

Bond bundle: 'Jail bond affects all of the county'

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Should that message fall flat with younger voters, the county may need to rely on people who would not be directly affected by the rise in property taxes.

"I really want to see folks that don't own property and that haven't been here for a long time to get involved and register to vote," Lee said.

On the other hand, young voters may be pivotal to the \$20 million Sunset Empire bond to expand its Seaside recreation center — at 70 cents per \$1,000. The recreation district hopes the new facility will generate additional revenue following a decrease last year.

Some have speculated that younger voters would be more likely to utilize the upgraded facility and, therefore, more willing to pay for it.

But, "I would hope that all of our residents — both young and old — can see the benefit of this," said Skyler Archibald, the executive director of the recreation district.

Seaside School District voters overwhelmingly passed a \$99.7 million bond in 2016 to relocate schools out of the tsunami inundation zone. Though it's for a different purpose, the recreation district hopes for similar support.

"I guess I'd be lying to say we weren't motivated by the voters' approval of the school bond," Archibald said.

While the entire county will vote on the jail bond, only voters within the recreation district will decide on the Sunset Empire plan. Although the bonds would come at an identical price, more taxpayers would share the burden of the new jail than the recreation facility.

"The jail bond affects all of the county obviously, so it's not going to be as easy for us to market it," Archibald said. "We do have to be a little bit insightful with how we message it."

School bonds

Seaside-area voters will not, however, be asked to pitch in as much as those who live in the Warrenton-Hammond or Astoria school districts. The \$70 million Astoria bond to



Clatsop County wants to relocate the jail in Astoria to the former youth correctional facility in Warrenton.



The North Coast Youth Correctional Facility sits vacant in Warrenton.

modernize the school district's five campuses would cost taxpayers \$2.83 per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Those in Warrenton-Hammond would need to pay \$2.49 per \$1,000 to buy a master campus and build a new middle school outside the tsunami inundation zone.

At a smaller price but with a similar goal of moving outside the tsunami zone, Warrenton-Hammond officials hope their \$32.4 million bond will have as much success as the 2016 one in Seaside. The

school district did not specifically move forward with the bond because of the Seaside example, but it did compare the upcoming bond to the past one, Jeffery said.

In Astoria, the motivations are largely about timing. A bond from 2000 is set to expire, and the school district hopes to modernize its campuses.

"We just want people to know what kind of shape our schools are in," Superintendent Craig Hoppes said. "It works best for us to go

right now."

Voters in both school districts will also decide on the jail bond. While maintaining that the bonds are not competing, Bergin made a case for the relative importance of the new jail.

"If we don't have the security with the jail, what good are the other entities?" Bergin asked.

Necessary asks

With nagging infrastructure needs and a steady economy, officials who will be promoting the bonds over the next few months believe the asks are necessary.

"There's a lot that needs to be done right now, and we have the opportunity to do that. The economy is rolling good right now. People are making money," Lee said. "This is an opportunity for the community to get some things done that we might not be able to do in 10 years or couldn't do 10 years ago."

But will voters choose one bond over another after doing the tax math?

"I think the voters are smarter than that and, kind of, can understand what's going on here," Lee said. "It's a coincidence, but I don't think it's a deal breaker to pass these."



Devon Ravine/Northwest Florida Daily News
John Miano, of Destin, Fla., holds a monarch butterfly on his fingertip.

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The proposed changes include potential limits on the designation of "critical habitat" for imperiled plants and animals; an end to a regulatory provision that gives threatened plants and animals the same protections as species at greater risk of extinction; and streamlining interagency consultations when federal government actions could jeopardize a species.

Collin O'Mara, president of the National Wildlife Federation, welcomed the potential for the changes to spur greater collaboration between landowners, government officials and conservationists — even as he cautioned against ending automatic protections for threatened species.

"This is not all good or all bad," he said.

O'Mara said crafting case by case species management plans is an appropriate alternative to the blanket protections now given automatically to threatened and endangered species. Until those plans are completed, he said, broad protections against harming plants and animals should stay in place.

More than 700 animals and almost 1,000 plants in the U.S. are shielded by the law. Hundreds more are under consideration for protections.

Fewer than 100 species have been taken off the threatened and endangered lists, either because they were deemed recovered or, in at least 10 cases, went extinct.

President Donald Trump

and Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke have been strong advocates for oil and gas drilling and other types of development, frequently criticizing environmental policies they say hinder economic activity. Zinke also has sought to portray himself as a conservationist in the vein of President Teddy Roosevelt who will protect the nation's natural resources.

The administration's proposals follow longstanding criticism of the Endangered Species Act by business groups and some members of Congress. Republican lawmakers are pushing legislation to enact broad changes to the law, saying it hinders economic activities while doing little to restore species.

One of the chief architects of that effort, U.S. Sen. John Barrasso, a Republican from Wyoming who chairs the Environment and Public Works Committee, said the administration's proposals were "a good start" but indicated more work was needed.

