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Military personnel walk along the National Mall in Washington, D.C., Wednesday alongside vendors' merchandise ahead of Friday's presidential inauguration.



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Kit Ketcham, center, and other organizers for Saturday's Women's March discuss details for the event in Astoria.

Trump believers celebrate inauguration many did not foresee

Hope, and a few prayers, for the new president

By JACK HEFFERNAN
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Terry Johnson stood watch behind the Clatsop County Republicans' table at the 2015 county fair. At the time, 17 candidates were vying for the Republican presidential nomination.

To Johnson's surprise, he heard Donald Trump's name uttered repeatedly. So he decided to take a poll. Once the roughly 90 votes were counted, he said,

Trump received 45 percent.

"That's about the time I started getting on board with the possibility of Trump becoming the nominee," he recalled.

On Friday, the 41 percent of Clatsop County voters who marked Trump's name on their ballots in November will get to enjoy his inauguration.

Just as they did during the real estate magnate's acceptance speech at the Republican National Convention in Cleveland in July, conservatives will gather at BJ's Pizza Palace in Seaside at 6 p.m. to watch inaugural events. Prior to the election, most national polls pegged former U.S. Secretary of State

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'I really underestimated his appeal. I didn't think he had a snowball's chance in hell.'

George Warren

farmer, speaking of Donald Trump's presidential election win

Women's March hints at more activism in North Coast politics

Local event in solidarity with national march

By JACK HEFFERNAN
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One week after the November election, protesters who opposed the Dakota Access Pipeline stood in the rain outside the Clatsop County Courthouse in Astoria. Despite the weather, more than 50 people showed up to join the protest, which was organized in a matter of days.

"If we could do this," some of the

organizers thought out loud, "what if we had much more time to plan?"

Since then, some of those same leaders have been planning a Women's March in downtown Astoria for Saturday — one day after Donald Trump's inauguration as president. The march is in solidarity with hundreds of others against the Republican real-estate magnate around the nation, including the main one in Washington, D.C.

As more and more votes were counted on Election Day, Joyce Hunt said she became angry and fearful. But both she and other organizers said they converted their initial anger into a desire for action.

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'I wasn't anywhere near as pissed about the election once I had a plan.'

Kit Ketcham

one of the organizers for Saturday's Women's March

Cannon Beach widow blames Trump nominee for foreclosure

Lisa Fraser, a Cannon Beach widow, is featured in a TV ad opposing President-elect Donald Trump's nominee for Treasury secretary, Steven Mnuchin.
Submitted Photo



Woman lost her home after her husband died

By ERICK BENGEL
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CANNON BEACH — A Cannon Beach widow, who lost her home to foreclosure shortly after

her husband died, is the subject of a TV ad opposing President-elect Donald Trump's choice for Treasury secretary.

Lisa Fraser's husband, John, died last winter after a long battle with cancer. She said OneWest — the bank Steven Mnuchin, Trump's nominee, led as chairman and CEO from 2009 to 2015 — foreclosed on the home where the couple lived for almost 25 years.

As Lisa Fraser explains in the somber 30-second spot: "We did everything the bank asked. They lied to us and took our home anyway. John spent his last days terrified I'd be homeless. And then they kicked me out right after the funeral."

The commercial — funded and produced by progressive

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Pillar Rock skeleton is missing Seattle man

'My luck has run out,' final text reads

By NATALIE ST. JOHN
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CATHLAMET, Wash. — Richard Donald Arneson's last known words came in the form of an ominous text message.

"My luck has run out," Arneson, 62, told a friend on Feb. 5, 2016. After that, his loved ones had no idea what became of him until law enforcement delivered bitter-sweet news: A Texas forensic lab used DNA to confirm that

Arneson was the man discovered on the bank of the Columbia River near Altoona in May.

Wahkiakum County Prosecutor and Coroner Dan Bigelow was still trying to wrap his head around the unexpected news about the mystery man at Pillar Rock. Over the past several months, he's put considerable thought and effort into trying to find the man's name.

"All that detective work. All that '2 a.m.-ing!' Dr. (Kathy) Taylor was giddy when she told me," Bigelow said, referring to the Washington state forensic anthropologist who helped Bigelow prepare the remains for DNA testing, and hired the forensic

artist who drew the likeness of the man that was released to the public just last week. "I did a little happy dance."

Against diminishing odds

It might seem odd for Bigelow to be happy about such a thing, but he doesn't intend any disrespect. It's just that a great many missing persons and unidentified remains cases never get solved, and the prospects definitely weren't great for this one. It was dubious whether the man's weathered, partial skeletal remains would yield any usable DNA. Even when there is DNA, it often takes months or even years

before labs get any results. Leads in the case had all come to nothing. After seven months of searching, Bigelow and Taylor thought that if they got any new leads this month, they would come from the new drawing, not the Texas forensic lab.

"This came out of the blue." Bigelow said. His last unidentified remains case involved another skeleton found on the banks of the Columbia in February 2013. It took almost exactly two years for the same Texas lab to confirm that the bones belonged to Molly Waddington, a 44-year-old Kelso,

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Richard Donald Arneson of west Seattle went missing nearly a year ago. Thanks to DNA and a tenacious Wahkiakum County coroner, his remains have now been identified as a skeleton found on the Columbia River shoreline near Pillar Rock.

