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## Astoria to look at DUII move tonight

City to address DA's suggestion to try cases in Circuit Court

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Diving under the influence of intoxicants cases are again on the Astoria City Council meeting agenda tonight.

DUII cases are handled in two different local courts depending on where the incidents happen: the city court and the county (state) court. District Attorney Josh Marquis has asked the Council to transfer all Municipal Court cases over to the DA's office to be handled in the Clatsop County Circuit Court.

All other cities in the county do this, except Astoria, said Marquis.

Marquis maintains that the Astoria Municipal Court has not effectively prosecuted DUII cases in the past. However, others claim that a report Marquis has used to support his statements has significant factual errors.

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## 'We honor our past as we build for the future'

Community turns out for college's Towler Hall rededication ceremony

By CHELSEA GORROW  
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Towler Hall at Clatsop Community College was rededicated Saturday.

More than 100 community members turned out for the celebration, leaving standing room only in the entry way, now known as Towler Commons.

"With the restoration of Towler Hall, we honor our past as we build for the future," said Clatsop Community College Board Chairman Dirk Rohne, also a county commissioner.

President Larry Graizio said the college has been revitalized, reanimated and restored.

"Reanimate is defined as, 'To restore to life, to restore to activity or liveliness.' Now, I'm not sure how many of you would have voted for a bond project called 'The Jerome Campus reanimation and revitalization project.' But nevertheless, I think that is what we have here," he said.

"It has been spectacular to reopen the doors, have this fall term, watch students, faculty, staff and community members enjoy this revitalization of our campus and

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## Recognition starts with a blessing

Duncan Law joins Astoria leaders for unveiling of Garden of Surging Waves artwork

By CHELSEA GORROW  
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The Garden of Surging Waves artwork was opened up for public viewing Saturday at its temporary home at the former Englund Marine and Industrial Supply building, where the hand-crafted pieces are being stored.

The unveiling of the sculptures doubled as a chance for Astoria community leaders and Chinese garden organizers to ramp up enthusiasm with the nearly 200 people who turned out for the celebration of the bicentennial legacy gift project. It will be built at Ninth and Astor streets, once funding is secured.

Duncan Law, who the Seafood Consumer Center was named after, was among those in the spotlight for his efforts to make sure the Chinese contribution to the city was finally recognized.

"The real guests of honor here are these magnificent pieces of art that are going to grace this city, and also Professor Law, for the courage to bring this oversight in Astoria's history to everyone's attention," said state Sen. Betsy Johnson, D-Scappoose.

"Professor Law, we are all in your debt. Today is not only the first day of some of the commemoration for the bicentennial, but it also marks our collective commitment to make sure that this garden is a reality. Money will have to be raised, public attention will have to be drawn to it, while (the art) rests here quietly while we gather the money."

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—Duncan Law  
retired professor

Law was introduced by Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen as a great friend of Astoria. Law gave the blessing of the artwork while the items are stored until the garden is ready for construction.

"I feel truly honored and privileged to be here and to be able to bless the artwork," Law said.

"I worked in the canneries and the contractors who chose the Chinese workers, because of their diligence and hard work, to can the salmon in the canneries," Law said. "I ask that we all are aware of the enormous number and wide array of ethnic groups that made Astoria what it is today."

Ed Overbay, an Astoria Parks and Recreation Commission member, helped the Garden of Surging Waves come to fruition.

"The notion of this park epitomizes what I really cherish about Astoria," Overbay said. "Thanks to some heads-up leadership in recognizing something that needs to happen and the political backing to get up and get it done. And then the community rolls up their sleeves and gets after it. When Astoria decides to get something done, we get something done. And this is what it is all about."

Sam Johnson, director and president of the Columbia River Maritime Museum, said the omission of the Chinese people in Astoria's history has been corrected. "I'm a little bit embarrassed to say that we probably haven't done the best we could to celebrate the Chinese impact on Astoria's history and fisheries and canneries



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Duncan Law gave the blessing of the Chinese artwork at Saturday's unveiling for the Garden of Surging Waves. Law inspired the garden, said Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen, by bringing to the city's attention to the work the Chinese did to build Astoria.



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Nearly 200 community members gathered at the former Englund Marine and Industrial Supply building Saturday afternoon to view the artwork for the Garden of Surging Waves. Duncan Law, second from right, gave the blessing at the ceremony.

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## Park: Chinese Children's Choir performed

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... We have a long way to go before we can truly recognize what that heritage means to us."

City Councilwoman Arline LaMear, Maritime Museum librarian, said she is happy the Chinese are being recognized. "It means a great deal to me, this park. It's going to be absolutely stunning," she said. "We can hardly wait until the whole thing gets put together."

City Councilman Blair Henningsgaard said the Garden of Sur-

ging Waves is one of the most exciting projects he has been a part of during his nine years on the council.

"This is a contribution to Astoria that will live past my life, that my children, and my children's children, can come to Astoria and see this beautiful garden," he said. "I think what really makes me happy about this garden, and what I think is really important, I can sum up in one word and that is 'Community.' That's what this garden represents to me. It represents the Astoria community and one of the important

pieces to it."

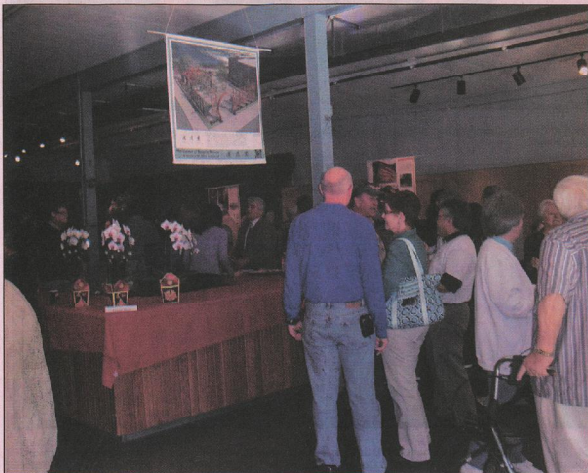
The Chinese Children's Choir of Portland performed after the speeches concluded and a fireworks display was ignited. Guests were then invited back inside to view the artwork once more, while the children's choir danced and refreshments were served. The event was sponsored by Lum's.

"I'm really surprised and enthusiastic about all of you attending here," said David Lum. "This is going to be a wonderful garden."

Construction is expected next spring.



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Architectural designer Suenn Ho, center, is the lead designer behind the Garden of Surging Waves and spoke at Saturday's ceremony for the artwork's unveiling.



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The Garden of Surging Waves artwork was officially unveiled Saturday at the Englund Marine Supply building in downtown Astoria. Nearly 200 community members turned out for refreshments and to view the pieces.

## China's vice president promoted in move seen as leadership sign

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese Vice President Xi Jinping was promoted to a key post in the Communist Party's military committee today, affirming his path to be the country's leader within three years.

The son of a party veteran, Xi has employed success in earlier jobs, along with family and political connections, to become the party's sixth-ranking leader. He has been viewed as the anointed successor to President Hu Jintao, who is expected to step down as party chief in 2012 and as president the next year.

Analysts see the 57-year-old Xi as a consensus

choice at a time when Premier Wen Jiabao has been calling for unspecified changes to China's one-party system and other leaders have harshly denounced any moves to adopt Western-style democratic institutions.

In addition to promoting Xi, the ruling party's governing Central Committee also pledged to make "vigorous yet steady" efforts to promote political restructuring, the official Xinhua News Agency and state broadcaster CCTV reported. They cited a document issued at today's close of the committee's annual four-day meeting.

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