

Richardson sworn in as secretary of state

First Republican since 1985

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Capital Bureau

SALEM — Dennis Richardson, the first Republican to serve as Oregon's Secretary of State since 1985, took the oath of office Friday morning at the Oregon Capitol.

Former Secretary of State Phil Keisling opened the ceremony, followed by a keynote speech from U.S. Rep. Greg Walden, R-Hood River, the lone Republican in Oregon's congressional delegation.

Walden praised Richardson's political career and echoed his platform.

"I know Dennis understands well how both transparency and accountability are the twin engines of the Secretary of State's Office," Walden said in remarks from the dais in the Oregon Senate Chamber.

A Republican has not been elected to statewide office since 2002, when U.S. Sen. Gordon Smith won reelection to his second and final term.

Richardson continued his campaign message of government transparency in his inauguration speech, and touted his reentry into public service — he initially retired after losing the 2014 gubernatorial election to Democrat John Kitzhaber.

Richardson quoted a Latin saying — "pro tanto quid retribuamus" — which has been translated, Richardson said, as "for those whom so much has been given, what may we give?"

Though a Republican, Richard-



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Dennis Richardson was sworn in Friday as Oregon secretary of state. His first day in office will be Tuesday.

son said he will operate the Secretary of State's Office as a nonpartisan.

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Keisling, Oregon's secretary of state from 1991 to 1999, praised Richardson's public service.

In the past week, however, Richardson has gotten some heat for two key appointments — Leslie Cummings as deputy secretary of state, and Steve Trout as the head of elections.

Trout led the elections division when now-Gov. Kate Brown was secretary of state. Having been hired in 2009, he resigned from the post in 2013, the year after, The Oregonian reported, Brown received criticism for providing late notice to candidates that the 2012 election for labor commissioner would be held in November and not in May.

Cummings, meanwhile, will join the Secretary of State's Office from the joint Office of Information Ser-

vices for the Oregon Health Authority and Department of Human Services, where she is a strategic analyst.

Cummings resigned from her post managing technology projects at the Oregon Employment Department in 2013. The Oregonian reported Thursday that she resigned after allegations that a project she managed slowed other projects down and wasted money, a connection that a spokesman for Richardson took issue with Friday.

Cummings is married to legislative fiscal analyst Bob Cummings. According to The Oregonian, Bob Cummings' communications about the project to agency leaders also prompted probes by the state Department of Justice and the state ethics commission, which were both dropped.

Richardson's spokesman, Michael Calcagno, claimed Friday that Leslie Cummings became the

"scapegoat" for management issues at the employment department.

Calcagno claimed Cummings was a whistleblower who approached management and the Legislature about management issues.

"... To lay all of the mismanagement and issues at Leslie's feet, is, I think, not accurate," Calcagno said. "... Ultimately, the agency director of the Oregon Employment Department was replaced and so our perspective is this was a top-down management problem and it was a cultural problem in that agency."

Calcagno said the ethics commission voted unanimously to dismiss the nepotism allegations. The Department of Justice investigation was closed due to insufficient evidence, The Oregonian reported.

In a statement Friday, Richardson stood by his appointments:

"I'm proud of the professionals on my team who hold high ethics, strong character and moral resolution," he said. "Some of my new staff have demonstrated leadership and honor during their periods of public employment. They held true to their values and did the right thing despite political pressure: refusing to stay silent amid wasted public resources and unethical leadership that drove their agencies into the shadows by avoiding accountability and transparency."

He also said his staff's experience would help "change the culture of dysfunction, whitewashing and toxic partisanship so we can move Oregon forward."

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Washington state: drones can't get too close to orcas

Associated Press

OLYMPIA, Wash. — The Washington State attorney general says drones are just like boats when it comes to protecting orcas.

KING-TV reported that Attorney General Bob Ferguson released an opinion Friday saying state law says "vessels and other objects" can't come within 200 yards of an orca and that includes drones.

Ferguson says the Legislature most likely meant to include drones in the term "other objects."

