Oregon Republicans optimistic about party's prospects

Dorchester a draw for conservatives

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SALEM — Apparently buoyed by the victory of President Donald Trump and Oregon Secretary of State Dennis Richardson, Oregon Republicans convening here Friday and Saturday were optimistic about opportunities for the GOP in the Beaver State.

Richardson's election secured the party's first statewide elected office since 2002, resulting in something of a victory lap vibe at the annual Dorchester Conference. The conference had been held in Seaside for the past 46 years before moving to Salem this year.

While Republicans lead a solid majority of state legislatures, Oregon is one of 12 states where Democrats are in charge in both chambers, compared to 32 states where Republicans have control of both chambers.

State Senate Minority Leader Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, noted in remarks Friday night that one Senate seat flipped in the last election from Democrat to Republican.

Sen. Alan DeBoer, R-Ashland, won a special election to finish the last two years of the term of the late Sen. Alan Bates, D-Medford, who died in August. DeBoer won the race by just under 400 votes, according to the Secretary of State's Office.

Salem physician Bud Pierce, the Republican gubernatorial candidate who lost to Democratic Gov. Kate Brown last year, said he was feeling optimistic about the future of the Republican Party in Oregon.

Pierce, who is on the board of directors of Oregon's League of Minority Voters, moderated a panel of speakers that included Promise King, executive director of the league, about including people of color in state politics and campaigns.

Asked by a reporter whether he sees a conflict between his party's aim to include minority groups and the rhetoric of President Trump — who has been prone to making gross generalizations about minority groups, including immigrants from Mexico — Pierce said he was waiting to see what action the president takes.

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U.S. Rep. Greg Walden poses for a photo at the Dorchester Conference Saturday with Promise King, executive director of the Oregon League of Minority Voters. Republicans attending the annual political conference were optimistic about the party's chances to expand its fortunes.

"Let's see if he can give a legal status to 11 million people," Pierce said. Pressed about the likelihood of such a reversal by the president, Pierce said: "Well see, you know, it was unlikely that Nixon would go to China."

Affordable housing

Pierce points to the state's lack of affordable housing as one example of what he calls the "failures" of the Democrats' policies in Oregon that he believes could attract more voters to the right.

The Legislature is debating proposals to ban rent hikes and no-cause evictions, and many Republicans at the conference advocated instead for loosening up the state's land use restrictions to encourage more development and housing supply.

Pierce said he believes Republicans may benefit from the growing number of voters in the state who are not affiliated with any political party.

Many new voters have been registered recently through the state's new automatic voter registration law, which registers voters as unaffiliated unless they designate a political party.

"Can we become the natural place for the unaffiliated votes?" Pierce asked. "Maybe they won't call themselves Republicans, but maybe they'll do it."

State Rep. Greg Barreto, R-Cove, referencing relatively recent political shifts in Michigan and Wisconsin, told conference attendees he believes Oregon could become a red state.

"I think there's a lot of hope in Oregon," Barreto said. "But a lot of these other states, they didn't just change from blue to red accidentally, there was some pain that went on."

Barreto referred to economic woes in those states and continued:

"If we're not careful in Oregon, there's going to be some pain in Oregon, when we talk about PERS, when we talk about Medicaid, when we talk about bills that we can't afford to pay right now, we will feel some pain."

'Fight back'

U.S. Rep Greg Walden, R-Oregon, called on Republicans to stay involved.

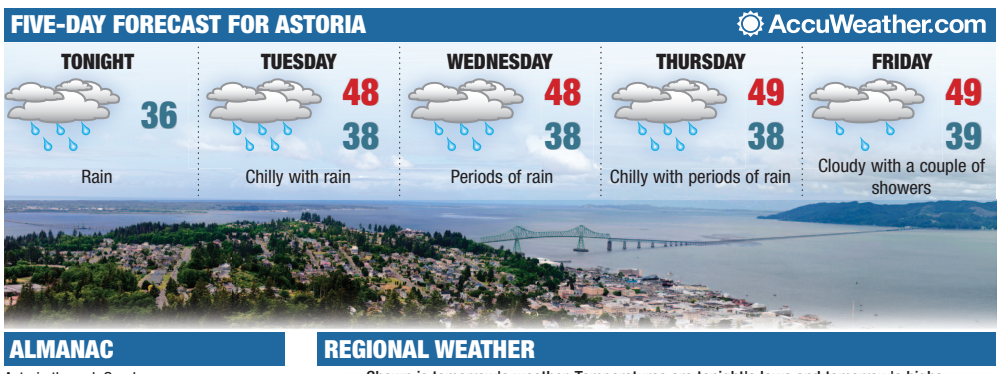
"You need to fight back," Walden said, when asked by an attendee if conservative groups were organizing to attend town halls. "If you believe in why we run, if you believe in the policies we're trying to implement, you have to help us fight back, you have to be there shoulder-to-shoulder with us."

