

College needs big-money donors to upgrade Tongue Point campus

Match needed for state bonds

By EDWARD STRATTON
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Clatsop Community College will need some multimillion-dollar donations to match \$8 million in state bonds to improve the Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station.

Clatsop Community College will need some multimillion-dollar donations in order to match \$8 million worth of state bonds by 2021 to improve the Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station, its consultant told the college board Tuesday.

The training station, built at South Tongue Point in the 1990s on property leased from the Department of State Lands, serves as the college's main campus for career-technical programs such as maritime science, automotive, welding and historic preservation.

The state recently awarded the college \$8 million to improve the campus. But the bonds require an equal match by 2021 and the college to have ownership or a 99-year lease of the property.

The college is having the land appraised before buying it with money from its plant fund, used for construction, renovation, and acquisition of property. The college board recently authorized spending up to \$150,000 over three years for a consultant on a capital campaign to raise the \$8 million match.

"We'll probably need a \$2.5 million gift from someone," said Catherine Crooker,

the college's consultant.

The first year and a half of the campaign would focus on those big donors before boosters approach the general public, she said. This summer, she will begin gauging their interest before bringing a recommendation to the college board on whether to continue with a capital campaign.

"If in the feasibility study I find the money is not there, I will tell you," she said.

College President Christopher Breitmeyer said its programs send graduates around the country, widening the fundraising net. The project has more corporate philanthropic potential than a lot of other projects she works on, Crooker said.

Still, the college faces a tight deadline, she said, and

the next few months will answer whether the money is available for a successful capital campaign. Crooker will come back in the fall with a recommendation of whether to move forward.

The college had originally proposed using the bonds to add a second story onto the administrative and maritime science building. But it has since hired an architectural consultant to create a master plan for the property to inform a project. The plan will be presented this summer.

While the college is preparing to buy its campus from the state, Columbia Land Trust is gathering grants to buy 90 acres to the south, have it restored to quality fish and wildlife habitat and hand it over to the college as a living

laboratory. The trust recently received a \$332,000 state grant to match a \$920,000 federal grant it is waiting on from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to fund the purchase.

The college board on Tuesday passed a \$12.7 million operating budget for the coming fiscal year, up more than \$1 million from the previous year. The budget took into account an additional \$450,000 in estimated state timber tax revenue the college expects beyond what it uses to pay down debt, along with a \$3 per-credit tuition increase expected to raise about \$75,000 in revenue.

The college is spending more on counseling and maintenance staff, hiring a new full-time welding instructor and establishing a professional development fund for support staff, along with pay increases recently awarded to all employees.

The college board on Tuesday approved spending more than \$800,000 out of the plant fund on campus management software. An agreement the college had with Rogue Community College will expire next year.

The college foundation's auction in April raised \$126,000, said Board Member Robert Duehmig, and the college's historic preservation and restoration program received an \$18,000 donation from the Lower Columbia Preservation Society to help build a new shop on campus.

Seattle divided as leaders halt job tax

By PHUONG LE
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lower-income employees out of housing.

SEATTLE — Seattle leaders on Tuesday repealed a tax on large companies such as Amazon and Starbucks after a backlash from businesses, a stark reversal from a month ago when the City Council unanimously approved the effort to combat a growing homelessness crisis.

A divided crowd chanted, jeered and booted at the council meeting, drowning out the leaders as they cast a 7-2 vote. People shouted, "Stop the repeal," as others unfurled a large red banner that read, "Tax Amazon." An opposing group held "No tax on jobs" signs.

The vote showed Amazon's ability to aggressively push back on government taxes, especially in its affluent hometown where it's the largest employer with more than 45,000 workers and where some have criticized it for helping cultivate a widening income gap that is pricing

The tax was proposed as a progressive revenue source aimed at tackling one of the nation's highest homelessness numbers, a problem that hasn't eased even as city spending grew.

Businesses and residents demanded more accountability on how Seattle funds homelessness and housing and said the city should take a regional approach to the problem. Many worried that Amazon and others would leave the city as the companies sharply criticized the tax.

The online retailer even temporarily halted construction planning on a new high-rise building near its Seattle headquarters in protest. Amazon called the vote "the right decision for the region's economic prosperity."

The company is "deeply committed to being part of the solution to end homelessness in Seattle," Drew Herdener, an Amazon vice president, said in a statement.

Cannon Beach considers food trucks

Questionnaire to be sent out

By BRENNIA VISSER
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CANNON BEACH — Cannon Beach is exploring ways to possibly permit food trucks within city limits.

Food trucks are prohibited, with the exception of operating at the farmer's market, as they fall under the city's ban on "outdoor merchandising." But the city is re-examining it's ordinance after multiple presentations from Bob Neroni, owner of EVOO Cannon Beach Cooking School, who initially came to the City Council months ago to find a legal way to operate a food cart in his parking lot on the days his restaurant closes.

