

# Balensifer: Newton does not plan to run against him

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City Commissioner Rick Newton has no plans to run against him. Newton also vied for the mayoral appointment last spring but withdrew his name from consideration after it was clear it would lead to a stalemate among commissioners. He voted for Balensifer instead.

"Henry's got some great ideas," Newton said. "He's growing into the job. It's working. ... At this point in time, I don't have any plans to challenge him."

Newton does plan to run for his spot on the commission again.

Newton previously served on the Urban Renewal Committee, but his election to the City Commission in 2014 marked his first time in political office.

Balensifer said he has been fortunate to have a "highly functional commission" to help him as he found his footing in the new role. He is excited to continue the work the commission has begun. He points to several major plans that are moving forward, including further development of the Hammond Marina and the beautification and improvement of downtown.

The commission has yet to set goals for the coming year, but to Balensifer it seems clear that many of the discussions and decisions they face relate to how to balance ongoing commercial development with a growing population that is served by very small city departments.

"I think that we need to start taking another look at everything we're doing and asking ourselves is this the way we want to do it," Balensifer said. "And I think a lot of that is already in motion."

There are some things the community had already charted for the city's future growth but which were never implemented, Balensifer added.

"When you talk to the folks just moving in, that's exactly what they're looking for," he said. "Most of these plans have what they want. ... I think people can take assurance from the fact that we're dusting off a lot of work the community put together that may not have been actively used."

The other members of the City Commission are Pam Ackley, Tom Dyer and Mark Baldwin. Baldwin was appointed last year to fill the commission seat Balensifer vacated when he became mayor.

# 1 dead, 9 injured in Kentucky school shooting; suspect held

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Associated Press

BENTON, Ky. — Someone with a gun opened fire inside a rural Kentucky high school Tuesday morning, killing one person and injuring nine others. Police said a suspect was apprehended and there is no reason to suspect anyone else in the first fatal school shooting of 2018.

Nearly 100 students ran out of Marshall County High School seeking safety, said Mitchell Garland, who rushed outside of his business when he heard about the shooting.

"They were running and crying and screaming," he said. "They were just kids running down the highway. They were trying to get out of there."

A half-dozen ambulances and numerous police cars converged on the school. Officers in black fatigues carrying assault rifles showed up as well. Federal authorities responded, and Gov. Matt Bevin ran out of the Capitol to rush to the school. Parents left their cars on both sides of an adjacent road, desperately trying to find their teenagers.

One victim died at the scene,



Ryan Hermens/The Paducah Sun

Emergency crews respond to Marshall County High School after a fatal school shooting Tuesday in Benton, Ky.

a person is in custody and the Kentucky State Police have no reason to suspect anyone else, Trooper Jody Cash told the Murray Ledger & Times. Authorities released no immediate details on the shooter or motive.

Nine people were injured in the gunfire, which happened in a common area before classes began, according to Brian Roy, the county's former sheriff, who told the Louisville Courier-Journal he had spoken with people at the scene.

Seven victims were taken to hospitals, some by helicop-

ter, Darlene Lynn of Marshall County Emergency Management told WDRB-TV. Four of them were flown about 120 miles (193 kilometers) to Nashville, Tennessee's Vanderbilt University Medical Center, spokeswoman Tavia Smith said.

This was the year's first fatal school shooting, 23 days in to 2018, according to data compiled by the Gun Violence Archive, which relies on media reports and other information.

"It is unbelievable that this would happen in a small, close-knit community like Marshall County. As there is still much

unknown, I encourage people to love each other," Bevin said in a statement.

Marshall County High School is about 30 minutes from Heath High School in Paducah, Kentucky, where a 1997 mass shooting killed three and injured five. Michael Carneal, then 14, opened fire there about two years before the fatal attack at Columbine High School in Colorado, ushering in an era when mass school shootings have become much more common.

Meanwhile, in the small North Texas town of Italy, a 15-year-old girl was recovering Tuesday after police said she was shot by a 16-year-old classmate in her high school cafeteria on Monday, sending dozens of students scrambling for safety.

The scene of Tuesday's shooting was chaotic, with parents and students rushing around trying to find each other, said Dusty Korbacher, who owns a nearby floral shop.

"All the parking lots were full with parents and kids hugging each other and crying and nobody really knowing what was going on," Korbacher said.

