

Candidates: Election is first foray into local politics for them

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The city needs more housing, a better library, a wider diversity of jobs and — an issue specific to the east side — a solution to the fluctuating flood of fans checking out the iconic Goonies house in Uppertown.

This election is the first foray into local politics for Jones, 56, and Pederson, 37.

Both have said they share many of the same views, and that, if elected, their approach to governance will consist of listening to different views and weighing them against the city's interests, rather than trying to push an ideological agenda.

Housing and jobs

Jones, the former commander of U.S. Coast Guard Sector Columbia River, said his campaigning experience confirmed what he already knew: The housing shortage is the

dominant issue at this moment in Astoria's history.

"That's, really, probably the No. 1 priority for a lot of people," he said.

In addition, many residents want more jobs in town that are not tourism-related. The city is working to devise an economic development strategy that, among other goals, reduces the local economy's dependence on tourism, a fickle industry.

Jones said he has become more sensitive to the economic hardships in the community than he was before.

"You see for yourself that a lot of people are struggling to make ends meet, take care of their homes, and that their need for a good job and more affordable housing options is very real," he said. "I mean, it really hits home."

Getting to know the people in Uppertown, Alderbrook and Emerald Heights took his knowledge of local issues "from being sort of an intellec-

tual understanding to a real personal understanding of what some of the needs in the community are," he said.

According to the Secretary of State's Office, Jones has received campaign donations from several prominent residents, including former Mayor Willis Van Dusen; Jon and Kurt Englund of Englund Marine & Industrial Supply; travel agency manager Bruce Conner; and commercial real estate adviser Dan Stein.

Library and Goonies

Pederson, the president of the Jewell Educational Association union, said the library remains a vital topic.

The City Council voted in July to scale back an ambitious and expensive plan to create a new library, opting to renovate the existing 1960s-era building — likely without a major expansion — rather than build a larger one at Heritage Square. The issue has led to rather animated discussions between

himself and several Ward 4 residents.

Meanwhile, the tide of tourists visiting the Goonies house in Uppertown remains a neighborhood nuisance, Pederson said.

Though the house featured in the 1980s cult classic is located in a residential area, it draws the foot traffic — and the actual traffic — of a commercial area.

Pederson understands the house's benefits from the city's perspective, he said. But the problems it has created over the last couple of years are "hard to explain to people who don't actually physically see the

amount of traffic."

In 2015, the visitor flow became so intense that "you'd be kind of scared to walk out of your house," he said.

Though the number of visitors has decreased, Pederson said it seems to be picking up again. And with talk of a "Goonies" sequel, the situation is bound to worsen.

"It's going to continue to rise until all heck breaks loose again," he said.

No regrets

After canvassing the ward, Jones told his wife, "You know, if I don't win the election, I'm still really glad I did

that, because I know so much more about the community now than I did before. I feel like I'm a much better informed citizen, and a much better informed neighbor," he said. "So I don't have any regrets."

Pederson said that, if he doesn't win, he will continue attending City Council meetings, keep up with concerns in Ward 4, stay engaged in local politics and, possibly, run for office again in four years.

"Whether it works out or not, I'm not going to hang my head down; that's not at all who I am," Pederson said, adding, "It's been fun. It's been absolutely fun."

Crossing: Many of the event's expenses had already been paid

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to show up. The chamber announced it would reschedule the crossing for a later date.

However, "after much consideration, we did not feel that rescheduling the event was feasible," Event Coordinator Kelsey Balensifer said in a release.

The chamber, she wrote, coordinates with about 60 agencies, contractors, suppliers and nonprofits to schedule the Great Columbia Crossing.

"Getting everyone on the same page in an abbreviated time period is something that was nearly impossible," she said in an interview.

The chamber also relies on the nearly 100 volunteers who help with event preparation and in various roles on race day, she said.

In addition, much of the staff time is already devoted to organizing three other annual festivals and events the chamber will host in early 2017, she wrote.

"The world keeps turning," she said.

Many of the expenses had already been paid.

Balensifer said it is important for the chamber to honor their donations to the local nonprofits that were slated to assist

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the organization on race day. The chamber has paid them in full.

