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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Carson Abel, 4, from Blaine, Wash., looks out over the beach at Seaside as he swings Saturday evening. Clear skies and moderate temperatures brought thousands to the Oregon Coast over the weekend. From left: Rebecca Petersen, Emily Petersen, Shelby Smith, and Willow Lalonde dodge the waves as they play on the beach in Seaside on Saturday. In this long-exposure photograph, people run and play on the beach in Seaside on Saturday evening. Emily Petersen, left, and Willow Lalonde, right, don sea-creature hats as they walk through wet sand in Seaside.

A sunny start to April showers

Fear not, blue skies are on their way back soon

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lear skies and moderate temperatures brought thousands of visitors to the sandy shores of the Oregon Coast over the weekend.

On Saturday in Seaside, the sounds of laughter mixed with the rhythmic crashing of the waves and the smell of bonfire smoke filled the air as people played in the surf, built sandcastles, and enjoyed the sunset. Forecasts predict some clouds and rain on Monday and Tuesday before another stretch of sunny days the rest of the week.



Potter kin files wrongful death suit

Astoria woman died after surgery three years ago

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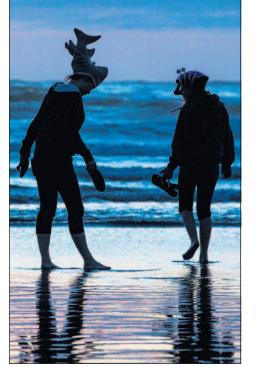
The family of an Astoria bookkeeper who died after surgery at Columbia Memorial Hospital has filed a \$2.1 million lawsuit alleging medical malpractice and wrongful death.

Ann Potter, who was married to Tom Potter, the late architect who served on the Astoria City Council, had surgery in June 2013 for a perforated ulcer. The lawsuit claims the doctor who performed the operation, Edouard Duret, was negligent in prescribing a pain medication that can cause stomach or intestinal bleeding.

Potter, who was 77 and had been chronically taking the drug before the operation, suffered stomach problems afterward and died several weeks later in hospice care.

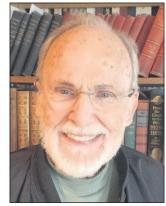
The \$2.1 million claim against Duret and the hospital covers more than \$639,600 in economic damages for the loss of Potter's services and care for her husband and three adult children and \$1.5 million for her pain and suffering and for her family's loss of companionship.

A spokesman for Columbia Memorial Hospital declined to comment on the lawsuit, which was filed last week in Clatsop County Circuit Court. Duret has retired from the hospital.



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Hammond man is a major figure in logic



Erick Bengel/The Daily Astorian J. Karel Lambert, a professor emeritus of logic and philosophy of science at the University of California, Irvine, and the University of Salzburg, Austria, broke new ground in the field of logic.

Lambert invented 'free logic' in the '60s

In Hammond lives a man listed in the Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers as one of the great logicians of the late 20th century.

In the early 1960s, Joseph Karel Lambert figured out how to mathematically express an old theory of learning in psychology and ended up developing "free logic" (a term he coined).

Unlike classical logic, free logic allows for singular terms that don't denote real things; it is "free from the assumption that what you're talking

the assumption that what you're talking about has to exist," Lambert said. This was a huge innovation. Even

Lambert had no idea how huge.

"I was pretty ignorant, to tell you the truth," he said. "I didn't know much about logic. I was a psychologist, and I was trying to adapt something, trying to find a tool so I could make this theory precise."

> In finding his tool, Lambert made major contributions to the fields of logic, philosophy, psychology, mathematics, physics and computer science.

A discovery

"I really didn't know I was doing anything extraordinary; it was only later, when people who knew a lot more about

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Councilor fears pot decision backlash

Cannon Beach City Council's choice could drive a November vote

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CANNON BEACH — Pro-pot and antipot yard signs in Cannon Beach during peak tourist months?

That's something Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce Treasurer and City Councilor George Vetter said he fears as the City Council heads to a decision on cannabis sales.

"It'll be headlines in Portland," Vetter said at coffee meeting of the Cannon Beach Chamber of Commerce. "Not too many towns are saying no with the kind of repu-



Vetter

tation we have. We're a very well-known community. We reach to Vancouver, Seattle. If we don't have to go through that, I don't want to be the impetus."

Tuesday's meeting could decide whether pot will be available for recreational sales or through medical dispensaries in Can-

non Beach, at least until November.

City councilors have nine resolutions in front of them, each with a scenario that would either open the door to licensing dispensaries and recreational sales or shut the door on cannabis sales altogether.

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