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Two women die while clam digging

Separate incidents in rough surf

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LONG BEACH, Wash. — Two women died in separate incidents after they were caught in rough surf

while digging for clams on beaches in southwest Washington.

Pacific County Sheriff Scott Johnson said on Facebook that the women were reported missing Friday around 9 p.m., roughly four minutes apart.

The first 911 call reported that a 70-year-old woman was lost in the surf north of Ocean Park on the Long Beach Peninsula. Her body was

found Saturday evening near Westport. Although the sheriff's office did not name her, the drowning victim was identified by friends on social media as Jeri Reinke.

In the second case, a 61-year-old woman from Toledo was reported missing in the surf north of the mouth of Willapa Bay. She had been digging for clams with her husband when the

two became separated. Her body was found in Pacific County.

The drowning locations are roughly 8 miles apart by water, but about two hours drive from one another by highway.

The sheriff reminded people to be aware of powerful waves that can appear at any time.

"These incidents serve as a tragic

reminder that one must always be vigilant of the powerful surf and waves that are often present on our ocean beaches," the sheriff's office said. "Always stay close to other clambers, bring a flashlight or lantern, a waterproof cell phone, and never turn your back on the surf as 'sneaker waves' can appear at any time."

Lawyer, musician runs for state House

Orr ran practice in Astoria for 25 years

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Local attorney John Orr has filed for the Democratic primary to replace state Rep. Deborah Boone.

Boone, D-Cannon Beach, announced last month she would not run for an eighth two-year term in state House District 32. Tillamook County Commissioner Tim Josi and local educator and author Melissa Ousley have also filed for the primary. Brian Halvorsen, an Independent from Rockaway Beach, has also filed.



John Orr

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Roscoe files for county commission

He previously served on the Astoria City Council

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Daily Astorian

Peter Roscoe, a former restaurateur and Astoria city councilor, has filed for the Clatsop County Board of Commissioners position held by Lisa Clement.

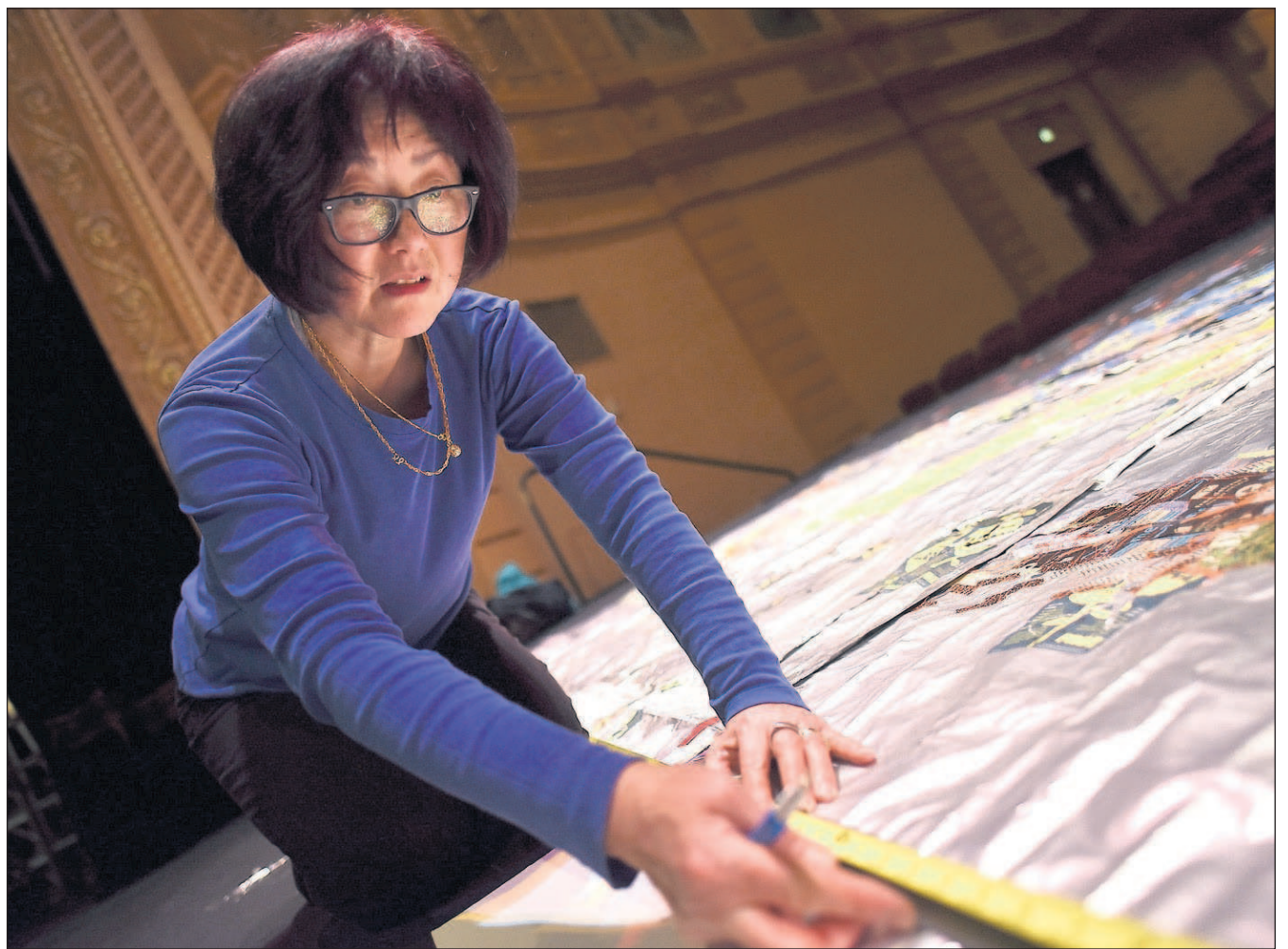
Clement, who owns Clemente's Seafood with her husband, Gordon, said she does not know yet whether she will run for re-election in District 3.