# Debt: Hotel transfer isn't set to take place until November

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"We're looking at a way to be able to be made whole essentially, to include all the fines and interests that are owed the city," City Manager Brett Estes said.

In his filing, Henningsgaard claims that \$139,195, representing attorney fees and other debts plus interest, is subject to garnishment by the city.

Param's lawyer responded that Smithart's debt will not become due until the Port actually delivers possession of the hotel. This transfer isn't set to take place until November and is not guaranteed.

The Port, which owns the hotel, has appealed the court judgment. If the Port asks for a stay of the judgment until the appeals process wraps up, nothing would be due to Astoria or others looking to collect on past debts until that process is resolved.

"It is also possible that the Court of Appeals would reverse or vacate the Circuit Court's judgment, in which case no payment would be due at all," Param's response to Henningsgaard states.

Param argues that the judge-

ment against the Port obligates the hotelier to pay Astoria only \$115,585, the amount Smithart owed the city as of July 2015 for water and sewer charges and lodging taxes.

While the Smithart case — with its tangled chain of ownership and leases — is an anomaly for the city, Astoria has had trouble collecting money owed by hoteliers in the past. In response, city leaders beefed up a city ordinance and can now audit lodging establishments that fall behind on payments.

"I think at this point we're current with everybody except the Smithart debt," Estes said.

It is important that the city collect what is owed, Henningsgaard emphasized. "It's not fair to allow one hotel to collect (lodging tax money) from its occupants and then not pay it over to the city," he said.

Smithart could not be reached for comment.

In 2016, the Astoria City Council pursued a judgment against Smithart for nearly \$120,000 of debt. The city had previously established a payment plan with Smithart, but he quickly fell behind on the payments.

# Senators strike a deal reopening government

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump signed a bill reopening the government Monday, ending a 69-hour display of partisan dysfunction after Democrats reluctantly voted to temporarily pay for resumed operations. They relented in return for Republican assurances that the Senate will soon take up the plight of

young immigrant "dreamers" and other contentious issues.

The vote set the stage for hundreds of thousands of federal workers to return on Tuesday, cutting short what could have become a messy and costly impasse. The House approved the measure shortly thereafter, and President Donald Trump later signed it behind closed doors at the White House.

But by relenting, the Democrats prompted a backlash from immigration activists and liberal base supporters who wanted them to fight longer and harder for legislation to protect from deportation the 700,000 or so younger immigrants who were brought to the country as children and now are here illegally.

Democrats climbed onboard after two days of

negotiations that ended with new assurances from Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell that the Senate would consider immigration proposals in the coming weeks. But there were deep divides in the Democratic caucus over strategy, as red-state lawmakers fighting for their survival broke with progressives looking to satisfy liberals' and immigrants' demands.

# Tsunami: Quake was felt hundreds of miles away

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have caused an ocean-crossing tsunami, some local residents sought shelter at Hilltop School in Ilwaco. Authorities opened some forest gates — for example the access road to the rock quarry above Chinook — to allow motorists access. A witness described a line of vehicles eastbound on U.S. Highway 101 leading away from the coast in the hours after the alert was in effect.

The first of four automated calls from Pacific County's reverse 911 system went out around 1:50 a.m. It advised coastal residents of a tsunami watch from 1:35 a.m. to 2:35 a.m. It suggested they check the National Weather Service or local media for more

information.

The alert also listed a local phone number to call for more information. The message was repeated when people called to learn more.

The Pacific County Emergency Management Agency sent its first news release to the local media at 4:38 a.m. It wasn't about the tsunami warnings, though. They'd been canceled 20 minutes earlier. It was about a high-wind warning from later in the day, from 1 to 7 p.m.

When the Chinook Observer asked in an email why no information was sent to reporters when the emergency calls were directing people to check local news for tsunami watch updates, County Emergency Management Director Scott McDougall said he'd identified

some "issues with the calls that will ensure a bit better notification next time around."

The Alaska earthquake was a type that usually produces less vertical motion, which means less chance for waves to build for a tsunami.

That's according to Paul Earle, a seismologist with the U.S. Geological Survey.

He says the earthquake was within the Pacific plate and was a so-called "strike-slip earthquake."

That's the type when one side of the fault slides past another fault, like the San Andreas fault in California.

In the Alaska earthquake, Earle says one side went more to the east and one side went more to the west.

