

# Poll: Voters want cuts, but support corporate tax hike

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SALEM — A new poll shows that a majority of voters would like to see the state curb spending to make up a \$1.6 billion revenue deficit but also would support a corporate tax hike if the proceeds were dedicated to K-12 education.

The poll of 600 registered voters by Portland-based DHM Research sheds light on voters' preferences as legislators work on the 2017-19 budget and craft proposals to raise more money. The Oregon School Boards Association commissioned the poll to help guide lawmakers in policymaking this session.

The results provide "a path forward for legislators when they look at the budget issues," said Jim Green, the association's executive director.

About 28 percent of respondents said lawmakers should balance the budget entirely by cutting spending, 60 percent favored some combination of spending reductions and tax hikes and 4 percent preferred only tax increases. Another 8 percent didn't have an opinion on how to solve the problem.

Voters said businesses and

corporations should contribute about 40 percent of Oregon's state tax revenue. Corporations now contribute only 6 percent of general fund revenue, according to the Legislative Revenue Office.

Voters overwhelmingly rejected the idea of a general sales tax, even if it went to education.

They are open to giving up their personal income tax kicker refund if the proceeds were to support schools. The last personal kicker refund equaled about \$402 million in 2015, said Legislative Revenue Office senior economist Chris Allanach.

Registered voters representing the state's demographic makeup, including geographic area, age, gender and political party, were interviewed by phone Feb. 23 to Feb. 26. The results have a 4 percent margin of error.

Highlights of the poll:

- Sixty percent of voters think the state should balance its budget through a combination of spending reductions and tax hikes.

- Six-in-10 believe Oregon has a spending problem.

- Ninety-three percent of voters say it's important to fund K-12 education.

- Sixty-five percent of voters would support a measure

such as Ballot Measure 97 if the tax revenue were dedicated to K-12 schools. Measure 97 would have levied a 2.5 percent tax on the Oregon sales of certain corporations. Voters overwhelmingly defeated the measure, and the poll indicates that voters objected to the fact that the tax revenue was not dedicated to certain purposes.

- On average, voters think Oregon's businesses and corporations contribute about 36 percent of all state taxes collected. In fact, businesses contribute only 6 percent. A majority of voters say businesses and corporations should contribute 40 percent on average.

- Fifty-six percent support a \$2 billion increase in funding every two years to education to meet the Quality Education Model.

- Fifty-nine percent are opposed to a general sales tax to fund K-12 education.

- Six-of-10 voters would be willing to give up the 2 percent kicker refunds if the proceeds were placed in a rainy-day fund specifically for K-12 education. Corporation income kicker refunds were eliminated with Ballot Measure 85 in 2012, and the proceeds were dedicated to K-12.

## OBITUARIES

### Mary Lou Marshall

Astoria

April 28, 1940 — March 5, 2017

On March 5, 2017, Mary Lou Marshall courageously lost her battle with breast cancer. A celebration of life will be held in her honor at the Astoria Masonic Lodge on April 8, between 12 and 4 p.m. There will be a potluck.

Mary Lou (Scheffers) Marshall was born in Coon Rapids, Iowa, on April 28, 1940, to Claude and Mildred Scheffers. They moved to Newport, Oregon, where she graduated from Newport High School, class of 1958. That same year she married Roger Marshall.

They moved to Eureka, California, where they started a family and Mary Lou graduated from College of the Redwoods as a medical assistant. She later moved to Santa Cruz, California, and worked for many years in the medical field, eventually moving to Astoria in 1987, where she worked at Dr. Swanson's office for 13 years, until her retirement.

Mary Lou loved to be active, she enjoyed hiking with her Angora Hiking Club members,

working out at the gym and being supportive in all her family members' lives. She enjoyed meeting with her female classmates from Newport High School, who met every year in Sunriver. Her favorite color was red. She was known for her red sports car and was a member of the Red Hat Society. She also enjoyed doing just about anything, as long as it was with her best friend, Vickie, who was with her to the very end.

