

# Graffiti suspects help repaint sheriff's substation

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The Clatsop County Sheriff's Office Knappa/Svensen substation recently received a fresh coat of paint on the exterior.

Those who helped repaint the substation were two young suspects who had spray-painted the building with graffiti back in July. Resident Deputy Seann Luedke identified the culprits at the time and was impressed that the young offenders, two teenage girls, were immediately upfront and honest with him. He thought arresting them was not in the best interests of anyone.

Luedke also knew the substation was scheduled to receive a new coat of paint, and thought of a solution.

Sheriff Tom Bergin heard Luedke's idea and immediately approved the diversion.

"I'm all for holding people accountable and what better way to do it than to have these young ladies repair the damage they did," Bergin said.

Bergin was appreciative of the girls' honesty and remorse for damaging the property.

The sheriff's office worked with the juvenile department and after receiving permission from the guardians scheduled a "painting party," in September.

Luedke and another deputy supervised the girls as they painted the exterior of the substation.

Bergin said the job turned out great and saved the county and residents a significant amount of money, while at the same time holding the offenders accountable for their actions.

# Astoria man sentenced for abusing toddler

By KYLE SPURR  
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The 22-year-old Astoria man who abused an 18-month-old girl on multiple occasions was sentenced Thursday in Clatsop County Circuit Court to more than two years in prison.

Alan Francisco Marquez-Mondragon pleaded no contest to attempted first-degree assault and third-degree assault through a plea agreement. A trial scheduled next year was canceled.

As part of his 30-month prison sentence, he will be on probation for five years. If he violates probation, he will face five more years in prison.

The charges against Marquez-Mondragon occurred

between January and February, when he caused serious injury to the child while assuming care and custody, according to the indictment.

Astoria Police initially received a report from Columbia Memorial Hospital that the child was admitted with a fractured arm, which had been broken for at least five days. The toddler also had whipping marks on her body and an injured wrist.

The child's mother, Adriana Nava Pereyda, brought the toddler to the emergency room.

She told stories to police

that did not match the injuries, saying the child fell off a bed in between the night stand.

Upon investigation, police found Pereyda did not injure the child. She was still charged with first-degree criminal mistreatment and sentenced to probation.

Marquez-Mondragon told investigators he was playing with the girl and holding her on his head so she could touch the ceiling, when he tripped and dropped her. Again, the story did not match the injuries, according to police.

At the hearing Thursday,

Marquez-Mondragon told the court he is not a violent person. Brian Conry, his defense lawyer, said his client was on a mixture of methamphetamine, heroin and prescription drugs at the time of the abuse. His behavior was not his nature, Conry said.

"I wish I could take it back, but I can't," Marquez-Mondragon said. Judge Paula Brownhill reminded Marquez-Mondragon that the abuse was not a one-time occurrence. Had the girl not recovered, Brownhill said, he could have faced murder charges.

"I don't know what the long-lasting effects will be from the abuse you inflicted on her, but at least right now she seems to be doing well," Brownhill said.



Alan Marquez-Mondragon

# From Boise to the beach, Brumfield shares her vision

## New program director leads arts association into the future

By R.J. MARX  
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CANNON BEACH — This weekend will be Jane Brumfield's first Stormy Weather Arts Festival. The native Brit is the new program director at the Cannon Beach Arts Association.

Although she did get her "feet wet" at Plein Air, her arrival in Cannon Beach coincides with the arrival of the rainy season and a new outlook for the arts association.

One of three scholarships awarded by the Chamber of Commerce at the Stormy Weather event will benefit the association's arts education program. Two other scholarships will be awarded, to the Coaster Theatre Theater Camp and the Sea Ranch RV Resort and Music Camp for Kids.

The 30-year-old nonprofit association functions primarily as a gallery space, she said, and is mostly run by volunteers. "I am the only paid employee," Brumfield said. "We have a good strong board and a good committee."

When programming for the gallery, "We bring as many



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Jane Brumfield of the Cannon Beach Arts Association.

voices in as possible to get so we get a good range of work to look at, and to select from," she said. "I feel as a nonprofit we're in a rather privileged position. As a nonrepresenting gallery, we should never be in competition with other galleries."

By bringing in new work, she said, the gallery can create a "regional context in which the local artist can come up through."

Brumfield and her husband, Michael, moved to Cannon Beach in June. Since 2009, they owned the Brumfield Gallery in the Hyde Park section of Boise, Idaho, until last September.

"Boise has a great grassroots level art scene and a really nice art museum," Brumfield said. "It does not have a great infrastructure for commercial galleries."

She said art galleries work best in big metropolitan areas and in resort towns like Cannon Beach. "It wasn't working to the point where I felt comfortable with my husband retiring," she said. "I noticed it was a shifting culture."

Among "cultural" changes are art sales on the Web and self-representation by emerging artists. Once customers or fans of an artist use an art blog, they tend to go straight to the artist, she said. "Artists are choosing this as a way forward, and a good business model."

Nevertheless, Brumfield said an "actual walk-in gallery is a really important thing," and after closing shop in Boise, she started looking for a job with a nonprofit.

"We'd been visiting Astoria," she said. "We said casually if we were going to be moving anywhere else, we might move here, and the next week I saw this job advertised."

In the past, the arts association was known for multidisciplinary events, adding concerts and special events to their showings. Those aspects are less emphasized today, with the gallery and scholarships the primary

focus of the association.

The association provides art scholarships, an internship and an individual artist grant. The summer camp, for which the Stormy Weather chamber grant is designated, draws a mix of local and out-of-town students.

Visitors to Cannon Beach often bring their children and send them to camp while they vacation, she said.

Space is the No. 1 limitation on future events, she said. "I don't even have a proper desk," she said. "If we were going to do anything it would be off premises."

With a new program director and some board members retiring, the association is undergoing a strategic planning and review to see what the community needs are and respond to that, she said. The association is also recruiting for a treasurer.

The winner of the individual artist grant will be announced this month, and comes after a large and competitive number of submissions.

An opening reception for the 29th annual Miniatures Show, "Raining Cats and Dogs," with featured artist Paul Miller is 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday.

# City to scope vision for parks

## Two community input sessions on future needs

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Residents will have the chance to craft the short and long-term vision for Astoria parks.

The city is working toward a comprehensive master plan for a sprawling footprint that includes traditional parks such as Tapiola and McClure as well as the Astoria Riverwalk, the As-

toria Column, the Astoria Aquatic Center and Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton.

Two community input sessions are scheduled for 10 a.m. to noon Saturday and 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Fort George Brewery and Public House's Lovell Showroom.

According to the city Parks and Recreation Department, the process will involve an evaluation of existing recreational opportunities and the need for improvements or changes in the future.

# Input needed on Medix Ambulance service survey

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Clatsop County is seeking input on its ambulance franchise agreement with Medix Ambulance.

An online survey is setup to ask the public about their experience with Medix, which provides advanced life-support ambulance response service to Clatsop County and has served as the area's primary ambulance provider since 1975.

The survey is open to residents who have used Medix, and to emergency first responders, healthcare providers and others.

The survey was developed by the county's Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee, a volunteer panel representing local citizens, healthcare experts, emergency responders and other stakeholders that oversees and provides recom-

mendations to the county Board of Commissioners regarding local ambulance service.

Input is being collected as part of the county's review of the ambulance service franchise agreement with Medix, which is up for renewal in June 2016.

The current agreement was originally signed in 1995. A 15-year extension was approved in 2001.

The survey is available on the Clatsop County website, www.co.clatsop.or.us.



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