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ICE criticizes county on immigration holds



County sheriff wants to help but wary of lawsuits

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement has criticized Clatsop County for not cooperating with the federal agency's

requests to detain undocumented immigrants.

On Tuesday, federal deportation officers arrested a Mexican national with prior criminal convictions, including two for driving under the influence of intoxicants, outside Clatsop County

Circuit Court after the man had appeared for a matter related to a criminal charge.

Explaining the incident to The Daily Astorian, which had asked about the arrest, Immigration and Customs Enforcement said in a statement: "Since

Clatsop County does not honor ICE detainers and releases criminal aliens who pose a potential public safety threat, and because many of the agency's arrest targets provide false address information, locating these individuals at a courthouse is, in some instances, the agency's only

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A taste of the Mo's to come



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Bob Scull, Regional Manager at Mo's Restaurants, looks out on the Mo's Restaurant's view on Monday in Astoria. The new Mo's Restaurant located at Vintage Hardware's old building is currently under construction.

New restaurant opens in Astoria this summer

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Customers can grab a taste of clam chowder while Mo's builds out a new restaurant in Astoria.

The company has opened a chowder truck on the weekends in front of its new location off the Columbia River at the foot of 15th Street, expected to open in the summer.

Bob Scull, a regional manager for Mo's, said the cart is open from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, with expanding hours as the weather improves.

"This is the biggest project we've taken on," Scull said of the 12,000-square-foot location, split between a 160-seat restaurant and a new chowder production kitchen.

About 50 workers under general contractor Randy Stemper have torn back 8,000 square feet of the Englund Marine & Industrial Supply Building — the former home of Vintage

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Construction workers make progress on Mo's Restaurant near 15th Street and Marine Drive in Astoria. New building will house a restaurant and a chowder production kitchen.

Body washes ashore in Chinook

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CHINOOK, Wash. — A woman discovered a human body while walking on a beach in Chinook Tuesday.

According to a Pacific County Sheriff's Office press release, the woman found the body washed up on a rocky beach near the end of Third Street at about 7 p.m.

Deputies responded a short time later, and confirmed that the remains were those of a person that appeared to have washed up with the tide.

Due to the state of deterioration, deputies believe the body may have been in the water for an extended period of time.

Astoria may get charter school

Gray School to change designation

By EDWARD STRATTON
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The Astoria School District is planning to make its Gray School campus alternative education program a separate charter school starting next year.

During a study session of the Astoria School Board, Superintendent Craig Hoppes said he started thinking about charter schools during the presidential election and a charter school seminar at the Oregon School Boards Association conference.

"I strongly feel there's going to be a lot of resources out there for charter

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Cathlamet is the place for mail-order divorces

Wahkiakum's divorce rate 56 times the state average

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CATHLAMET, Wash. — With remote bed-and-breakfasts, kayak tours, wildlife and picturesque dairies and farms, Wahkiakum County is full of possibilities for happy couples looking for a romantic getaway. The tiny county also offers something special for unhappy couples: quick,

cheap, discreet divorces by mail.

The snail-mail divorces have gotten so popular since they first became available about four years ago that Wahkiakum County's divorce rate is now about 56 times higher than the state average rate of 3.4 divorces for every 1,000 people, according to state Department of Health data. It's second only to Lincoln County, the other place where Washington residents send away for a divorce.

"I just feel like it's a service," Wahkiakum County Clerk Kay Holland said. She pushed the county to offer long-distance dissolutions

after she became the clerk in 2009, because she believed they would provide a welcome new source of income for the perpetually cash-strapped county, as well as a unique service for citizens.

"It's income for the county, but divorce is hard," Holland explained. "I think this makes it a little bit easier on people."

Splitting up by snail mail

Washington divorces usually take between four and 18 months, according to a guide from the Northwest Justice Project. If there are kids

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A hilltop view of Cathlamet, Wash. Wahkiakum County has the second highest rate of divorce in the state despite being 38 out of 39 counties in population size.

