

The Harbor: It's now on better financial footing with reserves

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Sue Farmer, the interim executive director of The Harbor, said the new office space is about the same size as the previous offices in the Norblad Building but provides a more concentrated and up-to-date setting.

"These offices provide for more confidentiality," Farmer said, adding The Harbor will only be in the lower level of the office space previously occupied by the law firm.

The Harbor recently sold the Van Dusen Building at the corner of Duane and 10th streets to Astoria Maker Industries, a makerspace that will establish its headquarters in the building. The Harbor had previously been located in the building, a donation from Pig



LEFT: The Harbor recently moved its offices into the former Snow & Snow law firm at 801 Commercial St. **RIGHT:** Astoria Makers has been fixing up the Van Dusen Building, purchased from The Harbor earlier this year.

N Pancake founders Marianne and Robert Poole, until moving in 2010 to the Norblad Building to save money.

The Harbor's restoration of the Van Dusen Building,

largely driven by volunteers, became too expensive. Farmer said selling the building has "given us a reserve we can fall back on when we're waiting for grant reimbursements."



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Jeanyse Snow, a partner with her husband, Hal, in the Snow & Snow law firm until his death last year, recently sold the building at the corner of Eighth and Commercial

streets to Dash Family LLC, registered to local attorney Blair Henningsgaard.

Farmer took over as interim executive director of The Harbor when Melissa Van Horn

left in September 2016.

"We're always open to the possibility of somebody," she said when asked about whether the group was searching for a new director. "I did not want to step down until we found someone who was suitable for the position."

Farmer said The Harbor is now on better financial footing, with reserves from the building sale and grants from Providence Seaside Hospital, Randall Family Foundation and Warrenton High School's CommuniCare program.

Paul Caruana, who owns the Norblad Building with business partner Brand Faherty, said The Harbor has occupied three spaces, each 1,200 to 1,400 square feet. There are no plans for what might go in once the group is moved out, he said.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Associated Press

Neighbors help during massive senior living center fire

Dozens of neighbors rushed to the scene of a massive late-night fire that injured at least 20 people at a Pennsylvania senior living community, wrapping the elderly in blankets and carrying them to ambulances in makeshift gurneys.

Larry Kingsland, 62, said today he and scores of people who live around the Barclay Friends Senior Living Community ferried elderly residents to medics as firefighters rescued them from the blaze.

"Everyone saw how devastating the fire was and we all had the same reaction: that people needed help," he said of the Thursday night inferno in West Chester, about 35 miles west of Philadelphia. "The whole neighborhood was helping."

Firefighters were still dousing smoldering hot spots on what remains of the building late this morning. The fire was declared under control just before 1:30 a.m. An investigation into what caused the blaze is underway, a town fire chief said.

The fire quickly spread to multiple buildings, engulfing sections within minutes; flames could be seen shooting from the roofs and windows of the structures.

Many of the residents were pushed in wheelchairs or rolled on beds to safety, said Dina Ciccarone, another neighbor who helped move people away from the fire and into safety. In some

cases, she said, people used blankets as makeshift gurneys to assist in the rescue effort.

House passes GOP tax bill; fate in Senate unclear

WASHINGTON — Republicans have stretched closer to delivering the first big legislative victory for President Donald Trump and their party, whisking a \$1.5 trillion overhaul of business and personal income taxes through the House. Thorny problems await in the Senate, though.

The House passage of the bill Thursday on a mostly party-line 227-205 vote also brought nearer the biggest revamp of the U.S. tax system in three decades.

But in the Senate, a similar measure received a politically awkward verdict from nonpartisan congressional analysts showing it would eventually produce higher taxes for low- and middle-income earners but deliver deep reductions for those better off.

The Senate bill was approved late Thursday by the Finance Committee and sent to the full Senate on a party-line 14-12 vote. Like the House measure, it would slash the corporate tax rate and reduce personal income tax rates for many.

But it adds a key feature not in the House version: repeal of the Affordable Care Act's requirement that everyone in the U.S. have health insurance. Elimination of the so-called individual mandate under the Obama health care law would add an estimated \$338 billion in revenue over 10 years that the Senate tax-writers used for additional tax cuts.

The nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office has projected that repeal of the mandate would result in 13 million more uninsured people by 2027, making it a political risk for some lawmakers.

Defiant Moore camp targets female accusers, vows fight

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Ever defiant, Republican Roy Moore's campaign lashed out at the women accusing him of sexual misconduct, declaring "let the battle begin." Women's advocates decried the talk as worn intimidation tactics in a desperate attempt to keep his imperiled Senate bid alive.

Moore ignored mounting calls from Washington Republicans concerned that he may not only lose a seat they were sure to win, but also may do significant damage to the party's brand among women nationwide as they prepared for a difficult midterm election season.

Moore's team showed no such concerns Thursday.

"You ask me if I believe the girls. No, I don't believe the girls. I believe Judge Moore," Moore strategist Dean Young said. "Let the battle begin. ... Get ready to fight Mitch McConnell. We're going to fight you to the death on this."

President Donald Trump, through a spokeswoman, called the allegations of sexual misconduct against the former judge "very troubling." The Republican president stopped short of calling on Moore to quit the race, however, breaking with most Republican leaders in Wash-

ington, including McConnell, the Senate majority leader.

Trump did take time to publicly ridicule Democratic Sen. Al Franken, who apologized Thursday after a woman who had traveled with him on a USO tour in 2006 accused him of forcibly kissing her and then groping her for a photograph taken while she was sleeping on a transport plane. Trump tweeted that the photo was "really bad" and that "just last week he was lecturing anyone who would listen about sexual harassment and respect for women."

Iraqi forces retake the country's last IS-held town

BAGHDAD — Iraqi forces backed by the U.S.-led coalition retook today the last town in the country that was held by the Islamic State group, more than three years after the militants stormed nearly a third of Iraqi territory, the Defense Ministry's spokesman said.

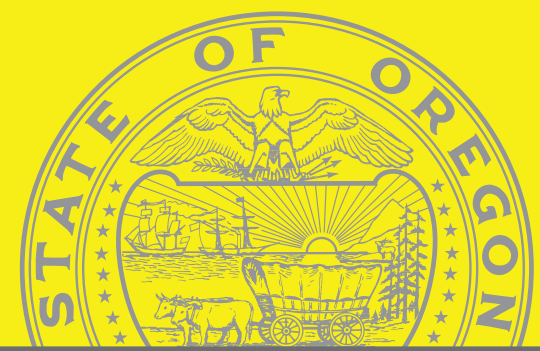
At dawn, Iraqi military units and local tribal fighters pushed into the western neighborhoods of Rawah in western Anbar province and after just five hours of fighting, Iraqi forces retook the town, according to Brig. Gen. Yahya Rasool.

Rawah, 175 miles northwest of Baghdad, lies along the Euphrates River valley near the border town of Qaim that Iraqi forces retook from IS earlier this month.

U.S.-led coalition forces supported the operations to retake Rawah and Qaim with intelligence, airstrikes and advisers, coalition spokesman Ryan Dillon said.

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