

Liquor commission working on legal pot rules

Licensing fees could be progressive

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SALEM — Oregon marijuana growers will likely see sliding scale costs for licenses and fees depending on the size of their operation, and are expected to give up about 2 percent of their annual crop for state-mandated potency and pesticide testing.

Those, at least, were the working conclusions of Oregon Liquor Control Commission staffers after a three-hour meeting of the Recreational Marijuana Rules Technical Committee last week. The committee is one of eight set up by the commission to gather input from major stakeholders as it crafts the language that will guide recreational marijuana use and cultivation.

The commission is slated to provide a set of temporary rules Jan. 4; the final regulations are due in July 2016.

The meeting gathered indoor, outdoor, greenhouse and organic pot growers, many of who said they feared legalization could cause Oregon's patchwork of tied-up family operators and enterprising agribusiness start-ups to be replaced with three or four major players.

Unlike Washington state, where no more than 2 million square feet (roughly 35 football fields) can be under marijuana cultivation at one time, Oregon has set no land limit for growers, raising fears of monolithic weed suppliers.

'Like shooting a BB gun at a freight train'

Jesse Peters, who heads Eco Firma Farms and has given testimony on behalf of the Oregon Cannabis Growers PAC, said it didn't matter what the commis-

sion did — nothing was going to halt consolidation.

"It's not going to stop. That's like shooting a BB gun at a freight train," he said during the meeting.

But commission staffers seemed particularly receptive to growers' proposal that licensing fees be progressive, based either on size or revenue of the operation.

"I like that idea," OLCC Director Steve Marks said in an interview after the meeting.

Marks said that state law also allows the commission to award licenses based on considerations of merit, which could include everything from prior participation in Oregon's medical marijuana program, to worker treatment and energy and water conservation.

Another contentious topic for committee members was marijuana testing for THC levels and pesticides. While most of the growers see testing as an inevitability — and accepted that

science would dictate the size of batch samples taken by labs — they hotly debated whether disclosure of pesticide use was necessary.

"I've seen people in the past spray Raid on their plants," Peters said. "If they're doing it with integrity, you're only treating plants (with pesticides) every 90 days, and you're never treating a flowering plant."

That promoted Tyson Harworth, co-owner of Portland's Finest dispensary in the Pearl District, to suggest growers disclose all pesticides used on their crops.

Jenny Dressler, a government affairs associate with the Oregon Farm Bureau, fired back against that assertion. "We don't want (full disclosure) mandated. We want to assimilate into the normal agricultural community," she said.

While Oregon law currently requires all medical and recre-



Oregon is now one of just four states that has legalized marijuana for recreational use. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission is still working out rules that will govern marijuana businesses.

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ational marijuana to be tested for mold and certain pesticides, there are no standards in place for labs' methodology, equipment, whether the lab must use a random sample, the size of the batch or even what part of the plant must be tested.

Commission staffers indicated that labs will be tasked with selecting random samples, rather

than allowing farmers to cherry pick the pot to be tested; if the cannabis fails the test, growers can retest the marijuana at two other labs. If they fail the plurality of those tests, then the entire crop must be destroyed.

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On the record

Menacing

• At 9:48 p.m. Thursday, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Danny L. Jeffers, 65, Taylorville, for menacing and disorderly conduct on the 91000 block of Taylorville Road.

• At 1:46 p.m. Friday, Astoria Police cited and released

Gary M. Wood, 55, Hammond, for menacing after he allegedly waved a wrench at another driver on the New Youngs Bay Bridge roundabout.

Assault

• At 10:44 p.m. July 7, Astoria Police arrested Corey Joe Waters, 40, Astoria, for

fourth-degree assault and harassment on Halsey Road.

DUII arrest

• At 11:56 p.m. Sunday, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Gregory Paul Duncan, 62, Astoria, for driving under the influence of intoxicants at Seventh and Bond streets.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Mostly cloudy
58°

