

Bond: 'We want competitive bidding to go on'

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campus, a previous clearcut donated by Weyerhaeuser Co. Both school districts are creating bond oversight committees to keep track of projects, schedules and costs, recommending potential cutbacks to school board members.

Astoria is building its new middle school wing on the same footprint and took borings beforehand to ensure soil stability, Hoppes said.

Unlike Seaside's steep terrain, Warrenton's master campus site on Dolphin Avenue includes min-

imal wetlands and rises only 15 feet from its low to high point, Jeffery said. The school district sent out geotechnical, habitat, wetland, engineering, traffic and other specialists to ensure the district knew the costs of building.

Escalating costs

Contractors and material suppliers who survived the building bust of the Great Recession are now being stretched to the limit — and naming their own prices — in a booming commercial construction market.

There are 13 or 14 general contracting firms in

the Portland metro region big enough to take on new school construction of the scale Astoria and Warrenton are undertaking, Rose said. "In the same region, in 2019, there's just shy of \$1 billion in school construction going out to bid," he said.

Scott Rogers, a senior project manager with Wenhaha Group and an Athena-Weston School Board member, said in a recent report by the Oregon School Boards Association that some construction costs have more than doubled over the past year. A school in Umatilla that in 2015

cost \$215 per square foot to build had increased to \$255 per square foot in 2017, he said, and similar projects were already nearing \$320 per square foot.

"It would not surprise me to see construction in your area somewhere between \$425 and \$450 per square foot," Rose said of Astoria and Warrenton's projects. "I think Astoria will be similar. They're not far enough apart to be too different."

The two school districts are still hiring project managers and architects to finish design work before going out for bids from general contractors. Rose rec-

ommends they both go out to bid in the fall, after a vast majority of the Portland metro bond projects bid in the spring, and work together to advertise their projects to contractors.

"I think they'll get (in) after that glut," Rose said. "What they have to look at is the contractors finishing up work in summer 2019. Those are the ones they want to target."

Seaside saved money by cutting the footprint of the new campus by 15 percent and switching materials. But its budget was also helped by bond sales coming in \$10 million more than expected.

Astoria and Warrenton will sell bonds next month. Hoppes and Jeffery are also hopeful a strong municipal bond market will mean they get more from a sale than voters approved, providing more wiggle room.

Hoppes was principal at Lewis and Clark Elementary School in 2000, when voters last approved more than \$20 million to build a new campus, along with a new practice gym and other improvements at Astoria High School.

"That whole bond came in on budget, and the entire bond did all the projects," he said.

Pelayos: Owner doesn't see chain expanding any more unless family starts franchising

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the gas station at 17th Street and Marine Drive in 2016.

"It was kind of slow, but all my friends, they asked for like 400 tacos for parties, 500 tacos," he said. "And then the hospital ... they order like 400 tacos,

600, then I started making money. And that's how I survived in the first year."

Vazquez Pelayo built up a reputation and over the summer opened a second food truck, run by his cousin, on Anchor Avenue in Warrenton.

Meanwhile, his wife,

Heather Vazquez, worked at Casa Del Sol, a popular restaurant on the south end of Seaside. Originally an A&W, the restaurant has gone through several iterations, including the regional Mexican food chain Muchas Gracias until the late 2000s. Heather Vazquez has worked

there since it became Don Pedro's, a short-lived operation run by her husband and a friend.

The family running Casa Del Sol closed up shop earlier this year and returned to Mexico.

"It was closed for two months," Heather Vazquez

said. "A lot of people were really said."

She and her husband, already friends with the family, reached out about taking over. Taqueria Pelayos opened there last week with the same decor, cook, menu and Heather Vazquez as a familiar face running the

front counter. "A lot of people didn't even notice the change," she said.

Vazquez Pelayo doesn't see the chain expanding any more unless the family starts franchising. "If somebody wants to use the name and open one, we can talk about it," he said.



