

Astoria balks at pawn shop gun ban

City Council may consider stricter rules

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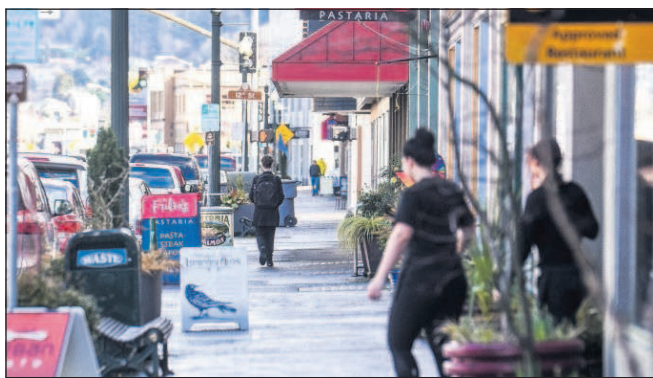
Astoria will not ban the sale of used guns at pawn shops, but the city might impose stricter regulations on pawnbrokers and secondhand dealers to discourage trading in stolen goods.

City Councilor Cindy Price called for a vote on a ban Monday night, but was rebuffed when no other councilor agreed to second her motion. At a November work session, Price and Mayor Arline LaMear had discussed potential restrictions on pawn shops and used gun sales because of a new pawn shop opening on Commercial Street downtown.

Price tied the issue to the prevalence of guns in the United States and the deadly toll from gun violence.

"I think it's an important statement for Astoria to make," she said. "At least it's important to me."

The mayor and other city councilors were uncomfort-



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able with a ban, but did direct staff to draft possible regulations on pawnbrokers and secondhand dealers.

Interim Police Chief Geoff Spalding told the City Council that existing regulations do not go far enough to ensure effective oversight. The new rules could involve permitting and licensing, holding periods and computerized transaction systems. The city may purchase software that would allow police to view transactions to search for stolen property and guns.

Several secondhand dealers said they are already burdened by regulation and pressed the City Council to explain what problem the city is trying to solve.

"We all work together, because nobody wants bad things to happen," said Neil Christensen of Gun & Boot & Gear, which sells used guns out of M&N Workwear in Suomi Hall in Uniontown.

Bernie Bjork, a former commercial fisherman and Port of Astoria commissioner who has a building with the secondhand store Malternaive on Marine Drive, warned of over-regulation.

"Rules and regulations is what got our current president elected," he said of President Donald Trump. "Way too many rules and regulations."

The City Council voted 4-1 to ask staff to come up with new regulations, with

Councilor Zetty Nemlowill casting the only "no" vote. Nemlowill said afterward in a text that she does not object to a better registry system for pawn shops but would not apply it to secondhand dealers. "Imposing a potentially costly and time-consuming task on small business owners of secondhand stores in Astoria is unjustifiable," she wrote.

In other business Monday night, the City Council:

- Granted a 2.5 percent pay raise to City Manager Brett Estes after a performance evaluation held in executive session.

Estes, who was hired as city manager in 2014, will now earn \$125,838.

- Approved a \$29,262 contract with Arbor Care Tree Specialists of Astoria to remove hazardous trees at several city parks.

The vote was 4-1. Price voted "no" because of concerns about cost and the inclusion of a Douglas fir at Shively Park she does not believe should be cut down.

- Adopted an ordinance that expands the police department's ability to tow vehicles for noise complaints, like car alarms.



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Washington state last year began requiring facilities that receive crude oil by rail to notify the state officials in advance of shipments.

Crude oil in Washington state tops 1 million barrels per week

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Figures show railroads ship more than 1 million barrels of crude oil across Washington state each week.

The Spokesman-Review reported information from October 2016 through September of this year indicate railroads shipped nearly 56 million barrels of crude oil across Washington in 82,000 rail cars. Most of the oil trains enter the state from Idaho, transporting light crude from North Dakota.

The state last year began

requiring facilities that receive crude oil by rail to notify the state officials in advance of shipments. The information is shared with emergency managers along the rail route. The Department of Ecology later publishes quarterly reports summarizing the volumes.

The state says railroads began shipping crude oil through Washington in 2012, and volumes have increased over time.

Washington's reporting rule also applies to pipelines, which must report information about crude oil volumes twice per year.

New audit takes a hard look at state's efforts to boost graduation

By **PARIS ACHEN**
Capital Bureau

The Oregon Department of Education has failed to help school districts use data to identify students most at risk of not graduating on time, according to an audit released today by the Oregon Secretary of State's Office.

For instance, students who change school districts during high school have graduation rates about 30 percent worse than those who remain in the same school system. The group makes up more than 25 percent of high school enrollees, yet the education department does not track, analyze or report their graduation performance.

