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Construction work continues on a bridge at the waterfront in Astoria.

Waterfront bridge project delayed

Work will continue through June

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
The Daily Astorian

Work to replace Astoria's waterfront bridges will continue through June.

Legacy Contracting Inc. has submitted an updated work schedule to the Oregon Department of Transportation, according to the city. The contractor now expects work on the Seventh and Ninth street bridges to continue into June. Work on the 11th Street bridge likely will not wrap until late June.

Construction was originally set to be completed before the end of May.

The city received fund-

ing from the state to replace six short bridges at the bases of Sixth Street through 11th Street that connect the road ends to overwater piers. The waterfront bridges were in need of repairs to keep them open.

The state is managing the project and awarded a construction contract to Legacy last year. The contractor began to tackle the first of the three bridges — at the bases of Seventh, Ninth and 11th streets — last October. Work will pause for the summer and resume on the Sixth, Eighth and 10th street bridges in October.

Businesses have remained open during con-

struction, but those clustered at the end of 11th Street and out on the 11th Street Pier — as well as Buoy Beer near Seventh Street — have felt the effects of the project.

Some restaurants have seen a major drop in customers, especially a decline in the usual foot traffic they would see from the Astoria Riverwalk. They were looking forward to when the work, the fencing and the machinery would finally go away.

Construction has also kept the Astoria Riverfront Trolley from running its full route. For spring break, the trolley ran an abbreviated course, only able to go as far as Sixth Street.

Congressional delegation reacts to the Mueller report

By MEERAH POWELL
Oregon Public Broadcasting

Members of Oregon's congressional delegation reacted to Special Counsel Robert Mueller's investigative report on Russia's interference in the 2016 election.

Statements fell along party lines.

U.S. Sen. Jeff Merkley called Attorney General William Barr's actions in Thursday morning's press conference, and in the weeks leading up to the report's release, "inappropriate and an abuse of his office."

"The attorney general is supposed to act as the people's lawyer, not the president's PR lackey," Merkley, a Democrat, said. "It's clear that Barr took President (Donald) Trump's admonition to his predecessor that 'You were supposed to protect me' as a job description, and this creates an incredibly dangerous precedent for the future."

In regard to the Mueller report itself, Merkley said he and his staff are still making their way through it.

"It's already clear that it paints a very detailed and disturbing portrait of a president utterly obsessed with executing a massive cover-up and preventing the truth from coming out," he said. "As Robert Mueller noted, there are many unanswered questions here that Congress can and should look into."

U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, an Oregon Republican, asserted in a statement that the report "confirms what we already knew from Attorney General Barr's summary: President Trump and his campaign did not collude with the Russian government."

"I supported making sure Mr. Mueller had the unfettered ability and resources to conduct a thorough investigation, which he did. I supported releasing as much of the report as allowed by law, which the attorney general has done," Walden said. "Now, it's time for the partisans to move on and for Congress to get to work on issues such as border security and immigration reform."

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, in a post on Twitter, said, "AG Barr proved beyond a doubt he is here to defend Trump at all costs, facts be damned. This kind of spin is unworthy of an attorney general."

The Oregon Democrat also called for Congress to be able to view the investigative report, unredacted.

"(T)he materials must be provided to Congress so that members and staff can review them and provide a check on the abuse of the redaction process," Wyden said. "No one should have to trust (Barr's) word when it comes to the special counsel's report."

U.S. Rep. Earl Blumenauer, a Democrat, also took to social media to share his thoughts.

"The Mueller report points out that it is the job of Congress, not AG Barr or Trump, to conduct an investigation and determine if the president obstructed justice," Blumenauer tweeted. "Anything less than that is an affront to our democracy and our oath to uphold the Constitution."

Oregon sheriff known for standoff to resign over funds

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

A small-town sheriff who gained national attention for his leadership during a 41-day standoff with armed occupiers at a wildlife refuge in Oregon is resigning, citing chronic underfunding for his department and concerns about liability caused by an outdated and understaffed jail.

