

POINT
of view

‘Groundhog Punxsutawney Phil says there will be six more weeks of winter. What do you think?’



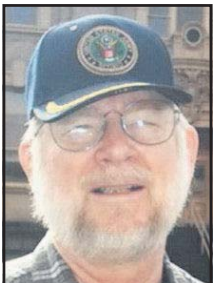
“I don’t know. It’s been weird weather. It already feels like spring to me.”

Josh Luna, Seaside



“I think we’ve had spring already. And if we get a little bit of winter, that’s all right.”

Loran Mathews, Astoria



“He knows more than I do.”

Norman Davis, Astoria



“I hope not. I don’t think so. My daffodils and forsythia have buds on them. And my daphne is blooming.”

Lorna Zametkin, Astoria



“What I want is: No!”

Connie Young, Astoria

Gun background checks returning to Legislature

By HANNAH HOFFMAN
The Statesman Journal

The Oregon Legislature appears primed for another debate over whether to expand the state’s requirements for who must undergo a background check to buy a gun, and a recent poll suggests most Oregonians would support that.

The poll, paid for by Americans for Responsible Solutions, found that 87 percent of Oregonians support expanded background checks and 83 percent of gun owners do.

Those numbers dropped when people were asked about their “strong” support of expanded background checks — 70 percent and 59 percent, respectively — but they still showed support in strong majorities.

That may bode well for Democrats in the Legislature who would like to pass a bill that would require background checks for people who buy guns online and through other informal venues.

Oregon currently requires them for all gun purchases at a licensed store or gun show, but there are still some sales that slip through the cracks.

A bill has not been introduced yet, but the Legislature tried to pass a similar bill in 2014. It never made it to a vote in the Senate, where Democratic Sen. Betsy Johnson’s opposition would have doomed it to fail.

This year, Democrats have a much larger majority in the Senate (18 to 12) and therefore a much higher likelihood of finding enough people to support the bill.

Democrats also enjoy a sizable majority in the House of Representatives and an ally in Gov. John Kitzhaber, who is expected to sign the bill if it passes.

Senate Judiciary chairman Sen. Floyd Prozanski, D-Eugene, told The Associated Press he plans to introduce the bill soon. It

would require anyone selling a gun privately to call state police for a background check on criminal history and mental illness. It would exclude sales among family members, inheritances and antique guns.

“I want to put closure on the only loophole we have on the background check law,” Prozanski said. “Most all of us gun owners, as well as the general public, believe we should take reasonable steps to stop felons from getting easy access to guns. This will do that.”

The poll from Americans for Responsible Solutions, released Wednesday, could be overstating Oregonians’ support slightly.

The group is an advocacy organization set up by former U.S. Congresswoman Gabby Giffords and her husband, Mark Kelly, in response to the 2011 mass shooting at a Giffords speaking engagement in Arizona. She was shot in the head, six people were killed and 12 more were injured.

The poll was conducted by the Benenson Strategy Group, a left-leaning firm whose CEO has worked for both President Barack Obama and former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Spokesman Mark Prentice said poll takers were asked to explain their support of the statement: “Requiring everyone to pass a background check before buying a gun, no matter where they buy it.”

However, the public support shown in the poll more or less tracks with national trends.

Washington voters passed a ballot measure in 2014 that expanded background checks, and it enjoyed 59 percent support.

It became the 10th state with that requirement for gun sales. Two of them, Maryland and Pennsylvania, require it for handguns only, but the other eight require expanded checks for all firearm sales.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight

Periods of rain

49°

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs

Thursday

Morning downpours; watch for flooding

57° 51°

Friday

Breezy with occasional rain

57° 49°

Saturday

Windy with rain

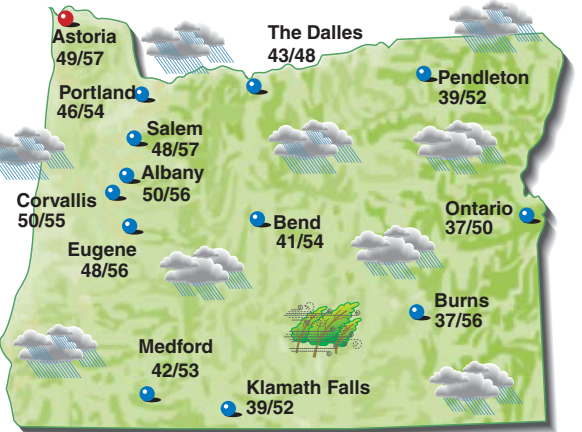
55° 47°

Sunday

Rain; breezy in the afternoon

56° 48°

Oregon Weather



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Almanac

Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures

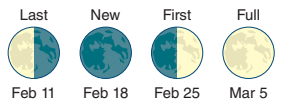
High	52°
Low	44°
Normal high	51°
Normal low	37°

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.01"
Month to date	0.62"
Normal month to date	0.80"
Year to date	9.81"
Normal year to date	11.00"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	5:24 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday	7:34 a.m.
Moonrise today	6:37 p.m.
Moonsset today	7:37 a.m.



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Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Pegasus, the flying horse, stands low in the west as darkness falls and sets by midnight.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
2:24 a.m.	8.5 ft.	8:13 a.m.	2.3 ft.
1:58 p.m.	8.7 ft.	8:35 p.m.	0.2 ft.

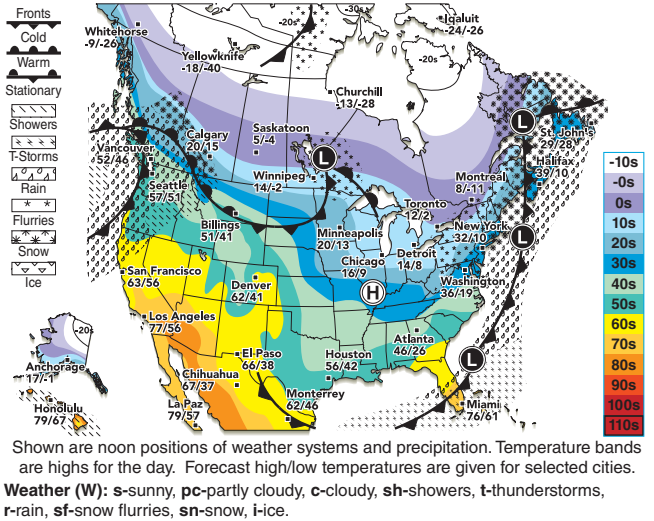
Regional Cities

City	Today			Thu.			City	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	43	33	c	47	38	r	Olympia	51	46	sh	55	50	r
Bend	54	41	sh	54	43	sh	Pendleton	46	39	sh	52	47	r
Brookings	58	51	c	59	53	r	Portland	52	46	sh	54	51	r
Eugene	56	48	sh	56	51	r	Roseburg	60	51	c	56	53	r
Ilwaco	53	50	sh	56	51	r	Salem	55	48	sh	57	53	r
Klamath Falls	57	39	pc	52	44	r	Seaside	55	49	c	56	51	r
Medford	57	42	pc	53	46	pc	Spokane	40	36	c	43	42	r
Newport	58	51	c	59	52	r	Vancouver	52	45	sh	54	50	r
North Bend	60	53	c	62	53	r	Yakima	44	38	c	46	41	r

National Cities

City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	55 36 c	46 26 pc
Boston	35 31 sf	32 2 sn
Chicago	23 -2 sn	16 9 s
Denver	46 -4 sn	62 41 pc
Des Moines	19 -4 sn	22 14 s
Detroit	32 2 sn	14 8 pc
El Paso	70 38 s	66 38 s
Fairbanks	-13 -31 s	-15 -38 s
Honolulu	82 69 sh	79 67 pc
Indianapolis	36 6 sn	20 14 s
Kansas City	23 2 sn	33 23 s
Las Vegas	70 46 pc	71 48 pc
Los Angeles	74 54 pc	77 56 pc
Memphis	56 25 pc	41 27 s
Miami	77 68 pc	76 61 t
Nashville	54 22 pc	38 21 s
New Orleans	53 45 r	57 39 pc
New York	40 31 sf	32 10 sn
Oklahoma City	48 22 c	46 31 pc
Philadelphia	46 32 pc	34 13 sn
St. Louis	38 11 sn	31 24 s
Salt Lake City	58 43 c	63 41 pc
San Francisco	61 52 pc	63 56 r
Seattle	52 46 sh	57 51 r
Washington, DC	52 35 pc	36 19 sf

Tomorrow's National Weather



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.

