

Adversaries in anti-union measure fight AG on ballot title

By **PARIS ACHEN**
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Two adversaries in a ballot initiative to strip public sector unions of the power to collect fees from employees who opt out of union membership are united on one front: They're unhappy with the attorney general's ballot title for the measure.

The initiative's chief petitioner, Jill Gibson, a Portland-area attorney, and initiative opponents Oregon Education Association and SEUI Local 503 have petitioned the Oregon Supreme Court to review the title.

Gibson said the description that would appear on the ballot fails to disclose the two benefits of the measure.

Employees who opt out of the union would no longer have to pay fees. The union, in turn, would no longer be required to represent non-members

in collective bargaining. Instead, non-members would earn merit pay from their employer instead of receiving the pay and benefits outlined in the union's employment agreement.

The description says a "yes" vote would prevent a public employer from "basing non-union employee compensation on union contract," allow "compensation differences and require union fees only if they benefit from representation."

A "no" vote would retain laws "allowing contracts that specify all bargaining unit public employees' compensation, require non-member payments" and continue prohibition against compensation encouraging or discouraging union membership.

Union leaders argue that the description fails to communicate the fundamental change the measure would

make to collective bargaining in the state.

The title "fails to tell voters that the proposal requires different compensation and other employment terms for union and non-union members," union leaders wrote in their petition.

The union leaders say that change would effectively allow discrimination by "setting employment terms for the purpose of encouraging or discouraging union membership."

It's unclear when the Supreme Court will decide the dispute. Gibson said she still has plenty of time to collect the some 88,000 signatures she needs to get the initiative on the ballot before the July 8 deadline.

High court expected to rule on similar issue

The U.S. Supreme Court is expected to rule in June on a case argued earlier this

month that also challenges mandatory fees, as well as the way they're collected.

The court heard oral arguments in January in a case brought by a group of 10 California teachers who say the mandatory fees trample on free-speech rights of workers who oppose union causes. Labor union officials refer to mandatory fees as "fair share" fees because the money pays for the cost of collective bargaining and pursuing grievances. While dues might cover the cost of some of the union's political activities, "fair share" fees are restricted to paying for collective bargaining, grievances and other non-political services.

"The court could declare that employees can't be forced to pay money to a union in which case part of my measure would be moot," Gibson said.

Some states already have

passed laws that prohibit mandatory union fees.

Oregon initiative more sweeping

Gibson's measure goes further than those state laws and the scope of U.S. Supreme Court case by eliminating the requirement for unions to represent employees who don't pay the fees.

"There would be no free riders," Gibson said. "It's not like that in any other state. Every other right-to-work state doesn't relieve unions of the responsibility of representing free riders."

Even if the Supreme Court eliminates mandatory fees, she said she would continue to pursue her initiative so that unions would no longer be required to represent employees who decline to pay fees.

Gibson, who has backing for the initiative from the timber industry, has long been

a proponent of ending the mandatory fees. She launched a ballot initiative in 2014 that would have done just that.

Under a settlement agreement brokered by former Gov. John Kitzhaber in 2014, Gibson withdrew the initiative in exchange for the unions dropping some proposed tax measures. Those included a corporate sales tax initiative.

Two years later, both Gibson and the unions have resurrected their proposals.

What's different about this year is no one is trying to broker a deal between Gibson and the unions, Gibson said.

"I don't think the unions are interested in withdrawing, and I'm not interested in withdrawing," Gibson said. "There is no one putting pressure to do so."

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PUBLIC MEETINGS

THURSDAY	5 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Columbia River Estuary Study Taskforce Council , 12 p.m., 818 Commercial St., Suite 203.	
Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee , 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St.	
Cannon Beach Planning Commission , 6 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.	
MONDAY	6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board , 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.	
Astoria City Council , 6 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.	

