

IN BRIEF

Clatsop County Democrats call for Senate president to step down

Clatsop County Democrats have voted to urge state Senate President Peter Courtney step down over his handling of sexual harassment at the Capitol.

The resolution claims the Salem Democrat has "systematically brushed sexual harassment complaints under the rug."

"We support people reporting harassment and abuse, protection of their privacy while doing so, and thorough investigations of all reports," Clatsop County Democrats state in the resolution.

"We condemn any efforts to silence people reporting sexual harassment, bullying or intimidation, or to inhibit or obscure their ability and understanding of available legal remedies."

The Willamette Week reported that Democrats from seven counties have called on Courtney to step down.

Applications sought for county property tax appeals board

Clatsop County is looking for people to serve on the Board of Property Tax Appeals for the 2019-2020 term.

The board hears petitions from taxpayers seeking to decrease their real market or assessed value of real and personal property.

The Board of Commissioners is seeking candidates who have a working knowledge of the local real estate market; are willing to participate in public hearings; have mediation skills, real estate appraisal, financing or related background; and are familiar with Oregon property tax.

Applicants must be residents of Clatsop County, but cannot be employees of the county or of any taxing district within the county.

The Board of Commissioners makes appointments to a pool, from which the County Clerk selects three people to serve. Training is provided in January. The committee holds one to three daytime meetings beginning in February to hear petitions. The committee adjourns no later than April 15, 2020, with the term ending June 30, 2020.

Application forms for the appointments are available on the county website, www.co.clatsop.or.us, or through the county manager's office, 800 Exchange Street, Suite 410, in Astoria.

Applications must be completed and turned in by 5 p.m. on Sept. 12.

— The Astorian

BIRTHS

July 18, 2019

THORNE, Liz, and BENTON, Kenny, of Astoria, a girl, Kaede Sequoia Benton, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria.

July 14, 2019

LEE, Brooke, and

OGIER, James Jr., of Astoria, a girl, Avery Rose Lee-Ogier, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Misty Ogier, James Ogier Sr. and Rose Lee and Michael Holt, of Astoria.

MEMORIAL

Saturday, Aug. 3

PAPPAS, William Anthony "Bill" — Memorial at 1 p.m., Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1403 S. Wahanna Road in Seaside. Pappas, 65, of Idaho Falls, Idaho, formerly of Seaside, died Sunday, July 25, 2019, in Idaho Falls. Wood Funeral Home of Idaho Falls is in charge of the arrangements.

ON THE RECORD

DUII

Burl Keaoililani Kanoho, 25, of Warrenton, was arrested Saturday on Seventh Street and McClure Avenue in Astoria for driving under the influence of intoxicants. His blood alcohol content was 0.20%.

Forest Joshua Campos, 41, of Veneta, was arrested Saturday on U.S. Highway 26 for DUII and reckless driving. Police said Campos in lost control of the steering wheel and left the roadway, crashing off the shoulder. His blood alcohol content was 0.12%.

Sarahi Navarrette, 28, of Portland, was arrested Saturday near U.S. Highway 26 and Underhill Road for DUII and reckless driving. Police said she was driving southbound and drove across the northbound lane, crashing into a dirt embankment.

Restraining order

David Russell Flavin, 42, of Astoria, was arrested Saturday night at Aldrich Point Road in Astoria for violating a restraining order. Police said Flavin pushed a man out of a window, but there were no injuries.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY

Astoria Design Review Committee, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St. Seaside Parks Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Pizza, sports bar planned in Knappa

A spot off Highway 30

By EDWARD STRATTON The Astorian

KNAPPA — A pizza parlor and sports bar is planned along U.S. Highway 30 in Knappa where Dollar General wanted to build a new store.

Sundeeep "Sabi" Sandhu, on behalf of Sandhu & Brar LLC, applied with Clatsop County for a conditional use permit to open Knappa Pizza & Bar.