"The administration is limited by an existing law that needs to be updated," Barrasso said. "The changes I have proposed will empower states, promote the recovery of species, and allow local economies to thrive."

The Pacific Legal Foundation, a conservative law firm headquartered in California, lobbied for some of the changes.

Foundation attorney Jonathan Wood said the proposals would relieve apprehensions among property owners who in the past have been reluctant to get involved in species conservation efforts.

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and whittled the recommended ask down to \$70 million.

The bond would help finance a five-year, \$75 million school improvement plan focused on school security, modernizing learning areas and improving building systems. If the bond passes, the district will receive a \$4 million matching grant from the state. The remainder of the improvements would be funded by an esti-

mated \$1 million from interest earnings from the bonds.

The centerpiece of the school district's improvement plan is a nearly \$45 million modernization of Astoria Middle School, including the reconstruction of a dated classroom wing into a three-story academic hall with identical learning communities on each floor. Support areas of the school would also be modernized, and the track resurfaced.

Astoria High School would

receive nearly \$20 million in security and modernization improvements. Outdoor corridors around the campus would be enclosed to improve security. Shop, art and science classrooms would be modernized; new music areas would be added; and the track would be resurfaced.

John Jacob Astor Elementary School would receive \$9 million worth of improvements. An old cafeteria downhill from the main build-

ing would be remodeled into a multipurpose cafeteria, kitchen and activity room with improved access uphill. Kindergarten classrooms would be added, along with more covered play areas.

Lewis and Clark Elementary School and Capt. Robert Gray School — home of administrative offices, preschool and the district's high school credit recovery program — would receive more minor building improvements.

Jennifer Holen, co-owner of Baked Alaska and a member of the facilities committee, said Monday that the amount of safety and accessibility needs warrant a bond.

"It would be irresponsible for us not to ask for it at this point," she said.

Loran Mathews, a former school district employee of more than 30 years and a facilities committee member, said he started with the district when it passed a bond in the 1960s to

build the middle school. The district could have justifiably asked for more money to fix its aging schools but was respectful of what the community can afford, he said.

The only way the school district can afford to significantly improve its facilities is through a bond, said David Oser, a board member. While healthy, safe buildings don't make a good school district, he said, the lack thereof can make it an uphill battle.

