

Cart thief hits car and police officers

A homeless man took a motorized shopping cart from Fred Meyer, drove it to Ross Dress for Less and then Rite Aid, where he allegedly stole a DVD player, before striking a car in the parking lot, police said.

Officers caught up with Jacob M. Kitzman, 26, who was still on the cart, near Pizza Hut about 5:50 p.m. Monday. He had removed a DVD player from its box, but denied any knowledge of it, Chief Matt Workman said.

He was placed in the back of a patrol car while an officer began interviewing witnesses inside the stores.

"Kitzman then started kicking the back window of the patrol car, so officers told him to stop and attempted to remove him," Workman said.

Kitzman fought with them and they eventually used a taser, Workman said. Initially, it had no effect, so of-

ficers took him to the ground and the scuffle continued with an officer getting struck in the head several times and another officer being kicked in the knees.

"After a couple of contact-stuns with the taser, Kitzman was able to be handcuffed but continued to resist and be verbal with the officers," Workman said.

Oregon State Police and Clatsop County Sheriff's officers arrived to assist and medics checked on Kitzman before taking him to Columbia Memorial Hospital.

He continued to be uncooperative and kicked at both officers and hospital staff, Workman said.

Kitzman was booked for assaulting a public safety officer, resisting arrest, theft of a shopping cart and shoplifting.

The officer struck in the head was taken to the emergency room for a possible concussion and later released.

Using fish as teachers for Nature Matters talk

Marine ecologist Kirsten Grorud-Colvert will present a talk, "Learning from Fish," at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, in the Lovell Showroom at Fort George Brewery, 1483 Duane St., Astoria.

Grorud-Colvert is an assistant professor in the Integrative Biology Department at Oregon State University.

The talk is part of the "Nature Matters" series of lectures.

Grorud-Colvert will take listeners on an underwater adventure to show how Oregon's unique ecosystem supports the incredible journey fish take traveling from open ocean to nearshore waters to deep offshore.

She'll speak on what juvenile fish can teach us about ocean protection as well as the state's new system of marine reserves established to protect Oregon's ocean as a place of productivity and biodiversity.

The talk is free. Doors open at 6 p.m. for those who want to purchase dinner or beverages, although no purchase is required.



Above: Rockfish swim through a murky ocean floor.

Photo courtesy ODFW



Left: Kirsten Grorud-Colvert is an Oregon State University professor.

Photo courtesy National Park Service

Baseball signups, tryouts begin Tuesday

Warrenton Kids Inc. will have tryouts in the week ahead for Lower Columbia Cal Ripkin baseball and will take registration for Columbia Coast Baseball League.

Players need to register online prior to tryouts at the organization's new website, warrentonkidsinc.com. There will be no paper registration.

CAL RIPKIN

- Ages 6-7 is at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6.
- Ages 8-9 is at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6.
- Ages 10-12 is at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7.

COLUMBIA COAST

Registration for teens 13-15 should be made at the website, warrentonkidsinc.com. There are no tryouts for this group.

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