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## Astoria park surges forward

Portland fundraiser nets \$90,000 for the Garden of Surging Waves

> By CHELSEA GORROW The Daily Astorian

The Garden of Surging Waves is moving forward, recently bringing in \$90,000 from a fundraiser in Portland.

Astoria Mayor Willis Van Dusen told the City Council about the newest donation during the Monday night meeting.

At that time, City Manager Paul Benoit proposed an option to the Council – doubling as the Astoria Development Commission – to approve the Chinese Garden on the American Legion block in phases, setting the nitty gritty details, such as a geological survey and the architectural design phase, in motion.

The proposal, Benoit said, "is exempting the design services from competitive bidding. And this will allow us to get the Council to go directly to MulvannyG2. Suenn Ho is the lead architect there, she is the one who has designed the Garden of Surging Waves. She has a history with this block and it would be more efficient to go directly to MulvannyG2."

Aside from the exemption, Benoit also asked the Council to approve two contracts, one with GRI Geotechnical Resources for \$15,000, a necessary component regardless of what is done in the American Legion block, and another contract with Northwest Survey for survey work on the block in the amount of \$6,700.

Also up for consideration was an up-to-\$15,000 expenditure for MulvanneyG2 and Ho to support the design work for one phase of the project, the north side, which will host the amphitheater and the Garden of Surging Waves.





ALEX PAJUNAS — The Daily Astorian

Alice Flukinger, 93, is joined on a walk through the halls of the Suzanne Elise Assisted Living Community in Seaside by caregiver Kristina Afornorpe Monday. Physical therapy has helped Flukinger get back up on her feet and walk to meals for the past week after she was injured by several falls.

### Oregon Transitional Care Collaborative helps raise awareness on the seriousness of senior falls

**By CHELSEA GORROW** *The Daily Astorian* 

"Help. I've fallen and I can't get up." It's a classic commercial for LifeCall, a button for elderly people that would dispatch emergency services, and a phrase that became popular in the 1980s and '90s, right up there with "Where's the beef?" Their focus is to reduce unplanned rehospitalizations within 30 days of discharge from an acute care hospital to a skilled nursing facility or to home or another community dwelling.

The Oregon Transitional Care Collaborative asked each county's subgroup to adopt



The project is intended to showcase the Chinese contribution to the building of Astoria.

Ho hosted a fundraiser in Portland with Chinese-Americans and friends that raised \$90,000.

"The total cost of the total block would be somewhere around \$3 million, and I think in all of our opinion, we don't have that much money right now," Van Dusen said.

"The city of Astoria has a history with the Riverwalk (for example) of doing small steps along the way, small projects along the 'Yellow Brick Road,' until it was completed.

"Paul's remedy for this project is that if we're not going to do the entire project (right now), maybe we don't need to pay tonight for the entire architectural drawings."

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But for one local community group, that catchphrase will be the backdrop for a bigger picture.

Clatsop County's chapter of the Oregon Transitional Care Collaborative is helping to raise awareness and educate on the seriousness of elderly falls, declaring Oct. 25 Clatsop County Fall Prevention Day.

#### **Care Collaborative**

The project started one year ago.

The goal of the Oregon Transitional Care Collaborative is to promote local partnerships among health and community service providers that ensure quality transitions between providers and enable patients and their caregivers to participate more fully in their health care. a cause. Clatsop County's group chose to look at the falls of people 50 years of age and older,

which account for "a huge number" of hos-

pital readmissions. "The main focus of the project was to see if having someone referred to occupational or physical therapy (OT/PT) and actually going would reduce the readmission for falls," said Carla Delongchamps, services manager for the Warrenton office of Northwest Senior and Disabled Services.

Clatsop County's Care Collaborative is made up of representatives from Columbia Memorial Hospital, Providence Seaside Hospital, local home health care providers and the county's Northwest Senior and Disability Services.

"Overall, we would like to see fewer people coming to the ER with falls in the first ALEX PAJUNAS – The Daily Astorian After several falls left her unable to walk, Alice Flukinger got busy with physical therapy and is now roaming the halls at Suzanne Elise Assisted Living Community with the help of a walker.

place, but we want to prevent them because they went to OT/PT," said Providence Seaside Chief Nurse Executive Wendy Ackley.

Meade Hallock, case management director of Columbia Memorial Hospital, added, "We'd also like to see more proactivity from the physicians and even from the families and their understanding of falls. Because with the data we have now, we want to see

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## Rock the Beach

Cannon Beach event helps education





RIGHT: Brett Willyard, a Seaside High School student from Cannon Beach, won the 10K race during the second annual Rock the Beach event. Willyard ran last year's race and finished third. His winning time was 38 minutes, 48 seconds.

At the start of the Rock the Beach race, everyone is smiling. After 5 or 10 kilometers (3 or 6 miles), the smiles were more strained. The second annual beach run was a fundraiser for Cannon Beach Preschool and the Children's Center. Major sponsors included Bruce's Candy Kitchen, Kamali/Sotheby's International Realty, Martin Hospitality, Widmer Brothers, Hallmark Resorts, Simplicity, Lazerquick and Red Bull. See more photos on Page 12.