DEATHS

March 5, 2017
NIMMO, Lillian Louise, 88, of Astoria, died in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

March 3, 2017
FRENCH, Roberta Jean, 82, of Portland, died in Portland. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

March 1, 2017
BOUDREAU, Ronald, 66, of Warrenton, died in Warrenton. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory in Astoria is handling the arrangements.



ALMANAC

Astoria through Sunday.

Temperatures

High/low	43°/34°
Normal high/low	53°/38°
Record high	71° in 1905
Record low	26° in 1955

Precipitation

Sunday	0.79"
Month to date	3.09"
Normal month to date	1.30"
Year to date	20.97"
Normal year to date	18.69"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	6:09 p.m.
Sunrise Tuesday	6:43 a.m.
Moonrise today	12:13 p.m.
Moonset today	2:34 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Mar 12	Mar 20	Mar 27	Apr 3

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Mercury at superior conjunction with the sun.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
8:21 a.m.	8.6 ft.	2:19 a.m.	3.2 ft.
10:06 p.m.	7.2 ft.	3:43 p.m.	0.3 ft.

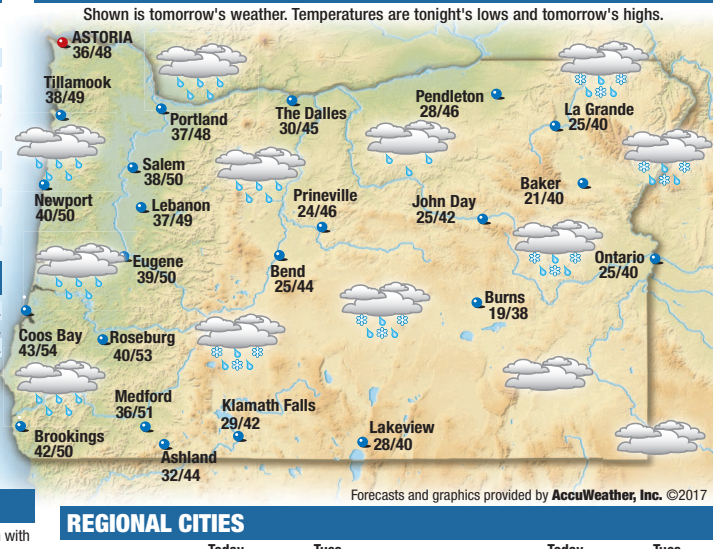
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tues. Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	70	54	c	69	51	t
Boston	39	31	s	47	45	r
Chicago	62	44	c	56	36	s
Denver	47	21	pc	53	30	pc
Des Moines	69	39	t	57	33	s
Detroit	59	52	c	59	35	t
El Paso	75	45	pc	73	43	s
Fairbanks	1	-27	s	-1	-25	s
Honolulu	81	67	sh	79	68	sh
Indianapolis	61	54	sh	58	37	t
Kansas City	74	36	t	63	31	s
Las Vegas	58	42	s	67	49	pc
Los Angeles	65	51	s	77	55	pc
Memphis	71	64	sh	65	41	r
Miami	75	68	pc	79	68	pc
Nashville	68	56	sh	65	37	r
New Orleans	77	67	c	78	61	c
New York	44	39	s	59	49	c
Oklahoma City	80	37	pc	68	38	s
Philadelphia	52	42	s	63	50	c
St. Louis	71	47	c	64	39	s
Salt Lake City	39	32	sn	49	39	pc
San Francisco	57	46	pc	61	50	pc
Seattle	44	35	sn	44	38	r
Washington, DC	56	46	pc	65	50	c

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

REGIONAL WEATHER

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



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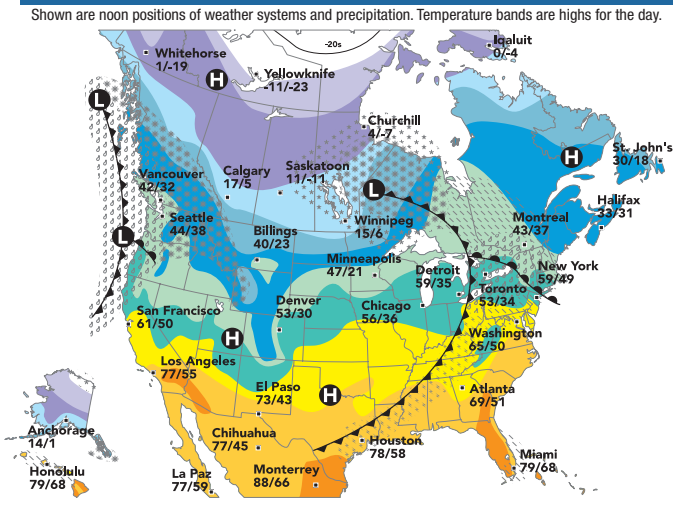
REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Tues. Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	37	21	sn	40	37	c
Bend	36	25	sn	44	35	sn
Brookings	46	42	r	50	47	r
Eugene	44	39	r	50	44	r
Ilwaco	45	36	r	47	37	r
Klamath Falls	37	29	sn	42	36	c
Medford	45	36	r	51	42	r
Newberg	45	37	r	48	40	r
Newport	44	40	r	50	42	r
North Bend	48	43	r	54	48	r
Olympia	44	33	r	43	35	r
Pendleton	43	28	sf	46	40	c
Portland	45	37	r	48	40	r
Roseburg	46	40	r	53	45	r
Salem	44	38	r	50	42	r
Seaside	44	37	r	47	39	r
Spokane	36	22	sf	35	31	sn
Springfield	45	39	r	50	42	r
Vancouver	45	37	r	48	41	r
Yakima	48	24	c	44	29	sn

