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Food bank shake-up leads to a temporary closure

South County nonprofit feeds the hungry

By R.J. MARX
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ager of the South County Food Bank, have two different accountings of a split that could leave hundreds of South County residents hungry over the holidays.

Gann said she and staff were approached by board members Friday afternoon, ordered to relinquish their keys and locked out of the Roosevelt Drive building.

“They said, ‘You’re fired, you’re gone. Give me your keys and leave.’ They did it in the worst possible way,” Gann said.

Gann blamed the closure on months of board

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South Clatsop County Food Bank Regional Manager Karla Gann at the food bank in August.

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Marijuana debate still blazing in Cannon Beach



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Chris Hess at the Five Zero Trees store in Cannon Beach on Friday. Owners of the store are planning a soft opening in a few weeks as two other recreational marijuana retailers look at opening stores in Cannon Beach.

Portland hotelier outduels the Port

Param could take over Astoria Riverwalk Inn

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Clatsop County Circuit Court Judge Dawn McIntosh has given Param Hotel Corp. a choice between either a seven-year lease on the Astoria Riverwalk Inn or up to \$4 million in damages against the Port of Astoria.

Param’s attorney, Colin Hunter, said the company plans to take over the lease of the hotel in November 2018, after the term of Astoria Hospitality Ventures ends.

“The judge and jury have now spoken with one voice to confirm that Param is entitled to the benefit of the bargain it reached with the Port back in 2015,” Hunter said. “At its core, this case has always been about the opportunity to run the Riverwalk Inn, a truly unique hotel property with enormous potential.”

A jury last week awarded the \$4 million to Param, finding the Port had breached a contract and that Port Executive Director Jim Knight had knowingly made fraudulent misrepresentations to Param’s owner, Ganesh Sonpatki.

McIntosh held a hearing Friday on Param’s pending claim for specific performance, a legal remedy used when monetary damages are not adequate. McIntosh said she would accept a suggestion that the Port enforce Param’s seven-year lease at the end of Hospitality Ventures’ remaining year. Param would also have to pay what was promised in the breached contract to satisfy former operator Brad Smithart’s debts to the Port, Astoria and Clatsop County. Any remainder would go to Smithart, who

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City councilors to review rules, comprehensive plan

By BRENNA VISSER
The Daily Astorian

CANNON BEACH — Almost a year has passed since residents narrowly voted to allow recreational marijuana sales. But as retailers apply to open stores, conversations about appropriate locations and procedure have

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unsettled the community.

Three marijuana retailers have submitted land use compatibility statements to operate. Each are at different stages of the permitting process. But one — Five Zero Trees at 140 S. Hemlock St. — has been inspected by the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and is expected to open within the next few weeks, pending the city’s approval of a business license.

Earlier this year, controversy surrounding the Hemlock Street location led city councilors to reevaluate an ordinance that spells out where and how marijuana shops can operate. The issue came up after Matt Ennis, a resident at 140 S. Hemlock, told the city at a July meeting that his landlord planned to evict him to rent the commercial space under him to Five Zero Trees.

Councilors voted 3-2 to maintain the ordinance, which prohibits marijuana stores in mixed-use buildings to adhere to

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New librarian takes helm at college

Checking out books and more

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Dan McClure was an advertising major at the University of Oregon when a research librarian visited his “Info Hell” class, a rite of passage for those entering the School of Journalism and Communication.

The librarian showed the class LexisNexis Congressional, one of the foremost repositories of congressional records. About one-third of the class didn’t pay attention, McClure said, but he was enthralled.



“I just thought, ‘Wow; that’s so profound that this guy has this ability to affect so many lives at once, for those of who cared to pay attention to it,’” he said. “I think until then, in my mind, librarians were very tied to what I had witnessed at the public library, which was really a lot of checking out books.”

After earning a bachelor’s in journalism, McClure realized advertising didn’t fit his personality. He later earned a

master’s in library and information studies. He landed this year at Clatsop Community College as the new director of the Dora Badollet Library.

Originally from Eugene, McClure left at 19 and didn’t return until his 30s to attend school. In his youth, he worked as a waiter, baker, bike messenger and salesman of musical instruments and cameras, positions he later used to work his way through college.

After the University of Oregon, McClure and his wife, Noelle, who works in fine art collection management, moved east as she pursued a master’s in studio art

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Dan McClure was recently hired as director of Clatsop Community College’s Dora Badollet Library.



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