

### When recycling becomes a burden

Wind, rain pose special problems on Oregon Coast

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Keeping the city clean can be a messy predicament.

Torrential rain and cyclonic winds pose trash problems for nearly every person on the North Oregon Coast.

Those who live downwind can grow to hate recycling days.

"People should secure their stuff better," said Frida Fraunfelder, who lives on a corner lot on Southwest Juniper. "It all ends up here because the wind drives it here."

When it's windy or wind is in the forecast, she waits to put out her trash and recyclables.

"I feel more than frustrated. I'm angry about it," she said. "I wish others would be



The city's recycling center is a constant source of windblown waste for Dawna Rekart and her family, who live nearby. Several recycling bins on the right tipped over during Tuesday's storm.

Cindy Yingst/The Columbia Press

more sensitive. I think people aren't aware of what they're doing."

For Dawna Rekart and her family, living behind the city's recycling center can be a nightmare.

"I'm on the other side of a fence and I'm collecting and picking up and

putting it in the garbage constantly," Rekart said of the things that blow over and under the fence. "I like being a good neighbor. The city has provided us with a nice recycling center. People need to honor and respect it."

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### Police crackdown on DUIs yields results while calls for service drop

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Calls for police service decreased last year while arrests and citations rose.

Traffic problems decreased while drunk driving arrests rose significantly.

The seemingly incongruent statistics are due, in part, to the fact that Warrenton is a small town and any change can seem significant. Also, when the police department chooses to throw its resources at particular crimes, statistical changes can be significant.

"Stats can be a valuable tool for any organization, but they can also be extremely subjective, depending on your point of view," Police Chief Matt Workman said. "Especially police statistics, since an increase in any category could be viewed as bad, but from another standpoint good if the police are being more aggressive."

And that's the case with drunken driving in 2017.

"Take DUII stats. We went from 14 in 2014 and 15 in 2015 to 37 in 2016 and 52

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## Clatsop County District Attorney Marquis announces retirement

DA put county on map through high-profile interviews on the death penalty, remained an advocate of victims' rights and animal rights

By CINDY YINGST

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Fishermen describe disappointments through stories of the ones that got away.

For lawyers, it's the sucker-punch cases of innocents who don't find justice in court.

Prosecutors have the easy courtroom job because most defendants are guilty, Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis said. "The

cases you never forget are the ones you lose."

For him it came in 1988, during the trial of a man accused of raping his 13-year-old daughter.

"What's burned in my memory is that it was third time this guy had been tried. The other two times it went to a hung jury. It was, basically, the girl's word against her father's," Marquis said.

And the jury chose to believe the father.

It is the case Marquis recalls as

most regretful in a career full of wins and reknown.

Two and a half decades later, the girl "friended" him on Facebook.

"She wrote me an extraordinarily moving letter that said 'thanks for what you did for me.'" Marquis said. "I still felt guilty that I, on behalf of the system, had failed her."

After 24 years as Clatsop County's district attorney, Marquis announced last week that he won't

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Marquis with Sandra Day O'Connor at a National District Attorney's Association conference in Napa, Calif., in 2010.