The case stems from Mercer Island photographer Douglas Shih, who was cited after using a drone to take pictures of orcas in the San Juan Islands last year.

State fish and wildlife Sgt. Russ Mullins says the drone was 20 to 30 yards over a pod of whales.

Astoria Christmas tree pickup scheduled

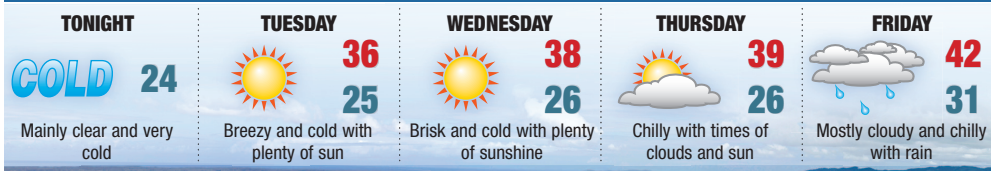
The Daily Astorian

Recology Western Oregon is holding an annual one-day Christmas tree recycling pickup on Jan. 10 for residents within the city limits of Astoria at no extra charge.

Trees must be at the closest street corner by 7 a.m., and meet the following criteria: be free of flocking and all decorations, and trees that are over 5 feet in height, or have trunks with a diameter over 5 inches, must be cut up into smaller pieces.

For information about this pickup, or other tree disposal and recycling options, contact Recology Western Oregon at rwoinfo@recology.com or 503-861-0578.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures

High/low 44°/32°
Normal high/low 49°/37°
Record high 60° in 1981
Record low 14° in 1979

Precipitation

Sunday 0.09"
Month to date 0.09"
Normal month to date 0.34"
Year to date 0.09"
Normal year to date 0.34"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 4:41 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday 7:58 a.m.
Moonrise today 10:33 a.m.
Moonset today 9:38 p.m.

First Full Last New
Jan 5 Jan 12 Jan 19 Jan 27

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: After sunset low in the west, Venus and Mars will be on either side of a thin, waxing crescent moon.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
4:50 a.m.	8.3 ft.	10:39 a.m.	2.9 ft.
4:16 p.m.	8.3 ft.	10:51 p.m.	0.5 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tues.
Atlanta	66 60 r 68 52 c	
Boston	42 38 pc 45 40 r	
Chicago	39 35 r 40 16 c	
Denver	47 9 c 27 12 sn	
Des Moines	41 29 i 31 9 c	
Detroit	41 38 r 45 25 c	
El Paso	54 36 pc 60 40 pc	
Fairbanks	5 -2 s 20 15 pc	
Honolulu	79 63 s 80 65 pc	
Indianapolis	53 47 r 50 22 c	
Kansas City	53 31 r 32 14 c	
Las Vegas	57 41 pc 57 43 pc	
Los Angeles	58 47 pc 61 51 c	
Memphis	68 55 r 64 35 r	
Miami	84 74 pc 85 71 pc	
Nashville	68 59 r 65 35 c	
New Orleans	75 58 t 72 54 pc	
New York	44 41 r 49 45 r	
Oklahoma City	64 41 pc 43 23 pc	
Philadelphia	44 42 r 51 44 r	
St. Louis	50 46 t 47 21 c	
Salt Lake City	30 23 sn 33 27 sn	
San Francisco	52 44 sh 55 52 r	
Seattle	35 22 s 32 21 s	
Washington, DC	47 44 r 50 44 r	

REGIONAL WEATHER

City	Today	Tues.
Baker City	12 1 c 12 0 s	
Bend	18 2 sn 13 3 sn	
Brookings	41 34 sn 44 39 r	
Eugene	37 22 sf 32 27 s	
Ilwaco	38 28 s 37 28 s	
Klamath Falls	31 16 sn 32 29 sn	
Medford	38 28 sn 38 36 sn	
Newberg	33 23 pc 31 23 s	
Newport	40 26 s 37 26 s	
North Bend	43 32 pc 45 33 s	
Olympia	33 16 s 31 18 s	
Pendleton	23 11 sf 12 8 pc	
Portland	33 22 pc 30 24 s	
Roseburg	42 28 sh 40 33 s	
Salem	36 22 sf 33 24 s	
Seaside	38 27 s 37 27 s	
Spokane	20 3 pc 8 -3 pc	
Springfield	37 23 sf 35 28 s	
Vancouver	33 22 pc 31 23 s	
Yakima	27 10 c 19 5 s	