He says that's somewhat

unusual because quakes in the area are usually thrust earthquakes where one side goes underneath the other.

He says those are the type that cause more vertical motion and increase the chance for a tsunami.

The Alaska quake was the planet's strongest since an 8.2 in Mexico in September.

For Alaskans accustomed not only to tsunami threats but also to regular drills, the early morning alert that made cell-phone alarms go off still created some fretful moments. The phone message read: "Emergency Alert. Tsunami danger on the coast. Go to high ground or move inland."

The Daily Astorian and the Chinook Observer contributed to this report.

## TV SCHEDULE

### Evening listings

TUESDAY

TUESDAY EVENING												JANUARY 23	
A - Charter Astoria/Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach													
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)	The Middle	Fresh Off the Boat	Black-ish	Modern Family	Saves-World "Brutal Acts of Kindness"		KATU News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel
4	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Middle	Fresh Off the Boat	Black-ish	Modern Family	Saves-World "Brutal Acts of Kindness"		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	Ellen's Game of Games (N)	This Is Us			Chic.Med "Lemons and Lemonade" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Family Ties" (N)	Bull "Kill Shot" (N)			NCIS: New Orleans "Ties That Bind" (N)		KOIN 6 News (N)	(3:55) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Family Ties" (N)	Bull "Kill Shot" (N)			NCIS: New Orleans "Ties That Bind" (N)		KIRO News (N)	(3:55) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Live at 7 (N)	Inside Edition	Ellen's Game of Games (N)	This Is Us			Chic.Med "Lemons and Lemonade" (N)		KGW News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Flash "The Elongated Knight Rises" (N)	Light "Lawanda: The Book of Hope" (N)			News at 10 (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB	(10) Ask-Old House	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		We'll Meet A "Children of WWII" (P) (N)	Frontline "Exodus: The Journey Continues" (N)					Migrant Kitchen	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal "Double Shot of Baileys" (N)	LA to Vegas (N)	The Mick (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDX	(13) 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
13	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal "Double Shot of Baileys" (N)	LA to Vegas (N)	The Mick (N)		Q13 News at 10 (N)		Q13 News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Friends Pt. 2 of 2	Friends	Friends	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Detour (SP) (N)	Conan (N)	
22	KZJO	(22) Friends	Friends	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family			Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory
29	ESPN	(29) NCAA Basketball	Mississippi State University at Kentucky (L)			SportsCenter (N)				SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
30	ESPN2	(30) ITF Tennis	Australian Open Men's and Women's Quarter-final Site: Melbourne Park -- Melbourne, Australia (L)										NFL Live
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	Henry Danger	Henry Danger	The Thundermans	The Thundermans	NickyRickyDicky	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
32	DISN	(32) Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	K.C. Underc. (N)	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	Bizaardvark	K.C. Undercover	Stuck in Middle
34	FAM	(34) **** Pocahontas (95) Voices of Mel Gibson, David Ogden Stiers, Irene Bedard.			The Fosters	#iWasMadelinAmerica (N)	**** Pocahontas (95) Voices of Mel Gibson, David Ogden Stiers, Irene Bedard.					The 700 Club	
35	FMC	(35) (5:40) ** The Other Woman (14) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Cameron Diaz.			(5:55) ** The Other Woman (14) Nikolaj Coster-Waldau, Cameron Diaz.					(10) FXM Presents	Endless Love (2014, Romance) Gabriella Wilde, Alex Pettyfer.		
38	LIFE	(38) Grey's Anatomy		Married at First Sight	Married at First Sight	Married at First Sight	Married at First Sight			This Time Next Year		This Time Next Year	
