

Former employee sues embattled Portland foster care provider

Suit claims breach of contract, fraud and abuse over loans

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Capital Bureau

SALEM — Problems continue to mount for Mary Holden, the former executive director of the troubled Portland foster care provider Give Us This Day.

A former employee and his wife have sued Holden for breach of contract, fraud and abuse of a vulnerable person in connection with \$155,000 in loans they gave Holden to keep Give Us This Day and two other charities in operation.

Felix Cabrera La Rosa, 65, and Eva Diaz Palomino claim that when Holden requested the loan, she hid information that she and Give Us This Day were under investigation for allegedly mispending state money allocated for foster kids, according to the complaint.

“They have known Mary for years,” said James Tschudy, an attorney with Portland law firm Eblen Freed representing the couple. “They thought they were helping to further the mission of the charities and like many others were deceived and are trying to recover as best they can.”

Holden approached Cabrera and his wife in March 2014 to request an initial loan of \$120,000, the complaint indicates.

“They were told it was needed to keep the charities go-

ing,” Tschudy said. “Knowing Mary for so long, they didn’t ask too many questions. They didn’t demand financials.”

According to the complaint, Holden told them that the sale of another property on Alberta Street in north Portland was pending and offered to pay the couple back the loan principal, plus 10 percent, when the sale was finalized. In fact, the north Portland property was sold at a tax auction in May 2014. Holden made only three payments on the loan, equaling \$30,000, in April, May and June of 2015, the lawsuit states.

Shut down in September

Give Us This Day shut down in September under a settlement agreement with the Department of Justice in which Holden also was barred from holding any fiduciary

positions in Oregon nonprofits. She refused to sign an agreement that also would have shuttered another nonprofit she controls — Alfred Yaun Child Care Centers, according to the complaint.

That same month, she worked with associates to try to establish a for-profit corporation, Trinity of Oregon, based out of a property owned by the Alfred Yaun Child Care Centers. The house on Northeast Rodney Avenue in Portland had previously served as a group home for foster kids placed with Give Us This Day.

That month, Holden also asked Cabrera for another loan of \$35,000 to help avoid a tax foreclosure on the Rodney property scheduled for the next day, according to the complaint.

A promissory note between Cabrera and Alfred

Yaun Child Care Centers granted power of sale over the Rodney property to Cabrera if the loan was not repaid by Oct. 30, 2016, the lawsuit states.

The second loan went toward paying off about \$50,000 in delinquent taxes on the Rodney house, according to the lawsuit.

A vulnerable adult

Cabrera was 65 at the time of the second loan and therefore, is considered a vulnerable adult under Oregon statute, Tschudy said.

The Department of Justice began investigating allegations of child neglect and misuse of funds at Give Us This Day in 2012, according to a report by The Oregonian. The foster care provider is accused of spending \$2 million in state money on travel, luxury items

and services, paying off debt on Holden’s personal home and other items, Willamette Week reported.

Emails released by the Oregon Department of Human Services in December show top department officials knew about problems at Give Us This Day as early as 2009. The department released the emails in response to a public records request by state Sen. Sara Gelsler, D-Corvallis.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services’ Office of Inspector General is investigating whether the Department of Human Services submitted false or improper claims for payment under a federal grant in connection with Give Us This Day.

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Hilltop Church in Astoria offers free movie

The Daily Astorian

Hilltop Church in Astoria will offer a free movie on Friday night.

“War Room,” a Christian drama, will be shown at 7 p.m. at the church at 725 Niagara Ave.

Wedding fair shows couples how to marry with style

The Daily Astorian

Want to get married? The region’s wedding industry will show you how to get married with panache on the coast during the ShoreStyle Wedding Faire, organized by the Astoria Downtown Historic District Association.

At the event, from 10

a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Loft at the Red Building in Astoria Jan. 23, wedding-related businesses will offer demonstrations, food samples and a bridal and formal-wear fashion show.

The Red Building is located at 20 Basin St. in Astoria. Visit shorestylewed.com for a full schedule of events and ticket information.

