

## Some Oregonians like high \$pirits: OLCC

Oregonians spent \$441,828 on 1,832 bottles (750 ml) of top-quality distilled spirits during a recent 12-month period.

Johnnie Walker Blue Scotch Whisky was the favorite, with 638 bottles sold at \$200.95 each, according to Oregon Liquor Control Commission (OLCC).

The priciest beverage – Remy Martin Louis XIII

Cognac – retails for \$1,689.95 a bottle. Oregon liquor stores sold 24 bottles of the elite spirit during the 12-month period ending Jan. 31.

Many of the ultra-premium liquors sold in Oregon are limited- or special-order items. Here are some of the other top sellers:

Grand Patron Platinum

Silver Tequila, 378 at \$199.95 each; Don Julio 1942 Gold Tequila, 216 at \$177 each; Macallan Anniversary Malt Scotch Whisky, 147 at \$380 each; Hennessy Paradis Cognac, 95 at \$302 each.

Also, Macallan Fine Oak 21-Year Single Malt Scotch, 89 at \$200.95 each; Chivas Royal Salute Scotch Whisky, 69 at \$177.95 each.

## Report: SAR efforts best under sheriff

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(OEM), Oregon State Police, general public, governor's office, Portland Police Bureau, Oregon National Guard and volunteer SAR organizations.

Final recommendations include:

\*Setting clear guidelines in multijurisdictional searches for command-and-control responsibilities.

\*Enhancing OEM funds.

\*Strengthening training, including the applications of telecommunications technology for SAR leaders.

\*Forming regional SAR councils.

\*Establishing a state SAR Policy Commission.

\*Advancing public education and outreach about safety in the wilderness, and SAR prevention.

"Some of the recommendations take legislative action; others have budget impacts; while others I can move forward through administrative action," the governor said. "Our next step is to review the recommendations in detail and prioritize the ones that need immediate attention from the Legislature, while it's still in session, and create a roadmap for implementing

the others."

Along with the recommendations, the report includes background information and analysis of issues associated with previous SAR operations in Oregon, as well as areas that need further research and policy discussion.

The task force also addressed the issue about whether the state should mandate the use of locator beacons in the wilderness. After much discussion, the task force concluded that encouraging voluntary use is the best policy for the state.

## I.V. Pregnancy Center born 20 years ago

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associated with conception. What they fail to consider is the new memories they will be making, and decisions that cannot be reversed. For some, it's the beginning of a lifetime of regrets.

"Discussing a variety of options helps the woman or couple to make an informed decision.

"The early days at Living Alternatives included pregnancy tests, childbirth classes and building relationships and friendships that lasted for years.

"We are now working with a new generation, with

very different values and outlooks on the world. Where once society believed in truth and a sense of morality, today there is the concept of 'your' reality and 'my' reality.

"Many in today's generation do not believe that there is absolute truth. Worse yet, they often believe that all roads lead to Heaven.

"The times have changed, the community has grown, but one thing remains the same -- unplanned pregnancies can create a sense of panic and loss of control.

"There are organiza-

tions out there that seize upon these vulnerable women and men. It is heart-breaking to listen to men and women crying out for help from the pain that haunts them after abortion.

"Abortion Recovery clients sometimes feel they can't go on, that they have committed an unpardonable sin and that God has turned His back on them. It is in times like these that our client advocates share the love of Jesus, and sometimes shed tears with the client.

"As the weeks progress, so does the healing that God provides," Lefner said.

## Sen. Atkinson enthused about session

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to rescue missions and other similar organizations. He said that he is optimistic about its chances of passing this session.

"I think we're going to get that bill through," Atkinson said.

The state budget was also a topic of discussion. Atkinson said that the state government has \$2 billion more in revenue than it did in the 2005-07 biennium, but that a series of tax increases still are being proposed by Democratic leaders.

Kulongoski's proposed budget is "out of balance" by "at least \$600 million," Atkinson said. The budget put forth by the co-chairmen of the Joint Ways and Means Committee, he explained, is out of balance by anywhere from \$175 million to \$200 million, he said.