The percentage of Oregon students who graduate on time has inched up for the past five years — even with increases in the number of credits required, but the rate remains third worst in the nation. Only 75 percent of Oregon public high school students graduate on time. The average rate nationwide is 84 percent.

"We need Oregon's Department of Education to step up its game and assume its leadership role to make Oregon a

leader in education," Secretary of State Dennis Richardson said. "Oregon students deserve a world-class education, and it's ODE's job to show how to get there."

The audit also found that more than 70 percent of students who don't graduate on time come from low-income households. The likelihood of their failure to graduate often becomes evident as early as middle school, yet the education department has neglected addressing middle-school performance and improving the transition to high school, according to the audit.

Auditors said the state could improve graduation rates by identifying specific groups of students who are struggling and targeting programs toward them. The education department's plans have focused on students of color, migrants and English language learners. But auditors found that the agency could yield better results if it also tracked and used improvement tools among students who transfer between districts, come from low-income households and are in middle school.

Auditors recommended that the education department

collect data on individual students' grades and credit attainment to analyze and identify: when students most often fall behind, courses with high failure rates, and how performance in specific courses affects graduation. The agency then needs to draw from education research and practices in successful districts to better support students in transition and in schools with midrange graduation rates, the audit said.

"The ODE must aggressively assess and assist school districts if they are to provide the help students need to be

successful in school and graduate on-time," Richardson said.

Auditors acknowledged that the education department and schools face some limitations in financing some of the work needed to boost graduation in the state. The state Legislature does not fully fund schools, as prescribed by the state's Quality Education Model.

Colt Gill, acting deputy superintendent of schools, largely agreed with the findings of the audit.

"Many of the themes in the audit are consistent with what

we have identified in recent years, and we look forward to using the audit results to move our work forward," Gill wrote in a Thursday letter to Audits Division Director Kip Memmott.

Some statewide plans and funding to boost on-time graduation already are in the works. Those plans focus on reducing chronic absenteeism,

preventing students from dropping out and increasing access to college-level courses in high school and to career technical education. The state's two-year budget allocates \$170 million to increase graduation rates and \$7.4 million to reduce chronic absenteeism. Full-day kindergarten also started in 2015 to try to help students' long-term outcomes.

