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Mitchell has money edge for state House

Spending higher for open seat

By **EDWARD STRATTON**
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More than \$230,000 has been spent so far in the campaign between Democrat Tiffany Mitchell and Republican Vineeta Lower for state House District 32.

Mitchell, a state child welfare worker in Astoria, spent \$133,782 between the end of the Democratic primary in May and Friday. Lower, an online schoolteacher from Seaside, spent \$98,453.

The campaign spending has largely focused on television advertisements, mailers, door-to-door contacts and social media outreach.

Mitchell has paid more than \$77,000 to Winning Mark, a progressive campaign strategy consultant based in Portland; nearly \$40,000 to Elevated Campaigns, a similar progressive consulting firm; and more than \$21,000 to Kramer's Metro Mailing.

Lower has paid more than \$80,000 to Jamestown Associates, a Republican political advertising and campaign management firm; and \$4,000 to Victory Enterprises, a public polling firm.

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BY THE NUMBERS

- **\$403,781:** Amount raised by Mitchell in the primary and general election.
- **\$164,183:** Amount raised by Lower in the primary and general election.
- **\$211,889:** Amount spent by Mitchell in the primary and general election.
- **\$101,535:** Amount spent by Lower in the primary and general election.

Buehler calls offshore drilling ban a 'distraction'

Republican brings campaign to Astoria

By **JACK HEFFERNAN**
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State Rep. Knute Buehler called Gov. Kate Brown's offshore drilling ban a "distraction" on Saturday during a campaign visit to Astoria.

Brown signed an executive order Thursday that directs state agencies to prevent drilling off the Oregon Coast. The state controls 3 miles of ocean off the shore.

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Amy Emmett

Musicians played on through a power outage Sunday afternoon at the Liberty Theatre.

THE BAND PLAYED ON

Power outage during concert at Liberty Theatre

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A power outage interrupted a concert Sunday afternoon at the Liberty Theatre, but did not dampen the spirits of the musicians or the audience.

The lights went out after a performance by the North Coast Symphonic Band and just before 3 Leg Torso was preparing to take the stage.

Janet Bowler, who serves on the symphonic band's board, said 3 Leg Torso decided to play an acoustic set. "The audience supplied the lighting with their cellphones and was delighted to hear the five-piece band's amazing ethnic tunes," she wrote in an email.

Teresa Bennett, who attended the performance, wrote of "the wonderful natural acoustics of the old and vast theater. Their inspiring performance had quite a friendly and intimate vibe that while some may have been a bit disappointed, others were completely delighted by."

After about 30 minutes into the set, Bowler said, a Pacific Power regional manager said the outage could continue for a few hours, so the theater was evacuated for safety reasons.

About 1,350 customers in Astoria lost power at 2:45 p.m., according to Pacific Power. A pole fire — the cause of which is unknown — on the 500 block of

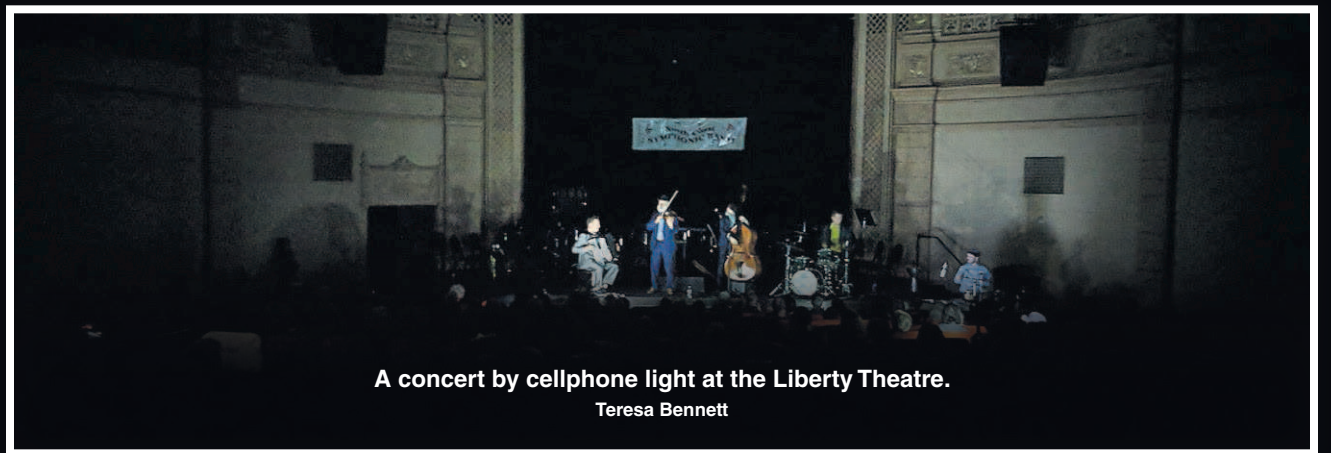


Janet Bowler

Conductor Dave Becker and Courtney Von Drehle and Béla Balogh of 3 Leg Torso announce the decision to leave the theater.

Franklin Avenue led to a smaller outage at 11:30 a.m., said Tom Gauntt, a Pacific Power spokesman. Workers determined

that a larger power outage was needed in order to make repairs. Power was restored by 4 p.m.



A concert by cellphone light at the Liberty Theatre.

Teresa Bennett

Cannon Beach rallies behind beloved bartender



Claire Demay

Matt Owen is the bar manager at the Cannon Beach American Legion Post 168.

Response to a cancer diagnosis

By **BRENNA VISSER**
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CANNON BEACH — Anyone who has stopped for a beer after work from Gearhart to Cannon Beach in the past decade has likely met Matt Owen.

Since moving to the North Coast in 1999, Owen has been behind the counter at hang-outs like McMenamins, The Driftwood, The Lumberyard Grill & Rotisserie, and, most

EVERYDAY people

recently, Cannon Beach American Legion Post 168.

Locally, he has earned a reputation as one of the most notable bartenders.

"I just kind of fell into (the restaurant industry)," Owen said. "It's fun to get to be in people's lives. I never wanted to be the guy who sat behind a desk all day."

But the customers he served for years are now turning the

tables to serve him.

For about a year and half, Owen, 36, was getting constant migraines and blind spots in his vision. At the end of August, one migraine was bad enough to send him to the emergency room, and he was flown to Portland for surgery to remove a tumor.

About a month later, he was diagnosed with brain cancer.

"I think I went numb when I heard ... And I've been numb since then," Owen said. "I've been too busy trying to balance my work, my daughter, family ... And how I'm going to pay for all of this?"

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