Peter Roscoe

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PLASTICS AS ART



Photos by Colin Murphey/The Daily Astorian

Helen Liu makes adjustments to her art installation, which hung in the Liberty Theatre during a concert performance over the weekend. See more photos of the art installation online at DailyAstorian.com



Members of the audience get a close view of an art installation after a concert Sunday in Astoria.

Art project highlights problems with plastics

By COLIN MURPHEY
The Daily Astorian

Helen Liu's painting wasn't made to last, unlike the materials she used to make the piece.

Constructed using plastic bags that might otherwise have been headed to a landfill, Liu sewed and taped them together and then painted her unusual canvas to make a dramatic backdrop for a concert at the Liberty Theatre on Sunday.

And after the show, the installation came down and was cut into pieces for the audience to take home as souvenirs. Liu has been an artist in the area for decades after settling in Oregon in 1977. One of her goals with the piece was to try and raise awareness of the prevalence of plastics and the problems they pose when they are discarded, she said.

Chinook store joins global campaign for babies

Baby Box offers help for new mothers

By PATRICK WEBB
Chinook Observer

CHINOOK, Wash. — Season Long wants all babies to have a healthy and comfortable start in life.

Long has owned All Season's since 2001, selling new and "gently used" clothes and other items. She and Amber Linthakhan, store manager, are promoting a new service at their consignment store.



They have signed up as distributors with the Baby Box Co., a global initiative to educate parents and offer simple resources to give babies a safe and healthy start in life.

"It's one way we can help the community," Linthakhan said.

The program is coordinated by an organization in Los Angeles, with operations

in Canada, England, Australia and Singapore. It combines educational videos with free items for new mothers to use during the first five or six months of their child's life.

Its founders learned that in Finland the central government provides every new mother with a similar sleeping box for her baby. The Baby Boxes are durable cardboard boxes lined with comfortable foam pads.

The videos feature safe baby sleeping options and the importance of car seat safety.

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All Season's store owner Season Long, left, and manager Amber Linthakhan with a Baby Box. The program is designed to encourage new parents to educate themselves about safe sleep habits for their babies.



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