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Increasing clouds with rain toward dawn
43°

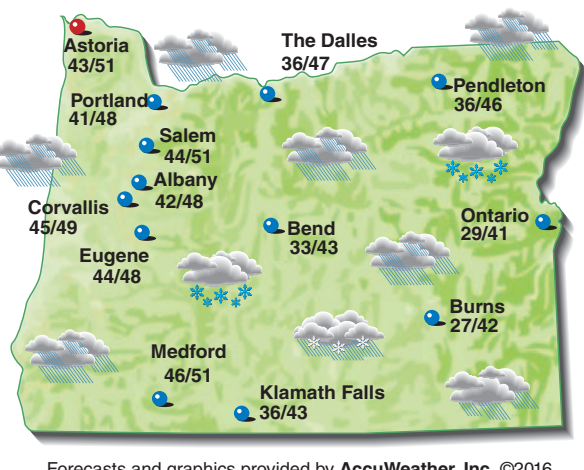
Friday
Breezy with rain at times
51° 41°

Sunday
Cloudy with a shower
48° 38°

Oregon Weather

Saturday
Mostly cloudy with a brief shower or two
48° 39°

Monday
Cloudy with a few showers
48° 38°



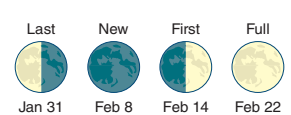
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Astoria through Wednesday.

Temperatures
High
Low
Normal high
Normal low
Precipitation
Yesterday
Month to date
Normal month to date
Year to date
Normal year to date

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	5:13 p.m.
Sunrise Friday	7:42 a.m.
Moonrise today	10:22 p.m.
Moonset today	9:52 a.m.



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Regional Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Baker City	37 24 r	38 23 sn
Bend	47 33 r	43 26 r
Brookings	54 48 r	52 41 r
Eugene	54 44 r	48 40 r
Ilwaco	52 45 r	51 44 r
Klamath Falls	43 36 r	43 26 sn
Medford	54 46 r	51 35 r
Newport	54 45 r	51 41 r
North Bend	57 48 r	53 42 r

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: Mercury will be emerging low in the southeast before sunrise.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

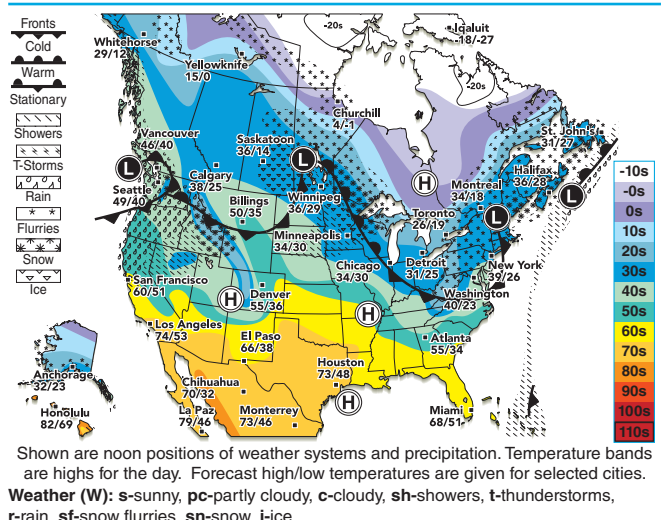
Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks	High	Time	Low
	4:41 a.m.	8.4 ft.	10:51 a.m.
	4:39 p.m.	7.3 ft.	10:44 p.m.

National Cities

City	Today	Fri.
Atlanta	56 38 pc	55 34 s
Boston	42 32 pc	41 30 sn
Chicago	39 19 sf	34 30 pc
Denver	56 37 s	55 36 pc
Des Moines	37 23 pc	43 31 pc
Detroit	38 23 sn	31 25 pc
El Paso	60 32 s	66 38 s
Fairbanks	22 8 s	19 3 pc
Honolulu	81 68 s	82 69 s
Indianapolis	41 23 c	36 29 pc
Kansas City	47 25 s	58 31 pc
Las Vegas	64 43 s	67 47 s
Los Angeles	74 51 s	74 53 pc
Memphis	57 32 s	57 44 s
Miami	79 59 t	68 51 pc
Nashville	51 30 s	45 34 s
New Orleans	59 43 s	67 47 s
New York	42 32 pc	39 26 sf
Oklahoma City	64 37 s	69 37 s
Philadelphia	42 30 pc	41 22 sf
St. Louis	50 27 s	51 36 pc
Salt Lake City	38 31 pc	44 38 c
San Francisco	60 54 pc	60 51 r
Seattle	53 42 r	49 40 r
Washington, DC	41 31 pc	40 23 pc

Tomorrow's National Weather



Energy, education top priorities as Boone seeks re-election bid

By **R.J. MARX**
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State Rep. Deborah Boone is seeking re-election for a seventh term representing the North Coast in the House.

Boone, who lives in Hamlet and whose office is in Cannon Beach, is vice-chairwoman of the House Veterans and Emergency Preparedness Committee and serves on the House Energy and Environment Committee and the Joint Committee on Ways and Means Subcommittee on Human Services.

