

# Eel no! Eels from overturned truck slime cars on Highway 101

Goopy hazard for drivers near Depoe Bay

Associated Press

DEPOE BAY — A truck hauling eels overturned on U.S. Highway 101 near Depoe Bay, turning the coastal road into a slimy mess.

Oregon State Police on Thursday posted a photo on Twitter that showed damaged cars covered by the goopy eels. The agency also posed the question: "What to tell the #drycleaner?"

Meanwhile, the Depoe Bay Fire Department posted a video of workers using a bulldozer to clear the eels from Highway 101.

Police said Salvatore Tragale was driving north with 13 containers holding 7,500 pounds of hagfish, which are



Oregon State Police

Eels slime a car on Highway 101 near Depoe Bay.

commonly known as slime eels.

As Tragale approached road construction and tried to stop, one container flew off the truck bed and into the southbound lane, while the other containers spilled onto the highway, police said.

The flying container hit one vehicle which then caused it and four other vehicles to be pushed into each

other. Police said the people in the vehicle hit by the container suffered minor injuries. No one else was injured.

When hagfish become stressed, they secrete a slime, which can be seen in the photos on the vehicles and on the highway, police said.

The road reopened after the bulldozing and hosing it off was completed Thursday afternoon.

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



ALMANAC  
Astoria through Thursday.  
Temperatures  
High/low ..... 67°/52°  
Normal high/low ..... 67°/53°  
Record high ..... 88° in 1935  
Record low ..... 44° in 1954  
Precipitation  
Thursday ..... 0.02"  
Month to date ..... 0.02"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.55"  
Year to date ..... 49.59"  
Normal year to date ..... 36.46"

SUN AND MOON  
Sunset tonight ..... 9:04 p.m.  
Sunrise Saturday ..... 5:39 a.m.  
Moonrise today ..... none  
Moonset today ..... 11:21 a.m.

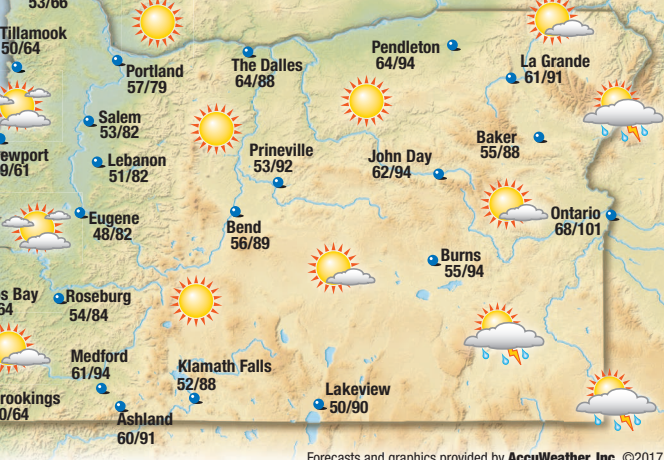
UNDER THE SKY  
Tonight's Sky: To Hercules's lower right is the constellation Corona Borealis the Northern Crown.

TOMORROW'S TIDES  
Astoria / Port Docks  
Time High Time Low  
5:52 a.m. 7.1 ft. 12:10 a.m. 1.9 ft.  
6:48 p.m. 7.9 ft. 12:13 p.m. 0.3 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES  
City Today Hi Lo W Sat. Hi Lo W  
Atlanta 92 74 pc 90 72 t  
Boston 67 62 r 77 65 sh  
Chicago 75 61 pc 82 66 s  
Denver 84 61 pc 84 58 t  
Des Moines 83 62 pc 91 71 s  
Detroit 81 61 pc 82 65 s  
El Paso 88 72 t 88 71 pc  
Fairbanks 82 60 c 74 59 t  
Honolulu 89 76 pc 87 76 pc  
Indianapolis 82 60 pc 80 63 s  
Kansas City 82 63 t 86 65 s  
Las Vegas 110 88 s 112 89 pc  
Los Angeles 85 67 pc 89 68 pc  
Memphis 93 76 pc 90 74 t  
Miami 90 80 pc 92 79 pc  
Nashville 91 74 t 87 71 t  
New Orleans 88 76 t 89 76 t  
New York 72 69 r 83 69 pc  
Oklahoma City 97 73 s 93 71 t  
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Washington, DC 93 75 t 89 72 pc