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Evening listings
TUESDAY

TUESDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach										JANUARY 1	
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)	(5:00) TBA	News (N)	To Be Announced	Wheel Fortune (N)	The Conners	Kids Are Alright	Black-ish	Splitting Up	The Rookie "Crash Course"	News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel	
3	KOMO (4)	KOMO 4 News (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Conners	Kids Are Alright	Black-ish	Splitting Up	The Rookie "Crash Course"	KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel		
4	KING (5)	NBC News (N)	KING 5 Special "Women in Power" (N)	Evening	Ellen's Game of Games	This Is Us	New Amsterdam "As Long as It Takes"	KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show				
5	KOIN (6)	KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight (N)	NCIS "Destiny's Child"	FBI "Doomsday"	NCIS: New Orleans "Treasure Hunt"	News (N)	(35) Colbert			
6	KIRO (7)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO Investigate	Ent. Tonight (N)	NCIS "Destiny's Child"	FBI "Doomsday"	NCIS: New Orleans "Treasure Hunt"	KIRO 7 News (N)	(35) Colbert			
7	KGW (8)	Grant's Getaways "Holiday Special"	Tonight Cassidy	inside Edition	Ellen's Game of Games	This Is Us	New Amsterdam "As Long as It Takes"	News (N)	(35) Tonight Show				
8	KRCW (3)	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The Flash "What's Past is Prologue"	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Psych!"	News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
9	KOPB (10)	(5:00) Brain Secrets	PBS NewsHour (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud	We'll Meet A "Escape from Cuba" (N)	Perform. "From Vienna: The New Year's Celebration 2019" (N)	Symphony-Nature	Designers of the Dance				
10	KPTV (12)	6 O'Clock News (N)	Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal Weapon "There Will Be Bud" (N)	The Gifted "eneMy of My eneMy" (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)	News (N)	Page Six TV				
11	KPDx (9)	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Prime News (N)	Prime News (N)	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game		
12	KCPQ (13)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal Weapon "There Will Be Bud" (N)	The Gifted "eneMy of My eneMy" (N)	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)	News (N)	The Simpsons			
13	TBS (20)	(5:30) *** Blended (2014, Comedy) Drew Barrymore, Bella Thorne, Adam Sandler.	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 in Korea"		
14	KZJO (22)	Black-ish	Black-ish	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	
15	ESPN (29)	(5:50) NCAA Football Sugar Bowl Texas vs. Georgia Site: Mercedes-Benz Superdome -- New Orleans, La. (L)	(20) Football Bowl	SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)								
16	ESPN2 (30)	(5:50) NCAA Football Sugar Bowl Texas vs. Georgia Site: Mercedes-Benz Superdome -- New Orleans, La. (L)	(20) CFB Pre/ Post	NCAA Football Gator Bowl North Carolina State vs. Texas A&M Site: TIAA Bank Field -- Jacksonville, Fla.									
17	NICK (31)	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare	To Be Announced	Friends	(35) Friends			
18	DISN (32)	To Be Announced	(45) To Be Announced	(45) To Be Announced	(45) To Be Announced	(40) Coop & Cami	(05) Coop & Cami	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Andi Mack			
19	FAM (34)	(5:45) *** Just Go With It (2011, Comedy) Jennifer Aniston, Brooklyn Decker, Adam Sandler.	(25) *** Pitch Perfect (2012, Comedy) Brittany Snow, Rebel Wilson, Anna Kendrick.	The 700 Club									
20	FMC (35)	(5:50) *** The Sandlot (1993, Children) Mike Vitar, James Earl Jones, Tom Guiry.	(55) *** The Sandlot 2 (2005, Children) James Willson, Max Lloyd-Jones.	(55) *** Oblivion (2013, Sci-Fi) Morgan Freeman, Olga Kurylenko, Tom Cruise.									
21	LIFE (36)	(5:00) *** Secretariat (2010, Family) Scott Glenn, James Cromwell, Diane Lane.	Married1stSight "Looking for Love" (N)	Married at First Sight "First Comes Marriage, Then Comes Love" (N)									