Harney County Sheriff Dave Ward announced his decision to resign on Dec. 31 in an opinion piece published Wednesday in the Burns Times-Herald. He said he was not willing to continue operating a jail "that is not funded to meet the minimum standards required" or to stand by while more staffers are laid off.

Ward was sheriff in 2016 when armed protesters angry about federal control of Western lands overtook the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge in the remote county and stayed there for weeks. Ward became the face of local government authority.

In the letter, Ward says Harney County faces a serious budget shortfall because

of an accounting error — a deficit that he says has worsened the already woe-

ful funding for the sheriff's department. County workers already work 10 unpaid hours on furlough each month, he said, and the only way to address budget cuts to the sheriff's department would be layoffs.

The deficit in the general fund is more than \$800,000 in the next fiscal year, according to county budget documents cited by Oregon Public Broadcasting.

"I am no longer willing to accept the civil liability associated with the failure to appropriately fund/staff our jail, search and rescue, or law enforcement services to our community. These are not frivolous expenditures; they are duties and responsibilities of the sheriff, mandated by law," he wrote.

The jail staffing levels in the county fall below the minimum requirements in Oregon, and the facility is severely outdated, with no hope of making repairs, he added. Harney County Treasurer Bobbi Jo Heany didn't immediately return a call or email seeking comment.

Dozens of people, including leader Ammon Bundy, occupied the remote Malheur National Wildlife Refuge from Jan. 2, 2016, to Feb. 11, 2016, to protest federal control of Western lands and the imprisonment of two Oregon ranchers convicted of setting fires on federal land.

Members of the group were allowed to come and go for several weeks as authorities tried to avoid bloodshed seen in past standoffs at Waco, Texas, and Ruby Ridge, Idaho. But authorities moved in Jan. 26 when key standoff leaders left for a community meeting, pulling over two vehicles and arresting the occupiers inside. Standoff spokesman Robert "Lavoy" Finicum was shot and killed by Oregon State Police.

Most occupiers left the refuge after Finicum's death, though four holdouts stayed an additional 16 days.

Federal prosecutors tried to convict occupation leaders Ammon and Ryan Bundy and five others in a 2016 trial, but jurors acquitted them of charges of conspiring to impede federal workers from their jobs.

Former Oregon first lady settles ethics case

Associated Press

SALEM — The Oregon Ethics Commission has unanimously accepted a settlement agreement with former first lady Cylvia Hayes.

The commission agreed today to let Hayes pay a fine of \$50,000 after she

was accused of committing 22 violations of state ethics laws. Hayes has filed for bankruptcy and isn't expected to pay the full amount.

Hayes personally apologized to the committee, saying she "blurred the line" between her role as a first lady and her posi-

tion as an unpaid policy adviser to former Gov. John Kitzhaber, her fiancé.

Commissioners had previously rejected a settlement, saying they were offended Hayes didn't appear in person to apologize.

Kitzhaber resigned in 2015.

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TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
45	59 43	57 42	58 47	60 47
Partly cloudy	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny	Periods of clouds and sunshine	A blend of sun and clouds

ALMANAC
Astoria through Thursday.

Temperatures
High/low 63°/48°
Normal high/low 57°/41°
Record high 74° in 2016
Record low 26° in 1927

Precipitation
Thursday 0.02"
Month to date 4.90"
Normal month to date 3.38"
Year to date 19.95"
Normal year to date 28.22"

SUN AND MOON
Sunset tonight 8:08 p.m.
Sunrise Saturday 6:21 a.m.
Moonrise today 8:40 p.m.
Moonset today 6:57 a.m.