"We host this event to benefit our community, and this is just one way we can help offset the burden of this year's cancellation," she wrote.

Though the chamber is not obligated to issue refunds, the participants who had registered will be mailed a \$20 check to the address on file. Many participants "took time off work and incurred travel and/or lodging expenses to take part in our event, on top of your registration fees," she wrote.

In addition, the participants who were unable to pick up their packet materials — includ-

ing T-shirts — and still want to claim them can fill out a form, available on the chamber website, by Dec. 31. Any items unclaimed after that date will be recycled, reused or resold.

The chamber will cover the mailing costs but has also provided an option to donate via PayPal to cover these costs.

"Thank you for your patience during the past couple weeks while we deliberated, discussed and evaluated our options. We also ask for your continued patience as we mail out checks, packets and shirts, which will take time," Balensifer wrote. "We are grateful for the support and understanding that many of you have shown us."

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OPINION

Mr. Graves signs off with, "I could be wrong." I will open with his line. In this vast, diverse country of ours, it distresses me that we find ourselves voting for the least undesirable of two choices. I do not vote early because I do not know what might fall out of their closets to add to what we already know.

My wife and I celebrated our 60th anniversary driving over 11,000 miles visiting family and friends while we are still able. It gave us the opportunity to follow the campaigns as we never had time to do when we were home. Regardless of who wins, at my age I can deal with it, but I do have kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids and our great country I am concerned about.

Some vote with their trade organizations or unions, others have a single issue behind their vote. I don't expect to find "MY" perfect candidate, but I do scrutinize their record, character and ambitions. I may not be enthused with my choice, but I am not going to write-in for a white knight and in the process give my vote to the worst of the candidates. Some think it's time for history to be made by electing a woman to the presidency. I have no problem with that. With the exception of Argentina, we have seen some great women lead their nations. But that should not be the qualifying factor.

I don't like resorting to name-calling as both have done. Both have also declared the other unfit for office. Nobody is comfortable with the unknown, but in this election, I am more uncomfortable with the known.

Mrs. Clinton has not yet gone to trial and been declared guilty, but the evidence is overwhelming. She says she takes the oath of office and national security very seriously and implies that her opponent will not. Facts are she has had a chance and failed miserably. She doesn't even "remember." She was given several things she needed to distance herself from, but she ignored them. She has been party to failed domestic and foreign operations. She has repeatedly been proven to have lied and still says she thinks the American people deserve all the facts. What? She has been down on the women that accused her husband of real assault. Some of these have been proven. The evidence is overwhelming that she has used her office for getting rich and influence peddling at home and abroad. Also, destroying evidence, obstructing justice and who knows what else and still says she "doesn't think she or her staff have done anything wrong." I have never heard a hint of apology. "It's a mistake." I can still hear yelling at the Benghazi hearing, "We have 4 Americans dead, what does it matter now?"

Mr. Trump has a lot of big ideas, most of which sound good. He has skeletons in his closet as well. His accusers have not had their day in court, but they all seem to be in the past. He has denied some of them and some appear to be exaggerations or not true. His "locker-room talk" is totally inexcusable, but it is prevalent and some of it you hear on TV in the living room. He did say that it was inappropriate and apologized. He is accused of shooting from the hip and on the campaign trail we have seen some of that. People who have sat down with him say he listens, and I don't believe he has gotten where is with business without careful considerations. His family and associates are strong supporters.

I think we should consider the important issues:

1. National Security: - Handling confidential information properly. - Securing our borders — we need to know who we let in. - Make fighting terrorism a priority
2. Economy: Fair, equitable trade deals, Jobs: For our young people and for our inner cities. Education: Better schools, especially in deprived areas, technical and trade schools, create an environment that can retain and bring back jobs.
3. Environment: We want clean air and clean water. It can only get worse. We have come a long way and can do even better. We need to pursue an economically sound path and not throw public money into losing endeavors.
4. National Debt: Everybody knows that we can't continue on the path we are on. Everyone wants their piece of the pork. If we care about our country and kids we want change.

Mr. Trump is not a perfect candidate but it is my choice over a proven deceitful, corrupt disaster. We don't deserve more of the same. Consider this, I may be wrong, and "God Bless America."