Wednesday
Clouds breaking for some sun
70° 58°

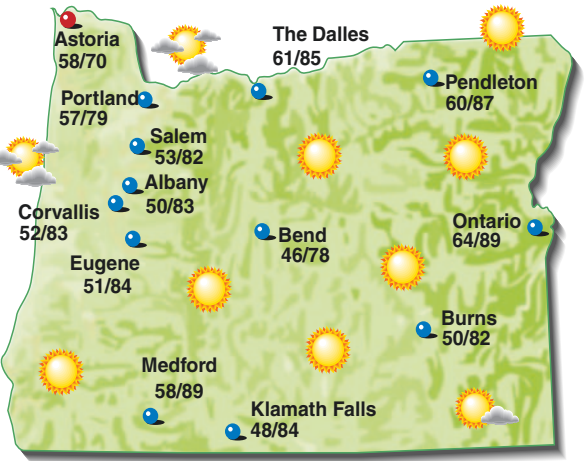
Thursday
Clouds breaking for some sun
69° 58°

Friday
Clouds giving way to some sun
69° 57°

Saturday
Partly sunny and beautiful
76° 59°

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

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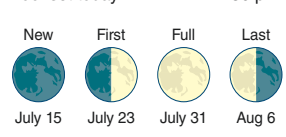


Almanac

Astoria through Monday.
Temperatures
High 74°
Low 61°
Normal high 67°
Normal low 53°
Precipitation
Yesterday 0.02"
Month to date 0.01"
Normal month to date 0.55"
Year to date 27.40"
Normal year to date 36.46"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight 9:05 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday 5:38 a.m.
Moonrise today 4:39 a.m.
Moonset today 7:50 p.m.



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Regional Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	75	51	t	80	43	s
Bend	75	46	s	78	45	s
Brookings	71	56	pc	73	57	s
Eugene	84	51	s	84	52	pc
Ilwaco	66	59	pc	65	58	pc
Klamath Falls	78	48	s	84	49	s
Medford	86	58	s	89	58	s
Newport	65	52	s	64	52	pc
North Bend	67	55	s	67	55	pc

Under the Sky

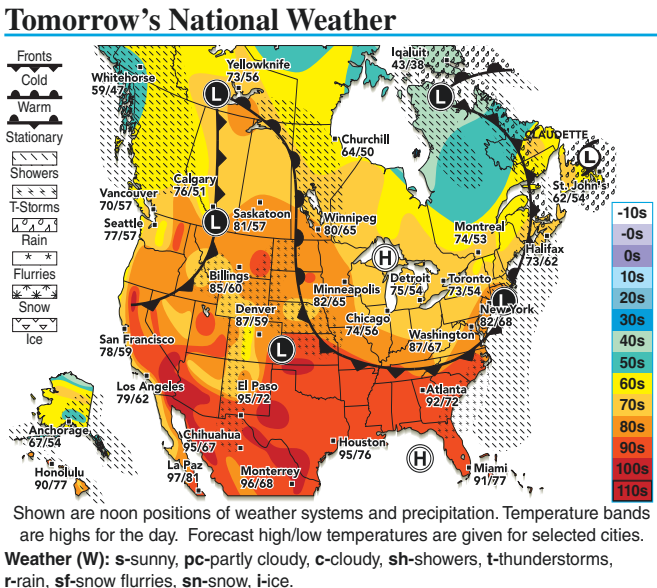
Tonight's Sky: Pluto Flyby: NASA's New Horizons probe will flyby Pluto and its five moons.

Tomorrow's National Weather

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Olympia	79	51	pc	76	51	pc
Pendleton	86	60	pc	87	59	s
Portland	81	57	pc	79	57	pc
Roseburg	86	57	s	87	59	s
Salem	83	53	s	82	54	pc
Seaside	67	59	pc	66	59	pc
Spokane	83	61	pc	84	58	s
Vancouver	80	56	pc	78	56	pc
Yakima	89	57	pc	90	56	s

National Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	94	76	t	92	72	pc
Boston	78	68	pc	78	62	t
Chicago	81	59	t	74	56	pc
Denver	86	58	t	87	59	pc
Des Moines	89	70	s	83	69	t
Detroit	81	60	t	75	54	s
El Paso	98	73	c	95	72	pc
Fairbanks	60	51	sh	61	47	sh
Honolulu	90	77	pc	90	77	s
Indianapolis	85	62	t	79	60	pc
Kansas City	95	75	pc	88	73	t
Las Vegas	104	77	s	103	77	s
Los Angeles	80	63	s	79	62	pc
Memphis	97	80	pc	96	79	pc
Miami	91	77	pc	91	77	t
Nashville	93	74	t	90	69	pc
New Orleans	94	77	s	94	78	s
New York	81	72	t	82	68	t
Oklahoma City	98	72	s	95	72	s
Philadelphia	87	74	t	85	67	t
St. Louis	97	72	pc	86	72	pc
Salt Lake City	90	70	pc	90	69	s
San Francisco	71	60	pc	78	59	pc
Seattle	79	57	pc	77	57	pc
Washington, DC	89	73	t	87	67	t



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.