Sandhu runs the Knappa Market, a Chevron gas station and convenience store on the north side of Highway 30.

He compared the pizza parlor and sports bar to Fullano's Pizza. He recently popped up a minimalist sign



Edward Stratton/The Astorian

The owners of a Chevron gas station in Knappa are starting Knappa Pizza & Bar across U.S. Highway 30.

next to the red-and-white restaurant on the south side of Highway 30, complete with dual slices of pizza and the restaurant's name.

"The public didn't want a Dollar General," Sandhu said. "They wanted a restaurant."

Sandhu, who has been in the area since 2011, had been concerned about being undercut by Dollar General.

Another of his com-

panies, Sundeeep & Govrdan, purchased the property from Rod Zweber after a failed bid by Cross Development to construct a new 9,100-square-foot Dollar General, more than twice the size of the usual allowed buildings.

In its denial, the county argued Dollar General would not support existing businesses, such as the nearby Country Market grocery

store, or contribute to the character of the area.

Pending county approval, Sandhu hopes to open in the next three weeks. Knappa Pizza & Bar would offer 15 types of customizable pizzas, wraps, sandwiches and menu items from seafood chain Skippers.

"We have six TVs and a really high-end bar," Sandhu said.

The building has struggled through multiple iterations as a restaurant, including Mexican restaurant El Cazador, Camp Nine Restaurant & Lounge and, most recently, the Hwy 30 Roadhouse.

Sandhu thinks his reputation from the Knappa Market will help make the pizza and sports bar a success.

"It's all my local people," he said. "They love me. They're going to support me."

Scam Jam tour educates senior citizens

Faster, smarter scammers

By LUCY KLEINER The Astorian

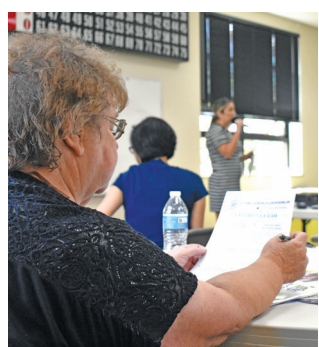
When Ruby Haighton-Pitts, AARP's state director, asked a room of more than 30 seniors in Astoria if they had received scam phone calls, every single person raised their hand.

Almost all of the hands stayed up as she asked about emails and door-to-door scammers, as well. One senior claimed he had received more than six scam calls last week.

Haighton-Pitts was not surprised. Scammers have a history of targeting older adults, and because the North Coast is a popular place for senior citizens, scammers actively prey on the region.

"They've gotten a lot smarter," she said of scammers, "and a lot faster."

According to District Attorney Ron Brown, scamming is a \$17.5 billion dollar industry that impacts 17.7



Lucy Kleiner/The Astorian

Sue Iverson, 71, came to the Scam Jam after receiving scam letters over the past month, which she attributes to the fact that she was recently widowed.

million victims annually. Last week, AARP embarked on a Scam Jam tour.

The interest group hosted four presentations along the Oregon Coast — including a stop at the Astoria Senior Center on Friday afternoon — to meet with senior citizens and share information about scams.

Carmel Snyder, the director of advocacy and outreach for the AARP in Oregon, leads fraud preven-

tion work throughout the state.

"The more we know," she said, "the more power we have to stop those scams."

Snyder's main advice for residents who have been scammed: Do not be embarrassed.

Though technological advances have helped scam warnings spread quickly, those advances have also enabled scammers to be more efficient.

"These people are good at what they do," Snyder said. "They are professionals."

According to Brown, the majority of local scam victims do not report the crimes to authorities. Brown believes that is because a large portion of local scams come from within the victim's family.

Brown recognized the difficulty of people seeking legal prosecution of family members, but he urged seniors to contact authorities when they have been scammed, no matter the circumstance.

"Turn people in," he said.

One current scam older adults should be aware of is what Snyder calls the "DNA Scam."

