

State legislators haven't raised new gun initiatives

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SALEM — The mass shooting at Umpqua Community College renewed the national debate over gun control and U.S. Senate Democrats have announced plans to close loopholes in the federal background check system and crack down on straw purchasing.

But in Oregon, lawmakers have yet to propose any new measures aimed at preventing gun violence.

"I think people are just coming out of shock right now, and we did a big push for the background checks in the 2015 session," said state Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick, D-Portland. "I just need to have some conversations with people ... my caucus members and people on the other side of the aisle, to see if there's a pathway for something to happen in 2016. It's a short session. It's not meant to be a major policy issue session."

The Legislature has already closed some of the background check loopholes that remain at the federal level. Earlier this year, legislators passed a law that requires background checks for nearly all private firearm transfers. The state also began last year investigating people who failed background checks when they attempted to buy weapons at gun shows and licensed dealers. That policy change came at the request of Senate Minority Leader Sen. Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, after Ferrioli learned the Oregon State Police had not been investigating the incidents.

It is illegal in Oregon for someone prohibited from purchasing a firearm to attempt to purchase one.



Strategy unfolding

Some of the state's efforts to prevent shootings, or improve the response, are still unfolding.

The day before the Umpqua Community College shooting, Oregon State Police Superintendent Richard Evans gave an update to state lawmakers on what Evans said was "my passion, school safety."

Evans is part of a 14-member state task force on school safety, which lawmakers created in 2014 in response to the December 2012 shootings at Clackamas Town Center and Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

A couple of months after the bill to create the task force became law, there was another shooting in Oregon, at Reynolds High School in Troutdale.

Evans told lawmakers the top priority for the task force is to create a tip line where people can report threats of school shootings, plus a broad range of other issues including bullying, potential suicides and abuse.

"What we've learned in our research is 81 percent of the time, somebody else knew that that school shooting was going to occur," Evans said. "And what we're finding is that there's no way, really, in Oregon to report that."

Revive a tip line

Oregon created a tip line in 1998 after the shooting at Thurston High



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Gov. Kate Brown, right, hugs Douglas County Sheriff's deputy Rick Held on Monday during a tour of Umpqua Community College in Roseburg. Monday was the first day back to campus for students since the deadliest shooting in state history.

School in Springfield, but Evans said the tip line — which was housed at the Oregon Department of Justice — was eliminated due to budget cuts.

The new tip line might be similar to a Colorado system that allows people to report concerns online, over the phone

and via text. A tip line would provide a single place for people to report concerns.

Evans said a recent email to state police provided an example of the type of concern that could be handled in a more centralized manner at a tip line.

State police received an email about a post on an online forum, where someone wrote that he or she had attended a Christian school, was bullied, and wrote that "I'm gonna go get them and I have weapons." State police were able to track down the author of the post the same day. "That person was a felon, in possession of firearms, and had the ability to carry out the threat," Evans said. The Colorado tip line has received approximately 380 warnings of possible attacks on schools since it launched in 2004, Evans said.

Secure database

The school safety task force is also working on initiatives to create a secure database with maps of schools around the state that law enforcement and other first responders can access if there is an active shooter or other incident, and a statewide system to identify and respond to students who threaten to commit violence against others. The threat assessment system could be based on a Marion County program that Evans described as a national model.

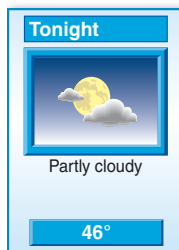
One impediment to launch the tip line could be a lack of money, and state Rep. Jeff Barker, D-Aloha, said this week that if necessary, he will propose legislation next year to pay for it. Barker, a retired Portland police lieutenant and member of the school safety task force, said a tip line might help law enforcement "head off a lot of things."

"I'm trying to get this thing resolved before we get another disaster," Barker said.