HUGH McKENNA — For The Daily Astorian

## Knox heads home to Seattle after four years in prison

PERUGIA, Italy (AP) - Amanda Knox was flying home today after four years in an Italian prison, as the dramatic reversal of her murder conviction stunned the victim's family, angered the prosecution and left questions unanswered over who killed her British roommate.

Prosecutors who saw their case collapse over discredited DNA evidence have announced they are appealing the innocent verdicts of Knox and co-defendant Raffaele Sollecito to Italy's highest court. The family of the victim, 21-year-old Meredith Kercher, said during an emotional news conference that they were back to "square one.'

"If those two are not the guilty parties, then who are the guilty people?" asked Lyle Kercher, a brother of the victim.

A lawyer for the sole man now convicted for the stabbing death of Kercher, Ivory Coast native Rudy Hermann Guede, said today he will seek a retrial. Prosecutors had maintained the three killed Kercher during a lurid, drug-fueled sex game.

"FREE," said local newspaper La Nazione on its front-page, dominated by a huge photo of a crying Knox, overwhelmed by emotions as the verdict was read out Monday night in a packed courtroom in Perugia.

To Knox, the verdict means freedom after four years behind bars and under the spotlight of an international press focused on her every word or gesture. The case has been a cause celebre in the U.S., and a staple of British tabloids, which took to calling her "Foxy Knoxy."

She was soon on her way home, protected by the darkened windows of

a Mercedes that led her out of the Capanne prison in the middle of the night, and then Tuesday morning to Rome's Leonardo da Vinci airport, where she boarded a flight en route to the United States.

"Those who wrote, those who defended me, those who were close, those who prayed for me," Knox wrote in a letter released just hours before leaving the country, "I love you."

Knox thanked those Italians "who shared my suffering and helped me survive with hope," in a letter to the Italy-US Foundation, which seeks to promote ties between the two countries and has championed her cause.

"During the trip from Perugia to Rome, Amanda was serene," said Corrado Maria Daclon, the secretary general of the organization, who was with Knox in the car.

According to Daclon, Knox wants to come back to Italy, a country where she has become an unwilling celebrity, her face gracing the covers of gossip magazines.

But she leaves behind a country shaken by a case that raised questions over its justice system. Moments after the verdict was announced, hundreds of mostly university-age youths gathered in the piazza outside the courtroom and jeered at the news. "Shame! Shame!" and "Murderers!" they yelled.

Prosecutor Giuliano Mignini expressed disbelief at the verdict and said he will appeal to Italy's highest criminal court after receiving the reasoning behind the acquittals, due within 90 days.

"Let's wait and we will see who was right. The first court or the appeal court," Mignini told The Associated Press today. "This trial was done



TIZIANA FABI - Associated Press pool Amanda Knox cries after hearing the verdict that overturns her conviction and acquits her of murdering her British roommate Meredith Kercher, at the Perugia court, Italy, Monday.

under unacceptable media pressure."

Mignini noted that the jury upheld Knox's conviction on a charge of slander for accusing bar owner Diya "Patrick" Lumumba of carrying out the killing. The judge set the sentence at three years, less than the time Knox had spent in prison.

"There is a heavy conviction for slander. Why did she accuse him? We don't know," said Mignini.

The highest court's remit is to rule on whether any procedures had been violated, and the hearing generally takes one day in Rome. Defendants are not required to attend.

If the highest court overturns the acquittal, prosecutors would be free to request Knox's extradition to Italy to finish whatever remained of a sentence. It is up to the government to decide whether to make the formal extradition request.

Mignini has been conducting the investigation from the start, and said he never had any doubts that the defendants were guilty. In 2009, he won murder convictions for the two and heavy sentences: 26 years to Knox and 25 to Sollecito. But the prosecution's case was blown apart by a DNA review ordered during the appeals trial that discredited crucial genetic evidence.

Prosecutors maintain that Knox's DNA was found on the handle of a kitchen knife believed to be the murder weapon, and that Kercher's DNA was found on the blade. They said Sollecito's DNA was on the clasp of Kercher's bra as part of a mix of evidence that also included the victim's genetic profile.

But the independent review ordered at the request of the defense, which had always disputed those findings - reached a different conclusion.

The two experts found that police conducting the investigation had made glaring errors in evidence-collecting and that below-standard testing and possible contamination raised doubts over the attribution of DNA traces, both on the blade and on the bra clasp, which was collected from the crime scene 46 days after the murder.

The review was crucial in the case because no motive has emerged and witness testimony was contradictory. Mignini's description of Knox as a manipulative liar also failed to sway the eight-member jury.

#### **ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA**



## **Tsunami warning system** test planned for Wednesday

The city of Seaside will be testing its Tsunami Warning System at 11 a.m. Wednesday.

