

# Feds investigating state claims for grant money

Probe centers on funds for Portland foster care agency

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is investigating whether the Or-

egon Department of Human Services submitted false or improper claims for payment under a federal grant.

The federal agency's Office of Inspector General served a subpoena on the state agency in November for records related to the Portland foster care agency Give Us This Day. The agency faces allegations of child neglect and misuse of funds, including \$2 million

the Oregon Department of Justice said the agency wasted on travel, designer luggage and other expenses.

The Department of Human Services receives federal funding including a specific grant mentioned in the subpoena, which prompted the inspector general's inquiry into how those funds might have been spent on Give Us This Day.

## Willamette Week documented problems

Willamette Week first reported the federal investigation Wednesday, and the newspaper also wrote stories documenting that top Department of Human Services administrators ignored reports of problems at the Portland foster care agency.

The subpoena calls for the state to hand over a broad range of documents going back to January 2007, in-

cluding records of all cash advances and other payments to Give Us This Day and contracts and data for all children placed with the agency.

## Deadline to respond

The state faces a Dec. 14 deadline to provide documents listed in the subpoena, according to a letter from Steven Ryan, acting special agent in charge.

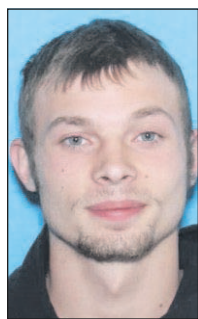
A spokesman for the Department of Human Services

declined to comment, citing the open investigation. A spokeswoman for Gov. Kate Brown, who has ordered an independent review of the agency, did not immediately respond to a request for comment on whether the federal investigation would delay or otherwise impact that review.

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# Police arrest 'armed and dangerous' man after search in Rockaway Beach

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Nolan Seth Otey

ROCKAWAY BEACH—Police arrested a man considered "armed and dangerous" after a search Thursday morning in Rockaway Beach.

Tillamook Emergency Management Director Gordon McCraw announced on his Facebook page at about 10 a.m. that the suspect, Nolan Seth Otey, 21, was found and arrested.

"Armed and dangerous subject in the Rockaway Beach area has been located and picked up by

law enforcement," McCraw wrote. "Residents can resume normal activity and the shelter-in-place has been canceled. Law enforcement would like to thank everyone for their cooperation. The North County Schools however, will remain closed the rest of today."

Otey was seen earlier in the morning on foot in Rockaway Beach wearing a black jacket and dark jeans. The Neah-Kah-Nie School District had closed schools for the day as a precaution.

# Real estate companies collect food, clothing for the needy

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Easom Property Management Inc. and Windermere Pacific Land Co. are teaming up for the fourth year with the Wishing Tree and Food Basket Program to provide warmth and holiday cheer to Clatsop County families in need this holiday season.

The Wishing Tree and Food Basket Program is a non-profit organization that relies on vol-

unteers and donations. With the increasing numbers of people going without, the need for donations is greater than ever this year.

This long-running program has helped countless families for over 35 years, not only providing them with food, but also personalized gifts for kids and warm clothing items. Hundreds of individuals and families from the community have asked to receive assistance this season.

Easom Property Management Inc. and Windermere Pacific Land Co. are providing their office once again as a drop-off site for this year's drive, and are collecting new and gently used coats, hats, scarves, blankets and gloves through Dec. 17.

The office hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Both offices are located in the 14th Street Pilot Station Building.

# McDowell digs in to new role to accomplish big building projects

EO Media Group

Seaside's new Public Works Director Dale McDowell says there won't be major changes under his leadership. McDowell plans to continue supporting staff and serving community residents as they tackle new projects.

McDowell, a 12-year Seaside resident, started working as Public Works director in November. He is filling the role formerly held by Neal Wallace, who retired in June. Wallace served the city for about 17 years.

McDowell brings to the

job about 40 years of experience in the construction industry. Most recently, he worked for TFT Construction, a full-service contractor based in Scappoose. Prior to that, he worked for a contractor based in Astoria. He has experience working on buildings; roads; wastewater and storm systems; water lines; and water treatment and sewer treatment plants.

McDowell oversees a staff of 19 from the engineering,

water, sewer and streets and parks departments. He also works with the Seaside building and planning departments on several projects.

He plans to bring more projects to the table and write grants to get funding to accomplish those projects.

"We have a long, long list of projects," he said. The city has to decide which "ones to take on at a time because of funding."



Dale McDowell

## ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

### Astoria 5-Day Forecast

**Tonight**  
Mostly cloudy and breezy with showers  
44°

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs

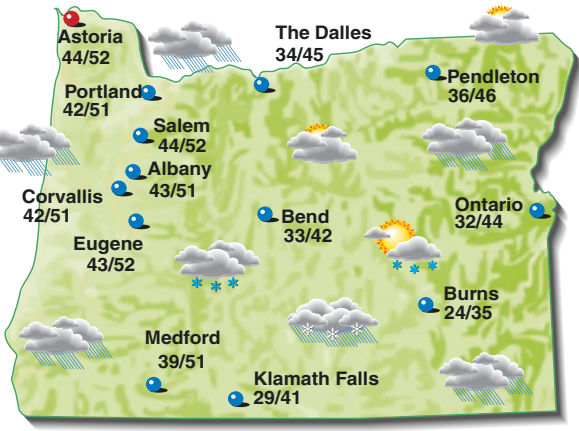
**Friday**  
Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers  
52° 45°

**Saturday**  
Windy with periods of rain  
53° 45°

**Sunday**  
A little morning rain, then a few showers  
55° 48°

**Monday**  
Windy with rain  
56° 49°

### Oregon Weather



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### Almanac

Astoria through Wednesday.