Subway sales to benefit schools

Subway is holding a fundraiser to give back to schools from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Subways in Astoria, Seaside and Warren-

ton. Guest “sandwich artists” will make the subs, and Subway will donate a portion of all of the proceeds to local schools.

OBITUARIES

David ‘Dave’ Dickson Svensen

July 11, 1931 — Jan. 7, 2015



David Stanley Dickson, 83, passed away peacefully at home Wednesday, Jan. 7, 2015. He was born July 11, 1931, in Astoria, Ore., to Frank and Johanna Dickson (Grove).

His education was completed in Astoria, Ore., and upon graduation, he began working in the cannery as a butcher. In 1950, he married Dolores Kumpala and joined the Air Force. After completing his tour of duty, they moved back to Astoria.

Over the next few years he worked as a bank teller, farm hand and then ran for county assessor and won the election. In the 1970s, he obtained his real estate license and began working as a real estate associate. From that point, he obtained his brokers/appraisers license and with a \$500 loan, opened Astoria Real Estate. While working as a broker, he continued his edu-

cation and also worked as an expert witness for court cases involving real estate.

Due to the death of their youngest daughter, Margaret Breitenbauch, Astoria Real Estate was closed and he retired early, although he did continue with appraisal work from his home.

He is survived by his wife Dolores; daughter Katherine Jensen; grandsons Frank, Joesph and David Jensen and Samuel and Max Breitenbauch; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting, clam digging, crabbing and camping. Many camping trips with his family were taken, and included grandchildren over the years.

At his request, a celebration of life will be held at “The Loft at the Red Building” in Astoria, Ore., Saturday, Feb. 7, 2015, at 10 a.m.



David Dickson

Deaths

Feb. 3, 2015

PAULSEN, Richard C., 94, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Feb. 4, 2015

WENDEBORN, William Robert, 82, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Memorials

THURSDAY, FEB. 5

MOBERG, JOSEPHINE HOPE — Rosary prayer service at 7 p.m., Hughes-Ransom Mortuary, 576 12th St., Astoria.

FRIDAY, FEB. 6

MOBERG, JOSEPHINE HOPE — Mass of Christian Burial at 2 p.m., St. Mary, Star of the Sea Catholic Church, 1465 Grand Ave., Astoria. Committal service follows at Greenwood Cemetery, 91569 Oregon Highway 202, Astoria.

ria, then a reception at St., Mary Star of the Sea School Auditorium, 1411 Grand Ave.

SATURDAY, FEB. 7

THOMPSON, EILEEN — Celebration of life party, 2 to 4 p.m., Astoria Elks Lodge, 453 11th St.

HIATT, RICHARD V. — Memorial, 2 p.m., Caldwell’s Luce-Layton Mortuary, 1165 Franklin Ave. An online guest book may be signed at www.caldwellsmortuary.com

Lotteries

OREGON

Tuesday’s Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 1-6-4-4
4 p.m.: 6-8-1-5
7 p.m.: 3-4-8-7
10 p.m.: 9-5-1-8

WASHINGTON

Tuesday’s Daily Game: 8-7-6
Tuesday’s Keno: 07-08-12-17-23-24-26-27-30-32-34-42-48-50-52-53-61-65-77-80

Tuesday’s Match 4: 05-07-09-19
Tuesday’s Mega Millions: 11-22-25-58-69, Mega Ball: 13
Estimated jackpot: \$40 million

Public meetings

TODAY

Gearhart City Council, 6 p.m. (Public hearing on annexation request); 7 p.m., regular meeting, City Hall, Pacific Way.

Seaside Improvement Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

THURSDAY

Northwest Oregon Housing Authority, 10 a.m., NOHA office, 147 S. Main Ave., Warrenton.

Astoria Design Review Committee, 5:30 p.m., Astoria City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Northwest Regional Education Service District Board, 6 p.m. executive session and regular meeting, NWRES Regional Office, 5825 N.E. Ray Circle, Hillsboro.

Seaside Parks Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

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