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A construction worker appears in a section of the exterior of the Times Theater in Seaside that had to be removed to facilitate the restoration and enhancement work. Find more photos of the theater online at DailyAstorian.com

Seaside adopts inclusivity resolution

Supporters disappointed by lack of unanimity

By R.J. MARX
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — The City Council endorsed an inclusivity resolution Monday night recognizing the contributions of immigrants, but resistance by two councilors led to an uneasy feeling among some in the Hispanic community.

While a majority supported the resolution in a 5-2 vote, City Councilor Seth Morrissey said it was ambiguous and intentionally vague.

Councilor Randy Frank called it political and unnecessary.

"I don't understand why we have a resolution for this," Frank said. "I've lived here 52 years. I went to school here. I don't know of anybody being excluded on any basis. ... I do know these inclusivity movements are part of a political alignment and this is what I object to."

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Guadalupe Beltran and Minerva Moulin after Monday's meeting of the Seaside City Council.

Man dies in Ilwaco fire

Blaze ripped through trailer on Sunday

By AMY NILE
EO Media Group

ILWACO, Wash. — Douglas L. Mattox is dead after a fire ripped through his home in a gated recreational vehicle park on Sunday.

The trailer was engulfed in black smoke and flames by the time firefighters arrived to the 3000 block of Sandridge Road just after 3 p.m., Pacific County Fire District 1 Assistant Chief Brad Weatherby said.

Long Beach and Ilwaco firefighters helped put out the blaze in the Safari Association of Ilwaco lot. A victim believed to be Mattox was found in the smoldering remains of his home.

Although officials are still waiting for an autopsy to confirm, Weatherby said Mattox's family had been notified.

His sister, Julie Martin, shared what she described on Facebook as a "rather humorous, somewhat macabre, twist" to the story. Mattox apparently stored a lot of illegal fireworks at his place. His neighbors told Martin they had tried to contain the flames until help arrived but had to back off when the fireworks started going off.

"I had to laugh," she wrote. "He went out with a bang."

Mattox was 57. His sister, Marci Bennett, said he suffered from heart problems and diabetes.

Bennett, who runs a dessert-catering business and is known for her pies, also shared her feelings on Facebook.

"I loved you so much, Doug," she wrote. "I'm glad you're not in pain anymore. You battled with life everyday. I know you were ready to go. We will miss you very much."

Mattox is survived by his son, Dustin Mattox, father Robert Mattox, stepmother Johnni Dolan, brother David Mattox, his sisters, brothers-in-law Don Bennett and Bill Martin, uncle Roger DeHart, aunt Leila

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Historic Seaside building restored as a brew pub and event space

By BRENN A VISSER
The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — After closing its doors almost 30 years ago, the historic Times Theater could come back to life early next year.

The theater, which sits at the corner of Broadway and Columbia Street, is most recognizable for the giant postcard mural painted on its walls. It originally opened in 1941 and is one of the city's most historic buildings.

The Times played the day's most popular movies before the previous owner, Don McMurdie, decided not to renew the lease in 1989.

Now the property owners from TD&M Enterprises have plans to restore and renovate the theater into a brew pub and event space, with the possibility of live entertainment, sports viewing and even some second-run movies.

"The space already has a cool feel. It just has to be upgraded," Mark Utti, the company's president, said. "Someone has already asked about having a wedding in there."

Inspiration

TD&M Enterprises, which also operates other restaurants like the Twisted Fish Steakhouse and Finn's Fish House, has owned the property for many years, Utti said. But the inspiration to bring the space back to life came after Utti met Vince Berg, a local brewer, through mutual business acquaintances earlier this year.

The two were looking at existing locations owned by TD&M Enterprises until they started exploring and conceptualizing the idea of what a brew pub would look like in the old theater.

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ABOVE: Marla Olstedt uses her phone as a flashlight to look at memorabilia left over from the days when the Times Theater in Seaside was a thriving venue. BELOW: Construction work continues on the historic Times Theater in downtown Seaside.



Game over at Arc Arcade in Astoria

Downtown venue closed on Monday

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

The Arc Arcade in downtown Astoria closed Monday night.

"It is with great sadness that we have decided to close our doors," read a message posted on a window outside the papered-over front entrance on 11th and Commercial streets and later on Facebook. "It has been a labour of love each day to be a part of this community and we wish all of you the best."



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Employees loaded video games from the arcade into a trailer earlier this month. The arcade has closed.

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