39	ROOT	(39) Mark Few	Spotlight (N)	Football NFLPA Collegiate Bowl American vs. National Site: Rose Bowl -- Pasadena, Calif.						Champions Tennis Classics 2017 Legends PowerShares Series			
39	FS1	(39) (5:30) NCAA Basketball	Creighton at St. John's (L)		Fox College Hoops	Speak for Yourself		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.			UFC Top Ten	
43	SPIKE	(43) Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Ink Master "Fill'er Up"		Ink Master (N)		Road House (89, Action) Patrick Swayze.	
44	COM	(44) The Office	The Office	The Office	** The Hangover	Part III (2013, Comedy) Zach Galifianakis, Ed Helms, Bradley Cooper.		Drunk History (N)	Another Period			The Daily Show (N) The Opposition (N)	
45	HIST	(45) Curse Oak Island "Dan's Breakthrough"		Oak Island "The French Connection"	Oak Island "The Signs of a Cross" (N)	Curse Oak Island "Moving Targets" (N)		(05) Hunt Hitler "150 Feet Below" (N)		(05) Curse Oak Island "Moving Targets"			
46	A&E	(46) Intervention "Al"		Intervention "Daniel"		Intervention "Tiffany"		Undercover High "At Risk" (N)		(05) Intervention "Katherine C"			
47	TLC	(47) My Big Life "Big Fat Ambush" 1/2 (N)	(05) My Big Life "Big Fat Ambush" (N)	Big Fat Fabulous "Buddy's Missing" (N)	I Am Jazz "Big Trouble in the Big Apple" (N)	(05) SisterWife "Let the Seeking Begin!" (N)		(05) SisterWife "Let the Seeking Begin!" (N)		(05) Big Fat Fabulous "Buddy's Missing"			
48	DISC	(48) Moonshiners "Arrested Development"		Moonshiners "Skins in the Game" (N)	Moonshiners "It Ain't Easy to Shine" (N)	Moonshiners "Blowing Your Cover" (N)		Tesla "In Hitler's Crosshairs" (N)		Moonshiners "Blowing Your Cover"			
49	NGEO	(49) The Getaway "Rashida Jones in London"		Italy's Wild Alps		Life Below Zero "Renegades of the Arctic"		Life Below Zero "Fear No More" (N)		Life Below Zero "Cold Comfort"		Life Below Zero "Renegades of the Arctic"	
50	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball	Cleveland vs San Antonio (L)		NBA Basketball	Boston Celtics at Los Angeles Lakers Site: Staples Center -- Los Angeles, Calif. (L)				Inside the NBA		NBA Basketball Cle.S.A.	
51	AMC	(51) (5:00) ** Enemy of the State (98, Action) Gene Hackman, Jon Voight, Will Smith.			** Kill Bill: Vol. 1 (2003, Action) Lucy Liu, David Carradine, Uma Thurman.					** Kill Bill: Vol. 2 (04, Act) David Carradine, Uma Thurman.			
52	USA	(52) Law&Order: SVU "Intimidation Game"		Law&Order: SVU "Sheltered Outcasts"		WWE Super Smackdown		The Cromarties	Chrisley Knows			Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "All-Stars: Celebrities"		Chopped "All-Stars: Finale"		Chopped "The Newlywed Game"	Chopped "True Grits"			Chopped (N)		Chopped "Greater Tater"	
54	HGTV	(54) Fixer Upper		Fixer "Flip House to Family Project"	Fixer "A Classic, Traditional Beauty"	Fixer "A Modern Cabin Makeover" (N)		Restored Fords (N)	House Hunters (N)			Fixer Upper "The Floating Fixer Upper"	
56	FX	(56) (3:00) Interstellar		** The Martian (2015, Adventure) Jessica Chastain, Kate Mara, Matt Damon.				Baskets (SP) (N)	Baskets			Baskets	The Martian (15)
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360				CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
58	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight				Hannity	The Ingraham Angle
61	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		The Profit "Faded Royalty"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank				The Profit "Faded Royalty"	Paid Program
63	BRAV	(63) Beverly Hills "Bad Guys"		Beverly Hills "Lights Out!"		Beverly Hills Social (N)		Beverly Hills (N)		Stripped "Brian and Jason" (N)		WatchWhat (N)	Beverly Hills
64	TCM	(64) (5:00) **** Fiddler on the Roof (71) Norma Crane, Leonard Frey, Chaim Topol.		(15) **** The Student Prince (54) Edmund Purdom, John Ericson, Ann Blyth.		(15) **** Wedding Night (01) Genevieve Brouillette, François Morency.							
65	SYFY	(65) (5:00) Underworld: Rise of the Lycans		**** Faster (2010, Action) Billy Bob Thornton, Maggie Grace, Dwayne Johnson.		** The Lone Ranger (2013, Action) Arnie Hammer, William Fichtner, Johnny Depp.							
66	RFD	(66) (5:30) Cattleman (N)	W. Rodeo (N)	Horse. "Titan: A Legend in the Making"		Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD (N)	Cattleman to Cattleman		Women's Rodeo	Product Showcase	