

IN BRIEF

Public universities seeking tuition hikes

Four of Oregon's public universities will defend substantial tuition increases this week in front of the Higher Education Coordinating Commission amid protests from frustrated students.

The University of Oregon is proposing a 9.7% increase, the Oregon Institute of Technology seeks a 9% increase, Portland State University wants an 11% increase and Southern Oregon University is looking at a 13.5% jump, Oregon Public Broadcasting reported Monday.

The commission must OK tuition hikes of more than 5% and Portland State students have vowed to express their anger at a tuition hike approved by the school's board at the commission meeting Thursday.

Oregon State, as well as Eastern and Western Oregon universities, approved increases that are less than 5%.

Western Oregon's increase was the smallest, at just over 2%.

— Associated Press

DEATHS

June 8, 2019

KENNEDY, Elizabeth Ann, 67, of Warrenton, died at home of natural causes. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements. A family celebration of her life will be private.

June 6, 2019

HOLWEGE, Betty

Jane, 95, of Warrenton, died at home. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

June 5, 2019

ANDERSON, Gustave C., 88, of Astoria, died in Longview, Washington. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIAL

June 15, 2019

WILLIAMS, Marion "Dennis" — Celebration of life from 2 to 5 p.m., Pegg, Paxson Springer Funeral Chapel, 4675 S.W. Watson Ave., in Beaverton.

ON THE RECORD

Drugs

Warrenton police arrested Ashley Marie Johnson, 34, at the Warrenton Post Office on Friday on charges of unlawful possession and delivery of methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin. A citizen reported suspicious activity in a vehicle outside the post office. Officers contacted Johnson, who consented to a search of her vehicle. Officers found drugs, paraphernalia, cash and packaging before arresting Johnson.

Astoria police arrested Elizabeth Till, 18, of Astoria, on Sunday for disorderly conduct. Police responded to the Bayshore

Apartments, where Till was observed screaming from a balcony. Till was believed to be under the influence of LSD and bit a responding officer, according to police.

Burglary

Astoria police arrested Genine Celeste Tuifua, 39, of Astoria, on Saturday for first-degree burglary. Police received three calls Saturday about Tuifua breaking into an Astoria residence and trespassed her. On the third call, she had gone through an open window and was eating candy and drinking soda. Tuifua claimed someone told her the house was her own, according to police.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Clatsop County Planning Commission, 10 a.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria

Port of Astoria Commission, 2:30 p.m., special session, Port offices, 10 Pier 1 Suite 209.

Seaside Library Board, 4:30 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway.

Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

Clatsop Community College Board, 6:30 p.m., Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave., Astoria.

Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m., business meeting and budget hearing, main fire station, 34571 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

WEDNESDAY

Clatsop Soil & Water Conservation District Board, 10 a.m., 750 Commercial St., Room 207.

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.

Wickiup Water District Board, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.

Astoria School Board, 5:35 p.m., budget hearing, 7 p.m., regular meeting, Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave.

Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 7 p.m., Warrenton High School library, 1700 S. Main Ave.

THURSDAY

Seaside Civic and Convention Center Commission, 5 p.m., Seaside Civic and Convention Center, 415 First Ave.

Cannon Beach Academy, 5:30 p.m., 3781 S. Hemlock St.

Gearhart Planning Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.



Photos by Katie Frankowicz/The Astorian

Astor Street Opry Company performers put on a show during the Astoria Pride parade Saturday.

ASTORIA PRIDE BRINGS COLOR DOWNTOWN



Attendees listen to presenters at the Astoria Pride block party.



Rainbows were a theme at Astoria Pride.



Coast Guard

Cmdr. Daniel Ursino, the new commander of the Coast Guard cutter Steadfast, salutes crew members after taking over Sunday at Tom McCall Waterfront Park in Portland.

Cutter Steadfast changes commanders

The Astorian

PORTLAND — Cmdr. Alain Balmaceda of the Coast Guard cutter Steadfast handed command to Cmdr. Daniel Ursino at Tom McCall Waterfront Park in Portland on Sunday.

Ursino reports to the Steadfast from Coast Guard Training Center Petaluma, California. As the facilities engineering department head, he managed shore facilities and infrastructure on an 837-acre installation where roughly one-third of the Coast Guard's enlisted workforce receives training.

Balmaceda, who has more than 11 years of combined sea time on several cutters, will report to the Air War College at Max-

well Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama.

Under his command over the past two years, the Steadfast's crew traveled more than 53,000 nautical miles on five patrols along the west coasts of North and South America. During those patrols, the Steadfast's crews rescued seven mariners; caught 16 vessels and 52 narcotic smugglers; and seized more than 57,200 pounds of illicit drugs worth an estimated \$1 billion.

The Steadfast is a 210-foot medium endurance cutter homeported in Astoria. The ship focuses on homeland security, search and rescue, marine environmental response, recreational boating safety, port safety and security missions.

Westport man dies in Highway 30 crash

The Astorian

A Westport man died on Sunday after his car left U.S. Highway 30 near Tongue Point and struck a tree.

Oregon State Police determined James Olson, 25, was traveling east when his Volkswagen left the road for an undetermined reason, rolled on a steep embankment and struck a tree. Olson died at the scene.

The crash briefly closed Highway 30.



Oregon State Police
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Johnson amendments would revamp carbon bill

By TED SICKINGER

The Oregonian

State Sen. Betsy Johnson threw a last-minute bomb into Oregon's proposed carbon cap-and-trade policy last week, sponsoring a 19-page list of amendments that would eviscerate one of her fellow Democratic leaders' highest-priority bills.

What remains to be seen is what kind of payload it carries to undermine the vote count on the bill, achieve some significant changes, or to run out the clock in a session expected to end in two weeks.

Johnson, a Scappoose Democrat who's co-chair of the Legislature's key budget writing committee, introduced her kitchen-sink collection of industry grievances a day and a half before the bill was scheduled for a work session and possible vote in the joint Ways and Means.

And it set off a flurry of lobbying in Salem as environmental groups sought to protect their prize bill from further weakening after years of pushing the legislation to the point of actually getting a floor vote.

A work session on the bill was pulled from Friday's Ways and Means hearing.

A coalition of industry groups representing truckers, loggers, manufacturers, farmers and others developed the amendments. Now they are putting a full-court press on legislators to consider them before a committee vote takes place. In a letter to legislators, they said they'd raised concerns countless times in committee and in meetings with legislators and made a good faith effort to help shape the program, to no avail.

They said the amendments would retain the structure of House Bill 2020 but "blunt some of the harshest impacts" that regulated industries and consumers would see under the current version of the bill.

Those groups also have asked Oregon's largest business group, Oregon Business & Industry, to support the amendments. OBI sent an email to members of its energy and environment steering committee Friday evening seeking feedback before discussion of the issues at the group's board meeting on Tuesday.

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10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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