Three rescued at Cape D after vessel sinks

Charter boat helped man, teenagers

EO Media Group

CAPE DISAPPOINT-MENT, Wash. — Passengers and crew of the Ilwaco charter boat Pacific Dream came to the rescue early Monday morning after a man and two teenagers were thrown in the cold water of the Pacific Ocean when their small pleasure craft, the Aggi K, sank off Cape Disappointment.

At 7:16 a.m., watchstanders at U.S. Coast Guard Sector Columbia River received a report from the Aggi K that their vessel was taking on water and their dewatering pumps could not keep up. Communications were lost shortly after, according to a



Luke Whittaker/EO Media Group A life ring was thrown to pull the man and boys aboard.

Coast Guard press release. Watchstanders issued a urgent marine information broadcast. The crew of the Pacific Dream responded. Aboard the vessel Coast River Business Journal reporter and photographer Luke Whittaker, who was researching a story on the ocean salmon season.

Whittaker said Pacific Salmon Charters Skipper Brian Cable immediately began searching the area. Glare made it difficult to see anything on the surface of the water, but as they neared the area of the sinking, passengers and crew could hear frantic



Luke Whittaker/EO Media Group A man collapsed on deck after being pulled from the cold water Monday near Cape Disappointment.

calls for help. They were soon able to hone in on the shouts and retrieved all three people, who were all wearing life jackets, out of the water.

Whittaker said the trio exhibited signs of being cold and shaken by their experience. Seawater in the area was around 60 degrees at the time.

The three were an adult man, his nephew and his nephew's friend. They declined to identify themselves.

The Aggi K had mostly sunk by the time the charter crew made it on scene. The charter crew transferred the three people to a 47-foot motor life boat crew from

Coast Guard Station Cape Disappointment, who transported them back to station for medical evaluation by emergency medical service personnel. An MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter crew searched the area for the vessel, but did not see it or any signs of pollution.

In perhaps the biggest surprise of the whole incident, the three said they planned to go fishing again today — this time aboard a Pacific Salmon Charters boat.

The Coast Guard used the sinking and other incidents to urge the public to exercise safety on and around the water on the Fourth of July holiday.

Besides the sinking, the Coast Guard said that its personnel had responded to a disabled pleasure craft with five people aboard a mile south of Nehalem Bay and a kayaker clinging to his kayak 100 yards off the Tillamook coast.

Special election, cost containment, bond measures advance

Deadline a week away

TONIGHT

Partly cloudy

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Temperatures

Normal high/low

Record high

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Month to date

Normal year to date

SUN AND MOON Sunset tonight

UNDER THE SKY

TOMORROW'S TIDES

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Astoria through Monday

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE Capital Bureau

SALEM — State lawmakers advanced several key pieces of legislation out of the main

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budget committee Monday, one week before the constitutionally required end of the session.

They include an elections bill, a cost containment bill and bond packages.

Senate Bill 229, initially a technical elections bill, generated some controversy last week because an amended version of the bill would schedule

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a special election in January for legislation that gets referred to the ballot.

Oregonians can petition to refer certain non-emergency legislation to voters.

A newly-amended version of the bill advanced by legislators Monday, though, specifies that the special election date only applies to House Bill

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SATURDAY

Times of clouds and sun

FRIDAY

Low clouds followed by

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs

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2391, the so-called provider tax passed to offset state Medicaid

Under the new amendment, any other legislation passed this session that gets referred to the ballot would go to the November 2018 election.

A provision that would have a bipartisan legislative committee - with more Democrat members than Republican members — write ballot titles for legislative referrals remains in the bill. Critics have said that would be a more partisan process than having the attorney general write them, as current law holds.

After some debate in committee, lawmakers also agreed to move forward Senate Bill 1067, this year's much-discussed cost containment bill, which outlines several ways that the state hopes to save money.

The methods of curtailing costs vary, but include trimming the costs of public employee health care and cenindicated they may vote against the legislation itself. A feature of the bill, which would tie most hospital rates under public employee health plans to a percentage of Medicare rates, became a point of contention at the committee meeting Monday evening.