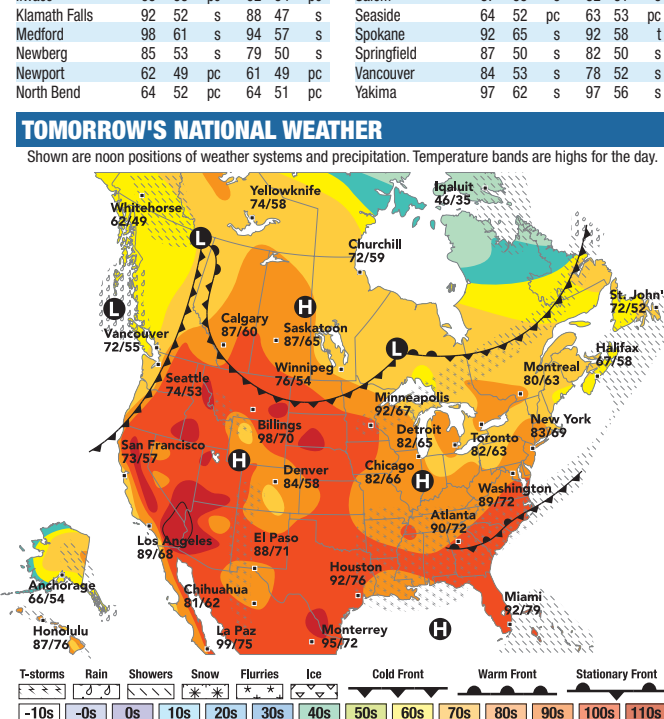
Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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



REGIONAL CITIES  
City Today Hi Lo W Sat. Hi Lo W  
Baker City 94 55 s 88 50 s  
Bend 94 56 s 89 48 s  
Brookings 63 52 pc 64 51 pc  
Eugene 87 48 s 82 48 s  
Ilwaco 63 52 pc 62 54 pc  
Klamath Falls 92 52 s 88 47 s  
Medford 98 61 s 94 57 s  
Newberg 85 53 s 79 50 s  
Newport 62 49 pc 61 49 pc  
North Bend 64 52 pc 64 51 pc

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER  
Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



# Provider tax referral puts \$333 million in play

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE  
Capital Bureau

SALEM — If a trio of Republican lawmakers is successful in referring a major state health care financing law to the ballot, at least \$333 million in state revenue could be at stake.

House Bill 2391 specifies how the state collects money to pay for the Oregon Health Plan, the state's version of Medicaid, through assessments and taxes on health care providers.

It's expected to raise \$605 million in revenue in the next two years, according to revenue impact estimates compiled in mid-June by the non-partisan Legislative Revenue Office.

But a referral, which would freeze certain parts of the legislation from going into effect, could mean the state would not collect \$333 million of expected revenues in the next two years, according to state Rep. Dan Rayfield, D-Corvallis, who cited

figures he said he received from the Legislative Fiscal Office.

That amount of money couldn't be leveraged to get a federal match, causing the state to forgo more money built into its upcoming budget, Rayfield said.

Federal funds pay for most of the Medicaid program for traditional populations as well as people newly qualified for Medicaid under the recent Affordable Care Act expansion.

Three Republican state lawmakers — Rep. Julie Parrish, R-Tualatin/West Linn; Rep. Cedric Hayden, R-Roseburg; and Rep. Sal Esquivel, R-Medford — seek to refer certain parts of the measure to voters. They contest the legislation's funding mechanism, saying that taxes on insurance premiums and a "true tax" on certain hospital net revenues will be passed to consumers.

If the petitioners gather 58,789 signatures by Oct. 5, those parts of the legislation go to the ballot. They would not go into effect unless

upheld by voters in a special election on Jan. 23.

If voters approve the assessments and taxes in question, though, the money could be collected retroactively, Rayfield said.

The parts of the legislation the group wants to refer are:

- A 1.5 percent tax on premium equivalents paid for public employee health plans to the Public Employees Benefit Board, which oversees health benefit plans for some of the state's public employees.

- A tax on insurers — calculated as 1.5 percent of gross premiums earned.

- A section of the law that says that insurers can increase premiums on policies by 1.5 percent.