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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



Spanish dinner supports chorale trip

The Daily Astorian

Feast like a Spaniard and help the North Coast Chorale reach the 11th-annual World Symposium on Choral Music in July in Barcelona.

On Friday, Fulio's will host a benefit dinner for North Coast Chorale. The menu will include a stuffed tomato hors d'oeuvre, fennel salad, paella, lamb chops with honey and La Mancha sponge cake for dessert, all paired with three Spanish wines.

Tickets are $75 per person, the proceeds supporting travel costs for the chorale.

The symposium's focus for this year is Colors of Peace, creating a world of peace by using harmony, understanding and respect toward others. The chorale has chosen Journey in Peace for its theme, dedicated to the memory of the late Ann Goldeen.

So far, only 16 choral groups will be singing in the Circle Concerts at the symposium. Other choirs are attending from Russia, Estonia, China, Finland, Canada, Turkey, Argentina, France and Singapore.

Call 503-440-9002 to reserve a spot.

CORRECTIONS

Achievement incorrect — Alexis Mather is the second Miss Oregon to have graduated from Astoria High School, after Judith Hansen from the Class of 1956. An 1A story on Feb. 24 incorrectly identified her as the first-ever winner from the high school.

Industry group wrongly attributed — The Northwest Sportfishing Industry Association is a lobbying group that opposes commercial gillnetting on the Columbia River. Its positions on the matter are closely linked with those of Coastal Conservation Association Oregon, whose parent organization owes its existence to wealthy oilmen. A Feb. 13 editorial incorrectly blurred the lines between the two.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Youngs River Lewis & Clark Water District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

TUESDAY

Seaside Community and Senior Commission, 10 a.m., 1225 Avenue A.
Port of Astoria Commission, 5 p.m. workshop, 10 Pier 1, Suite 209.
Miles Crossing Sanitary Sewer District Board, 6 p.m., 34583 U.S. Highway 101 Business.
Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.
Seaside Planning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
Seaside Library Board, 4:30 p.m., 1131 Broadway.
Clatsop County Fair Board, 5:30 p.m., Clatsop County Fair & Expo, 92937 Walluski Loop.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Sunday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 0-3-2-0
4 p.m.: 1-3-1-4
7 p.m.: 3-3-6-6
10 p.m.: 9-9-1-7
Saturday's Megabucks: 1-19-38-39-45-48
Estimated jackpot: $5.7 million
Saturday's Powerball: 2-18-19-22-63, Powerball: 19
Estimated jackpot: $85 million
Saturday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 3-4-6-9
4 p.m.: 4-5-7-3
7 p.m.: 7-2-1-0
10 p.m.: 4-6-7-1
Friday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 7-9-4-8
4 p.m.: 0-1-9-4
7 p.m.: 0-2-7-3
10 p.m.: 8-7-1-4
Friday's Mega Millions: 14-26-39-48-51, Mega Ball: 9
Estimated jackpot: $94 million

WASHINGTON

Sunday's Daily Game: 4-9-1
Sunday's Keno: 03-05-08-17-18-23-24-28-31-33-35-50-52-55-58-60-62-65-78-80
Sunday's Match 4: 10-12-16-22
Saturday's Daily Game: 9-4-9
Saturday's Hit 5: 05-06-07-20-30
Estimated jackpot: $100,000
Saturday's Keno: 10-12-13-15-20-21-23-28-33-34-35-45-49-50-55-56-59-63-71-80
Saturday's Lotto: 02-26-28-32-39-44
Estimated jackpot: $2.5 million
Saturday's Match 4: 06-10-14-18
Friday's Daily Game: 6-0-3
Friday's Keno: 04-15-18-19-23-27-28-33-34-35-43-47-54-55-56-57-60-69-73-78
Friday's Match 4: 01-16-21-24

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