She is survived by her husband, Roger Marshall; mother Mildred Scheffers; sons, Paul and Tim Marshall; daughter, Cassandra Duke; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

There will only be one Mary Lou, and she will be missed. If you met her, you would probably remember her.

In lieu of flowers, please donate money to the Oregon Humane Society in her honor.

An online guestbook is available to sign at [www.OceanViewAstoria.com](http://www.OceanViewAstoria.com)



Mary Lou Marshall

### Delmar L. Layton

Astoria

Jan. 20, 1931 — Feb. 11, 2017



Delmar leaves his wife of 59 years, Dolores; one son, David, and his wife, Kim, of Redmond, Oregon; two daughters, Denise Duffy and her husband, Ed, of Bend, Oregon and Diane Beck-

with of Burnside, Oregon; six grandchildren, Jodi Bissonette and her husband, Justin, Emily, Danny and Bradley Beckwith and Andrew and Cody Layton; one great-granddaughter, Adalyn Bissonette; and many close friends.

Del was born in Jamestown, Kansas, on Jan. 20, 1931. After graduating from high school in Randall, Kansas, Del served in the U.S. Navy from 1951-1955 aboard the USS Philippine Sea during the Korean War.

After returning home from the service, Del met Dolores in Hollywood, California, and they were married June 8, 1958. Del worked

as a carpenter, and the two of them started a family in La Puente, California, and had three wonderful children, Denise, Diane and David.

In 1977, the family moved to Burnside, Oregon, where Del also worked as a carpenter until he retired in 1993. Del not only had pride in his family, he also had a deep passion for gardening. Del enjoyed canning all the vegetables that he harvested every year, and generously shared them with all of his family and friends.

While serving in the Navy, Del made many lifetime friends. Accompanied by Dolores, Del enjoyed traveling across the country for the many Navy Buddy reunions.

A celebration of life will be held May 6, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the family home.



Delmar Layton

#### FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Tonight	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
47	53	52	51	48
41	40	42	37	

Overcast with occasional rain / Remaining cloudy with a little rain / Clouds and sun with a shower in the area / Cloudy; an a.m. shower or two, then rain / Chilly with rain

#### ALMANAC

Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures  
High/Low: 56°/47°  
Normal high/low: 54°/39°  
Record high: 73° in 1979  
Record low: 25° in 1969

Precipitation  
Monday: 1.27"  
Month to date: 7.79"  
Normal month to date: 3.24"  
Year to date: 25.67"  
Normal year to date: 20.63"

#### SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight: 7:20 p.m.  
Sunrise Wednesday: 7:28 a.m.  
Moonrise today: 9:46 p.m.  
Moonset today: 8:42 a.m.

Last New First Full  
Mar 20 Mar 27 Apr 3 Apr 10

#### REGIONAL WEATHER

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

Astoria 47/53	Portland 51/58	The Dalles 47/60	Pendleton 50/60	La Grande 47/61
Salem 52/57	Lebanon 52/56	Prineville 48/60	John Day 51/63	Baker 43/62
Eugene 51/56	Bend 48/57	Burns 40/56	Ontario 43/60	
Coos Bay 53/56	Roseburg 53/59	Medford 51/61	Klamath Falls 44/58	Lakeview 40/58
Brookings 50/53	Asland 50/59			

#### UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Albert Einstein's birthday (1879).

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

#### TOMORROW'S TIDES

Time	High	Time	Low
3:52 a.m.	8.8 ft.	10:14 a.m.	0.7 ft.
4:16 p.m.	7.9 ft.	10:15 p.m.	1.2 ft.

#### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	48/27	45/27	Olympia	56/48	54/38
Boston	37/23	35/19	Pendleton	64/50	60/41
Chicago	27/15	32/14	Portland	60/51	58/40
Denver	69/44	76/46	Roseburg	69/53	59/44
Des Moines	29/10	36/27	Salem	60/52	57/41
Detroit	26/14	31/18	Seaside	54/49	52/43
El Paso	83/52	86/53	Spokane	55/47	52/36
Fairbanks	9/-16	7/-13	Springfield	64/52	57/43
Honolulu	84/71	84/70	Vancouver	61/53	57/42
Indianapolis	31/18	32/18	Yakima	66/44	60/33
Kansas City	37/17	40/31			
Las Vegas	88/61	89/62			
Los Angeles	84/57	82/52			
Memphis	44/26	45/31			
Miami	81/54	82/52			
Nashville	42/21	43/23			
New Orleans	61/46	60/47			
New York	32/21	29/18			
Oklahoma City	56/30	59/45			
Philadelphia	34/19	29/17			
St. Louis	37/20	41/27			
Salt Lake City	73/48	75/49			
San Francisco	72/52	65/54			
Seattle	57/47	54/41			
Washington, DC	38/21	33/22			

#### TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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

## ON THE RECORD

#### Harassment

- At 6:48 p.m. Friday, Billy Jack Wittern, 36, of Concho, Arizona, was arrested by the Astoria Police Department on Lief Erikson Drive for harassment and disorderly conduct. Wittern allegedly reported to a Safeway employee that he knocked a homeless man unconscious earlier in the day.

#### DUII

- At 9:27 p.m. Sunday, Amanda Ellen Pontecorbo, 24, of Astoria, was arrested by the Astoria Police Department on West Marine Drive for driving under the influence of intoxicants. She was also cited for unlawful use of lights and failing to stop for a pedestrian. Her blood-alcohol content was .14.

## BIRTHS

#### March 1, 2017

GRASS, Darice, and FLESHER, Nels, of Chinook, Washington, a girl, Juniper Gail Flesher, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Ben and Lisa Flesher of Gig Harbor, Washington, and Terry and Colleen Grass of Helena, Montana.

#### Feb. 20, 2017

HUTMACHER, Amy, and BEUGLI, David, of Astoria, a boy, Landon Joseph Beugli, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Scott Beugli of Astoria, Bill and Ruth Hutmacher of Newport and Carolyn Kendrick of Astoria.

## MEMORIAL

#### Saturday, March 18

SIMUKKA, Carolyn Ruth — Celebration of life at 1 p.m., Naselle Lutheran Church, 308 Old Knappton Road in Naselle, Washington, followed by a graveside service at Peaceful Hill Cemetery in Naselle, and refreshments back at the church. Simukka, 82, of Naselle, died Wednesday, Feb. 22, 2017, in Vancouver, Washington.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

#### TUESDAY

**Cannon Beach City Council**, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.  
**Gearhart Town Hall**, 6:30 p.m., fire station/public building replacement, 670 Pacific Way, Gearhart.  
**Warrenton City Commission**, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.  
**Clatsop Community College Board**, 6:30 p.m., South County Campus, 1455 N. Roosevelt

#### WEDNESDAY

**Warrenton-Hammond School Board**, 7 p.m., Warrenton High School library, 1700 S. Main Ave.  
**Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board**, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.  
**Tourism Advisory Committee**, 3 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway, Seaside.

## CORRECTION

**Crowned by another** — Hannah Garhofer was crowned Miss Clatsop County on Saturday by last year's Miss Clatsop County. A 1A story Monday incorrectly said Garhofer was crowned by Miss Oregon Alexis Mather.

## LOTTERIES

#### OREGON

**Monday's Pick 4:**  
**1 p.m.:** 1-3-9-9  
**4 p.m.:** 7-6-6-4  
**7 p.m.:** 9-7-3-7  
**10 p.m.:** 3-2-3-0  
**Monday's Megabucks:** 1-10-12-13-33-39  
 Estimated jackpot: \$1.2 million

#### WASHINGTON

**Monday's Daily Game:** 4-4-2  
**Monday's Hit 5:** 04-19-32-34-39  
 Estimated jackpot: \$200,000  
**Monday's Keno:** 04-05-06-11-12-17-18-35-36-38-49-57-58-64-70-74-75-76-79-80  
**Monday's Lotto:** 03-29-31-35-44-47  
 Estimated jackpot: \$3 million  
**Monday's Match 4:** 13-14-21-22

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