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SCHEDULE

Evening listings
TUESDAY

TUESDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach										JULY 24	
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 of Fortune	The Middle	The Middle	Black-ish	Black-ish	Defense "Julius Jones: The Fight" (N)		KATU News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	The Middle	The Middle	Black-ish	Black-ish	Defense "Julius Jones: The Fight" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(3:55) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News	KING 5 News	Evening	America's Got Talent "Judge Cuts 2" (N)				World of Dance "The Qualifiers 8" (N)		KING 5 News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show
6	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	NCIS "Keep Your Friends Close"		Bull "Thanksgiving"		NCIS: New Orleans "Ties That Bind"		News (N)	(3:55) Colbert
7	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight (N)	NCIS "Keep Your Friends Close"		Bull "Thanksgiving"		NCIS: New Orleans "Ties That Bind"		KIRO News (N)	(3:55) Colbert
8	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	America's Got Talent "Judge Cuts 2" (N)				World of Dance "The Qualifiers 8" (N)		KGW News (N)	(3:55) Tonight Show
9	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The 100 "The Dark Year" (N)		The Outpost (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)		10 That Changed America (N)		No Passport Required "Chicago" (N)		Frontline "UN Sex Abuse Scandal" (N)		Billy Connolly's Tracks Across America	
12	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Beat Shazam "Episode Seven" (N)		Love Conn. "Aaron and Maconnie" (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	Beat Shazam "Episode Seven" (N)		Love Conn. "Aaron and Maconnie" (N)		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan	Conan
22	KZJQ	(22) Friends Pt. 1 of 2	Friends Pt. 2 of 2	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29	ESPN	(29) (5:00) ESPY Awards		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)
30	ESPN2	(30) (5:00) WNBA Basketball N.Y./Min. (L)		NBA: The Jump		U.S. Open Highlight		Around the Horn	Interruption	First Take	The hottest topics in sports are debated.		
31	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare	★ Spy Kids 4: All the Time in the World (11) Jeremy Piven, Jessica Alba.		Friends		(3:55) Friends	
32	DISN	(32) QUIZney/BigCity	Stuck in Middle	Bunk'd	Bug Juice	Andi Mack	Raven's Home	Big City Greens	Stuck in Middle	Bizaardvark	Bug Juice	Andi Mack	Bunk'd
34	FAM	(34) (5:00) ★★ The Parent Trap (98) Dennis Quaid, Natasha Richardson, Lindsay Lohan.		The Bold Type "Plan B" (N)		★★★ 10 Things I Hate About You (99) Julia Stiles, Heath Ledger.		★★★ The Brothers Solomon (07, Com) Will Forte, Will Arnett. (50) FXM Presents		The 700 Club		The Brothers Solomon (07) Will Arnett.	
35	FMC	(35) (5:00) Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2		(55) Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 (15) Kevin James.		(50) FXM Presents		★★★ The Brothers Solomon (07, Com) Will Forte, Will Arnett. (50) FXM Presents		The 700 Club		The Brothers Solomon (07) Will Arnett.	
36	LIFE	(36) Grey's A. "There's a Fine, Fine Line"		Married "I Do... Not Know You"	Married1stSight	Married at (N)	Married at (N)	(50) Pressure or Paradise (N)		(05) Seven Year Switch (N)		(05) To Be Announced	
39	ROOT	(39) Mariners Access	Mariners Pre-game	MLB Baseball San Francisco Giants at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)		TMZ Sports (N)	Skip and Shannon: Undisputed Opinions on the biggest sports topics of the day.	UFC Knockouts		UFC Knockouts			
43	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	★★ Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (2011, Action) Penelope Cruz, Ian McShane, Johnny Depp.					
44	COM	(44) The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	Drunk History	The Daily Show	The Opposition
45	HIST	(45) Forged in Fire "The Horseman's Axe"		Forged in Fire "The Kamplian"		Forged/Fire "Wind and Fire Wheels" (N)		Forged in Fire "The Smallsword" (N)		(05) Counting Cars (N)		(05) Forged in Fire "The Zande Spear"	
46	A&E	(46) First 48 "Game Over/ Long Walk Home"		The First 48 "Last Shift"		The First 48 "A Fighting Chance"		The First 48 "A Murder in Mobile"		(05) Born Bars "Drugs Is The Devil" (N)		(05) The First 48 "A Man's Game"	
47	TLC	(47) OutDaughtered		OutDaughtered		OutD. "A Very Busy Thanksgiving" (N)		OutDaughtered (N)		(05) Rattled (N)		(05) OutDaughtered	
48	DISC	(48) To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced		To Be Announced	
49	NGEO	(49) The Real Bonnie and Clyde		JFK: The Lost Bullet		Sea Monsters: The Definitive Guide		Lost Cities "The Legend is Real" (N)		Mysteries of the Holy Arks (N)		Lost Cities "The Legend is Real"	
50	TNT	(50) ★★ Star Wars: The Force Awakens (2015, Action) John Boyega, Harrison Ford.		Daisy Ridley.		Animal Kingdom "Libertad"		Animal Kingdom "Libertad"		Animal Kingdom "Libertad"		Law & Order "Genius"	
51	AMC	(51) (5:30) ★★ Signs (2002, Thriller) Joaquin Phoenix, Rory Culkin, Mel Gibson.		★★★ The Goonies (1985, Adventure) Corey Feldman, Josh Brolin, Sean Astin.		★★★ Groundhog Day (93) Andie MacDowell, Bill Murray.							
52	USA	(52) Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	WWE Super Smackdown		Miz & Mrs. (P) (N) Chrisley Knows (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
53	FOOD	(53) Chopped "All-Burger Meal!"		Chopped "Big Barbecue Bout"		Chopped "Banger" Backyard Cookout"		Chopped "Beach Bites" (N)		Miz & Mrs. (P) (N) Chrisley Knows (N)		Chopped "Feel the Burn"	
54	HGTV	(54) Fixer "Chip and Jo's Breakfast Joint"		Fixer "New Chapter for Family of Four"		Fixer Upper		Desert Flippers (N) Desert Flippers		Hidden Poten (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters
55	FX	(55) (5:00) ★★ The Martian (15, Adv) Jessica Chastain, Kate Mara, Matt Damon.		The Shallows (2016, Thriller) Oscar Jaenada, Brett Cullen, Blake Lively.		The Shallows (2016, Thriller) Oscar Jaenada, Brett Cullen, Blake Lively.				Hidden Poten (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters
57	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		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 "Montiel" (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit "Montiel"		Paid Program	
63	BRV	(63) Below Deck "Walking on Broken Glass"		Below Deck "Bizarre Love Triangle"		Below Deck "Panic at the Deck-o"		Below Deck: Mediterranean (N)		Million Dollar List "Circa Circus" (N)		Watch What (N)	Below Deck
64	TRM	(64) (5:00) Badlands (73, Dra) Martin Sheen.		★ The Purchase Price (32) George Brent, Barbara Stanwyck.		★★★ A River Runs Through It (1992, Drama) Brad Pitt, Tom Skerritt, Craig Sheffer.		Face Off "Immortals Interrupted" (N)		Futurama	Futurama	Futurama	Futurama
65	SYFY	(65) (5:45) ★ Exodus: Gods and Kings (2014, Drama) Joel Edgerton, Aaron Paul, Christian Bale.											
162	RFD	(162) (5:30) Cattlemen	LandLeader TV	Horsemanship "Austin Tour Part 4" 4/4		Chris Cox	Rural Eve. News	Ag PhD	Cattlemen "World Meat Congress"	LandLeader TV	Product Showcase		