

Hundreds to rally against Trump on immigration

Wyden, Schrader plan to attend

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SALEM — A pro-immigrant rally set for Saturday at the Oregon Capitol could draw several hundred demonstrators opposed to President-elect Donald Trump's positions on immigration.

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden, U.S. Rep. Kurt Schrader and several state lawmakers are scheduled to participate in the rally from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the steps of the Capitol.

As of Wednesday more than 500 people had indicated they plan to attend and 2,000 had expressed interest on the event's Facebook page.

The rally is one of 50 "National Day of Action Events Against Trump

Policies," according to a news release by the One Oregon coalition.

Trump has said that he will seek to deport millions of undocumented immigrants from the country, end executive orders by President Barack Obama that shield certain illegal immigrants from deportation, and start a Muslim registry.

The coalition is "deeply concerned about the impact this will have on immigrant and refugee communities, who are integral to Oregon's economy and future," said Diane Goodwin, a spokeswoman for Basic Rights Oregon, a member of One Oregon.

One of Obama's executive orders, known as Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, protects from deportation undocumented immigrants who were brought to the United States as children. Young people who are eligible must apply for the program every two years, receive a work permit and may attend college.

"There are more than 700,000 individuals nationally and about 15,000 in Oregon whose lives are at stake, whose ability to continue their education and their career is at stake based on what President-elect Trump does," said Andrea Williams, executive director of Causa. "A lot of times, they have never been to their home country, don't know the language or have not been there for a very long time."

The One Oregon coalition of 60 organizations opposes anti-immigrant policies. Immigrant rights organizations Causa, APANO and Unite Oregon lead the group.

The coalition plans to support state legislation this year aimed at reducing racial profiling during police stops, expanding Medicaid to more children and increasing affordable housing funding.

There are no known counter protests to the event. Oregonians For Immigration Reform, which fre-

quently clashes with Causa on policy proposals, had no plans for a counter demonstration Saturday, said Cynthia Kendall, the group's president. The group has scheduled a meeting the same day as the demonstration to discuss the results of the election and legislation.

Trump's immigration proposals have begun to address many of the frustrations some Americans have had with immigration policy and practices, Kendall said.

"I think the Trump administration has nailed it when he said we need to reassess what we are doing and why and how is it benefiting the United States," Kendall said.

She said she supports Trump's plan to end the DACA program.

"Those parents made the choice for their children to pick them up and bring them to this country," Kendall said. "I didn't make that choice for them."

Oregonians For Immigration Reform attempted to advance ballot initiatives last year that would have made English the official language of Oregon, required businesses to use a federal program to verify citizenship of employees and required proof of citizenship to vote.

The initiatives ultimately were tied up in court after immigrant rights organizations and the American Civil Liberties Union challenged the ballot titles.

The immigration reform group plans to offer at least four pieces of legislation next session, though Kendall declined to disclose specifics. None are expected to gain momentum in the Democratic-controlled Legislature.

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State bans weapons in the workplace

Policy narrows existing rules

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SALEM — The state has adopted a new policy that prohibits state employees from having weapons in their workplace as a condition of employment, narrowing a preexisting policy that banned weapons in most state agency buildings.

The new policy, which took effect Jan. 6, prohibits weapons in the workplace unless having a weapon is part of the employee's assigned duties.

The policy applies to all employees, board and commission members, volunteers and others working in an agency.

"It is a new HR policy, but it's not a new requirement," said Matt Shelby, a spokesman for the Depart-

ment of Administrative Services. "Since 1998, we've had a facilities policy of no firearms or weapons in our buildings unless you are essentially a police officer. That covers everybody, not just employees."

Such facilities policies, which also ban visitors to the buildings from bringing in weapons, have been challenged in some instances around the country.

"For DAS we have a policy on file there will be no firearms in our buildings, but those have been challenged in other instances," Shelby said.

Shelby could not confirm Thursday night whether those challenges were the impetus for separate HR policy.

State House and Senate Republicans condemned the new policy Thursday.

"I am extremely concerned to learn that our state government has taken steps

that limit employees' rights to self-defense and believe that these actions may violate the Oregon Constitution," said House Minority Leader Rep. Mike McLane, R-Powell Butte. "I will be asking Gov. Brown's office to explain where they believe their power to take such actions is derived from and, if necessary, take swift action to restore the rights of Oregonians as soon as possible."

Chris Pair, a spokesman in Gov. Kate Brown's office, was not immediately available late Thursday to confirm whether the policy change was ordered by governor.

Oregon law generally prohibits the possession of firearms in public buildings, but in most cases exempts individuals who have a license to carry a concealed weapon.

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Taking the oath



Dawn McIntosh was sworn in Jan. 6 as the newest Clatsop County Circuit Court judge. Oregon Supreme Court Chief Justice Thomas Balmer administered the oath of office at the Clatsop County Courthouse. McIntosh was elected in May to replace Judge Philip Nelson, who retired after 24 years on the bench.

Submitted Photo

Offices close for Martin Luther King Day

The Daily Astorian

In observance of Martin Luther King Day on Monday, all federal, state, county and city offices and services, including Astoria, Warrenton, Gearhart, Seaside and Cannon Beach city halls, are closed. All U.S. post offices are closed, and there is no mail delivery.

Astoria, Jewell, Knappa, Warrenton/Hammond, Seaside (including Cannon Beach and Gearhart schools) and Ocean Beach School District schools and Clatsop Community College are closed.

