

Program: Voters will decide on education funding package

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Superintendent Craig Hoppes said he learned from state Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, about the grant and how it funded a similar career-technical center at Tillamook High School. Astoria administered the grant, recruited students and sent Fromwiller to Indiana for a week of training with Amatrol Inc., a company that supplies technical and hands-on learning equipment for students in the trades.

Astoria's Curriculum Director Melissa Linder said the district is piloting the program while the partners figure out how to share the equipment between five districts around the county.

The last countywide coalition on career-technical education was the Area Vocational Center. Funded by the Northwest Regional Education Service District, the campus offered automotive, welding and horticulture programs to high schoolers from across the county. It

closed in 2002-03 amid budget constraints, a similar fate of many career-technical programs across the country. By the next academic year, Clatsop Community College had signed on to offer dedicated high school classes in automotive, welding and fire science, albeit at a diminished level from the old vocational campus.

Expanding options

The pilot program starts less than two months before voters

will decide on a much larger career-technical education funding package.

Measure 98, on the November ballot, would require the state Legislature to set aside \$147 million — an average of \$800 per student — to expand career-technical programs, early college courses and dropout prevention. The measure could mean nearly \$479,000 for Astoria, \$355,000 for Seaside and \$222,000 for Warrenton-Hammond, according to financial

consulting firm ECONorthwest.

While critics decry the measure as an unfunded mandate, advocates say the funding is needed to help improve Oregon's 72 percent graduation rate, the fourth-worst in the U.S. last year. According to the state Department of Education, students who participated in a career-technical program graduated at a 15 percent higher rate in 2014 than peers who did not.

Kristin Wilkin, head of the college's vocational campus for

more than six years, has said at least 69 percent of students who took career-technical courses at the college after its program started stayed throughout the academic year. Nearly a quarter went on to earn a certificate or degree from the college.

Measure 98 appears set to pass in November. A recent poll by nonpartisan survey firm icitizen showed 64 percent of Oregonians support the measure, with 19 percent in opposition and 17 percent undecided.

Whale: Visitors should not touch marine mammal

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The whale came ashore only 2 miles south of where it was first found on an Arch Cape beach Friday. The whale's stomach was initially bloated with gas, but deflated midday Saturday, leaving stomach contents and a stench that filled the air. Because of tide patterns, Chandler and Tiffany Boothe of the Seaside Aquarium and a team of researchers from Portland State University were unable to access the whale Saturday.



A dead humpback whale washed up on Short Sand Beach Wednesday at Oswald West State Park.

it floated out to sea."

Chandler noted the mammal had been dead for some time and its tissues likely rotting, which could make understanding its cause of death more difficult.

Potential reasons for whale deaths in general include lack of prey, diseases, biotoxins and trauma through fishery gear entanglement or collisions with vessels.

Oregon State Parks and Recreation staff will be on hand at Short Sand Beach at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday for free interpretive talks, whether the whale washes back out or not. Staff will talk about the importance of whales in the marine environment and the food source they provide when they wash ashore, Cox said.

Visitors are advised to park at North Short Sand Trailhead on U.S. Highway 101. Follow trail signs to Short Sand Beach, then walk north.

According to the parks department, visitors should not take any pieces of the whale or touch it and pets should be kept away from the shore. Researchers with required federal permits can collect tissue from the mammal.

Citizens: 'This is the first place where thousands first set foot on American soil'

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Anderson's parents purchased the property in 1950. The site was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1960, and Anderson is working to secure its future as part of the National Parks system.

Getting the go-ahead

Naturalization ceremonies for new citizens are often hosted at courthouses or immigrations offices, Anderson said, but significant historic sites are sometimes used for a special touch. Given the property's historic role in immigration to the Northwest, Anderson thought it might be appropriate to host a citizenship ceremony there — especially if it could fall on (or near) U.S. Citizenship Day, on Sept. 17. That's the date the U.S. Constitution was signed into law in 1787.

After coming up with the idea, Anderson had to seek approval from the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service. The agency agreed that it was a fitting place to welcome the new citizens, who all reside in Washington or Oregon.

After Astoria Regatta Queen Aubrey McMahan sang the national anthem, Anderson welcomed the new citizens and their families to the ceremony.

