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BUOY 10 FISHERY BUSY DESPITE DELAY



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Fishermen prepare their boats before heading out of the Hammond Marina.

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If there was any thought that a pandemic or a later start than usual would slow the Buoy 10 salmon fishery on the Columbia River, it quickly vanished as boats filled the river.

The recreational fishery, which traditionally opens near the beginning of August, was delayed until Aug. 14 over concerns about run size.

On opening weekend, boats darted past huge cargo ships, weaved around each other and, in some places, were packed so close it almost looked possible to cross the river by hopping from stern to stern.

But there were some repercussions for the late start to the popular fishery.

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ABOVE: Lynne Tanner scales one of the two salmon she and her friends caught on the Columbia River. BELOW: Hundreds of boats have lined both banks of the Columbia River since the Buoy 10 fishery opened.

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Angela Whitlock looks through an Abney level while surveying the sand dunes at Fort Stevens State Park in July.

Investigation complete in man's death after arrest

DA finds officers
did not use
excessive force

By NICOLE BALES
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An investigation into the death of a Warrenton man in police custody in April found officers did not use excessive force.

Alexander Jimenez, 34, was arrested at about 5 p.m. on April 17 by Warrenton police for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest after he was seen walking into the street on S. Main Avenue.

A police officer used a Taser to subdue Jimenez, who was under the influence of methamphetamine. The Warrenton Fire Department removed Taser probes and treated Jimenez before he was taken to Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria.

Jimenez was screened by a doctor from the police SUV in the ambulance bay because of

coronavirus restrictions and medically cleared to go to the Clatsop County Jail.

At the sally port at the jail, Jimenez, who was handcuffed, yelled and spit at sheriff's deputies from a back-seat window of the police SUV.

Body camera footage reviewed by The Astorian shows several deputies and officers were involved in pulling Jimenez out of the police SUV, pushing him to the ground, placing spit hoods over his head and applying ankle and leg restraints while he struggled.

During the struggle, deputies noticed blood coming from his mouth.

Before Jimenez could be placed in a restraint chair and taken into the jail, he went limp and lost consciousness. Efforts were made at the jail to revive him before he was taken back to Columbia Memorial, where he died.

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Holcom announces run for City Council

By NICOLE BALES
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Floyd Holcom, the owner of Pier 39, announced Monday he will run for the Astoria City Council.

Holcom will vie for the Ward 2 seat held by City Councilor Tom Brownson, which covers parts of Uniontown and the South Slope.

Holcom said his decision to run came at the urging of his neighbors and people in the business community.

"The calls I get from the business community have been really strong. They feel like there's no representation on the council for business. There's not a lot of discussion about helping small businesses," he said.

"And I realized that we needed an Astorian back on the City Council," he said, referring to the fact

that none of the current councilors were born and raised in the city.

Holcom, who has served on the Port of Astoria Commission, believes his experience as a long-time business owner and lifelong Astorian will help give voice to a portion of the community he says has little voice.

Holcom, who is Filipino, said he would bring diversity to the City Council. He noted

the contribution of Duncan Law, a prominent seafood researcher born in Hong Kong who served 12 years on the City Council and helped inspire the Garden of Surging Waves.

"That diversity really needs to be there," he said.

"I just think it's time to bring back some continuity to Astorians that have lived

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Woman rediscovers a forgotten dream

Whitlock works as
environmental interpreter

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ
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SEASIDE — As a child, Angela Whitlock wanted to be a marine biologist until the thought occurred to her: "Well, that means I'll have to be with sharks."

"And," she concluded, "that's not going to happen — so forget it."

And she did, for years.

When Whitlock, who now lives in Seaside, began taking col-

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lege classes in her 20s, she wasn't working toward a particular goal — to become a marine biologist or anything else.

By chance, she took a jewelry-making class that led her to a jewelry trade school. Something clicked. She became a goldsmith, sizing rings and making settings for diamonds. For her own art, she was

drawn to rougher shapes and materials: beach glass, copper, rocks she found on shoreside walks.

It was work she loved, but sedentary and she was starting to feel the aches in her shoulders, hips and wrists.

Driven to seek out something new, Whitlock started taking classes at Clatsop Community College last winter.

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