



Mike Phillips, left, of American Legion Clatsop Post 12, tosses a wreath of flowers honoring all servicemen into the Columbia River as American Legion commander Pat Ehrlich salutes on Monday at Maritime Memorial Park in Astoria.

Veterans honor debt to the fallen



Katherine Lacaze/For EO Media Group Col. Michael Becker gave the history of Memorial Day.

Across the North Coast, people pause to remember

By KATHERINE LACAZE For The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Seaside paused Monday to remember the country’s fallen servicemen and servicewomen during a ceremony in observance of what was described as “America’s most solemn holiday.”

The Seaside American Legion Post 99 held its annual Memorial Day celebration in honor of America’s war dead.

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Katherine Lacaze/For EO Media Group Local Boy Scouts present colors during the Seaside American Legion Post 99’s annual Memorial Day observance.

Youth authority sex abuse suit dismissed

Child sex predator also involved in old Seaside case

By TYLER FRANCKE Woodburn Independent

WOODBURN — A Marion County lawsuit that concerned alleged sex abuse crimes at MacLaren Youth Correctional Facility has been dismissed.

The case centers on Frank James Milligan, 47, a convicted child sex predator whose most infamous crime was the July 2000 abduction of a 10-year-old boy, whom he sexually assaulted, choked unconscious and left for dead in a park in Dallas. He was also charged and convicted of the sexual molestation of a Salem boy in Seaside in 1999.

Prior to these crimes, he had previously been employed by the Oregon State Hospital and Oregon Youth Authority, working as a group life coordinator at MacLaren from May 1997 until being placed on leave in 1999. He was formally dismissed in 2000.

While at MacLaren, he allegedly sexually assaulted at least one youth offender housed there, a man identified in court documents only as “J.M.” J.M. was 15 in December 1998 when he was sent to MacLaren and assigned to the residential area in which Milligan was working at the time.

Milligan, already serving combined prison sentences of 36 years, was convicted in September of criminal charges stemming from the incident at MacLaren, for which Marion County Judge Cheryl Pellegrini tacked an additional 35 years onto his sentence.

However, the civil case may have reached its conclusion after a different judge, Claudia Burton, entered a ruling on summary judgment in May against J.M. and his attorneys, of the Portland firm Kell Alterman & Runstein.



Frank James Milligan

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Transparency murky as spending on lobbying goes up

Groups spent \$251 million in Oregon over nine years

First of two parts.

By HILLARY BORRUD Capital Bureau

SALEM — Businesses, special interest groups and governments have increasingly invested in lobbying Oregon lawmakers and other state officials over the last nine years. And based on spending data from the state, those groups appear to have concluded lob-



Lobbying our state officials

bying is a good investment: reported annual spending on lobbying increased 15 percent from 2007 to 2015, when adjusted for inflation.

Yet despite the millions of dollars involved, it’s nearly impossible for Oregonians to get details on how lobbyists spend that money to achieve payoffs for their clients, because state law allows lobbyists and their clients to disclose little information about how they influence state laws and spending.

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Bureau categorized lobbying spending in Oregon by industry and sector using data from the Center for Responsive Politics, which tracks spending on lobbying at the federal level. In total, groups spent more than \$251 million on lobbying over the last nine years, according to state data.

The health care sector — whose ranks include nurses, pharmaceutical companies, hospitals, and doctors — reported spending the most on lobbying from 2007 through 2015, a total of \$36.5 million. Next was the business sector, which spent \$30.8 million, followed by finance, insurance and real

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