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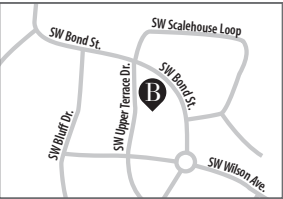
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LOCAL, STATE & REGION



LIGHT-RAIL TRAIN PLOWS THROUGH BARRICADE

Two people were hurt when a MAX light-rail train plowed into a barricade in Milwaukie driving over a paved sidewalk and kicking up chunks of concrete, officials said.

Clackamas Fire said in a statement that shortly before 8 a.m. Friday, the Orange Line train failed to stop at the end-of-the-line barricade at the SE Park Avenue station, The Oregonian reported. Officials said two people had minor injuries and were treated at the train station. One train patron reported he slept through the collision. Photos showed the barricade toppled over and scattered rubble from the broken sidewalk. The cause of the crash is under investigation. TriMet said in a tweet that MAX's Orange- and Yellow-line trains were delayed 15 to 30 minutes due to the collision.

Clackamas Fire

CLATSOP COUNTY

Vacation-rental battle could be headed to voters

Both sides want ballot title changed

BY ERICK BENDEL
The Astorian

Supporters and opponents of a prospective ballot measure that could decide the fate of vacation rentals in unincorporated Clatsop County are petitioning to get the ballot title changed.

In June, the County Commission passed an ordinance that makes vacation rentals of 30 or fewer days an outright use in 16 unincorporated zones, both commercial and residential, in the development code. About 180 units are already licensed to operate in unincorporated areas. The county currently has a moratorium on new licenses.

A referendum to repeal the ordinance is underway, which could lead to the disappearance of more than 100 vacation rentals as licenses expire, according to the county.

It is the latest move in a contest over who gets to enjoy the Oregon Coast, and where, and how. Short-term rentals offer getaways to tourists, who put money into the local economy and lodging tax revenue in county coffers.

But some residents worry that the growth of the tourism industry is eroding the quality of life in their neighborhoods and straining the coastal environment.

Cities on the North Coast have taken steps to restrict vacation rentals. At the county level, the debate has mostly been dominated by the concerns of people in wealthy enclaves where part-



Lydia Ely/The Astorian

A house displays a sign advertising vacation rentals in Arch Cape, an unincorporated area in Clatsop County.

time residents and second homes are common.

The referendum's chief petitioner, Charles Dice, of Cove Beach, is challenging the way District Attorney Ron Brown prepared the ballot title.

Dice's Portland land use attorney, Daniel Kearns, argues that the ballot title, as worded, is not impartial, fails to describe the purpose of the measure and contains emotionally loaded language designed to persuade voters to reject the measure, according to the petition for judicial review in Circuit Court.

Kearns asks the court to invalidate the proposed ballot title and certify an alternative one that he believes more clearly spells out the primary effect of the measure, which would be to "re-instate the prior land use regulations," he wrote.

A separate challenge to the ballot title criticizes it from

the opposite direction.

Marie Gwydir-Moore, who works in the vacation rental industry and owns a rental, wrote in a petition that the projected \$700,000 loss, far from irrelevant, understates the "substantial economic and social disruption that will be caused to the entirety of Clatsop County" if voters approve the measure.

Gwydir-Moore, who lives on the North Coast part time, elaborated in an interview: "This is more than \$700,000 that's just going to the county. Short-term rentals bring in millions of dollars that trickle (down) to the business owners, the retail shops, the contractors, the housekeepers. These are real people that are living in the community, and if they're struggling now, what the hell's going to happen to

HILLSBORO

Cop sues U.S. immigration over stop

Lawsuit: ICE agents detained him, questioned him about citizenship

BY MAXINE BERNSTEIN
The Oregonian

A Hillsboro Police officer has filed a federal lawsuit against U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement after federal immigration agents ordered him out of his vehicle during a traffic stop, placed his arms behind his back and began questioning him about his citizenship.

Edgar Garcia Garfias was on his way home from work when he was pulled over on the Tualatin Valley Highway, according to a lawsuit he filed Wednesday in U.S. District Court in Portland.

His suit against ICE alleges its agents unlawfully arrested, detained and seized him without probable cause on Aug. 5, 2020.

David Yost, a spokesperson for the federal immigration enforcement agency, said, "U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement does not provide comment on pending or ongoing litigation."

Garcia Garfias has lived in Washington County his entire life, 29 years, and has worked as a police officer in Hillsboro since 2018. State records show

he has completed law-enforcement training on courses including "fair and impartial policing" and "advanced vehicle stops."

After the federal officers eventually realized they had the wrong man, they released Garcia Garfias' arms. They told him they had been following him and his family for several days and knew his work schedule, according to the suit.

Apparently noticing he was distressed by the stop, one of the federal agents asked, "Are you alright? You look pale," Garcia Garfias' lawyer David C. Higgs wrote in the suit.

The Hillsboro officer feared he'd be wrongfully arrested and deported by the federal agents, and, as a result, suffered significant stress, trauma and sleepless nights, according to the suit.

Due to his training and experience as a police officer, Garcia Garfias "knew that he was close to being sent to a federal detention center with no means to communicate with his family," Higgs wrote.

Garcia Garfias also suffered humiliation for having to tell his supervisors and command staff at Hillsboro police about what had happened, his suit said.

Garcia Garfias is seeking unspecified noneconomic damages and coverage of his attorney fees.

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