

# For 18,000 Oregon voters, 'other' runs the gamut

A 'classic way to protest,' expert says

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SALEM — It takes all kinds: Democrat, Republican, Frisbyterian.

About 18,000 of the approximately 2.5 million voters in Oregon choose "other" as their party affiliation when they register to vote.

Most — about 11,000 — leave the space next to the "other" box blank. More than 700 have written in "Independent," even though Oregon has an official Independent Party and there's also a non-affiliated option.

Others, according to data provided by the Secretary of State's Office, get a bit more creative.

Some appear to think they've found a clever play on "party" — keg, tea, toga.

There are communists, anarchists and one voter who imagines him- or herself politically aligned with the hip-hop group the Wu-Tang Clan.

Some voters have chosen historical relics like the Bull

Moose Party or the American Whig party.

Others still pick designations that seem to convey a sort of Oregonian ethos: "Beer party," "Cannabis," "Cascadia Independence."

And some just beg more questions: "Heinz 57," "Atomic Temptations Vibrations," "champions of the lower case."

Some of the more whimsical names are reminiscent of the "Jedi census phenomenon," when, in the early 2000s, thousands of people in English-speaking countries designated "Jedi" the Star Wars order of knights, as their religion when polled by census takers.

The irreverent "other" voters represent a "classic way to protest," Jim Moore, director of the Tom McCall Center for Policy Innovation at Pacific University, said.

In countries where voting is required, Moore said, "joke votes" can be common.

There's a key distinction

here, though: registering to vote isn't required in Oregon. So while these "other" voters make the effort to register, they may be conveying displeasure with the party system.

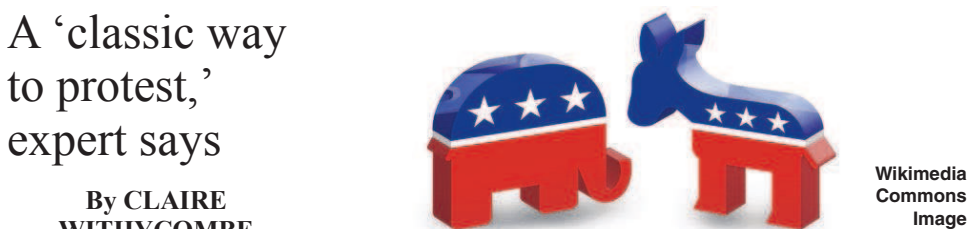
"They're taking that step, and yet they say, 'A pox on all of your party houses,'" said Moore.

So what's voter participation like for these "other" voters, who take the trouble to register but are "meh" about the pre-designated choices?

About 69.8 percent of registered "others" cast ballots in the November election, according to the Secretary of State's Office.

That's compared to 89.3 percent of registered Republicans, 87.9 of registered Democrats, 79.4 percent of registered Independents and 61.1 percent of nonaffiliated voters.

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# Astoria recognizes library director, prominent architect

By KATIE FRANKOWICZ  
The Daily Astorian

A former Astoria Library director responsible for purchasing the library's first edition Lewis and Clark journals will have an archive named in his honor.

The Astoriana Collection that contains "anything and everything you would want to know about the city of Astoria and its history," according to library director Jimmy Pearson, will now be called the Bruce Berney Archives.

Mayor Arline LaMear announced the honor in a proclamation Monday night.

Berney served as library director for 30 years until his retirement in 1997. He worked tirelessly to preserve and con-

serve the history of Astoria, Pearson said.

"Because of his work, we have today for the future ... anything and all things Astoria," Pearson said about the archive.

Berney and his wife, Kristina Berney, still reside in Astoria and were at Monday's meeting to hear the proclamation.

The city also honored Ebba Wicks Brown, who in 1942 was the second woman in Oregon to become a licensed architect by examination. Wicks Brown was born in Astoria in 1914 to a prominent local architect and graduated from Astoria High School in 1932 in a building designed by her father. It was a building she later helped renovate in the

1960s as part of the Clatsop Community College campus.

She and other architects she worked with had a hand in designing a number of Astoria landmarks including the Astor Library, the Veterans Memorial and the Columbia River Maritime Museum.

She died in 2006 and is interred at the Ocean View Cemetery in Warrenton.

The city proclaimed July 21, 2017, the 75th anniversary of Wicks Brown's registration as an architect in Oregon, as Ebba Wicks Brown Day.

In a third proclamation that LaMear noted was "very apropos" based on discussions about parks funding Monday night, the council declared July to be Parks and Recreation Month.

## Zinke ponders fate of Cascade-Siskiyou

By ANDREW SELSKY  
Associated Press

SALEM — After touring the "unique" Cascade-Siskiyou National Monument in Oregon and speaking to ranchers, loggers and environmentalists, U.S. Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke must next make a recommendation on whether it should be abolished or resized.

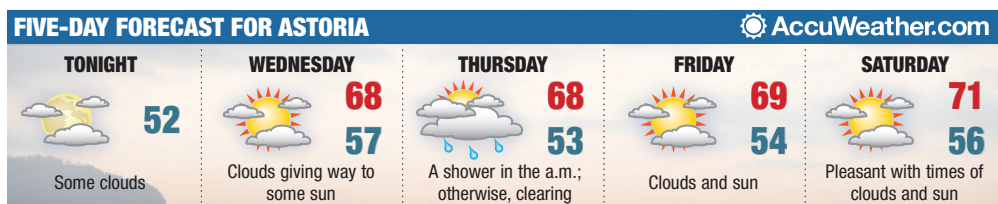
It's going to require a lot of study, Zinke indicated, given that the monument was created

— and expanded by former President Barack Obama — to protect biodiversity in an area where three mountain ranges converge, creating diverse habitats for species that would normally be living apart.

