

# Bombs found in Long Beach

By AMY NILE  
Chinook Observer

LONG BEACH, Wash. — Police are warning people to watch out for explosives and strange packages after two bombs were found in downtown Long Beach Monday afternoon.

“Somebody went to a lot of trouble to build these,” Long Beach Police Officer Jeff Cutting said. “They were meant to kill somebody.”

A caller reported a suspicious bag near the public restrooms on Third Street SW at around 4:45 p.m. Cutting found two bombs that were left in white, plastic garbage sacks and removed them from the area.

At first, he said, he suspected the bags were full of

stolen property because he found a nail gun in one of them. He then noticed canning jars full of a maroon gelatin material and wires under it, so he asked dispatch to call the Washington State Patrol bomb squad.

Cutting moved the explosives, first to the police station and then to the city shop on Sixth Street NE. The bomb squad showed up about four hours later, he said.

Technicians took X-rays of the bombs. They then shot the jars with a BB gun to get the gelatin out so they could test it, Cutting said. They found shrapnel, shotgun shells and rat poison in the jars.

“The rat poison goes into your body with the shrapnel and kills you,” Police Chief

Flint Wright said. “It’s absolutely terrifying to me. You bleed out from the inside.”

The bomb squad consulted with the FBI and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Cutting said. They then dug a 4-foot-deep hole in a swampy area behind the city shop and buried the bombs. They blew them up around 12:30 a.m.

“It woke a lot of people up,” Long Beach Administrator David Glasson said after the early-morning blast.

Wright is hoping FBI or ATF will assist with the investigation. He said the bomb squad will also provide the city with a more detailed report once samples that were sent to the state crime lab for analysis come back.

# Couple arrested for home invasion

By NATALIE ST. JOHN  
Chinook Observer

NEMAH, Wash. — The would-be Bonnie and Clyde who allegedly robbed a Nemah couple after riddling their home with bullet holes on Saturday morning didn’t get far.

Law enforcement officers arrested Joshua A. Turner, 26, of Naselle, at about 8 p.m. on Tuesday night as he walked alongside a road in Coos County. They arrested his girlfriend, Sincer-a Marie Nerton, 19, also of Naselle, in Coos County on Wednesday morning.

The Pacific County Sheriff’s Office gave few details

about the arrests, but documents filed in Pacific County Superior Court do reveal more about the unusually violent home invasion, in which Nerton allegedly held her own grandmother and her two guests at gunpoint.

In a police interview following the incident, the 52-year-old grandmother told deputies Nerton and Turner had “crazy eyes” during the robbery, and had made her fear for her life.

The woman and her girlfriend, 25, were sleeping in the bedroom when they awoke to the sound of gunfire between 4 a.m. and 5 a.m. on Saturday. Shortly after, Nerton and

Turner allegedly burst into their bedroom, “armed with several firearms,” and “fired two shots into the ceiling,” according to court records. Turner allegedly ordered the women not to move, telling them that “if they did, he would shoot them.”

Nerton then allegedly held them at gunpoint, while Turner went into another bedroom where a male guest was sleeping. Turner allegedly pointed a shotgun at the man and ordered him into the women’s bedroom. Nerton reportedly handcuffed the women together. The man was not handcuffed, but told deputies he was held at gunpoint.

# Power outage darkens western Astoria

The Daily Astorian

About 1,000 Pacific Power customers lost power this morning in Astoria.

The outage in the western part of the city,

which lasted nearly 1½ hours, started when high winds damaged equipment, said Alisa Dunlap, Pacific Power’s regional business manager.

Power was restored shortly before 9 a.m.

# Utility scammers target small businesses

The Daily Astorian

Utility scammers are again targeting small businesses served by Pacific Power, insisting owners are behind on bills and demanding immediate payment.

Pacific Power is reminding customers it doesn’t threaten

to disconnect service or demand immediate payment over the phone. Generally, notices about past-due bills are sent in the mail, at home or through an automated phone message.

Customers who receive suspected scam calls should ask the caller for their account

number and compare it with theirs.

For anyone concerned about a possible scam call, take note of the caller’s number and any other information. Hang up and call Pacific Power’s customer service line at 1-888-221-7070 to report the call.

# Phone scammers targeting county residents

The Daily Astorian

Scammers have been calling Clatsop County residents and posing as sheriff’s deputies asking for bail money.

