

Ex-mayor's legacy goes beyond Vancouver

Visionary | Developer Albert C. Angelo Sr., 87, shaped communities across the West

By **HOLLEY GILBERT**
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VANCOUVER — A funeral Mass for Albert C. Angelo Sr., a former Vancouver mayor whose development company helped change the face of communities from Bellingham to Klamath Falls, will be Friday.

Angelo died March 23 at his Vancouver home. He was 87.

The son of an emigrant from central Italy who came through Ellis Island looking for work in the United States, Angelo graduated from the University of Washington, then built what has become a third-generation family business with holdings in six Western states.

Starting in 1947 with an \$8,000 loan, Angelo began building single-family homes in Vancouver's westside Lincoln neighborhood. Now, the Al Angelo Co. is a development, purchasing and management company that

owns 3,200 multifamily housing units and 1 million square feet of commercial space in 22 cities.

The company owns the Morningside Apartments on West Table Rock Road in Medford, the Shangri La complex in Klamath Falls and the Villa Montaña in Scottsdale, Ariz.

In Vancouver, the company's first multifamily project was Brandt Terrace, a 214-unit complex deemed a standard for federal Housing and Urban Development properties. In 2000, it developed the \$25 million Heritage Place condominiums, which helped revitalize downtown and neighboring Esther Short Park.

More recently, the company is in year seven of the Four Seasons, an 85-acre mixed-use development at Northeast 28th Street and 112th Avenue.

"He and others built the community," Mayor Royce E. Pollard said of Angelo. "We weren't very big or wide or tall. He's the guy who set that standard for that."

Elected to the City Council in 1962 and installed as mayor in 1966, Angelo persuaded the city

Angelo funeral Mass

When: Noon Friday
Where: St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 6600 Highland Drive, Vancouver
Donations: Hospice Southwest, P.O. Box 1600, Vancouver, WA 98668

to buy the Orchards Water System east of the city. That vision enabled the city to grow, Pollard said.

Mayor until 1969, Angelo was one of three Clark County friends whose work helped shape the region.

Angelo began building homes at the same time as Ed Pietz, co-founder of the Red Lion hotel chain.

"When I first started out, Al Angelo and I were both poor, real poor," Pietz said Tuesday. "He'd be building houses on one side of the street and I'd be building houses on the other side of the street, and we'd be yelling at each other to see who could get done first."

Pietz, 86, described Angelo as serious "about pretty much everything" but said he enjoyed a good joke. The two were friends who would talk shop over lunch but didn't socialize beyond that. "Too much socializing is bad for business," Pietz said.

Pietz and Tod McClaskey, Angelo's close friend, went on to build the 56-property Red Lion hotel chain. In 1985, the chain was sold in a leveraged buyout to Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co. for approximately \$620 million.

McClaskey died in 2003. Pietz is building a 600-unit apartment building near Interstate 205 and 18th Street, not far north of the Glenn Jackson Bridge.

The land on which the freeway approach to the I-205 bridge sits was purchased from Angelo, said Craig and Al Angelo Jr., the oldest of Angelo's five children, who with their mother, Katheryn, survive him. The sale led to Angelo's commercial development to the east of the freeway and two multifamily apartment complexes to the west.

Portland

County faces \$438,000 bill on 37

A judge has ordered Multnomah County to pay \$438,000 in legal fees to Dorothy English, the tough-talking grandma who helped pass Measure 37.

But the decision, handed down last week by Multnomah Circuit Judge Jerry B. Hodson, doesn't settle the dispute over English's forested property.

The two sides have sparred over English's Measure 37 claim since 2004. County officials agreed to let English create eight lots, but she said she shouldn't have to file modern land-use applications to build.

Last year the spat went to court. The verdict: The county wasn't treating the land as if it were 1953, when English bought it. English and the county agreed to value the Measure 37 claim at \$1.15 million.

English's attorney, Donald Joe Willis, says a check is in order. County attorneys say they need to pay only if no development agreement is reached.

Enter new County Commission Chairman Ted Wheeler, who offered to fast-track construction and waive fees. Willis says the deal isn't totally fair, but "we're still willing to talk to them."

Meanwhile, Measure 37 says governments must pay "reasonable" legal fees if land-use rules still apply after 180 days, forcing a case to court. Willis says the \$438,000 award is a good step.

It's unclear whether the county will appeal.

— Laura Oppenheimer

Vancouver

Downtown shaper leaving city post

Steve Burdick, who helped shape the resurgence of downtown Vancouver, will leave the city as economic development director at the end of April, the city announced Wednesday.

Burdick has held the position for 10 years.

This was the second time Burdick, a Willamette University graduate, has worked for the city. From 1984 to 1990, he was the project manager for Officers Row and represented the city in public-private partnership agreements for Riverview Tower and the Evergreen Retirement Inn.