Temperatures	
High	54°
Low	42°
Normal high	50°
Normal low	37°
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.41"
Month to date	1.11"
Normal month to date	0.72"
Year to date	54.35"
Normal year to date	58.09"

### Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	4:30 p.m.
Sunrise Friday	7:40 a.m.
Moonrise today	none
Moonsset today	12:55 p.m.



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### Regional Cities

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	34	28	c	36	22	c
Bend	46	33	c	42	30	c
Brookings	55	46	r	54	48	c
Eugene	55	43	r	52	41	sh
Ilwaco	53	46	r	51	47	sh
Klamath Falls	44	29	r	41	26	pc
Medford	53	39	r	51	35	c
Newport	53	45	r	51	45	sh
North Bend	57	45	r	55	47	c

### Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: High SE, look for Orion, the hunter; Gemini, the twins; and Orion's hunting dogs, Canis Minor and Canis Major.

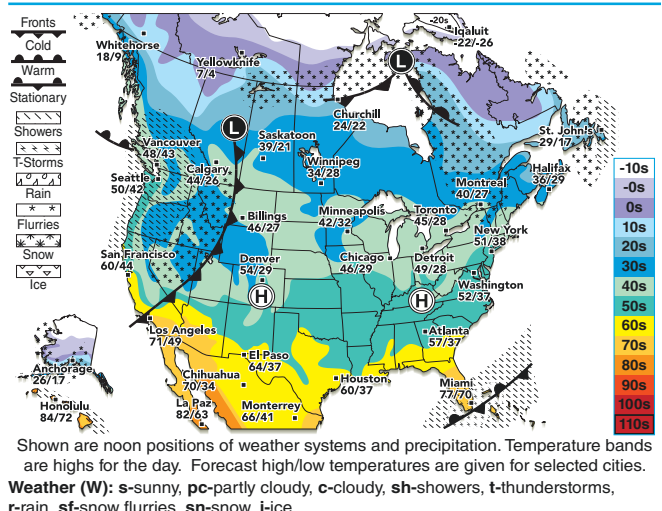
### Tomorrow's Tides

Time	High		Low	
	Time	Low	Time	Low
8:00 a.m.	8.0 ft.	1:20 a.m.	1.9 ft.	
8:13 p.m.	6.4 ft.	2:25 p.m.	2.6 ft.	

### National Cities

City	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Alliantia	55	36	s	57	37	s
Boston	48	36	pc	46	36	s
Chicago	41	28	pc	46	29	s
Denver	48	26	s	54	29	pc
Des Moines	46	29	pc	49	34	s
El Paso	60	35	pc	64	37	s
Fairbanks	5	-8	pc	-5	-15	c
Honolulu	84	73	pc	84	72	pc
Indianapolis	43	28	s	49	29	s
Kansas City	48	28	s	53	34	s
Las Vegas	61	40	pc	64	40	pc
Los Angeles	75	50	pc	71	49	pc
Memphis	52	31	s	56	34	s
Miami	81	70	t	77	70	r
Nashville	49	29	s	55	30	s
New Orleans	61	44	s	60	48	s
New York	52	40	pc	51	38	s
Oklahoma City	57	34	s	57	36	s
Philadelphia	52	37	pc	52	35	s
St. Louis	47	30	s	54	33	s
Salt Lake City	46	30	pc	44	30	c
San Francisco	59	46	r	60	44	pc
Seattle	52	42	r	50	42	sh
Washington, DC	51	37	pc	52	37	s

### Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

## Lotteries

**OREGON**  
**Wednesday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 3-9-2-7  
4 p.m.: 4-2-5-0  
7 p.m.: 4-3-9-4  
10 p.m.: 4-0-1-1  
**Wednesday's Mega-**  
**bucks:** 1-13-21-25-27-29  
Estimated jackpot: \$2.6 million.

**Wednesday's Powerball:**  
14-18-19-32-64, Powerball: 9  
Estimated jackpot: \$127 million.  
**WASHINGTON**  
**Wednesday's Daily**  
**Game:** 3-5-3  
**Wednesday's Hit 5:** 02-13-19-20-32

Estimated jackpot: \$420,000.  
**Wednesday's Keno:** 03-04-05-06-07-16-31-32-33-36-37-43-51-52-53-55-65-66-68-78  
**Wednesday's Lotto:** 17-21-23-27-29-49  
Estimated jackpot: \$2.8 million.  
**Wednesday's Match 4:** 11-17-19-24

## On the record

**DUII arrest**  
• At 7 p.m. Monday, Oregon State Police arrested Jeffrey Michael Tarabochia, 31, of

Scappoose, for driving under the influence of intoxicants on U.S. Highway 30 at milepost 80.

## Public meetings

**THURSDAY**  
**Northwest Oregon Housing Authority Board, 10 a.m., NOHA office, 147 S. Main Ave., Warrenton.**  
**Seaside Parks Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., Seaside**

City Hall, 989 Broadway.  
**MONDAY**  
**Cannon Beach Rural Fire Protection District Board, 6 p.m., Cannon Beach Fire Station, 188 Sunset Blvd.**

**Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.**  
**Astoria City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.**

## Memorials

**Thursday, Dec. 3**  
**MITCHUM, William Ransome III "Mitch"**  
— Viewing from 6 to 8 p.m., Caldwell's Luce Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave.  
**Saturday, Dec. 5**

**MITCHUM, William Ransome III "Mitch"**  
— Funeral Mass at 11 a.m., St. Mary Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1465 Grand Ave., followed by a celebration of life from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the McTavish Room at the Liberty Theater.

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