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## ASTORIA SCHOOLS LOCK MORE DOORS



Mike Rath, left, and Jack Dickey prepare the front entrance of Astor Elementary School in Astoria for new security measures.

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### Administrators want to improve security

By EDWARD STRATTON  
The Daily Astorian

**K**ate Gohr, the principal at John Jacob Astor Elementary School, has mixed feelings about the building's distinction as a main filming location in the 1990 action-comedy "Kindergarten Cop" starring Arnold Schwarzenegger.

"We have kind of the unique situation of having tourists want to come into our building all the time, so that's very tricky," she said.

"In the summer, it's all the time, and it continues through the school year. People want me to give them tours."

A sign posted on the front door lets visitors know the building is for school business only. But Gohr and other staff often struggle with unwanted visitors.

Adding to the struggle is the location of the school's office, down a hallway from the main entrance — the only door that has until recently remained unlocked during the school day.

The Astoria School District recently installed video intercom and buzz-in sys-



John Moeller, left, and Jack Dickey work to install new security measures at Astor Elementary School in Astoria.

tems at Astor, Lewis and Clark Elementary School and Astoria Middle School in an effort to improve security.

"By locking the doors throughout the school day, we can assure that each school building will only contain people who have a need to be there," Superintendent Craig Hoppes wrote in a letter to parents. "This safety measure is one assur-

ance that our schools will be safer and more secure."

Front doors will lock 25 minutes after the start of each day and unlock 15 minutes before school ends. Each school office is equipped with a screen linked to a camera outside the front entrance.

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Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian  
The Western Skies partially sank this summer at the Warrenton Marina and is now listed as derelict.

## Boats for sale

Warrenton Marina deals with abandoned vessels

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Derelict and abandoned boats left in the Warrenton Marina are now for sale.

Marina staff went through a formal seizure process for the boats in September and October. Now, the time is up for owners to step forward and claim their property. The city is going to recoup what it can by selling the vessels.

It's a new move for the marina, said Harbormaster Jane Sweet, and an effort to purge the docks of boats that have become the responsibility of marina staff, taking up space and swallowing resources.

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## Pension task force lists options to reduce liability

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — A task force says it's found ways to reduce the Public Employee Pension System's \$25.3 billion unfunded liability by as much as \$10.4 billion.

The options it outlined in a report last week are wide ranging — increased taxes on beer and wine, sweeping state reserve funds, dedicating one-time financial windfalls to PERS, and selling one or more state universities to a private, not-for-profit entity.

Gov. Kate Brown appointed the seven-member task force, comprised of business

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## Dogs, owners 'work as a team'

Dog training business opens in Seaside

By EVE MARX  
For The Daily Astorian

Is your dog your best friend or your biggest headache?

If the answer isn't 'best friend,' it may be time to call professional dog trainer Cati Foss.

Foss is the owner of Amicadia Dog Training, which recently opened in Seaside. Pet owners seek her help with problems that make everyone — including the dog

— miserable. "Training is often a last-ditch effort to keep the dog," Foss said.

The most common issues are impulse control, timidity, anxiety, jumping, barking, mouthing, and reactive behavior.

"A reactive dog is a dog who is hard to manage in public," Foss said. "The dog is overexcited, or it has mild aggression, or anxiety or fear."

Her first job is calming the dog so it will be receptive to training. Most dogs have the emotional response and intelligence of the average 2½-year-old human.

"People either view their

dogs as their children or animals," she said. "Dogs give us signals we humans can learn to read."

Foss relocated from Des Moines, Wash., to the coast in 2008. Her husband has family in the area. The couple live in Astoria and have two kids and a Sheltie dog.

After working as a manager at Safeway, Foss became part of the new management team building the then-new Petco in Warrenton.

"After a while, I was invited to move from management into dog training," Foss said. "I quickly learned I had

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Cati Foss and her Sheltie, Lyra, are loving Amicadia's new training and play space.



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