

IN BRIEF

Critics warn chlorpyrifos ban would set dangerous precedent

Critics of a proposed ban on chlorpyrifos insecticides in Oregon argue the bill would not only harm farmers but also set a dangerous legislative precedent.

Supporters of House Bill 2619 argue that it's necessary for lawmakers to take action due to uncertainty about the chemical's regulation at the federal level.

A prohibition on spraying food crops with chlorpyrifos was proposed by the Obama administration but reversed by the Trump administration in 2017.

The federal government's regulation of the pesticide is the subject of a legal fight before the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which ruled that chlorpyrifos must be banned last year but has more recently reconsidered that decision.

— *Capital Press*

Washington state to offer first 'public option' insurance

SEATTLE — Washington is set to become the first state to enter the private health insurance market with a universally available public option.

A set of tiered public plans will cover standard services and are expected to be up to 10% cheaper than comparable private insurance, thanks in part to savings from a cap on rates paid to providers. But unlike existing government-managed plans, Washington's public plans are set to be available to all residents regardless of income by 2021.

The move thrusts Washington into the national debate over the government's role in health care, with a hybrid model that puts the state to the left of market-only approaches but stops short of a completely public system.

— *Associated Press*

BIRTH

May 1, 2019

SATAWA, Megan and Stephen, of Ocean Park, Washington, a girl, Valerie Mae Satawa, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandmother is Ann Hubik, of Gearhart.

DEATH

May 8, 2019

ROGNESS, Earl, 81, of Nehalem, died in Nehalem. A gathering will be held at a later date. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIALS

Saturday, May 18
BRADBURY, John "Jack" — Funeral at 11 a.m., Pioneer Presbyterian Church, 33324 Patriot Way in Warrenton; celebration of life reception immediately following at the Warrenton Community Center, 170 S.W. Third St.
McCANN, Yvonne — Memorial at 11 a.m., St.

Francis de Sales Mission, 867 Fifth Ave. in Hammond; reception follows at St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church auditorium, 1411 Grand Ave. in Astoria.

Sunday, May 19
SHAWGO, Mary "Carolyn" — Celebration of life from 2 to 5 p.m., Unity of the Valley, 3912 Dillard Road in Eugene.

ON THE RECORD

Domestic Assault

• Alfredo Peon Segundo, 32, of Seaside, was arrested Sunday by Seaside police for allegedly assaulting his wife.

Robbery

• Gary Stephens, 35, of Seaside, was arrested by Seaside police on Sunday for allegedly robbing someone near the Seaside Post Office.

DUII

• Cameron Meyer, 42, of Astoria, was arrested Friday by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on Hillcrest Loop on one count each of driving while under the influence of intoxicants, hit and run and reckless driving. Meyer allegedly hit a guardrail and later registered a blood alcohol content of 0.08%.

CORRECTION

Candidate name misspelled — Tracy MacDonald is a candidate for Position 1 on the Sunset Empire Transportation District. His name was misspelled McDonald in an A2 story on Saturday.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY
Cannon Beach City Council, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.
Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m.,

main fire station, 34571 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

WEDNESDAY
Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Seaside Tree Board, 4 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

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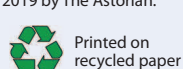
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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE IN A BALLET

Dancers perform 'Princess and the Pea' for a packed house of young students at the Liberty Theatre on Friday.
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New Thai restaurant opens in Astoria

Different flavors on Ninth Street

By EDWARD STRATTON
The Astorian

The former Smokehouse Butcher Block on Ninth Street reopened Friday as Curry & CoCo, the fourth restaurant by Thai immigrant and entrepreneur Nalinrat "Lily" Sahunalu.

Sahunalu, originally from the Surin province in northeastern Thailand, runs Curry & CoCo with her boyfriend, Brian Fernandez, who is originally from Cuba.

The restaurant's name references the coconut they use in many dishes and the Cocotaxis popular in Fernandez's hometown of Havana. The interior marries the couple's interests and heritage, with bright painted street scenes from Havana on one side and vinyl records and other tchotchkes collected by Sahunalu on the other.

The restaurant offers all the Thai staples, from curry and seafood to noodles and stir fries. In a nod to Fernandez's past, the restaurant will offer Havana nights



Nalinrat Sahunalu and boyfriend Brian Fernandez run Curry & CoCo, a Thai restaurant in Astoria that on Thursdays serves up Cuban food in a nod to Fernandez's Havana heritage.

Edward Stratton
The Astorian

on Thursdays, serving up Cuban food.

"We try to cook classic Cuban food like my mom cooked at my house when I was a kid," Fernandez said. "We'll probably have rice, beans, fried banana, croquettes, empanadas."

Sahunalu relocated in her 20s to the Portland metro area, where she worked as a housekeeper and later in Thai restaurants. Eight years ago, she and her family opened Red Curry, her first restaurant, in Beaverton, and her second, Green Curry, three years ago.

"I live in the state almost 10 years, I never come to Seaside," Sahunalu said. "All my friends tell me, 'Go to Seaside. Go to Seaside!'"

Sahunalu said she and Fernandez were on a trip to Cannon Beach several years ago when they took a wrong turn north and instead ended up in Seaside. Lost and looking for the beach, they parked on Holladay Drive in front of the vacant storefront of the late burger joint Wise Guys. Two weeks later, they leased the storefront for Yellow Curry Cozy Thai.

Smokehouse Butcher

Block, formerly the Mexican restaurant Rio Cafe, recently closed after owners Nan and Jeremy Schoenwald were unable to find a buyer for the business. The two closed the butcher shop to focus on their other company, Port Town Property Management.

Curry & CoCo is Astoria's the second Thai restaurant after Mai Tong Thai Cuisine food cart opened outside Reach Break Brewing on 13th Street. It opens Thursday through Tuesday, with senior discounts on Tuesdays.

Jewell School band places second at state



Patrick Webb/For The Astorian

The Jewell School band marched in the Long Beach Loyalty Days parade.

Blue Jays shine in competition

By PATRICK WEBB
For The Astorian

The Jewell School band placed second in its category at the Oregon School Activities Association championships on Friday.

Director Cory Pederson's students were just three points behind state champions Lowell in their contest, which combines 2A and 1A divisions. Lowell is a rural

school southeast of Eugene.

"We missed the state champions by three points," said Pederson in an online post to the Jewell School community. "Awesome job, Bluejays. What a great way to end the festival season."

This year's competition showed significant success for other North Coast musicians.

Warrenton High School, under Michael McClure, placed second in 3A band and Terry Dahlgren's students at Seaside High School placed fifth in the 4A contest.

Knappa flushing water mains

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KNAPPA — The Knappa Water Association is flushing water mains from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, and from Monday through May 24.

Patrons may expect periods of low pressure or cloudy water. If these conditions persist, contact the water association office at 503-458-6461

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2019 GRADUATION

To honor and congratulate the Class of 2019

The Daily Astorian is creating a graduation publication for our local high schools that will publish on **Saturday, June 1st**. This full-color publication will include biographies and pictures of each valedictorian and salutatorian, name and photo of each 2019 graduate and special congratulation ads from local businesses, family and friends.

The graduation schedule is as follows:

- JEWELL**
Saturday, June 1 @ 2pm
- WARRENTON**
Friday, June 7 @ 7pm
- ASTORIA**
Saturday, June 8 @ 4pm
- KNAPPA**
Saturday, June 8 @ 7pm
- SEASIDE**
Monday, June 10 @ 8pm

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