Information available on chronic disease screenings

The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Life Line Screening will hold an event on Jan. 19 where residents

can learn the risks of cardiovascular disease, osteoporosis, diabetes and other chronic conditions.

The event will be held at the

Seaside Convention Center.

Screening packages start at \$149. For more information, call 1-877-237-1287 or go to www.lifescreeing.com

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
A little rain early, mostly cloudy
47°

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

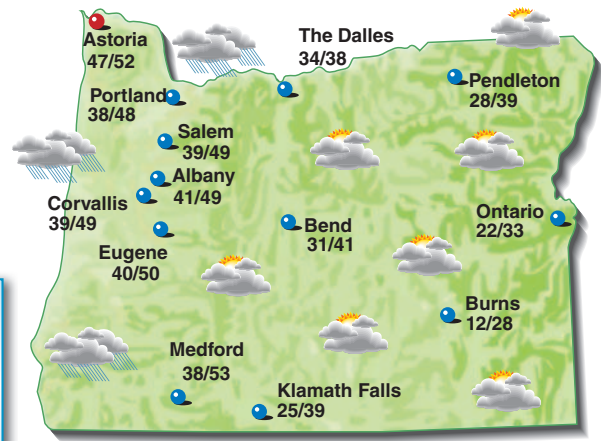
Tuesday
Mostly cloudy with afternoon rain
52° 46°

Wednesday
Rather cloudy with a touch of rain
50° 41°

Thursday
Mostly cloudy with afternoon rain
47° 39°

Friday
Cloudy with a shower in places
50° 42°

Oregon Weather



Almanac

Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures	High	Low
High	53°	37°
Low	37°	37°
Normal high	49°	37°
Normal low	38°	37°

Precipitation	Yesterday	Month to date	Normal month to date	Year to date
Yesterday	0.00"	0.62"	3.49"	0.62"
Month to date	0.00"	0.62"	3.49"	0.62"
Normal month to date	0.00"	0.62"	3.49"	0.62"
Normal year to date	0.00"	0.62"	3.49"	0.62"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	4:50 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday	7:56 a.m.
Moonrise today	8:47 a.m.
Moonset today	7:14 p.m.



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Regional Cities

City	Today			Tues.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	32	22	pc	33	28	c
Bend	41	31	c	41	36	c
Brookings	54	48	r	55	49	r
Eugene	47	40	r	50	45	r
Ilwaco	51	48	r	51	47	r
Klamath Falls	36	25	sn	39	35	c
Medford	51	38	r	53	42	r
Newport	52	47	r	52	45	r
North Bend	57	48	r	57	48	r

City	Today			Tues.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Olympia	45	40	r	48	42	r
Pendleton	35	28	c	39	33	c
Portland	44	38	r	48	42	r
Roseburg	52	42	r	54	45	r
Salem	47	39	r	49	45	r
Seaside	52	48	r	52	48	r
Spokane	30	26	c	35	31	c
Vancouver	44	41	r	47	42	r
Yakima	39	29	sn	36	29	c

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Camelopardalis is supposed to be a giraffe, but it looks more like a pyramid, and will stand high overhead early this evening.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

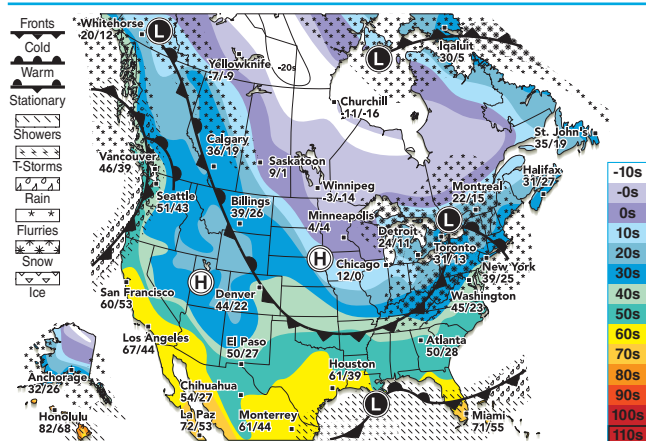
Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks			
Time	High	Time	Low
3:09 a.m.	8.6 ft.	8:49 a.m.	2.6 ft.
2:29 p.m.	9.7 ft.	9:19 p.m.	-0.7 ft.