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

OBITUARIES

Christopher Mykael Jones

Astoria

April 4, 1975 — Dec. 23, 2016

Christopher Mykael "Big C" Jones was born April 4, 1975, in San Diego, California, and passed away Dec. 23, 2016, in Astoria, Oregon. He was 41.



Christopher Jones

He is survived by his soulmate Susan Prettyman; children Brody Orion and Noah Phoenix Jones; father Larry (Pam) Jones of Paragould, Arkansas; mother Rosetta Jones of Astoria; stepbrothers Kelly Biggs, Cameron Shoe and George Gosnell; aunts Belinda Dacus, Peg-

gye Hambrick and Joan (Tony) Gross; uncles Alvin, David Gail, Buster (Janice), John Hambrick Jr. and Carey A. Jones.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Winfred and Marietta Jones and John and Anna (Murray) Hambrick; aunt Doris (Jim) Mills; and special cousins Steven Mason, Cassandra Gail Hambrick Gerber and Yvonne Prettyman.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

DEATHS

Dec. 28, 2016

BENSON, Virginia May, 89, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

Dec. 30, 2016

BENNETT, Sally Marion, 72, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY

Port of Astoria Commission, 5 p.m., workshop, new Port offices, 10 Pier 1, Suite 209.

Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Seaside Library Board, 4:30 p.m., Seaside Library, 1131 Broadway.

Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.

Seaside Planning Commis-

sion, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

WEDNESDAY

Maritime Memorial Committee, 1 p.m., Holiday Inn Conference Room 204, West Marine Dr.

Port of Astoria Commission, 4 p.m. executive session (closed to public), new Port offices, 10

Pier 1, Suite 304.

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 5 p.m., work session on charter review committee, Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.

Seaside Improvement Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

Gearhart City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Sunday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 4-7-3-6

4 p.m.: 6-2-3-0

7 p.m.: 5-5-5-2

10 p.m.: 8-6-6-0

Saturday's Megabucks: 15-21-25-29-33-47

Estimated jackpot: \$3.8 million

Saturday's Powerball: 01-03-28-57-67, Powerball: 9, Power Play: 2

Estimated jackpot: \$70 million

Saturday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 3-6-1-2

4 p.m.: 4-4-0-7

7 p.m.: 7-7-6-6

10 p.m.: 7-2-0-9

Friday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 1-6-5-3

4 p.m.: 6-5-9-0

7 p.m.: 7-8-9-9

10 p.m.: 3-7-1-1

Mega Millions: 06-21-33-39-43, Mega Ball: 2, Megaplier: 2

Estimated jackpot: \$96 million

WASHINGTON

Sunday's Daily Game: 8-8-3

Sunday's Keno: 06-08-09-15-20-23-24-25-29-34-36-48-50-

51-59-63-67-73-74-76

Sunday's Match 4: 04-07-15-16

Saturday's Daily Game: 3-2-1

Saturday's Hit 5: 05-08-11-13-31

Estimated jackpot: \$360,000

Saturday's Keno: 03-11-16-19-22-24-26-29-32-35-37-46-48-

51-56-64-67-69-74-76

Saturday's Lotto: 11-20-26-37-39-45

Estimated jackpot: \$1.3 million

Saturday's Match 4: 05-14-15-22

Friday's Daily Game: 5-8-5

Friday's Keno: 01-08-16-19-24-28-31-38-41-42-45-46-47-49-

57-63-70-75-77-78

Friday's Match 4: 01-04-07-15

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