At a work session Tuesday, city councilors directed staff to work with Neroni to create and circulate a questionnaire around the restaurant community as a way to gauge interest.

While a rule change would stand to benefit him personally, Neroni believes food trucks are "a growing opportu-

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City Councilor Nancy McCarthy

nity" that would improve and diversify the culinary scene.

"It's an untapped, niche market," Neroni said.

Food carts have long been a contentious issue in both Seaside and Cannon Beach. Part of what has kept food trucks at bay has been the fear they would create competition for brick-and-mortar businesses.

Some, like City Councilor George Vetter, worry allowing food trucks could enable transitory businesses to "cut in during the gravy season" of summer to make a profit without having to pay rent like their stationary competition. Food trucks could also take up parking spaces when the city most needs them.

"They would want to be here when parking is most valuable," Vetter said.

City Councilor Mike Benefield expressed concerns that food trucks don't fit the aesthetic character of Cannon Beach, and that there were few places in town that could accommodate a pod of trailers.

"I love food trucks, but it just doesn't fit here," Benefield said.

Neroni said his proposal centered mostly around allowing businesses with parking lots to operate and manage food trucks on days or times of day when their businesses are closed. This would alleviate competition and parking concerns. It was the proposal he floated to other restaurant owners in town, he said, and it was supported.

As for the competition, Neroni said there was a similar concern when the city

was contemplating a farmer's market.

"And we're doing well with the farmer's market. It's not taking away business," he said.

Overall, Neroni wants the city to work with the restaurant industry on a solution that allows food carts in a highly regulated way. Reviewing aesthetics, location, seasons of operation and limiting the number of permits the city can issue are all factors the city can regulate and enforce.

Neroni suggested the city form a committee to help design community standards for food trucks like it did when the farmer's market was first conceived.

"This needs to not just be fair for one, but fair for all," Neroni said.

While some hesitations remained, the City Council came to a consensus to look into ways to accommodate the steadily growing trend of food trucks at a future work session.

"I think food trucks could be a nice addition as long as it's done in the Cannon Beach way," City Councilor Nancy McCarthy said.

Cannabis testing reveals contamination

By MATEUSZ PERKOWSKI
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Mandatory testing of cannabis in Oregon has revealed several biopesticides contaminated with more highly regulated chemicals, prompting regulators to halt sales of the products.

The problem has led the Oregon Department of Agriculture to believe such contamination probably is not limited to marijuana, this state or a certain pesticide product.

"In a way, this kind of tipped us off that we could be seeing this in other crops," said Rose Kachadoorian, the department's pesticide registration and certification leader. "These pesticides are marketed nationally."

To complicate the situation, such contamination renders the pesticides adulterated

and misbranded under Oregon law, but it's allowable under a federal policy adopted two decades ago by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Before 1996, the EPA considered any level of impurity "toxicologically significant," but then the agency changed its policy to allow up to 1,000 parts per million of contamination by certain other pesticides.

The federal policy recognizes that low-level contamination may occur at large facilities that aren't dedicated to one chemical and it's primarily concerned with toxicity to plants, Kachadoorian said.

Oregon and other states are urging the EPA to reconsider this "pesticide regulation notice," or PR notice, to potentially exclude organic biopesticides from the policy, or herbicides sprayed over the top of genetically engineered crops, she said.

Contamination with an herbicide to which a crop isn't resistant could damage the plant, while prohibited residues could result in rejection by domestic or foreign buyers, Kachadoorian said.

"It happens all the time that retailers are testing," she said.

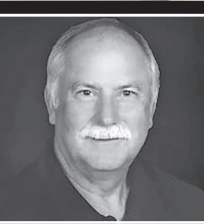
If a grower sprays a pesticide that's labeled to have a short duration but the product is contaminated with a longer-lasting chemical, then the crop could exceed "tolerance" levels for

the latter substance, Kachadoorian said. In other cases, the product may have no "tolerance" level for the contaminant.

"We're concerned about truth in labeling," she said.

Recreational and medical marijuana must undergo testing in Oregon.

The biopesticide issue came to light when a cannabis grower was adamant that he hadn't used a permethrin pesticide for which his marijuana had tested positive.



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Q: How does sensitive toothpaste work?

A: Imagine one of your teeth. It has two main sections: the crown above the gum line and the root below. People with sensitive teeth experience pain when their teeth are exposed to something hot, cold or when pressure is applied.

The layer of enamel may be thinner and the gum line may have receded, exposing more dentin. Therefore, the recession makes teeth more sensitive.

Sensitive toothpaste works by blocking the tubules in the dentine usually contain a chemical called strontium chloride. Repeated use builds up a strong carrier by plugging the tubules more and more, leading to less-sensitive teeth.



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