- A 1.5 percent tax on managed care organizations — also called coordinated care organizations, or CCOs — the networks of health care providers who serve patients on the Oregon Health Plan.

- A 0.7 percent "true tax" on net revenues of certain hospitals.

## OBITUARIES

### Ethel June Well Lane Warrenton

March 24, 1928 — July 9, 2017

On July 9, 2017, at dawn, Ethel June Well Lane slipped the bonds of flesh and entered into eternity with the saints. She was 89 years old.

She was born in La Grande, Oregon, on

March 24, 1928, to Fred James Wells and Ina Sigrid Forsell Wells. The family soon moved to Ardenwald, Oregon, where, with her adored older brother, Vernon James Wells, she enjoyed an idyllic early childhood in a home surrounded by hazelnut, walnut, peach, apple, cherry and pecan trees, blueberry and raspberry bushes and large vegetable gardens. The yard was her favorite childhood memory, and she said that when she imagined heaven, it looked like their yard in Ardenwald.

Her scariest childhood memory was not tightening the tether, and seeing the horse she rode to school turn around and head for home. She was about 7 years old, and all she could think to do was stand with tiny arms outstretched in front of the massive beast and cry. The horse incident, and the memorably soggy tomato and bread sandwiches her mother put in her school lunches, were the only negative episodes in her childhood, to hear her tell it.

The family later moved to Portland and Ethel graduated from Commerce High School in 1946. By the end of 1947, the entire family had settled in Warrenton.

On March 17, 1950, she wed Robert Warren Lane, son of Clyde and Fern Lane of Warrenton, at Warrenton Methodist Church. They had 57 years and 7 days together, until his death in 2007.

Over the years she worked at various offices as secretary/stenographer; at Bioproducts in

the 1950s, Tongue Point in the 1960s and early 1970s, then at Warrenton City Hall for several years. In the 1990s she was church secretary at the Philadelphia Church in Hammond.

She was an avid reader, and made legendary cinnamon rolls, painted in oils, made lovely quilts, sewed clothes for herself and her children, and passed the love of sewing on to her daughters. She had a cherry tree, blueberry bushes and raspberry canes so that her grandchildren could experience the miracle of picking and eating something delicious that grew from the earth, and so she could make homemade cherry pies for her husband. She loved the Lord, her family and a good joke.

She is survived by her six children, Peggy Lane Oakes (Jim) of Fairfax, Virginia, Robert Lane Jr. of Warrenton, Mary Lane of Long Beach, Washington, Janice Lane Vrooman (Dean) of Tualatin, Russell Lane (Valerie) of Warrenton and James Lane of Tualatin; 13 grandchildren, Liisa Oakes Caliendo (Paolino) of Abilene, Texas, Lauren Oakes of Weed, California, Robert Oakes of Woodway, Texas, Katie Lane of Warrenton, Eric Lane of Warrenton, Kimberly Vrooman of Portland, Todd Vrooman of Portland, David Thorne (Stephanie) of Portland, Christiaan Thorne of Long Beach, Washington, Emily Thorne of Tacoma, Washington, Curtis Lane (Jae) of Pocatello, Idaho, Stephanie Lane of Tualatin and Adam Lane of Warrenton; and nine great-grandchildren, ages 2 months to 8 years.

Services are being held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 15, 2017, at Warrenton Methodist Church, with Pastor Jane Hill presiding.



Ethel June Well Lane

## DEATHS

July 12, 2017

HOUCK, Kathleen, 61, of Seaside, died in Hillsboro. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary & Crematory of Astoria/Seaside is in charge of the arrangements.

July 10, 2017

WILLIAMS, Joseph E. "Joey," 59, of Sweet Home, formerly of Astoria, died in Lebanon. Huston-Jost Funeral Home in Lebanon is in charge of the arrangements. A local celebration of life will be held at a later date.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

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

## LOTTERIES

OREGON

Thursday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 0-9-3-3

4 p.m.: 5-1-3-7

7 p.m.: 6-2-6-0

10 p.m.: 7-2-5-8

WASHINGTON

Thursday's Daily Game:

0-9-0

Thursday's Keno: 06-07-10-

13-14-22-24-29-31-39-40-

56-57-62-65-68-71-74-75-76

Thursday's Match 4: 10-11-

12-19

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