

# Former Ducks football coach bumped as top public pension recipient

## Neurosurgeon now tops list

Associated Press

EUGENE — A former neurosurgeon has replaced former University of Oregon football coach Mike Bellotti as the state's top public pension recipient.

Dr. Johnny Delashaw receives an annual benefit of \$663,354 a year — \$55,279.53 a month — from the Oregon Public Employee Retirement System, the agency's latest data show. That's 24 percent higher than Bellotti's annual benefit of \$536,995, The Register-Guard reported.

Delashaw was a neurosurgeon at Portland's Oregon Health and Science University for 20 years. Known for expertise in skull base, pituitary and cerebrovascular surgery, he began to claim his PERS pension last September. He now works for the Swedish Neuroscience Institute, part of Seattle's largest hospital chain, the Swedish Medical Center.

Bellotti had been Oregon's top PERS beneficiary since

the retirement agency started releasing data in late 2011, following a lawsuit by two Oregon newspapers to make the information public.

Delashaw's Oregon pension is calculated primarily on his final salary, \$1.8 million, and years of service to the state. His annual pension is equal to 37 percent of his final annual salary, well below the PERS average of roughly 75 percent.

The pension is funded by the public agencies — schools, local governments or state agencies — for whom the recipient worked. Oregon's schools and state and local governments are bracing for large hikes in their mandatory contributions to the PERS system after anemic investment returns and the Oregon Supreme Court tossing out some cost-cutting changes last year.

Last week, the PERS actuary released calculations that show Oregon public agencies will have to take on an extra \$885 million in pension costs



Dr. Johnny Delashaw



Gary Henley/The Daily Astorian  
**Former Oregon football coach and current ESPN commentator Mike Bellotti took part in his seventh 'Ducks at the Beach' tournament this summer.**

in the 2017-19 biennium, a 44 percent increase.

The top PERS beneficiaries are outliers, although the number of retirees collecting six-figure annual pensions has risen to 1,586 people, almost double the 837 pensions above that threshold in late 2011. The average annual system-wide annual benefit is \$29,721 a year; the median is \$23,500 annually.

# Foes, fans of corporate tax measure raise millions

Associated Press

SALEM — Millions of dollars have been raised by the two groups campaigning on opposite sides of a November ballot measure that would increase corporate taxes.

Measure 97 would create a 2.5 percent tax on sales exceeding \$25 million for some corporations. Last week Gov. Kate Brown endorsed the measure, which would be the largest tax hike on corporations in Oregon history.

The Statesman Journal reported that Our Oregon, the group supporting the tax, has raised \$1.5 million so far. The money is from just two donations of \$750,000 each by the Oregon Education Association and SEIU Local 503, the state's largest public sector unions.

The business-backed Defeat the Tax on Oregon Sales is campaigning against Measure 97, and has raised

more than \$5 million from nearly 800 donations. Most contributions are from corporations or their executives.

The campaigns are likely to spend heavily on television, radio and digital advertising.

Supporters of the measure say it would reignite investment in public schools, health care and senior services, all while allowing the state to tackle its other financial problems. Opponents say it would hurt businesses and curb private sector growth.

Other officials have said Measure 97 could help avert a looming \$1.4 billion budget deficit. The potential deficit is being driven by the cost of implementing the Affordable Care Act — also known as Obamacare — public pension costs and a higher demand for state services, among other reasons, officials said.

A report from the non-partisan Legislative Reve-

nue Office found the measure would raise \$3 billion a year, but act as a regressive tax by increasing prices. The higher prices amount to an average per capita tax increase of \$600 a year, mostly affecting low- and middle-income Oregonians, the report showed. The report also found that Measure 97 would slow private sector job growth while boosting public hiring.

The extra funds that would be generated by the measure are broadly earmarked for education, health care and senior services, although it doesn't say how the money should be spent in those areas. However the Legislature could spend the new funds anyway it pleased.

Brown, a Democrat who's running to keep her gubernatorial seat in November, addressed this issue in her endorsement, saying she "will make sure" the funds are spent as voters expect.

