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Cooley to discuss allegations at town hall meeting



MEDFORD (AP) — It will be tough for embattled U.S. Rep. Wes Cooley to regain the confidence of Republican voters in Eastern and southern Oregon's 2nd District, former Gov. Vic Atiyeh said Monday.

"His credibility is now in question and obviously he's going to have to restore it," Atiyeh said. "That really is about the only salvation he has."

Cooley, 64, faces questions about his military record, his wife's collection of federal veterans' benefits, and operations at his central Oregon ranch and vitamin repackaging business.

After putting off promised appearances to discuss the allegations and canceling a Bend news conference, Cooley plans to discuss his troubles in a town hall meeting Tuesday in Medford.

The appearance comes a week after Cooley, a freshman who was running unopposed, drew only about 45 percent of the vote in the GOP primary. Other Republican voters cast write-in ballots or left their ballots blank.

The mounting allegations are making it increasingly difficult for Cooley to line up support for the fall campaign, said Atiyeh, a former national GOP committeeman who served as governor from 1979 to 1987.

"If he's able to prove himself, I think he's going to get all the support he needs," Atiyeh said. "And if he doesn't establish it, no one's going to help."

Military records indicate Cooley lied about serving in Korea while in the armed forces. Lying in the Voters' Pamphlet could violate election laws.

Oil spill in Galveston Bay is second one for Buffalo company



HOUSTON (AP) — The company responsible for an oil slick that workers contained in Galveston Bay on Monday has a history of trouble with barges buckling and breaking open.

The Buffalo 286, owned by Buffalo Marine Service Inc., dumped thousands of gallons of oil in the Houston Ship Channel late Sunday before limping into a port about five miles away.

On March 18, a barge belonging to the same firm buckled and spilled more than 5,000 barrels of fuel oil into Galveston Bay.

One or two of the barge's 12 tanks ruptured in Sunday's spill, said Coast Guard Lt. Emile Benard. Each tank holds 2,500 barrels, or roughly 105,000 gallons.

By Monday afternoon, it was still unknown exactly how much of the syrupy substance had spilled. It can take weeks to dissipate and was scattered in an area about three miles long and a half-mile wide.

Nearly all traffic into and out of the ship channel was halted during the cleanup, causing a 20-barge backup early Monday afternoon. Protective booms were placed around the barge to contain the oil, and wind helped workers keep the slick from entering the Gulf of Mexico.

The cause of the accident is unknown, said Buffalo Marine spokesman Frank Gonynor.

The previous spill, which is still under investigation, cost an estimated \$5 million to clean up, Benard said. Oil remained in the Gulf of Mexico for weeks and tar balls washed ashore in Corpus Christi up to a month later.

Benard said he didn't think the spill would spread into the gulf.

Democratic victory anticipated in Albania's elections



TIRANA, Albania (AP) — Ruling Democrats celebrated what they called a big victory in Albania's elections, but monitors were checking widespread charges of irregularities on Monday to judge whether the voting was free and fair.

President Sali Berisha proclaimed Sunday's vote a crushing triumph over the heirs to Albania's isolationist Communist past.

Six parties pulled out of the election even before polls closed, setting back efforts to root democracy in a land that suffered for decades under one of the world's harshest Communist dictatorships.

Berisha's foes, who had argued that the Democrats should be thrown out of office after four years because of corruption and abuse of power, called for a protest rally in central Skanderbeg Square on Tuesday.

On Monday evening, thousands of Democratic Party supporters gathered in the square to celebrate their victory. Police blocked traffic from streets leading off the square, and loud music blared from the gathering.

The Communists left this rugged country with only a rudimentary telephone system and primitive roads, slowing the gathering of election results and of international monitors' reports.

Media loyal to Berisha said initial, unofficial results indicated Democrats would get about 60 percent of the vote nationwide, but official results weren't expected for days.

An estimated 80 percent of Albania's 2.2 million voters took part in the third election since Albanians voted to end the Communists' absolute grip on power in December 1990.

Changes: Process will start up middle of July

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"We can get most of the faculty and staff ahead of time—before school starts—and then we'll have to come up with some creative ways of getting the rest of the students re-carded," Spradling said.

The new system will also speed up card production time from the usual 10 minutes to less than three minutes for each card.

Card production will take place in the photo ID office in the EMU. The set up will include two different camera stations with a computer and

two to three printers hooked up to each station. After students confirm current identification information and smile for the camera, they will have their card within three minutes, Spradling said.

"Plus, we [will be] able to move the system around to more convenient locations for re-carding efforts and during crunch times if needed," Spradling said.

Because it will be cheaper to produce the cards with the new system, cards could be made for temporary visitors as well.

The system will cost the University about \$60,000. The loan

will be paid back to the University by the University card office over the next five years with the money it plans on saving by using the new system, Spradling said.

The final design of the ID card has not yet been decided, but Spradling said it will include the card holder's name and ID number along with a bar code on the front. The student's or employee's signature and two magnetic stripes will be on the back.

One stripe will have eligibility information about the card holder and the second, smaller

stripe will allow the holder to purchase food or merchandise at places on campus and at participating businesses.

Spradling said businesses and places on campus that will accept the debit stripe will not be decided upon until after the first phase of re-carding and construction of the new database system are completed.

"We want to get the re-carding out of the way first," Spradling said. "We don't want to commit to anything yet until we can see how the University will benefit from it."



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