"We've made big strides on Oregonians' biggest priorities, but we still have a lot of work to do," the Democrat said in a statement. "Last year, we passed the largest

K-12 budget in state history, funded full-day kindergarten for the first time, and made big investments in higher education. We also approved bonding for seismic upgrades for schools and public safety buildings that will make them safer in the event of earthquakes and will provide hundreds of jobs in the process."

Bruce Bobek, an Astoria doctor and former Warrenton city commissioner, has announced a Republican campaign in House District 32, which includes parts of Clatsop, Tillamook, and Washington counties.

Dr. Bobek, the president of

Columbia Memorial Hospital medical staff, is the owner of Angel Medical, a health clinic in Astoria.

"My family and I have called Clatsop County our home for more than two-and-half decades," Bobek said in a statement. "I've built a medical practice here, raised a family, and served our community in both the public and private sectors. I'm running for the Legislature because I believe we need new leadership in Salem that can restore confidence in government."

In 2014, Boone took 61 percent of the vote over Warrenton Republican Rick Rose.



State Rep. Deborah Boone

BIRTH

Jan. 22, 2016
PRINGLE, Sherry and Caleb, of Hammond, a boy, Noah Thomas Pringle, born at Columbia

Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Ken and Annette Benson of San Jacinto, California, and Roger and Lisa Pringle of Wallowa.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Wednesday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 4-2-4-5
4 p.m.: 7-9-9-9
7 p.m.: 3-1-6-4
10 p.m.: 0-6-4-6
Wednesday's Megabucks:
01-08-16-19-37-44
Estimated jackpot: \$6.3 million.

Wednesday's Powerball:
03-12-40-52-67, Powerball: 21, Power Play: 2
Estimated jackpot: \$75 million.

WASHINGTON
Wednesday's Daily Game:
4-1-3
Wednesday's Hit 5: 15-23-

25-33-36
Wednesday's Keno: 01-04-08-15-17-18-20-26-36-38-41-43-50-52-58-62-68-72-73-79
Wednesday's Lotto: 04-06-16-30-34-40
Estimated jackpot: \$5.5 million
Wednesday's Match 4: 03-08-17-24

OBITUARY

Marilyn Pheasant Kirkland, Washington Sept. 16, 1932 — Jan. 20, 2016

Marilyn West Pheasant, 83, died on Jan. 20, 2016, from complications from vascular dementia.

She leaves her daughter, Elizabeth Pheasant, along with her sister-in-law, Martha Ullman West, her niece Alice Emily West, grand-nephews Michael Johnson, Jeff Johnson and Feodor West and grand-niece Flora West.

Marilyn was born in 1932 in Portland, Oregon, to Bess Dixon West and Emil Edward West. The family was in the logging industry, and they lived in various logging camps throughout Oregon until they settled in Roseburg. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Molly Marie Johnson, and her beloved brother, Franklin C. West.

An accomplished horseback rider and trainer, she was Rodeo Queen in Roseburg in her teens, and was often called the Dale Evans of Roseburg by her brother.

In 1954, she married Charles E. Pheasant. They lived in various cities in Wyoming and Colorado. Marilyn and Charles divorced in 1968.

Marilyn highly valued education and while working full time, she got her bachelor's and master's degrees in political science from the University of Colorado, and a Ph.D. in education administration from the University of Oregon in

her early 50s. She was a superintendent of schools at Cascade Locks, Oregon, and Olney, Oregon school districts, from which she retired in 1997. She loved teaching and children, and in her career she made a positive impact on many peoples' lives.

Following her retirement, she traveled extensively in the U.S. and abroad, taking cruises through the Panama Canal, and across the Baltic Sea to see Stockholm, Tallinn and St. Petersburg.

Throughout her life she worked for the Democratic Party, and was involved in Vasa, the Swedish American Fraternal Organization. She loved all animals, especially crows, and enjoyed bird watching, and reading about many subjects, including American history and politics and Native American culture.

The family would like to thank Gena's Best Care of Kirkland and to offer special thanks to Gena, Mimi, Dana and Ana for their compassion, friendship and skilled assistance during the final two-and-a-half years of Marilyn's life.

In lieu of flowers, please raise a glass to her memory, toss a french fry to a crow or send a donation to EMILY's List at <http://emilyslist.org> or to a charity of your choice.



Marilyn Pheasant

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