This test will monitor and assess the notification system and will not be used as a public information trial alert. The warning will

begin with three beeps and consist of a voice message stating, "This is a test. This is a test of the emergency warning system. This is only a test.'

The message will be broadcast in English and Spanish.

## Cannon Beach firefighters plan ham dinner Saturday

CANNON BEACH - Cannon Beach firefighters will serve ham and other goodies during their annual benefit dinner Saturday.

Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 8 p.m. in the Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center on Third and Spruce streets. Cost is \$10 for ages 12 and older and \$5 for children younger than 12. Tickets can be purchased at the door.

The meal will include ham, scalloped potatoes, green salad, yams, green beans, pickled beets and dessert.

Proceeds will go to buy equipment for the Cannon Beach Rural Fire District. Funds from past dinners have helped to purchase fire hoses and nozzles, cardiac defibrillators, chain saws, wildfire equipment, hydraulic rescue tools and a rapid response EMS vehicle.

In addition to fighting fires and providing emergency medical and rescue services, the department also plans for disasters and offers public safety information and school programs and maintains tsunami warning sirens.

#### **Regional Cities**

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Eugene	67	46	sh	62	40	sh	Roseburg	67	48	sh	63	43	sh
Ilwaco	59	49	sh	57	47	sh	Salem	64	45	sh	61	43	sh
Klamath Falls	60	38	sh	52	28	r	Seaside	58	49	sh	57	49	sh
Medford	64	45	sh	62	42	r	Spokane	60	45	sh	55	44	sh
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#### **National Cities**

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Detroit	70	48	S	72	50	S		
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Fairbanks	45	31	рс	45	27	С		
Honolulu	87	72	рс	86	72	рс		
Indianapolis	75	51	S	80	55	S		
Kansas City	86	53	S	84	56	S		
Las Vegas	75	61	t	76	61	t		
Los Angeles	74	60	рс	68	56	r		
Memphis	81	54	s	82	59	S		
Miami	87	76	рс	86	76	рс		
Nashville	80	49	s	82	54	s		
New Orleans	84	62	s	85	66	s		
New York	65	52	pc	70	49	pc		
Oklahoma City	90	53	s	84	58	s		
Philadelphia	66	52	DC	72	49	S		
St. Louis	82	54	S	82	58	s		
Salt Lake City	81	56	t	69	43	t		
San Francisco	67	56	c	66	52	t		
Seattle	64	49	sh	55	46	sh		
Washington, DC	71	52	DC	74	49	S		

#### **Tomorrow's National Weather**



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Time

2:53 a.m. 3:03 p.m.

Low

0.3 ft. 2.8 ft.

Tonight's Sky: First quarter moon (8:15 p.m. PDT) is in the constellation Sagittarius.

**Tomorrow's Tides** 

Astoria / Port Docks

9:29 a.m. 8:56 p.m.

High 6.7 ft. 7.1 ft.

Under the Sky

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

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### Astoria: Councilors pass proposals

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Van Dusen added that he spoke with Ho and she agreed to bring forward the drawings for the north side of the block, across from the Banker's Suite. saving the city more than \$100.000 at this time.

The south side of the block, with the American Legion

#### Deaths

#### Oct. 2, 2011

WILSON, Della Ann, 87, of Seaside, died in Vancouver, Wash. Hughes-Ransom Cremation & Mortuaries in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

#### **Public meetings**

#### TODAY **Clatsop County Fair** Board, 5:30 p.m., Clatsop County Fairgrounds, 92937 Walluski Loop.

Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101

#### Business. WEDNESDAY Sunset Empire Transportation District public hearing, public comment on proposed route changes, 2 p.m., Transit Center, 900 Marine Dr., Astoria.

Monday's Hit 5: 4-9-10-

No winner. Next jackpot

Monday's Keno: 6-21-23-24-26-34-39-44-46-47-

Monday's Lotto: 2-6-8-

No winner. Next jackpot

Monday's Match 4: 11-

50-52-54-56-58-61-64-71-

27 - 35

72 - 74

15-39-43

12-19-23

\$5.7 million.

\$510,000.

#### Lotteries

OREGON Monday's Pick 4: **1 p.m.:** 6-5-3-0 **4 p.m.:** 9-5-6-7 7 p.m.: 3-4-3-5 10 p.m.: 6-1-5-6 Monday's Megabucks: 3-11-17-20-30-31 No winner. Next jackpot \$6.6 million.

WASHINGTON Monday's Daily Game: 7-9-3

#### **CORRECTIONS**

Photo Caption Incorrect - Because of confusing information received, the caption was incorrect for a photo that appeared with the Vera Gault column, "Then and Now" in the Sept. 22 issue of The Daily Astorian. The bottom photo is of boarding houses for the Hammond Mill in the Alderbrook area of Astoria.

building, will be considered ments were received. Phase 2.

"I think it's smart of us financially to wait on those drawings at this time," Van Dusen said.

The Astoria Development Commission held a public hearing prior to the vote being taken on the exemption, and no public com-

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All proposals passed unan-

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Van Dusen, Councilors Russ

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LaMear was absent.

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