ppm. Now, those are back up at 41 ppm in the samples collected.

"Mostly that's a factor of which 12 clams get selected for sampling, I think," said Dan Ayres, coastal shellfish manager with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. It's also possible the clams are still picking up additional toxin, he added. The algae that produces domoic acid is still present off the coast.

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Driver captured after car crashes near home

Seaside man tries to escape by running inside a deputy sheriff's house

By KYLE SPURR
The Daily Astorian

A Seaside man led law enforcement on a wild chase through a Cullaby Lake neighborhood Tuesday afternoon, crashing into a yard, breaking into a deputy sheriff's home and allegedly assaulting the deputy's wife before being arrested.

The suspect, Donald Sanders, 34, is facing multiple charges including burglary, reckless driving, eluding, criminal mischief and harassment.

Clatsop County Sheriff's Office Chief



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Crews work the scene after a car chase ended with the suspect driving on a yard at Cullaby Lake Lane.

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