While the arrangement allows the state to draw down substantial federal funds, lawmakers worried that limiting payments could put an extra financial burden on hospitals that already agreed to fork over money to the state through the provider tax.

State Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose, said the provision could present a political problem in the event that the provider tax does go to the ballot.

"If there is a referral, we're going to need those hospitals to stand shoulder to shoulder with us in the referral," Johnson said.

The committee's co-chairman, Sen. Richard Devlin.

Under the bill, the state wouldn't tie hospital rates to a percentage of Medicare rates for public employees until plan years starting July 1, 2019.

... If our standard is going to be, cut somebody else but me, we're never going to do much cost containment," Devlin said.

Bond money

Finally, the Joint Ways and Means Committee advanced key bond bills to finance large projects.

Among the likely winners of coveted bond money: the Elliott State Forest, for which legislators set aside about \$100 million to decouple the land from its obligations to generate revenues for K-12 education.

While the state Senate was scheduled to meet this morning, the House is not expected to convene again until Wednesday. That's the first day that the House could vote on the above bills.

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tralizing the state's debt collec-D-Tualatin, said he believed the provision should stay in the tion practices. cost containment bill and that Some legislators voted to advance the bill to the floor but the issue could be revisited. Fatal crash on Highway 101 in Seaside

City of Seaside A pedestrian was killed today in a fatal crash in Seaside.

The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — A pedestrian was hit and killed by a motor vehicle early today on U.S. Highway 101 near the Seaside Airport.

The crash occurred at about 3:13 a.m., according to Seaside Police. No other details vere immediately available

One lane of the busy highway was open this morning as the Seaside Police and the Oregon State Police investigate.

Thousands of people are expected in Seaside today for the Fourth of July holiday.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

THURSDAY Northwest Oregon Housing Authority Board, 10 a.m., Gable Park Apartments, 2544 Gable Road, St. Helens. **Seaside Parks Advisory** Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall, City Hall, 989 Broadway.

ON THE RECORD

Assault • At 10:28 p.m. Thursday,

Chad Copeland, 37, of Astoria, was arrested by the Astoria Police Department near Second Street and Bond Street and charged with second-degree assault, fourth-degree assault, coercion and recklessly endangering another person. He allegedly put his arms around a woman and cornered her against a wall. After she bit him to get away, he allegedly slammed her head against a stone wall and punched her several times in the face. Witnesses also said he kicked her repeatedly while she was on the ground. Both were taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital for minor injuries.

DUII • At 12:37 a.m. Friday, Galen Grudenic, 26, of Seaside, was arrested by the Seaside Police Department near Avenue N and South Columbia Street and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants. His blood alco-

· At 6:19 p.m. Saturday, Matthew McPherson, 57, of Portland, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office in Fort Stevens State Park and charged with DUII and reckless driving.

hol content was 0.18 percent.

• At 7:08 p.m. Saturday, Jason Grant Wyrick, 43, of Vancouver, Washington, was arrested by the Warrenton Police Department in Fort Stevens State Park and charged with DUII. His blood alcohol content was 0.10 percent.

26 weeks in advance

52 weeks in advance

DEATH

Monday, July 3, 2017 GOTTESMAN, Kelly Marie, 55, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

LOTTERIES

OREGON Monday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 0-8-8-8 4 p.m.: 7-2-1-1 7 p.m.: 5-9-3-2

10 p.m.: 3-9-1-2

million

Monday's Megabucks: 01-27-31-35-40-44 Estimated jackpot: \$2.8

WASHINGTON

Monday's Daily Game: 2-4-3 Monday's Hit 5: 06-16-27-30-

Estimated jackpot: \$200,000 Monday's Keno: 04-05-06-08-11-12-22-27-33-38-40-44-47-

48-60-61-64-69-71-74 Monday's Lotto: 04-10-17-24-25-26

Estimated jackpot: \$1 million Monday's Match 4: 07-11-20-

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