Full Last New First
Apr 19 Apr 26 May 4 May 11

REGIONAL WEATHER
Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sat.	City	Today	Sat.
	Hi Lo	Hi Lo		Hi Lo	Hi Lo
Baker City	76 49	pc 57 37	Olympia	58 42	r 64 37
Bend	71 44	sh 54 32	Pendleton	73 49	t 62 40
Brookings	60 49	c 58 46	Portland	61 47	sh 67 43
Eugene	65 47	c 64 41	Roseburg	71 50	c 65 45
Ilwaco	54 46	r 57 44	Salem	63 45	sh 65 41
Klamath Falls	74 46	pc 55 33	Seaside	55 45	r 59 42
Medford	77 52	c 60 44	Shoosne	66 46	c 63 38
Newberg	60 44	sh 65 39	Springfield	65 47	c 62 40
Newport	55 45	c 55 44	Vancouver	60 44	sh 65 40
North Bend	58 48	c 56 45	Yakima	73 45	c 70 40

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TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
2:27 a.m.	9.6 ft.	9:05 a.m.	-0.9 ft.
3:14 p.m.	8.3 ft.	9:06 p.m.	1.1 ft.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sat.	City	Today	Sat.
	Hi Lo	Hi Lo		Hi Lo	Hi Lo
Atlanta	68 44	r 58 46	Chicago	62 44	c
Boston	75 61	c 70 56	Denver	71 47	s 78 47
Chicago	52 39	pc 62 44	Des Moines	64 40	s 73 52
Denver	71 47	s 78 47	Detroit	45 39	r 52 40
Des Moines	64 40	s 73 52	El Paso	84 57	s 91 64
Detroit	45 39	r 52 40	Fairbanks	41 24	pc 45 28
El Paso	84 57	s 91 64	Honolulu	87 71	pc 87 71
Fairbanks	41 24	pc 45 28	Indianapolis	47 37	r 50 35
Honolulu	87 71	pc 87 71	Kansas City	63 40	s 75 55
Indianapolis	47 37	r 50 35	Las Vegas	90 67	s 89 62
Kansas City	63 40	s 75 55	Los Angeles	78 57	s 67 55
Las Vegas	90 67	s 89 62	Memphis	52 42	sh 68 49
Los Angeles	78 57	s 67 55	Miami	86 68	t 80 61
Memphis	52 42	sh 68 49	Miami	86 68	t 80 61
Miami	86 68	t 80 61	New Orleans	70 53	c 73 54
Miami	86 68	t 80 61	New York	73 61	c 66 54
New Orleans	70 53	c 73 54	Oklahoma City	66 44	s 77 57
New York	73 61	c 66 54	Philadelphia	76 64	sh 73 54
Oklahoma City	66 44	s 77 57	St. Louis	58 41	c 68 49
Philadelphia	76 64	sh 73 54	Salt Lake City	74 54	s 75 53
St. Louis	58 41	c 68 49	San Francisco	68 53	pc 61 43
Salt Lake City	74 54	s 75 53	Seattle	58 46	r 61 43
San Francisco	68 53	pc 61 43	Washington, DC	77 63	t 73 52
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Washington, DC	77 63	t 73 52			

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

Legend: T-storms, Rain, Showers, Snow, Flurries, Ice, Cold Front, Warm Front, Stationary Front

MEMORIAL

Tuesday, April 23
KENYON, Karen Rai — Remembrance of life service at 2 p.m., Grace Episcopal Church, 1545 Franklin Ave. Reception follows in the Fellowship Hall.

LOTTERIES

OREGON	Estimated jackpot: \$23,000	WASHINGTON
Thursday's Pick 4:		Thursday's Daily Game: 1-6-1
1 p.m.: 2-4-5-0		Thursday's Keno: 16-18-27-36-38-39-42-47-48-49-56-59-62-67-68-70-72-73-75-78
4 p.m.: 7-5-2-5		Thursday's Match 4: 07-12-15-20
7 p.m.: 0-0-5-4		
10 p.m.: 3-6-6-1		
Thursday's Lucky Lines: 2-5-11-16-19-22-26-30		

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