National Cities

City	Today			Tues.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	45	30	s	50	28	s
Boston	35	22	pc	38	24	sf
Chicago	21	8	sn	12	0	c
Denver	40	21	s	44	22	s
Des Moines	24	7	pc	14	7	pc
Detroit	20	17	c	24	11	sf
El Paso	49	26	s	50	27	s
Fairbanks	12	-1	pc	6	2	c
Honolulu	82	66	pc	82	68	s
Indianapolis	27	19	s	21	6	sf
Kansas City	38	22	s	28	19	pc
Las Vegas	53	33	s	54	35	s
Los Angeles	65	41	pc	67	44	s
Memphis	44	31	s	48	26	s
Miami	72	61	sh	71	55	sh
Nashville	41	30	s	43	19	pc
New Orleans	52	39	s	58	41	s
New York	36	28	s	39	25	sf
Oklahoma City	46	25	pc	49	25	s
Philadelphia	37	25	s	44	24	sn
St. Louis	40	28	s	29	16	pc
Salt Lake City	30	15	s	31	15	pc
San Francisco	59	46	r	60	53	pc
Seattle	46	40	r	51	43	r
Washington, DC	41	28	s	45	23	pc

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.

Public meetings

MONDAY
Warrenton Parks Advisory Board, City Hall, 3 p.m., 225 S. Main Ave.

Cannon Beach Rural Fire Department, 6 p.m., Fire-Rescue Main Station, 188 Sunset Ave.

TUESDAY
Astoria City Council, 9

a.m., work session on Heritage Square, Astoria Public Library Flag Room, 450 10th St.

Sunset Empire Transportation District, Senior and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee, 10:30 a.m., Astoria Transit Center Conference Room, 900 Marine Drive.

Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.

Cannon Beach City Council, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

Lotteries

OREGON
Sunday's Pick 4:
 1 p.m.: 5-6-2-9
 4 p.m.: 1-8-9-7
 7 p.m.: 8-3-0-0
 10 p.m.: 8-9-6-9
Saturday's Megabucks:
 8-10-19-23-31-47
 Estimated jackpot: \$5.5 million.
Saturday's Powerball:
 16-19-32-34-57, Powerball: 13
 Estimated jackpot: \$949.8 million.
Saturday's Pick 4:
 1 p.m.: 9-0-8-6
 4 p.m.: 3-5-0-4
 7 p.m.: 6-6-9-2
 10 p.m.: 3-8-5-8

Friday's Pick 4:
 1 p.m.: 3-3-2-1
 4 p.m.: 4-6-0-2
 7 p.m.: 1-5-3-7
 10 p.m.: 2-0-7-3
WASHINGTON
Sunday's Daily Game:
 1-1-5
Sunday's Keno: 06-08-13-15-22-34-35-38-45-48-49-52-58-60-61-62-69-76-78-79
Sunday's Match 4: 05-08-11-18
Saturday's Daily Game:
 7-8-5
Saturday's Hit 5: 02-09-24-33-34
 Estimated jackpot: \$170,000.

Saturday's Keno: 03-04-08-09-10-12-19-21-30-31-40-44-45-54-55-58-60-71-73-74
Saturday's Lotto: 02-17-22-43-47-48
 Estimated jackpot: \$4.7 million.
Saturday's Match 4: 06-07-09-18
Friday's Daily Game:
 1-5-0
Friday's Keno: 06-07-08-10-18-21-24-26-29-32-34-40-42-45-46-51-56-65-67-68
Friday's Match 4: 04-10-13-15
Friday's Mega Millions:
 11-39-51-57-75, Mega Ball: 2
 Estimated jackpot: \$165 million.

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