Legislators already have moved forward on a plan to temporarily suspend the corporate kicker, Atkinson said. That move put an additional \$173 million in the

state's coffers, and already has been spent.

Atkinson said that Kulongoski's proposal to raise the state's cigarette tax to provide health insurance to children currently lacking such coverage would include \$200 in roll-up costs. He said that the plan is unsustainable due to the decreasing number of smokers in the state.

Atkinson addressed the continuing crisis facing several Oregon counties with regard to the discontinuation of federal O&C funds given in lieu of declining timber receipts.

The federal government is ultimately responsible for finding a solution, he said. But despite that, the state is trying to assert itself in the issue in an attempt to raise taxes.

Atkinson put the O&C issue in a political context, and stated that congressional Democrats are taking advantage of President Bush's weakened stance in order to force a showdown on executive power.

"The federal government is playing for keeps right now," Atkinson said.

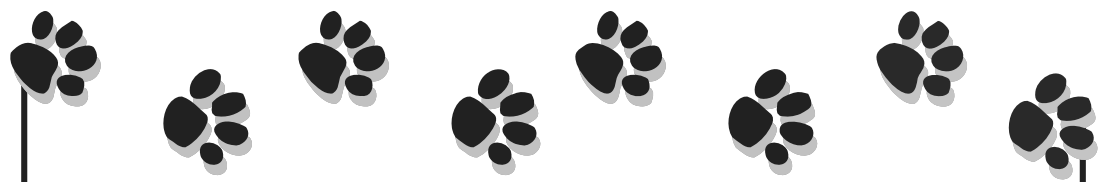
He said that Sen. Gordon Smith (R-Ore.) is up for re-election next year and that Democrats don't want to give him any political victories, especially not on the O&C issue.

Oregon has fewer federal representatives than California or Washington, which also factors into the political implications of the county payments legislation. Having fewer congressmen gives Oregon less leverage at the federal level, he said.

"Our guys are out-gunned," Atkinson said.

Broker Jim Frick asked Atkinson what citizens can do to help Oregon's federal representatives secure that funding. Atkinson said it is important that residents make their voices heard in Washington, D.C.

"You'd be surprised at how powerful handwritten letters are," Atkinson said. "Personal mail is so rare anymore that it has a huge impact."



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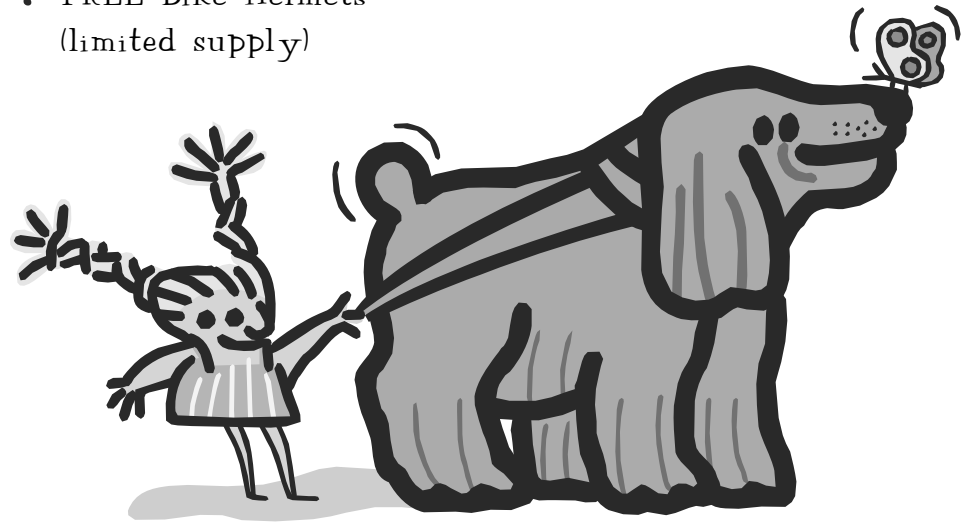
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