Gene and Marie Cutlip

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Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING													NOVEMBER 3	
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	Grey's "Why Try to Change Me Now" (N)	Notorious "Chase" (N)	Murder "Call It Mother's Intuition" (N)	KATU News at 11	(35) Jimmy Kimmel				
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Grey's "Why Try to Change Me Now" (N)	Notorious "Chase" (N)	Murder "Call It Mother's Intuition" (N)	KOMO 4 News	(35) Jimmy Kimmel				
5	KING	(5) NBC Nightly News	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	Superstore (N)	GoodPlace (N)	Chicago Med "Inherent Bias" (N)	The Blacklist "Dr. Adrian Shaw" 1/2 (N)	KING 5 News	(35) Tonight Show			
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 at 6	CBS Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Great Indoors (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	Pure Genius (N)	KOIN 6 News @ 11	(35) S. Colbert		
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News	CBS Evening News	The Insider	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Great Indoors (N)	Mom (N)	Life in Pieces (N)	Pure Genius (N)	KIRO News	(35) S. Colbert		
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m.		Live at Seven	Inside Edition	Superstore (N)	GoodPlace (N)	Chicago Med "Inherent Bias" (N)	The Blacklist "Dr. Adrian Shaw" 1/2 (N)	KGW News at 11	(35) Tonight Show			
9	KRCW	(9) Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Modern Family	Modern Family	Legends Tomorrow	"Abominations" (N)	Supernatural "American Nightmare" (N)	KGW News at 10	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother		
10	KOPB	(10) Travels Darley	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon (N)	Shetland	Scott & Bailey "Nobody's Fool"	Masterpiece "The Durrells in Corfu"				
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News		Family Feud	Family Feud	Rosewood (N)		Pitch "Wear It" (N)	10 O'Clock News	11 O'Clock News	2 Broke Girls			
13	KPDx	(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 Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	Cleveland Show		
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Rosewood (N)		Pitch "Wear It" (N)	Q13 News at 10	Q13 News	The Simpsons			
20	TBS	(20) Seinfeld	Seinfeld	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		
22	NBS	(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	Friends	Friends		
29	ESPN	(29) (4:30) NCAA Football	Oklahoma at Iowa State (L)	SportsCenter	The day's news in the world of sports.			SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter	SportsCenter		
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) H.S. Football (L)		ESPN Films	Drone Racing			Drone Racing		Jalen & Jacoby (N)	E:60	Jalen & Jacoby		
31	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans "A Hero Is Born"	★★★ The Parent Trap (1998, Family)	Dennis Quaid, Natasha Richardson, Lindsay Lohan.			The Lodge	K.C. Undercover	Friends	Friends		
32	DISN	(32) Bunk'd	Stuck in Middle	★★★ Another Cinderella Story ('08)	Selena Gomez.	(:40) Stuck Middle	(:05) Liv Maddie	Bizaardvark	The Lodge	K.C. Undercover	Liv and Maddie	Friends Whenever		
34	FAM	(34) (5:30) ★★ Hitch (2005, Comedy)	Eva Mendes, Kevin James, Will Smith.	★★★ Love and Basketball (2000, Romance)	Omar Epps, Alfre Woodard, Sanaa Lathan.						The 700 Club			
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) ★★ The Karate Kid ('10, Act)	Jackie Chan, Jaden Smith. (:50) Soul Surfer (2011, Action)	Dennis Quaid, Helen Hunt, AnnaSophia Robb.					Soul Surfer (2011, Action)	Dennis Quaid, Helen Hunt, AnnaSophia Robb.				
36	LF	(36) Runway "There's No 'I' in Team"	Runway "There IS Crying in Fashion"	Project Runway: Social Thread (N)	Project Runway "Project Pop Up" (N)				Project Runway: Fashion Startup (N)	Tiny House				
38	RST	(38) NCAA Field Hockey ACC Tournament		NCAA Field Hockey ACC Tournament	Quarter-final				WPT Poker Borgata Open	AMA Supercross				