22	ROOT (38)	WPT Poker Tournament of Champions	WPT Poker Tournament of Champions	WPT Poker Tournament of Champions	NCAA Basketball CSU Bakersfield at Gonzaga	NCAA Football Holiday Bowl Northwestern vs. Utah	NCAA Basketball Marquette/St.J.						
23	FS1 (39)	Magnify "Shot in the Dark"	Face to Face (N)	Speak for Yourself	TMZ Sports (N)	Fair Game	NCAA Football Holiday Bowl Northwestern vs. Utah						
24	SPIKE (43)	Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Ink Master	To Be Announced				
25	COPM (44)	(1:15) The Office	(5:0) Tosh.0	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Tosh.0	Jim Jefferies Show	The Daily Show	The Office		
26	HIST (45)	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island: Digging Deeper	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island	The Curse of Oak Island	(05) Brothers in Arms	(05) The Curse of Oak Island					
27	A&E (46)	The First 48	The First 48	The First 48: Extreme Kills New interviews with detectives involved in old cases.	The First 48: Killer Confessions	(05) The First 48							
28	TLC (47)	My Big Fat Fabulous Life "Countdown to the New Season"	Outlaws "Bristol: Road to \$200K"	Street Outlaws "Bristol: Race to \$200K" (N)	I Am Jazz (SP) (N)	(05) I Am Jazz "All About Jazz"							
29	DISC (48)	Street Outlaws	Outlaws "Bristol: Road to \$200K"	Street Outlaws "Bristol: Race to \$200K" (N)	To Be Announced	To Be Announced							
30	NGEO (49)	Life Below Zero "Winds of Change"	Life Below Zero "The Burning Man"	Life Below Zero "Cold Confessions" (N)	Life Below Zero "Open Season" (N)	Life -0 "The Great Changeover" (N)	Life Below Zero "Cold Confessions"						
31	TNT (50)	(4:50) *** Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice Ben Affleck. (45) *** Suicide Squad (2016, Action) Margot Robbie, Joel Kinnaman, Will Smith.	(45) *** Suicide Squad (2016, Action) Margot Robbie, Joel Kinnaman, Will Smith.	(35) *** The Matrix (1999, Sci-Fi) Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss, Keanu Reeves.									
32	AMC (51)	(5:10) Dead	The Walking Dead "Stradivarius"	The Walking Dead "Evolution"	(35) *** The Matrix (1999, Sci-Fi) Laurence Fishburne, Carrie-Anne Moss, Keanu Reeves.								
33	USA (52)	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Torch"	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Ace"	WWE Super Smackdown	Miz & Mrs.	Miz & Mrs.	Miz & Mrs.						
34	FOOD (53)	Chopped "The Bold And The Baconful"	Chopped "Breakfast Battle"	Chopped "Tea Eggs And Sympathy"	Chopped "Bar Fight" (N)	Chopped "Whiskey and Wings"	Chopped "Chili Cook-Off"						
35	HGTV (54)	Pool In My House (P) (N)	Dream Home (N)	Dream Home (N)	HGTV Dream Home (N)	Windy City Rehab (P) (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters			
36	FX (56)	*** Neighbors 2: Sorority Rising (16) Rose Byrne, Seth Rogen.	Daddy's Home (2015, Comedy) Mark Wahlberg, Linda Cardellini, Will Ferrell.										
37	CNN (57)	Love, Gilda (P) (N)	(40) Style (N)	Love, Gilda	(40) Style	History of Comedy "Sketch and Improv"	History of Comedy "Carnal Knowledge"						
38	FNC (58)	Hannity	The Ingraham Angle	Fox News @ Night	Tucker Carlson Tonight	Hannity	The Ingraham Angle						
39	CNBC (61)	Shark Tank	The Profit	The Profit	The Profit	Paid Program	Paid Program						
40	BRAV (63)	Project Runway "Finale" Pt. 1 of 2	Project Runway "Finale" Pt. 2 of 2	*** Elf (2003, Comedy) James Caan, Bob Newhart, Will Ferrell.									
41	TCM (64)	Movie	*** Turnabout (40, Comedy) Carole Landis, Adolphe Menjou.	(15) *** One Million B.C. (40) Carole Landis, Victor Mature.	(45) *** Topper Returns (41, Myst) Roland Young, Carole Landis, Joan Blondell.	Movie							
42	SYFY (65)	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone	The Twilight Zone						
43	RFD (162)	(5:30) Cattlemen	LandLeader TV	Downunder Horseman.	Chris Cox	To Be Announced	Ag PHD	Cattlemen to Cattlemen	LandLeader TV	Product Showcase			

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