"This is the first place where thousands first set foot on American soil," she said. The hourlong ceremony also featured speakers from the U.S. Public Health Service, National Parks Ser-

vice, and the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service. The American Legion Post 12 Color Guard from Astoria provided flags and ambiance.

United goal

The new citizens may have hailed from a half dozen very different countries, but the goal of U.S. citizenship united them. Maria Melgar, 18, came to the U.S. as a child from El Salvador where she fled violence and poverty. She finally received her citizenship at the ceremony.

"It's my American dream that I've always had," Melgar said. "I'm not going to be sent home from where I'm from. There's a better future for me here." Melgar now calls Scappoose home.

Homa Kazemi, originally of Iran, started the ceremony with a serious expression etched on her face. By the end, it had given way to an indelible smile. How did she feel now?

"Very happy. So happy," she said, as she posed for a picture with her son Fabod, 7, and her husband, Farhad, who became a U.S. citizen July 5.

Liz Vigil came to the ceremony from Longview. She is originally from Mexico. She attended with her young son.

"I've lived here all my life, so it already feels like home," she said. Now, she added, citizenship makes it real, her place here, secure.

"Now I'll be able to vote. I'll be able to make a difference," she said.

Port: Property has been used for races, homeless camps

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The Port faces the choice of whether to cancel or continue the sublease with Oregon LNG, and whether to keep leasing the property from the state for \$129,000 a year.

When conversation on the lease came up, commissioners Bill Hunsinger and Stephen Fulton said the commission should speak in an executive session closed from the public. Commissioner James Campbell disagreed.

The Port Commission last discussed the Oregon LNG lease and called an impromptu executive session in June. The Port's attorney, Tim Ramis, said whether to keep the conversation in executive session is up to the Port Commission. The conversation remained public.

Fulton said he wants to wait and see what Oregon LNG does, and keep them on the hook for the sublease. "I would like to see

that money go to the Common School Fund," he said of the statewide education fund where lease payments from state lands are deposited.

Hunsinger said the commission was promised an appraisal of the property before making any decisions. Hunsinger has argued that Oregon LNG was required to return the property in the same condition as when the company leased it in 2004. He has accused Oregon LNG of allowing the property to go from industrial to wetland because of a lack of maintenance, and said the Port needs to reach out to former maintenance staff about the historic condition of the property.

The property has been used for races, mudding, underage drinking, homeless camps and a dumping ground for anything from household trash to cars. The Port recently blocked access to the peninsula via King Avenue over the trespassing concerns.

Port Commission Chairman Robert Mushen said Executive Director Jim Knight made clear in a report to the commission that the Port has no reasonable case against Oregon LNG for damaging the property. Commissioner John Raichl said nothing was stopping the Port from maintaining the property.

"Why don't we sit here and throw away \$129,000 for nothing?" Campbell asked, urging a vote for a property he said does nothing for the Port.

Fulton and Hunsinger wanted to table the matter, while Campbell and Mushen wanted to vote. Raichl appeared supportive of voting, but agreed to table the vote for another meeting in October to allow more research, as long as it would not hurt the Port financially.

In other news: • The Port Commission voted to have environmental consulting firm Maul Foster Alongi respond to ques-

tions from other parties such as McCall Oil and Chemical Corp. and ExxonMobil Energy about its proposed solution to historic underground petroleum contamination leaking into the Columbia River. The proposal is to build a sheet pile wall between piers 2 and 3, fill and cap the area to prevent petroleum from leaking out. Maul Foster has also been exploring injecting a permanganate solution into the underground petroleum contamination, turning it into a manganese-based rock.

Mushen responded to an anonymous letter sent to The Daily Astorian, mayors and fellow commissioners accusing him of having a drinking problem and anger issues. Mushen denied the claims in the letter and said he is taking medication that requires him not to drink alcohol. "Cowardly acts like this are unnecessary," he said of the letter. Mushen received comments of support from Campbell and Raichl.