The sheriff’s office said it is investigating the scams but does not have any suspects.

Callers — using local numbers — have offered names like “Sgt. Sullivan,” “Sgt. Smith” and “Deputy Harper.” After telling victims they have warrants for their arrest — usually for missing jury duty

— they ask for payment over the phone.

Scammers then instruct victims to stay on the line and obtain prepaid debit cards from a store to use for the payment.

Callers likely have some personal and geographical knowledge through online research, the sheriff’s office said. However, the office does not call people to issue warrants or accept payments over the phone.

Anyone who may have been contacted by the scam-

mers can call Detective Justin Dersham at 503-325-8635.



## Raymond N. Chisum

Astoria

Sept. 25, 1934 — March 5, 2018

Raymond Neal “Okie” Chisum passed away on Monday, March 5, 2018, in Longview, Washington.

Ray was born in Henryetta, Oklahoma, to Vernie Carl Chisum and Mildred (Branson) Chisum. He lived in Oklahoma until 1969, when he and his family moved to Astoria, Oregon.

He served in the Navy for four years.

Ray was employed as a welder and was employed at the Crown Zellerbach Wauna Mill from September 1969 until a stroke forced his early retirement in 1994. He and his wife, Dee, made their home in Westport, Oregon, until moving to Astoria in 2015 to be closer to their daughter and family.

Ray is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Patricia Deanne (Dee) Chisum; a daughter and son-in-law, Terri and Charlie Opsahl of Astoria; his grandsons and their spouses,

Christopher and Marie Opsahl of Eugene, and Ryan and Jamie Opsahl of Clackamas; and great-grandchildren, Kennedy, Charlie, Jack and Evelyn Opsahl. Also surviving are a brother, Carl Chisum of Sand Springs, Oklahoma; a sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Lana and Larry Lannigan of Seaside; and several nieces and nephews and their families.

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, Vernie and Mildred Chisum; his brothers, Robert and Donald Chisum; a sister, Joyce Chisum; and his son, Robert Chisum.

At Ray’s request, there will not be a funeral, but feel free to raise a glass — preferably a beer — in his honor.

The family plans to scatter his ashes in the Columbia River and place a plaque on the Maritime Memorial wall next to his son’s name.

If you would like to send condolences to the family, please send them in care of Dee Chisum, 91986 Hagen Drive, Astoria, OR 97103.



Raymond “Okie” Chisum

## Peggy Lou Bruner

Seaside

Sept. 11, 1929 — Nov. 15, 2017

Peggy Lou Scott Bruner was born in Longview, Washington, where she lived most of her life until moving to Seaside 13 years ago. Peggy enjoyed life at the beach, and was an active and fun-loving person until her peaceful demise.

Peggy worked 22 years at Weyerhaeuser and retired from mill work in 1988. She was one of the first group of women hired by Weyerhaeuser for general labor when the equal opportunity laws went into effect. Her family is proud she succeeded and flourished.

Peggy is survived by her son, Ty Bruner of Longview, and recently Seaside; and her daughter, Teresa Epstein, now living in Seaside. Her brother, Duane Scott, lives in Longview. Her father, Charlie Scott, and her mother, Georgia

Work Scott, preceded her in death.

Peggy enjoyed her local friends, her family, her community, playing pinocle, cooking, going out to dinner, jewelry, dogs, watching sunsets, the tides and wildlife in the Necanicum estuary. Living in Seaside was a wonderful time in her life; it has been a great adventure for Peggy, and all who shared time with her.

Apache prayer:

May the Sun bring you new energy by day.

May the Moon softly restore you by night.

May the Rain wash away your worries.

May the Breeze blow new strength into your being.

May you Walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life.



Peggy Lou Bruner

# Battle of the Books match comes to Warrenton

The Daily Astorian

WARRENTON — Warrenton Grade School will host a regional Oregon Battle of the Books competition Saturday.

Teams from Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and Washington counties have

read up to 16 books. They will answer questions on the content in a round robin-style competition. The top teams compete in the state finals April 7 at Chemeketa Community College in Salem.

“Participation in this competition fosters a love of reading in students and can generate much excitement about academic achievement,” Diana Widdows, a library media specialist at the grade school, said in a release. “The program continues to grow each year to the point now where thousands of students participate at the school level in this important literary enterprise.”

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