# Elections director resigned amid workplace investigation

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Records show that Oregon's top elections officer was facing two investigations into inappropriate comments about female employees before his abrupt July resignation.

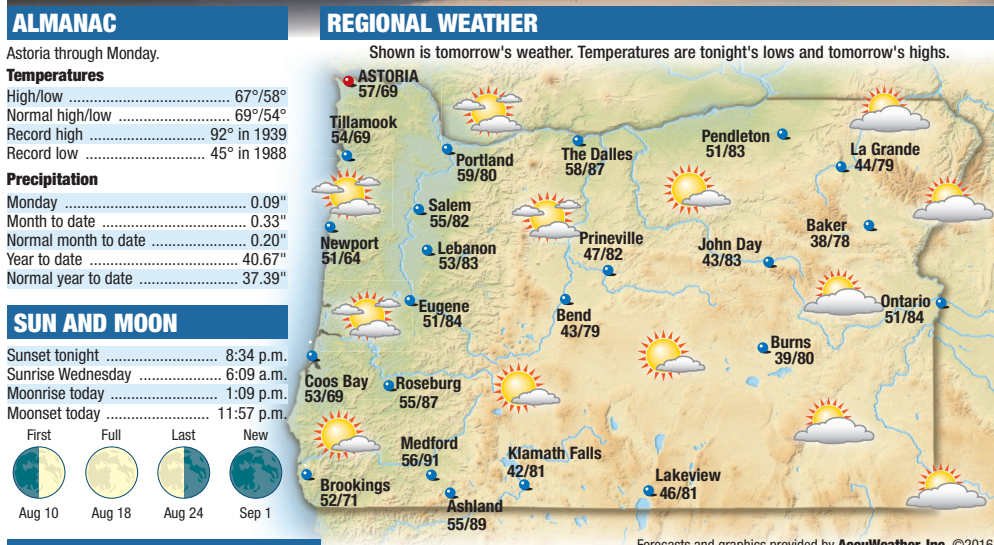
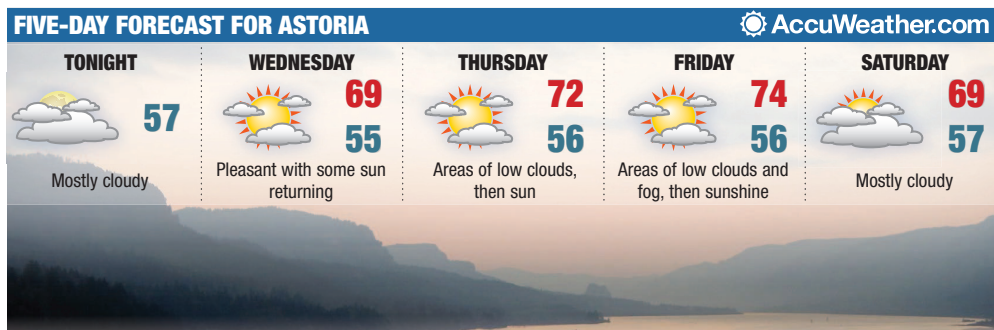
Documents obtained by The Oregonian through a pub-

lic records request show that the latest investigation was completed just a week before the Secretary of State's Office announced the resignation of Elections Division Director Jim Williams on July 20.

The documents say a temporary employee complained that she was fired earlier because she declined Williams' invitation to