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TV LISTINGS

Evening listings WEDNESDAY

WEDNESDAY EVENING													SEPTEMBER 21	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30	
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Goldberg (SP) (N)	Speechless (P) (N)	Modern (SP) (N)	Black-ish (SP) (N)	Designated Survivor "Pilot" (P) (N)		KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	Goldberg (SP) (N)	Speechless (P) (N)	Modern (SP) (N)	Black-ish (SP) (N)	Designated Survivor "Pilot" (P) (N)		KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Blindspot "Heave Fiery Knot" (N)	Law&Order: SVU "Terrorized" (SP) (N)	Chicago P.D. "The Silos" (SP) (N)				KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show	
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN 6 News at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Survivor "May the Best Generation Win" (SP) (N)		Big Brother (SF) (N)				KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert	
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	Survivor "May the Best Generation Win" (SP) (N)		Big Brother (SF) (N)				KIRO 7 News	(35) S. Colbert	
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	Blindspot "Heave Fiery Knot" (N)	Law&Order: SVU "Terrorized" (SP) (N)	Chicago P.D. "The Silos" (SP) (N)				KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show	
9	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	PennTell "Patt and Teller Get Trapped"	Whose Line (N) Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line (N) Whose Line Is It?				Two and a Half	Met Your Mother	
10	KOPB	(10) Journeys in Japan	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Forces of Nature "Elements" (N)	Nova "Killer Landslides"	India: Nature's Wonderland (N)				Operation Wild		
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal Weapon "Pilot" (P) (N)	Empire "Light in Darkness" (SP) (N)	10 O'Clock News				11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls	
13	KPDZ	(13) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's 8 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	FOX 12's 9 O'Clock News on PDX-TV	The Closer "Hostile Witness"				The Closer	Hostile Witness	
14	KCPQ	(14) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal Weapon "Pilot" (P) (N)	Empire "Light in Darkness" (SP) (N)	Q13 News at 10				Q13 News	The Simpsons	
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory Big Bang Theory	Q13 News at 10				Q13 News	The Simpsons	
22	KZJQ	(22) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family Modern Family	Q13 News at 9	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Friends	Friends	
29	ESPN	(29) MLB Baseball	Bos./Bal. (L)	MLB Baseball	San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers Site: Dodger Stadium -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)			SportsCenter				SportsCenter	SportsCenter	
30	ESPN2	(30) Hockey World Cup (L)		SportsCenter	The day's news in the world of sports.			SportsCenter				Baseball Tonight (L)	Jalen & Jacoby (N) Fantasy Football	
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	NickyRickyDicky	School of Rock	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends	
32	DISN	(32) Backstage (N)	K.C. Undercover	Elena of Avalor	Elena of Avalor	Bizaardvark	K.C. Undercover	Bunk'd	Liv and Maddie	Bizaardvark	Friends Whenever	Backstage	K.C. Undercover	
34	FAM	(34) (5:30) *** Grease	(78) Olivia Newton-John, Stockard Channing, John Travolta.	*** Forrest Gump	(1994, Comedy/Drama) Sally Field, Gary Sinise, Tom Hanks.							The 700 Club		
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) After Earth	(55) * After Earth	(2013, Adventure) Jaden Smith, David Denman, Will Smith.	(45) FXM Presents	*** The Watch	(2012, Comedy) Vince Vaughn, Ben Stiller.	(55) FXM Presents	Little Man	(06) Keenen Ivory Wayans.		Little Man	(06) Keenen Ivory Wayans.	
36	LIFE	(36) LW Atlanta "All the Juicy Details"		Little Women: LA "Murder She Wrote"	Little Women: LA "Plastic Problems" (N)	Little Women "Birthday Blowout" (N)	LittleW. "Welcome Home Aubrey" (N)	LW Atlanta "Welcome Home Aubrey"				LW Atlanta	"Welcome Home Aubrey"	
38	ROOT	(38) In Depth (N)	In Depth (N)	MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash.			Post-game	WPT Poker				UEFA Soccer	UEFA Soccer	
