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TODAY Volleyball — Astoria at Valley Catholic, 7 p.m.; Seaside at Tillamook, 7 p.m.; De La Salle at Warrenton, 6:30 p.m.; Santiam at Knappa, 6 p.m.; C.S. Lewis at Jewell, 5:30 p.m.; Ilwaco at NW Christian,

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New Idaho: Parsons knows it's a long shot

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the latest census. If other states' populations stayed roughly proportionate to their current levels, Washington would likely lose two of its 10 seats, adding them to Idaho's current two seats, while it would be a close call on whether Oregon would hang on to its five representatives or lose one to another

The number of Electoral College votes a state receives is equal to the number of U.S. senators and representatives the state has, which would give Idaho more sway in presidential elections, too.

Been tried before

Rep. Greg Smith, R-Heppner, said during his freshman year in the Oregon Legislature in 2001 he tried to introduce the idea of creating a state of Eastern Oregon, but couldn't even get a hearing on it.

"I know there's a real frustration with the urban-rural divide," he said.

However, he also said that although Eastern Oregon provides the state with food and fiber, the west side of the state provides a tax base that supports state services. The transportation package, for example, that both sides of the aisle would like to see come to fruition would likely result in Eastern Oregon infrastructure benefiting from tax money

New Idaho: Re-drawing the map

A La Grande. Ore, farmer is seeking comment on the idea of eastern portions of Washington and Oregon joining Idaho. The new, supersized Idaho would see a 125 percent population increase.



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It's a long shot

Parsons said he knows that getting rural Oregon and Washington counties to join Idaho is a long shot.

"If it came to fruition it would probably not be in my lifetime," he said.

To start the discussion he emailed every state legislator in all three states, contacted newspapers in the area and started a forum on Yahoo

Groups titled "Oregon and Washington Joining Idaho" to discuss logistics like what would happen with assets like state prisons and universities in counties that voted to join Idaho.

"I figured there are a whole lot of people smarter than me who could figure all that out,"

Parsons realizes that government officials in Boise may not want to take on more rural counties, even if they also got population centers like Spokane, the Tri-Cities, Washington, and Bend. The U.S. Congress would have to approve.

Still, he said if Eastern Oregon did secede to Idaho, local residents wouldn't have to worry so much about Portland residents pushing laws like a \$15 an hour minimum wage on rural areas.

"If they want to buy a \$20 Big Mac that's fine with me," he said.

To access the Yahoo Group online visit http://yhoo.it/1NŶ-

Barn: Further review declined because of political climate

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The city presented arguments that Smith's conditional use permit had lapsed after several extensions over a period of several years.

Smith claimed that the conditional use permit is "what is called alive and valid upon remand."

Smith said a conditional use permit was

still pending, and she could "trigger it" at any time by appearing before the city's Planning Commission. The Land Use Board of Appeals, which returned an earlier decision back to the city, "has not put a time frame for me to do that," she said.

Smith said she declined further commission review because the political climate in Gearhart was "not right" for such a hearing.

She did not reply to a request for comment on the new series of penalties.

While Orr considers the Municipal Court case, Smith is appealing all six civil administrative penalties, Sweet said. She will likely appear in Gearhart City Hall to face the City Council, which considers the appeal. If the fines are upheld, "about \$35,000 would be sitting in our lien docket," Sweet said.

Cost: 'We have a real dilemma on our hands'

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all-time high, the report said.

"We have a real dilemma on our hands," said Richard Anderson, author of the report. "We know we need to increase spending on water, but many houses can't afford it, and Congress won't increase funding.

In California's Central Valley, low-income farming communities have gone without clean water for years because they don't have money to build plants to remove uranium, arsenic and nitrates. Drinking fountains at schools have been put off limits, and families spend a large share of their income on bottled water.

A study released in June by the U.S. Geological Survey found nearly one-fifth of the groundwater used for public drinking systems in California contained excessive levels of potentially toxic contaminants.

Compounding the problem is the drought. Because farmers are using more groundwater for irrigation, contaminants are becoming more concentrated in the aquifers and seeping into new wells.

The drought has pushed Los Angeles to plan for the nation's largest groundwater cleanup project, a \$600 million plan to filter groundwater contaminated with toxic chemicals left over from the aerospace and defense industry. Some of the water will be drawn from polluted wells abandoned 30 years

In many coastal areas, rising seas mean saltwater can intrude into underground aquifers and in some cases ruin existing municipal wells. It's especially problematic in the Southeast, from Hilton Head Island in South Carolina to Florida's seaside towns near Miami.

"Nature's calling the shots and we're reacting," said Keith London, a city commissioner in Hallandale Beach, Florida, where six of



Haraz N.Ghanbari/AP Photo A warning sign for high levels of algal toxins is posted along the beach of Maumee Bay State Park in Oregon, Ohio. Algae blooms in Lake Erie, fed by agriculture runoff and overflowing sewer pipes, have become so toxic that they shut down Toledo's water system for two days in the summer of 2014 and have the city looking at spending millions to avoid a repeat.

eight freshwater wells are no longer usable.

The city is considering relocating wells, upgrading its treatment plant or buying water from a neighboring

The water that comes out of the tap in the oceanside town of Edisto Beach, South Carolina, is so salty that it corrodes dishwashers and washing machines within just a few years, resident Tommy Mann said.

While technically safe to drink, it tastes so bad that the town gives away up to five gallons of purified water a day to residents and vacationers.

Voters narrowly rejected a proposal two years ago that would have doubled water rates to pay for an \$8.5 million reverse-osmosis filtering system.

Said Mann: "We're living in a beautiful little town with Third World water."

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