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Kite fliers brave the weather to enjoy hobby

By EDWARD STRATTON
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SEASIDE — More than 150 kite fliers from at least 20 states and five countries traveled to Seaside over the weekend, braving wet and blustery weather for a chance to support their hobby.

The American Kitefliers Association, one of the world's foremost kiting groups, held its 39th annual convention. The association is one of the largest kite groups in the world, with more than 1,700 members in 25 countries. The group promotes public awareness of the pleasure and educational benefits kiting and represents the U.S. in global kiting events.

Attendees took workshops in kite construction and handling, ascended en masse each afternoon, held a memorial flight for fallen kite fliers and tried to cut each other's lines in Rokkaku battles, using a traditional six-sided Japanese kite.

"Every three years, we move to either a West Coast, East Coast or central location," said John Rutter, the outgoing president of the association.

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ABOVE: Kirk Stickley, from Anchorage, Alaska, flies a Revolution Shockwave, a quadruple-line stunt kite that allows the flier to go forward and backward. Stickley was on his first trip to the American Kitefliers Association's annual convention. LEFT: Marti Dermer, center, traveled from Oklahoma, where she owns a pizza restaurant, to attend the American Kitefliers Association's 39th-annual convention with her son, Craig Dermer, right, from Portland.

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BELOW: From left, Barbara and Phil Burks traveled from Portland to fly kites as a memorial for their late friend and kite enthusiast, Dave "Geezer" Shattuck.



Tourism counties have high DUII rates

More visitors, more drunken driving issues

By KYLE SPURR
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Clatsop County has among the highest rates of drunken-driving cases in the state, a distinction influenced by tourism.

The county's rate matches Deschutes, Lincoln and Hood River based on figures over five years from the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission.

District Attorney Josh Marquis requested the data to get a better understanding of the statewide numbers. He sees a pattern of tourist areas having among the biggest problems with drunken driving. Two small, rural counties — Sherman County, in the northeast part of the state; and Grant County, in the east — were also among the top counties for drunken-driving cases.

"There is a clear trend," Marquis said.

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Short-term rentals, long-term challenges

Gearhart's brand-new rules face opposition

By R.J. MARX
The Daily Astorian

GEARHART — The ink on Gearhart's short-term rental rules is barely dry and already there are challenges in the works.

"We have engaged attorneys," David Townsend, a Gearhart property owner, said. "We are preserving all of our options, looking at all of them."

Short-term rental owners could file an appeal with the state, or gather signatures to file a ballot initiative to bring an "alternative ordinance" to voters. Townsend and others would seek to enable the transfer of permits in a sale — prohibited under the city ordinance — and see the cap lifted to accommodate more short-term rentals.

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In debate, Trump signals aggressive close to campaign

Locals offer takes on clash

By JULIE PACE and CATHERINE LUCEY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — His presidential campaign in peril, Donald Trump is leaving no doubt he'll spend the final weeks before the election attacking rather than defending, hitting on decades-old sexual allegations against Hillary Clinton's husband even if it turns off some voters whose support he needs.

Questioned at Sunday's debate about his vulgar remarks

about women, Trump accused Bill Clinton of having been "abusive to women" and said Hillary Clinton went after those women "viciously." He declared the Democratic nominee had "tremendous hate in her heart" and should be in jail.

Clinton tried at times to take the high road, glossing over Trump's charges and accusing him of trying to distract from his political troubles. "Anything to avoid talking about your campaign and the way it's exploding," she said.

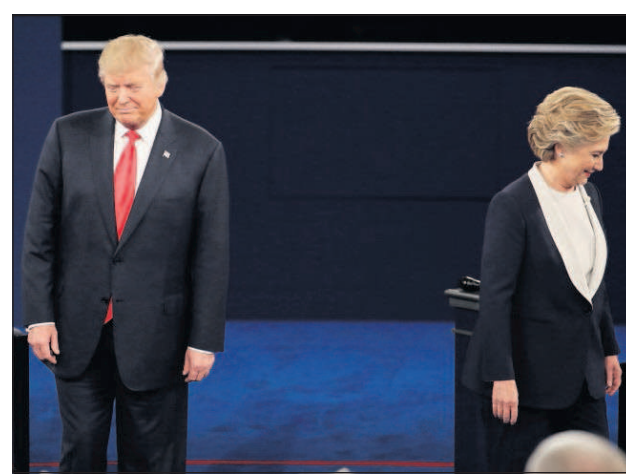
Pressure

Trump is facing enormous pressure from his own Republican Party and at times even

his running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence. Numerous Republicans revoked their support for Trump following the release of a 2005 video in which he is heard bragging about how his fame allowed him to "do anything" to women.

House GOP lawmakers addressed Trump's campaign in a rare, out-of-session conference call Monday morning. Hours before the meeting, Pence gave a series of television interviews, urging Republicans to stand behind Trump. "This is a choice between two futures," he declared, saying he never considered leaving Trump's ticket.

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AP Photo/Julio Cortez

Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton walk to their positions during the second presidential debate at Washington University in St. Louis, Sunday.