39	F51	(39) TUF 24 "Look Through Your Soul"		Ultimate Fighter 24 (N)	TUF Talk (N)	Garbage Time (N)	Fox Sports Live	TMZ Sports (N)				TUF Talk	Garbage Time	
43	SPIKE	(43) (5:30) *** Wrath of the Titans	(11) Liam Neeson, Sam Worthington.	The Legend of Hercules	(2014, Action) Gaia Weiss, Scott Adkins, Kellan Lutz.			*** Clash of the Titans	(10) Liam Neeson, Sam Worthington.			*** Clash of the Titans	(10) Liam Neeson, Sam Worthington.	
44	COM	(44) (20) South Park	(55) South Park "Die Hippie, Die"	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park (N)	L.C. Heights (N)			The Daily Show (N)	@midnight (N)	
45	HIST	(45) American Pickers	KISS and Sell	Amer. Pickers "Beetle In a Haystack"	A. Pickers "Like Father, Like Daughter"	American Pickers "Signs of Struggle"	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars	Pawn Stars			Pawn Stars	(35) Pawn Stars	
46	A&E	(46) Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars			Storage Wars	(05) Storage Wars	
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras	Toddlers & Tiaras: Game On (N)	Toddlers & Tiaras (N)	Love at First Kiss "She's the One" (N)				Toddlers & Tiaras	(05) Toddlers & Tiaras	
48	DISC	(48) Dual Survival "Battle of Brazil"		Dual Survival "Forest From Hell"	Dual Survival "Dying of Thirst" (N)	Dual Survival "Gator Bait" (N)	Still Alive "Plane Crash Cam" (N)	Dual Survival "Gator Bait"				Dual Survival	"Gator Bait"	
49	NGEO	(49) Border Wars "Murder on the Lake"		Drugs, Inc. "Motor City Rush"	Drugs, Inc. "X-Rated High"	Drugs, Inc. "X-Rated High"	Major Crimes "White Lies" Pt. 3 of 3	CSI: NY "Vigilante"				CSI: NY	"Vigilante"	
50	TNT	(50) Castle "A Murder Is Forever"		Castle "Disciple"				Future II	(1989, Sci-Fi) Christopher Lloyd, Lea Thompson, Michael J. Fox.			Future II	(1989, Sci-Fi) Christopher Lloyd, Lea Thompson, Michael J. Fox.	
51	AMC	(51) (4:45) Uncle Buck	(89, Com) John Candy.	*** Back to the Future	(1985, Comedy) Christopher Lloyd, Lea Thompson, Michael J. Fox.			*** Back to the Future	Robot "eps2_9_pyth0n-pt2.p7z" (SF) (N)			Modern Family		
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U.	"Vanity's Bonfire"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Dreams Deferred"	*** G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra	(09) Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje.		Cutthroat Kitchen (N)				Cooks vs "Pancake Pandemonium" (N)		
53	FOOD	(53) Cutthroat Kitchen		Cutthroat Kitchen	*** Worst Cooks in America	Worst Cooks in America (N)		Cutthroat Kitchen (N)				Cooks vs "Pancake Pandemonium" (N)		
54	HGTV	(54) Buying and Selling		Buying and Selling	Property "Independent and Ambitious"	Buying "Move Out and Move On" (N)		House Hunters (N) House Hunters (N)				Property Brothers		
55	FX	(55) (5:00) Neighbors	(14, Com) Seth Rogen.	*** The Wolverine	(2013, Action) Will Yun Lee, Tao Okamoto, Hugh Jackman.			American Horror Story: 6 (N)				American Horror Story: 6		
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360				CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly				Hannity	On the Record	
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Cleveland Hustles (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank				Cleveland "Location, Location, Location"	Paid Program Paid Program	
63	BRAV	(63) Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy...	Don't Be Tardy...	[Real Housewives "The Moral Minority"] The Real Housewives			Don't Be Tardy...				WatchWhat (N) Housewives NJ		
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) *** It's a Mad, Mad, Mad, Mad World	(63) Milton Berle, Spencer Tracy.	[15] *** The Great Race	(1965, Comedy) Jack Lemmon, Natalie Wood, Tony Curtis.			Don't Be Tardy (N) Don't Be Tardy...				WatchWhat (N) Housewives NJ		
65	SYFY	(65) (4:00) Blade	(98) *** Blade: Trinity	(2004, Thriller) Jessica Biel, Ryan Reynolds, Wesley Snipes.				Ghost Hunters "Angel of Death" (N)				Paranormal Witness "The Pit" (N)	Ghost Hunters "Angel of Death"	
69	RFD	(69) Cowboy TV	Noble Outfitters	HS Rodeo Tour	Equestrian Nation	RW Horsemanship	Rural Eve. News	Racer's Edge	Women's Rodeo	Cowboy TV	Noble Outfitters	Product Showcase		

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