People throughout the state have received phone calls from scammers posing as genetic specialists. The caller claims they can help detect a history and likelihood of cancer within the family and requests people send in a cheek swab for testing. If the medical scam is successful, the fraud has collected both DNA and medical insurance information.

According to Brown, no reports of that scam have been made within the region, but he said "it's probably just a matter of time."

Last week, Jim Virgillo, 78, of Astoria, received a call from a scammer claiming to be from Columbia Memorial Hospital. Virgillo also received a scam call from a man pretending to be his grandson.

"They're targeting the people who are vulnerable," said Marion Olmsted, Virgillo's girlfriend.

Cancer specialist says goodbye to peninsula

Changes in Ocean Beach

By PATRICK WEBB Chinook Observer

ILWACO, Wash. — Ivan Law has specialized in cancer treatment.

As a young doctor in the Army, Law trained at Walter Reed Medical Center. He also studied at the National Cancer Institute.

For many years, the board-certified oncologist practiced in Portland and was affiliated with Providence Cancer Center and Legacy Emanuel Hospitals.

Law recalled that years ago his mother-in-law would query him about his choice of specialty — worrying that treating cancer patients would be depressing work because there was no cure.

"My wife told her that I like the challenges," Law said with a smile. "To lay people

who look at it, it is depressing. But for a young physician to choose that specialty is because I like a challenge."

During his practice in Portland, he encountered many patients from the Astoria and Long Beach, Washington, area forced to travel to the city for cancer treatment.

Some 14 years ago, he began coming to the Ocean Beach Hospital in Ilwaco to offer oncology services on Saturdays, while also treating some patients in Astoria on Sundays.

It appeared a grueling schedule, although he laughed and said he did take Wednesdays off.

Then, in 2010, he was lured to Ilwaco full time by then-hospital chief executive Joe Devin.

As years have passed, developments in cancer treatments have become more

sophisticated. "We always worked hard, and wanted to find a 'cure,' or to make these people comfortable, but in the last nine or 10 years we have seen so much progress, particularly in the last five years," he said. "People are living longer, and some are in remission. It is very encouraging."

Remembering those thoughts of his relative so many years ago, Law sees the field as more positive now than when he started in medicine. "We are giving hope to the patient — it's rewarding," he said. His preferred strategy is to focus on individualized treatment. "Everybody is so different," he said. "It's not 'one size fits all.' My feeling is, if you do the same thing you get the same result, but we are doing different things for people."

Melody Miller Page, of Naselle, is among community members sorry to see Law depart. Her father has seen Law for 15 years, beginning when he was in Portland.

"It's like losing a family member," she posted on Facebook when news of his departure was announced. "Dad has been through three different types cancer with him. As many doctors that I have seen, there has been no other that can even come close to comparing to Dr Law."

Heather Jones echoed those thoughts. "Dr. Law is a wonderful oncologist,"

she said. "He saw my great grandma, both my grandparents and other family members through their cancer. He was much needed here."

Regulations covering the administration of oncology services at Ocean Beach Hospital, however, are causing Law to move on. He was given enthusiastic applause from colleagues and patients at his recent farewell gatherings. "I enjoy the people," he said. "They are very nice here."

But he is not retiring. Law has accepted a position at a Spokane cancer treatment group and is moving east very shortly.

His wife, Terry, who survived cancer years ago, died in 2012. He has four grown children, based in Tri-Cities, Portland and California. One daughter is also a doctor (so is a nephew) and others are involved with the family's commercial real estate business.

At 72, he shrugs off any suggestion of retiring and keeps himself fit by regular running on a treadmill.

"It is very relaxing," said Law, who noted that people who keep themselves healthy with exercise recover much better from ailments.

Looking back, his more than a decade working on the peninsula has been enjoyable, he said.

"I feel so humble," he said. "It is such a satisfying feeling. You feel great if people respond to treatment. There is some real kind of satisfaction."



Dr. Ivan Law

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