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## 'CLEAN UP YOUR LITTLE PART'

### Plastics litter beaches on the North Coast

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**V**olunteers with Sea Turtles Forever and Blue Wave collected 553 pounds of plastic near South Jetty in Fort Stevens State Park on Presidents Day, enough to fill 20 40-gallon bags. Getting the material off the beach and out of the eco-

system is any cleanup group's top priority. What happens to any plastic afterward is a more complicated conundrum.

Plastic bottles, some metal and other trash can be diverted to recycling centers and other disposal companies. Artists may take some of it, too. Washed Ashore, based in Bandon, turns marine plastics into complex, giant sculptures of sea life, and there has been a push by large companies to make shoes and shampoo bottles with recycled ocean plastic. But most of the plastic ends up in a landfill.

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**TOP:** Plastic debris litters a beach in Ecola State Park. Unlike plastic bottles or larger items, microplastics can be difficult to recycle and plague Clatsop County beaches. **ABOVE:** Astoria-based artist and teacher Andie Sterling cleans up trash near South Jetty in Fort Stevens State Park.

## Rape suspect detained by ICE

Fabian was scheduled for a Wednesday hearing

By **JACK HEFFERNAN**  
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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement arrested a Seaside man Wednesday outside Clatsop County Circuit Court when he arrived for a hearing on rape charges.

Anastacio Eugenio Lopez Fabian, 24, allegedly had sex with a girl twice in 2016 when she was under 14 and three times when she was under 16. He was arrested by Seaside police in February after allegedly assaulting her and was released last week after posting \$25,000 bail.



**Anastacio Eugenio Lopez Fabian**

As a hearing was set to begin Wednesday, Kris Kaino, Fabian's court-appointed attorney, alerted Judge Cindee Matyas that his client was not coming.

"ICE picked him up in the parking lot about 10 to 15 minutes ago," Kaino said.

Deputy District Attorney Dawn Buzzard asked that the hearing "be held off until we know where he is."

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## Sanctuary lawsuit against California could impact Oregon

Legal move is a warning to states

By **PARIS ACHEN**  
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SALEM — While California's sanctuary laws are bolder than Oregon's, the U.S. Department of Justice's lawsuit against California announced Wednesday could portend legal action against other states.

In a speech to the California Peace Officers' Association, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced that the Justice Department is seeking to block provisions in three sanctuary laws passed in California. The complaint states that the state laws impermissibly attempt to override federal statute and target the federal government.

Laws in California prohibit private employers from voluntarily cooperating with federal immigration officials and law enforcement from providing to federal officials the release date of undocumented convicts. The laws also require a state inspection and review

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## Warrenton High School gifted education center

Donation, grants help with project

By **EDWARD STRATTON**  
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WARRENTON — The Warrenton-Hammond School District is getting a steel building for its new career-technical education center from an Idaho businessman known for supporting programs throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Robert Roberts runs R&M Steel Co. Over the years, he has donated steel buildings to

numerous schools in Idaho and Oregon, including La Grande High School, where former Warrenton High School history teacher Scott Carpenter is vice principal.

After passing a bond to improve schools, La Grande was put in touch with Roberts, who helped design and donated the steel for a new building to house welding, biomedical, computer design, business and industrial programs.

"They call it their habit of donating buildings to K-12 and (career-technical education) projects ... to facilitate those hands-on skills he enjoyed as a high school stu-

dent," Carpenter said. "Prior to us, he had donated around 52 buildings in Idaho and Oregon for this purpose."

Warrenton recently secured \$436,286 in state grants for a new building to house automotive, welding and other technology programs. When Carpenter found out, he put Warrenton administrators in touch with Roberts, who offered to donate the building for the district's career-technical education center.

"We're just floored," Josh Jannusch, an assistant principal and technology and

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Scott Carpenter

**Robert Roberts, founder of R&M Steel Co. in Idaho, has donated buildings for career-technical programs in his home state and in Oregon, including a structure in La Grande High School and another he is planning for Warrenton High School.**