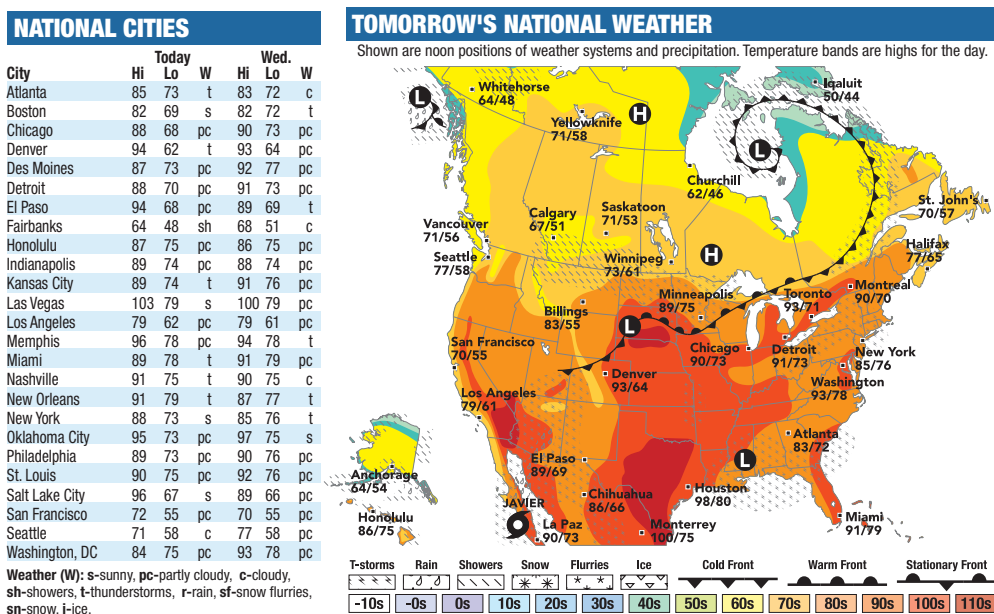
go out for drinks. The employee also described Williams making inappropriate remarks about other female workers.

Williams could not be reached for comment Monday. He denied the allegations to staff at the Secretary of State's Office, but texted the deputy secretary on July 18 saying he was ready to resign.



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# Property tax appeal board seeks volunteers

The Daily Astorian

The Clatsop County Board of Commissioners is seeking applicants interested in serving on the county Board of Property Tax Appeals for the 2016-17 term.

The board hears petitions from taxpayers seeking to decrease their real market or assessed property values, and considers requests to excuse

penalties or late filings of real or personal property returns, according to the county.

Applicants must be Clatsop County residents, but cannot be employees of the county or of any county tax district.

The board holds several daytime meetings beginning the first Monday in February to hear petitions. The board adjourns no later than April

15, 2017, with the term ending June 30, 2017.

Application forms are available online at [www.co.clatsop.or.us](http://www.co.clatsop.or.us) or applicants can contact the Clatsop County Manager's Office, 800 Exchange St., Suite 410, Astoria, OR, (503) 325-1000.

Applications must be completed and turned in by 5 p.m. on Sept. 2 to be considered.

## ON THE RECORD

### Menacing

- At 3:09 p.m. Sunday, Astoria Police arrested Joseph C. McCoy, 31, of Astoria, for menacing after he reportedly swung at someone's car with a golf club.

### DUII arrest

- At 2:45 a.m. Sunday, Astoria Police

arrested Casey J. Tresler, 23, of Astoria, for driving under the influence of intoxicants after she crashed into a ditch on Williamsport Road.

- At 11:57 p.m. Sunday, Clatsop County Sheriff's Office arrested Michael J. Durban, 25, of Astoria, for DUII on West Marine Drive.

## DEATH

Aug. 5, 2016

MERRELL, Pixie, 59, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements. Visit [www.hughes-ransom.com](http://www.hughes-ransom.com) to share memories and sign the guest book.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

### TUESDAY

**Cannon Beach City Council**, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

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

**Warrenton-Hammond School Board**, 7 p.m., Warrenton High School library, 1700 S.E. Main Ave.

**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., work session, 7:30 p.m., regular 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

**Monday's Pick 4:**  
**1 p.m.:** 6-4-4-8  
**4 p.m.:** 7-1-7-2  
**7 p.m.:** 8-3-4-8  
**10 p.m.:** 8-4-5-9  
**Monday's Megabucks:** 14-20-21-25-29-48  
 Estimated jackpot: \$8.5 million

### WASHINGTON

**Monday's Daily Game:** 0-7-9  
**Monday's Hit 5:** 02-07-09-33-39  
 Estimated jackpot: \$220,000  
**Monday's Keno:** 03-04-06-13-20-23-26-32-43-51-54-57-58-59-60-63-65-66-73-76  
**Monday's Lotto:** 04-14-15-22-28-47  
 Estimated jackpot: \$3.9 million  
**Monday's Match 4:** 05-12-15-24

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