After seven years with Key Property Services, Burdick returned to the city in 1997. He managed the Vancouver Convention Center and Hilton Hotel project and, through

an infection of the fluid in the spinal cord and surrounding the brain. It can be spread through respiratory and throat secretions by coughing or kissing.

— Holley Gilbert

Vancouver

Foes of asphalt plant lose appeal of its OK

A Clark County land-use hearing examiner has ruled that a final environmental impact statement "adequately considered the probable significant adverse environmental impacts" of a proposed asphalt plant in Brush Prairie.

Examiner Joe Turner denied an appeal of the county's decision to allow the Lakeside Industries plant on a 16.24-acre tract, between Northeast 151st Street and Northeast Caples Road, east of State Route 503.

John Karpinski, the lawyer representing plant opponents, said he would appeal.

Six lawsuits allege police misconduct

Courts | Sandy and Clackamas County officers are accused of rights violations

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A lawsuit filed in federal court this month brings to six the current number of cases pursued by Sandy area residents against police and city officials alleging law enforcement misconduct.

Salem attorney Bruce Mowery, who represents the city in some of the cases through City/County Insurance Services, said the claims — which target city officials, Sandy police officers and Clackamas County sheriff's deputies — have no merit.

All of the lawsuits accuse Sandy and Clackamas County

officers of excessive force, harassment and violating defendants' constitutional rights. The suits are all separate claims, though three of the defendants share the same lawyer.

The latest case, filed March 12 in U.S. District Court in Oregon by Sandy resident Samuel Contreras, claims Contreras was set up by police and wrongfully arrested for possession of a controlled substance, having a concealed weapon and tampering with a witness. Contreras had previously been convicted for possession of firearms and charged on multiple occasions with drug possession, Sandy police said.

The other cases are:

- Estacada resident Britt Woodring alleges officers used excessive force in his arrest outside a

Sandy restaurant last year.

- Juan Rubio, the father of a man whose remains were found in the woods in 2005, claims that Sandy officers were verbally abusive to him and that city officials neglected his complaints during the search for his son.

- Another Rubio lawsuit against a Sandy officer alleges Rubio was threatened during several incidents between 2004 and 2006.

- A federal lawsuit against Sandy and county officers claims the county, city and police officers violated the civil rights of Fouad Kaady, a Portland man killed after a string of hit-and-run collisions, a car fire and a possible assault. The family filed the suit. A Clackamas County grand jury last year

cleared the officers of wrongdoing.

- A lawsuit filed by Sandy resident Jerry Eureal Woodford alleges Sandy police officers unrightfully tackled him and stunned him with a Taser while he was staying at a hotel.

The second Rubio suit is filed in circuit court; the others are filed in federal court.

Attorney Edward Merrill of Bend — who represents Rubio, Woodring and Contreras — said his clients filed the lawsuits not for monetary gain but to protest police department actions. Mowery, who represents Sandy on these cases, said the claims are orchestrated by the Bend attorney.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

McMinnville

Suspect in attack will have mental health evaluation

A man accused of attacking two Evergreen Aviation Museum employees last week has been transferred to a Portland hospital for a mental health evaluation, Yamhill County authorities said.

Police said Gerald Joseph Lacey, 19, broke into the museum, smashed a glass display case, removed a World War II uniform and put it on, pulled a fire alarm, climbed into a plane and smashed a television set.

Phillip Jaeger, 33, of McMinnville and Cheryl McKay, 62, of Sheridan encountered the intruder when they arrived for work. He is accused of punching Jaeger and biting McKay. Neither employ-

ee required hospitalization.

— The Associated Press

Vancouver

Cameras attacked; two men are charged

Two men appeared Wednesday in Clark County District Court on charges stemming from an attack Monday on a Fox 12 television cameraman in downtown Vancouver.

Eugene E. Nerton, 26, no town given, was held on accusations of fourth-degree assault, unlawful display of a weapon and urinating in public.

Jesse K. Goncalves, 20, of San Juan Island was held on accusations of fourth-degree assault and being a minor in possession of alcohol.

Both men are scheduled to return to court April 9.

The two were arrested shortly after the 8:40 p.m. beating of Peter Franzen, 31, at Sixth and Main streets. Franzen suffered a black eye, sore back, cuts and

bruises.

— Holley Gilbert

Umatilla

Four boaters rescued from Columbia River

Three men and a woman spent a frigid 20 minutes in the Columbia River near the eastern Oregon town of Umatilla on Wednesday after their boat erupted in flames.

ran off, but was later arrested in Hood River County, police said.

A Multnomah County Sheriff's Office deputy spotted the driver zipping east and passing people on the shoulder on Interstate 84 at Wood Village shortly after 12:30 p.m. and pursued him, said Lt. Jason Gates, a sheriff's spokesman.

Deputies in Hood River County put a spike strip across