OBITUARIES

Paul H. Rodriguez Warrenton

July 12, 1935 — June 17, 2015

After a long, courageous bout with cancer, Paul H. Rodriguez passed away at home, surrounded by his loving family, on June 17, 2015, in Warrenton, Ore., at the age of 79. He leaves behind his daughter, Gloria Brown; his sons, Paul, Michael, Ruben, and Mark; and his best friends, Tiger, Buddy, and Joycece.

Paul was born on July 12, 1935, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Paul and Ernestine Rodriguez, who predeceased him. He grew up in a loving family with brothers Frank, Phillip, and Ernest.

Paul was a self-made man. His drive and compassion touched lives locally and internationally. Paul served as a Warrenton city commissioner from 2001 to 2003 and was the mayor of Warrenton in 2004. Paul was also the founder of the Warrenton Rotary. On several occasions, Paul traveled to South America with Rotary International. He served as an interpreter for a team of doctors providing services to the under-privileged. He also belonged to the Seaside Elks Lodge.

Paul married Norma Jean Herglund on July 7, 1982. Shortly after, they purchased the Iredale Inn, and relocated to Warrenton. Paul and Norma worked closely together to develop and maintain one of Warrenton's most popular and oldest establishments until Norma's unfortunate passing in 2008.

Paul was a driven professional, dedicated to his family, business, and pets. Paul was an amaz-

ing father. The dedication and sacrifices he made for his family are unbelievable. We have been blessed in many ways in our lives, but none more so than having him as our father.

When diagnosed with colon cancer in 2012, he remained dedicated to the daily operation of the Iredale Inn, the care and affection of his cherished pets, and in his strong will to fight the illness. He remained a brave, iron-willed man, throughout his final months.

Paul is survived by his children, as well as his brothers, Frank, Phillip and Ernest; and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Norma Jean Rodriguez; and his sons, Richard and Stephen.

We will be celebrating Paul's birthday and memorializing his life at the Iredale Inn on July 18, 2015, from 3 to 7 p.m. All are welcome.

The family would especially like to thank Brook, Paul's hospice caretaker, for her excellent work and loving care; the staff of Hospice for their constant, attentive treatment; and the Caldwell's-Luce-Layton Funeral Home, for making the arrangements. An online guest book may be signed at www.caldwellsmortuary.com

In lieu of flowers, please send a donation to the National Colon Cancer Foundation.



Paul Rodriguez

Death

July 12, 2015

NORMAN, William Gerald "Brub," 82, of Seaside, died in Port-

land. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Lotteries

OREGON Monday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 2-3-4-8
4 p.m.: 7-6-3-1
7 p.m.: 6-0-1-0
10 p.m.: 1-7-6-7
Monday's Megabucks: 24-29-32-39-44-46

Estimated jackpot: \$3.8 million.
WASHINGTON Monday's Daily Game: 5-5-1
Monday's Hit 5: 07-12-18-22-34
Estimated jackpot: \$120,000

Monday's Keno: 01-02-07-11-14-20-27-45-48-53-55-59-63-71-72-73-74-75-76-80
Monday's Lotto: 05-06-11-13-30-31
Estimated jackpot: \$4.2 million
Monday's Match 4: 04-10-15-24

Public meetings

TUESDAY
Sunset Empire Transportation District Senior and Disabled Transportation Advisory Committee, 10:30 a.m., Astoria Transit Center Conference Room, 900 Marine Drive.
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave., Warrenton.
Cannon Beach City Council, work session, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower

St., Cannon Beach.
Clatsop Community College Board of Directors, 6:30 p.m., Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave., Astoria.
Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.
Warrenton-Hammond School District Board, 7 p.m., regular meeting, Warrenton High School Library, 1700

S.E. Main Ave., Warrenton.
WEDNESDAY
Seaside Tourist Advisory Committee, 3 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway, Seaside.
THURSDAY
Cannon Beach Parks and Community Services Committee, 9 a.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St., Cannon Beach.
Cannon Beach Design Review Board, 6 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St., Cannon Beach.

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