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A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Celebration	Prep & Landing 2	The Year: 2017 A look back at the historic and most memorable moments. (N)		KATU News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel		
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Celebration	Prep & Landing 2	The Year: 2017 A look back at the historic and most memorable moments. (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel		
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Voice (N)		The Voice "Live Finale: Part Two" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show		
5	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	A Home for the Holidays (N)		NCIS "Pandora's Box"		KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:55) Colbert		
6	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	A Home for the Holidays (N)		NCIS "Pandora's Box"		KIRO News (N)	(3:55) Colbert		
7	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	The Voice (N)		The Voice "Live Finale: Part Two" (N)		KGW News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show		
8	KRCW	(3) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Big Game (2014, Action) Onni Tommila, Ray Stevenson, Samuel L. Jackson.		News at 10 (N)	Mom	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
9	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Finding/Roots "Funny Business" (N)		Choir "Featuring Rolando Villazon" (N)		Frontline "Putin's Revenge" Pt. 2 of 2		Festival of Carols W (N)	
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal Weapon "Dancing in September"		The Mick	Ice Age Christmas	10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
11	KPDx	(2) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	FOX 12's News (N)		9 O'Clock News (N)		Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game	The Game
12	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal Weapon "Dancing in September"		The Mick	Ice Age Christmas	Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons
13	TBS	(20) Friends	Friends	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Joker's Wild	Drop the Mic (N)	Conan	
14	KZJO	(22) Friends	Friends	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Modern Family	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
15	ESPN	(29) (4:00) NCAA Football	Boca Raton Bowl (L)			SportsCenter The day's news in the world of sports. (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
16	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball (L)				Road2Playoff (N)	Road2Playoff (N)	Road2Playoff (N)	Road2Playoff (N)	Jalen & Jacoby (N)	The Fantasy Show	Jalen & Jacoby	The Fantasy Show
17	NICK	(31) Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	SpongeBob	★ ★ The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie ('04) Tom Kenny.		Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Friends	Friends
18	DISN	(32) Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	Andi Mack	Bizaardvark	ADisneyHolidayCeleb.		K.C. Undercover	Liv and Maddie	Bizaardvark	Raven's Home
19	FAM	(34) (4:30) Elf ('03, Com)	(4:00) ★ ★ Christmas With the Kranks ('04) Jamie Lee Curtis, Tim Allen.			(5:00) ★ ★ ★ National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation ('89) Beverly D'Angelo, Chevy Chase.		★ ★ Just Married ('03, Comedy) Brittany Murphy, Christian Kane, Ashton Kutcher.		(10) To Be Announced		Dance Moms	The 700 Club
20	FMC	(35) (5:00) The Heat ('13) Sandra Bullock.	(2:00) ★ ★ The Heat (2013, Comedy) Melissa McCarthy, Michael McDonald, Sandra Bullock.			JamieandDougPlusOne Jamie and Doug welcome their new daughter. (N)		(10) To Be Announced		NCAA Basketball	Tulsa at Oklahoma State		
21	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy		Dance Moms									
22	ROOT	(38) Mark Fev	NCAA Basketball Rice vs. New Mexico (L)										
23	FS1	(39) (5:30) NCAA Basketball	Morehead State vs. Butler (L)	Soccer Kick in for Houston				TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.	Speak for Yourself			
24	SPIKE	(43) Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	I Am Sam Kinison (N)		The Daily Show (N)	The Opposition
25	COM	(44) Futurama	Futurama	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0		
26	HIST	(45) Forged in Fire		Forged in Fire		(05) Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper Enhanced episodes of 'Forged in Fire.'						(05) Forged in Fire	
27	ARE	(46) Who Killed Tupac? "Crips vs. Bloods"		Tupac "East Coast vs. West Coast"		Who Killed Tupac? "Devil in a Red Suit"		Tupac "Death Row Takeover"		Tupac "Time for Justice" (F) (N)		(05) Tupac "East Coast vs. West Coast"	
28	TLC	(47) Say Yes-Dress	Say Yes-Dress	To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
29	DISC	(48) Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners		Moonshiners "Legends of the Shine" (N)		Interrogation "The Killer Collective" (N)		Moonshiners "Legends of the Shine"	
30	NGEO	(49) Movie	To Be Announced					To Be Announced				To Be Announced	
31	TNT	(50) Bones "The Maiden in the Mushroom"		Bones "The Party in the Pants"		M.Crimes "Conspiracy Theory: Part 2"		Major Crimes (N)		M.Crimes "Conspiracy Theory: Part 3"		Law & Order "Nowhere Man"	
32	AMC	(51) ★ ★ ★ Ice Age ('02, Ani) Voices of John Leguizamo, Denis Leary, Ray Romano.		★ ★ ★ Deck the Halls ('06, Com) Matthew Broderick, Kristin Davis, Danny de Vito.		WWE Super Smackdown		Chopped "Waffles for the Win"		Chopped "New Year's Bash"		Chopped "Cocktail Party" (N)	Chopped "Hearty Party"
33	USA	(52) Chrissy Knows	Chrissy Knows	Chrissy Knows	Chrissy Knows			House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)
34	FOOD	(53) Chopped		Chopped		Chopped "New Year's Bash"		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)
35	HGTV	(54) Fixer "A Veteran Home Makeover"		Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)
36	FX	(56) (5:00) ★ ★ ★ Dawn of the Planet of the Apes ('14) Jason Clarke, Gary Oldman.		★ ★ ★ Jurassic World (2015, Adventure)		Bryce Dallas Howard, Vincent D'Onofrio, Chris Pratt.		★ ★ ★ Jurassic World ('15) Bryce Dallas Howard, Chris Pratt.					
37	CNN	(57) Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
38	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	
39	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		The Profit "Mr. Cory's Cookies" (N)		Shark Tank		The Profit "Mr. Cory's Cookies"		The Profit "Mr. Cory's Cookies"		Paid Program	
40	BRV	(63) Beverly Hills "Reunion Part 1" Pt. 1 of 3		Beverly Hills "Reunion Part 2" Pt. 2 of 3		Beverly Hills "Reunion Part 3" Pt. 3 of 3		Beverly Hills (SP) (N)		Stripped (N)		WatchWhat (N)	Beverly Hills
41	TCM	(64) (5:00) ★ ★ ★ Peyton Place (1957, Drama) Hope Lange, Lee Philips, Lana Turner.		★ ★ ★ Imitation of Life (1959, Drama) Sandra Dee, John Gavin, Lana Turner.		★ ★ ★ The Bad and the Beautiful ('52) Kirk Douglas, Lana Turner.							
42	SYFY	(65) ★ ★ ★ Resident Evil: Afterlife ('10) Wentworth Miller, Ali Larter, Milla Jovovich.		Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
43	RFD	(62) (5:30) Cattlemen (N)	Women's Rodeo	Horseman. "ADM Alliance Nutrition"		Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD	Cattlemen to Cattlemen	Women's Rodeo	Product Showcase		