39	FOOT	(39) NCAA Football UCLA at Colorado State: Sports Authority Field at Mile High -- Denver, Colo. (L)						College FB Extra	Fox Sports Live	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed				
43	SPIKE	(43) Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops		
44	COM	(44) Futura/ Futura	(:55) Futurama "Brannigan, Begin Again!"	(:25) Futurama	(:55) South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	The Daily Show (N) @midnight (N)			
45	HIST	(45) Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars	Counting Cars		
46	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Unarmed/ Bad Feeling"	First 48 "Fast Friends/ The Thin Line"	60 Days In	(:45) 60 Days In (N)	60 Days In	"Bed and Baggage" (N)	Behind Bars: Rookie "It's Personal" (N)	(:35) The First 48					
47	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	My 600-lb Life "Sean's Story"	My 600-lb Life "Brittani's Story"	My 600-lb Life	"Angel's Story"	My 600-lb Life	To Be Announced	My 600-lb Life "Angel's Story"				
48	DISC	(48) Street Outlaws "Daddy Day Car"	Street Outlaws "Back on Track?"	Street Outlaws	"Ready, Set, Crow..."	Street Outlaws	Full Throttle (N)	Street Outlaws	"Midnight Riders"	Amazon Underworld				
49	NBA	(49) Snow Babies	Ice Bear	Galapagos Savage, bizarre, hellish and beautiful.						NBA Basketball Boston vs Cleveland				
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Boston Celtics at Cleveland Cavaliers (L)	NBA Basketball Oklahoma City Thunder at Golden State Warriors Site: The Oracle -- Oakland, Calif. (L)	Inside the NBA										
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) ★★ The Matrix Revolutions ('03)	Laurence Fishburne, Keanu Reeves.	★★★ Ender's Game (2013, Sci-Fi)	Abigail Breslin, Harrison Ford, Asa Butterfield.				★★★ The Day the Earth Stood Still ('08)	Keanu Reeves.				
52	USA	(52) Law & Order: S.V.U. "Friending Emily"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Possibility's Bonfire"	Law&Order: SVU "Star-Struck Victims"	Law&Order: SVU "Manhattan Transfer"	Water "Castles Made of Sand" (N)	Eyewitness "Bella, Bella, Bella"							
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped: Impossible, Part 2"	Chopped: Impossible, Part 3"	Chopped	Chopped	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay	Beat Bobby Flay		
54	HGTV	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	
55	FX	(55) (4:00) Captain America: The Winter S...	★★★ The Avengers (2012, Action)	Chris Evans, Scarlett Johansson, Robert Downey Jr.					Better Things (N)	Better Things	Better Things	The Avengers ('12)		
57	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	Anderson Cooper 360	CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
58	FNC	(58) The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	The O'Reilly Factor	Shark Tank	The Kelly File With Megyn Kelly	Hannity	On the Record						
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank	Millionaire "Athletic Ambition" (N)	Millionaire "Athletic Ambition" (N)	Millionaire "Athletic Ambition" (N)	Millionaire "Athletic Ambition" (N)	Millionaire "Athletic Ambition" (N)	Millionaire "Athletic Ambition" (N)	Millionaire "Athletic Ambition" (N)	Millionaire "Athletic Ambition" (N)	Paid Program	Paid Program		
63	BRAV	(63) Million Dollar List "Bye, Felicia"	Million Dollar List "Fuschia My Life!"	Million Dollar List "Back on Market"	Million Dollar Listing Los Angeles (N)	Yours Mine Ours	Yours Mine Ours	WatchWhat (N)	Million Dollar List					
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) Kisses for My President	★★★ The Great McGinty ('40)	Akim Tamiroff, Brian Donley.	★★★ The Dark Horse ('32, Pol)	Bette Davis, Warren William.	★★★ I Married a Witch ('42)	Veronica Lake, Fredric March.	Movie					
65	SYFY	(65) Movie	★★★ Insidious (2010, Horror)	Rose Byrne, Ty Simpkins, Patrick Wilson.	★★ Insidious: Chapter 2 (2013, Horror)	Rose Byrne, Patrick Wilson.	Movie							
162	RFD	(162) SF Machinery	Small Town	Osmond Brothers Special	Steve Lantvit	Rural Eve. News	Market Journal	GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library			

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