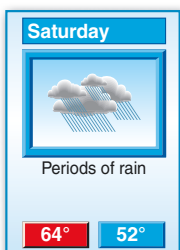
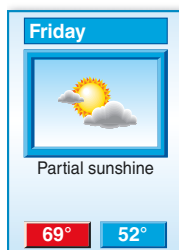
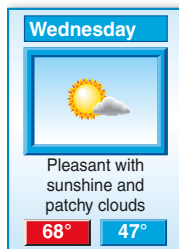
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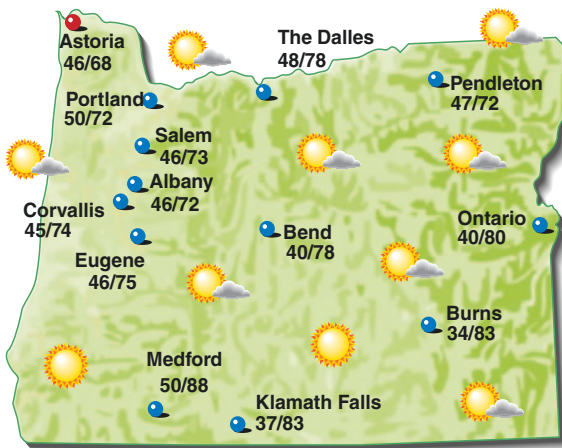
Astoria 5-Day Forecast



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



Oregon Weather



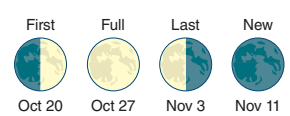
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Almanac

Astoria through Monday.
Temperatures
High 68°
Low 49°
Normal high 62°
Normal low 45°
Precipitation
Yesterday 0.09"
Month to date 1.26"
Normal month to date 1.64"
Year to date 32.50"
Normal year to date 41.88"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight 6:33 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday 7:30 a.m.
Moonrise today 8:05 a.m.
Moonset today 7:08 p.m.



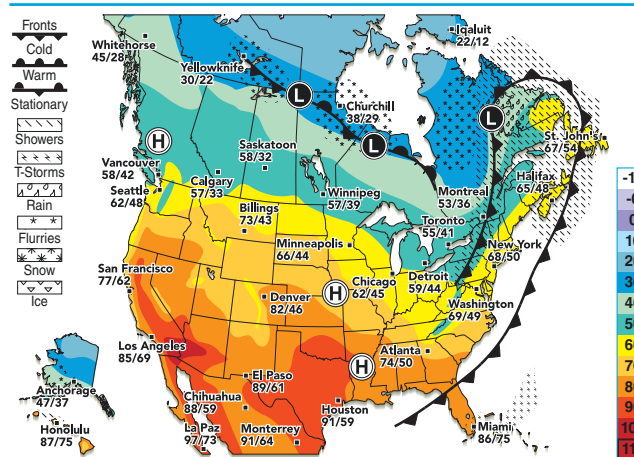
Regional Cities

City	Today		Wed.		City	Today		Wed.					
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo				
Baker City	77	32	s	77	34	s	Olympia	64	40	pc	64	39	s
Bend	76	40	s	78	41	s	Pendleton	76	47	s	72	45	s
Brookings	73	55	s	72	56	s	Portland	73	50	pc	72	50	s
Eugene	78	46	s	75	45	s	Roseburg	82	50	s	84	53	s
Ilwaco	62	52	pc	65	54	s	Salem	75	46	pc	73	45	s
Klamath Falls	84	37	s	83	38	s	Seaside	64	50	pc	66	52	s
Medford	88	50	s	88	52	s	Spokane	69	44	s	69	42	s
Newport	65	49	pc	67	50	s	Vancouver	71	47	pc	71	50	s
North Bend	70	51	s	72	51	s	Yakima	78	41	s	75	40	s

National Cities

City	Today		Wed.			
	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo		
Atlanta	77	53	s	74	50	s
Boston	71	55	sh	69	46	pc
Chicago	60	43	pc	62	45	s
Denver	82	50	s	82	46	s
Des Moines	70	46	s	71	50	s
Detroit	62	46	c	59	44	pc
El Paso	87	59	s	89	61	s
Fairbanks	35	25	c	39	24	pc
Honolulu	87	75	pc	87	75	pc
Indianapolis	64	44	pc	65	43	s
Kansas City	76	48	s	74	51	s
Las Vegas	95	71	pc	94	71	pc
Los Angeles	89	69	pc	85	69	c
Memphis	79	52	s	81	55	s
Miami	87	75	pc	86	75	sh
Nashville	75	47	s	74	45	s
New Orleans	84	64	pc	84	63	s
New York	73	56	c	68	50	pc
Oklahoma City	87	54	s	90	59	s
Philadelphia	72	54	c	67	48	pc
St. Louis	72	48	s	72	51	s
Salt Lake City	79	53	s	81	53	s
San Francisco	81	62	pc	77	62	pc
Seattle	62	48	pc	62	48	pc
Washington, DC	74	55	c	69	49	pc

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, l-ice.