The Astoria Library, Seaside Library, Warrenton Library and all Timberland libraries in Washington state, including Ilwaco, Ocean Park and Naselle, are closed.

The Port of Astoria offices and services are closed.

Garbage collection through Recology Western Oregon (covering Astoria, Seaside, Gearhart and Cannon Beach), city of Warrenton garbage collection, and Peninsula Sanitation

(covering the Long Beach, Washington, Peninsula) are not affected by the holiday. Recology Western Oregon's transfer station and the Peninsula Sanitation's transfer station are open.

The Sunset Pool in Seaside is open from 5:45 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Astoria Aquatic Center is open from 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The Clatsop County Heritage Museum and Uppertown Firefighters' Museum are closed.

The Oregon Film Museum and Flavel House Museum are open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the Carriage House is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Capt. Gray's Port of Play and Lil' Sprouts are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fort Clatsop is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Columbia River Maritime Museum is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Seaside Museum is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sunset Empire Transportation ("The Bus") is running.

The Daily Astorian offices are open, and the newspaper printed and delivered as usual.

Weather delays weekly advertising circular

The Daily Astorian

Because of the inclement weather that socked Portland this week, The Daily Astorian was unable to receive one of

two weekly circulars for our region's Fred Meyer store that was scheduled to be distributed with today's paper.

We are hoping the freight line will be able to deliver

the 20-page circular to the newspaper for inclusion in Monday's newspaper. We apologize for any inconvenience it may cause for our readers.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA AccuWeather.com

TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
28	44 30	46 34	48 42	53 47
Mostly cloudy and cold	Mostly sunny	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy with a couple of showers	Breezy with downpours; watch for flooding

ALMANAC REGIONAL WEATHER

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

Temperatures	Precipitation
High/Low: 41°/29°	Thursday: 0.00"
Normal High/Low: 50°/38°	Month to date: 1.78"
Record High: 61° in 1986	Normal month to date: 4.17"
Record Low: 15° in 1909	Year to date: 1.78"
	Normal year to date: 4.17"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight: 4:54 p.m.
 Sunrise Saturday: 7:55 a.m.
 Moonrise today: 6:49 p.m.
 Moonset today: 8:36 a.m.

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Galileo Galilei discovered Ganymede, the moon of Jupiter, in 1610.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Time	High	Low
2:51 a.m.	8.9 ft.	8:31 a.m.
2:16 p.m.	9.7 ft.	9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Sat.
Atlanta	74 51 s	71 53 pc
Boston	42 18 s	30 25 pc
Chicago	26 21 c	32 18 c
Denver	35 22 c	40 24 pc
Des Moines	23 16 c	29 19 pc
Detroit	28 21 pc	33 19 c
El Paso	73 51 pc	70 48 pc
Fairbanks	-3 -5 pc	2 -25 sn
Honolulu	84 67 pc	83 67 s
Indianapolis	36 27 pc	34 27 i
Kansas City	22 21 i	31 25 i
Las Vegas	56 45 r	61 43 s
Los Angeles	60 49 pc	69 50 s
Memphis	53 49 c	61 47 r
Miami	81 68 pc	79 68 pc
Nashville	52 48 c	63 47 sh
New Orleans	74 55 pc	72 57 pc
New York	49 29 s	33 29 sn
Oklahoma City	34 29 i	40 35 i
Philadelphia	48 30 i	33 29 sn
St. Louis	33 31 i	36 31 i
Salt Lake City	33 19 sf	30 16 s
San Francisco	55 41 s	55 45 pc
Seattle	38 28 s	41 29 s
Washington, DC	53 32 pc	37 33 i

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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

OBITUARIES

Benjamin Gabriel Ortega

Denver
May 10, 1972 — Dec. 27, 2016

Benjamin Gabriel Ortega, 44, died surrounded by his family on Dec. 27, 2016, in Denver, Colorado.

Ben was born May 10, 1972, in Kanab, Utah, but lived his happiest and most fruitful life in Astoria, Oregon.

He became the first person to earn a bachelor's degree in his family when he received an accounting degree from Linfield College.

He is survived by his son, Nathan Ortega; granddaughter, Evangeline Ortega; father and mother, Benjamin and Christine Ortega; sisters, Valerie Stalheim and Angela Schleiss; nephews, Darian,

Coleman and Jonathon Schleiss; niece, Brittney Stalheim; paternal grandmother, Lillie Ortega; and various uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by a son, Benjamin Ortega; maternal grandparents, Gabriel and Jenny Sanchez; paternal grandfather, Frank Ortega; and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

There will be a memorial service at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 21, 2017, at the Astoria Alano Club, 760 Astor St., Astoria, Oregon.

Donations can be made in the form of flower arrangements sent to the memorial.



Benjamin Ortega

DEATHS

Jan. 8, 2017
RASMUSSEN, Nels Irving, 93, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

Jan. 11, 2017
MORRIS, Albert Engene, 88, of Astoria, died. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Thursday's Pick 4:
 1 p.m.: 2-5-0-5
 4 p.m.: 2-2-4-2
 7 p.m.: 9-5-7-7
 10 p.m.: 0-4-4-4

WASHINGTON
Thursday's Daily Game: 5-0-2
Thursday's Keno: 03-05-13-16-18-29-32-35-45-46-53-54-57-66-69-73-76-78-79-80
Thursday's Match 4: 02-03-04-12

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