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Bright star Capella of Auriga and Aldebaran of Taurus are emerging above the eastern horizon before midnight.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks	Time	High	Time	Low
	2:57 a.m.	7.5 ft.	8:45 a.m.	1.5 ft.
	2:37 p.m.	8.5 ft.	9:20 p.m.	-0.2 ft.

Coast Guard, volunteers to clean up Maritime Memorial

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Astoria Parks and Recreation has announced that from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Citizens Helping Improve Parks is teaming up with U.S. Coast Guard personnel from Kennewick, Washington, and Astoria to clean up and improve Maritime Memorial Park.

Volunteers are needed to assist the Coast Guard with improvements such as hedging, mowing, trimming and picking up trash, and will be provided with T-shirts, snacks, beverages, and all of the tools necessary to complete the tasks.

To volunteer, sponsor a cleanup, or join the CHIP-

in email list, contact Melissa Keyser at chip-in@astoria.or.us or 503-741-5965.

CHIP-in has other volunteer opportunities available with monthly park cleanups as well as park adoption. Information is available on the Astoria Parks & Recreation Facebook page and at www.astoriaparks.com

Deaths

Oct. 9, 2015

McCOY, Juanita Belle, 75, of Seaside, died in Portland. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. A service is pending.

Oct. 11, 2015

CURRAN, Doris Annetta, 96, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Astoria/Seaside is in charge of the arrangements. A service is pending.

On the record

Driving under the influence of intoxicants

- Early Thursday, a sheriff's deputy arrested Benjamin O'Grady Murphy, 25, on one count of driving while under the influence of intoxicants.
- Early Saturday, a sheriff's deputy arrested Blake James Inglin, 26, on one

count each of driving while under the influence of intoxicants and reckless driving.

- Early Sunday, state police arrested Jacob Martin Kitzman on one count of driving while under the influence of intoxicants.

Strangulation

- Early Saturday, the state

parole board arrested Scott Patrick Pachal, 51, on one count each of harassment, interference with making a police report and strangulation.

- Saturday night, Seaside police arrested Gregory Scott Chapman, 61, on one count each of assault in the fourth degree, harassment and strangulation.

Public meetings

TUESDAY

Clatsop Community College Board, 5 p.m., study session, 6:30 p.m., board meeting, Columbia Hall Room 219, 1651 Lexington Ave., Astoria.

City of Astoria, 6 p.m., Heritage Square cleanup, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 6 p.m., executive session (closed to public), 7 p.m., board meeting, Warrenton High School library, 1700 S.E. Main Ave.

Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., 225 S. Main Ave.

Cannon Beach City Council, 6 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.

WEDNESDAY

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.

Astoria School Board, 6:15 p.m., study session, 7:30 p.m., board meeting, Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave.

Wickiup Water District Board, 6:30 p.m., 92648 Svensen Market Road, Svensen.

Lotteries

OREGON		million.	Monday's Keno:	
Monday's Pick 4:			02-04-	
1 p.m.: 5-9-8-4			13-18-20-24-26-32-39-41-47-	
4 p.m.: 9-8-6-1			50-53-57-59-61-63-65-66-71-	
7 p.m.: 6-2-6-0			Monday's Lotto: 04-17-	
10 p.m.: 5-2-4-8			24-32-39-45	
Monday's Megabucks:			Estimated jackpot: \$5.3	
19-27-40-41-45-47	Estimated	jackpot:	million.	
Estimated jackpot: \$5.2	\$330,000.		Monday's Match 4: 01-	
			14-20-24	

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