"Beautiful country, no doubt," Zinke said at a news conference Saturday next to a lake rimmed by evergreens. "There's areas that are being harvested, and harvested well. On the trail I saw horseback, and the resident artisan and the

people that are incredibly passionate about this monument."

Zinke was ordered by President Donald Trump to review 27 national monuments and report by Aug. 24. Since June 12, Zinke has recommended that the Bears Ears National Monument in Utah be downsized, and that no changes be made to Craters of the Moon National Monument in Idaho and the Hanford Reach National Monument in Washington state.



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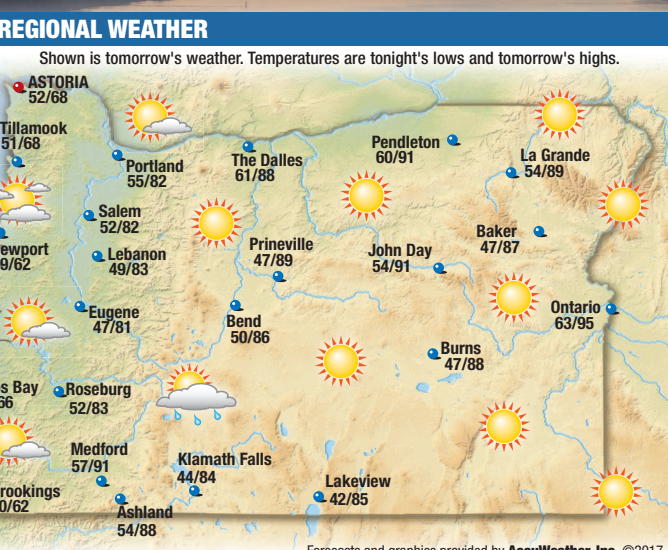
Astoria through Monday.

**Temperatures**

High/low ..... 68°/48°  
Normal high/low ..... 68°/53°  
Record high ..... 90° in 1908  
Record low ..... 43° in 1930

**Precipitation**

Monday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.02"  
Normal month to date ..... 0.67"  
Year to date ..... 49.59"  
Normal year to date ..... 36.58"



**SUN AND MOON**

Sunset tonight ..... 9:01 p.m.  
Sunrise Wednesday ..... 5:43 a.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 1:42 a.m.  
Moonset today ..... 4:00 p.m.

New First Full Last

July 23 July 30 Aug 7 Aug 14

**UNDER THE SKY**

Tonight's Sky: High above the southwestern sky at nightfall will be Leo toward the west, Virgo to its southeast, Scorpius due south and Sagittarius in the northeast.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

**TOMORROW'S TIDES**

Astoria / Port Docks

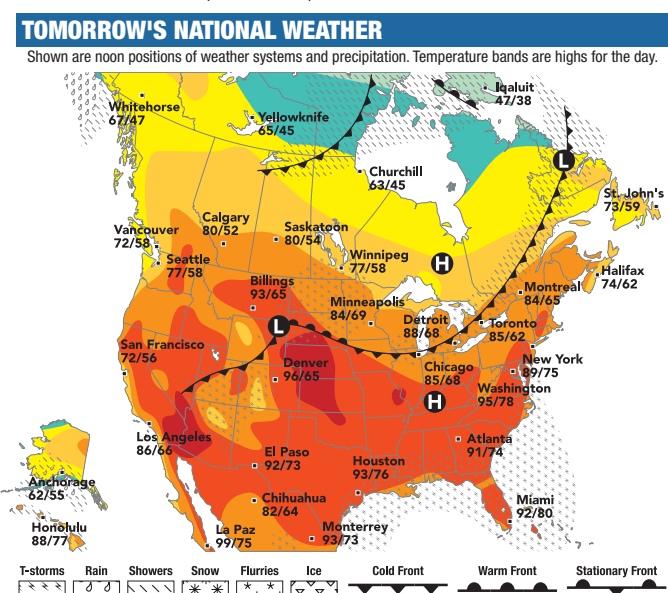
Time	High	Time	Low
10:54 a.m.	6.4 ft.	4:41 a.m.	0.0 ft.
10:28 p.m.	9.0 ft.	4:17 p.m.	2.2 ft.

**NATIONAL CITIES**

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	90 72 t	91 74 t
Boston	82 70 pc	87 71 pc
Chicago	86 71 s	85 68 t
Denver	95 65 pc	96 65 s
Des Moines	95 74 pc	95 79 s
Detroit	85 67 s	88 68 pc
El Paso	91 72 t	92 73 t
Fairbanks	76 54 pc	78 55 c
Honolulu	87 75 sh	88 77 pc
Indianapolis	87 68 s	89 72 s
Kansas City	92 74 s	95 77 s
Las Vegas	106 87 pc	100 84 t
Los Angeles	85 67 s	86 66 pc
Memphis	95 75 s	96 77 s
Miami	91 80 t	92 80 pc
Nashville	94 72 s	96 83 pc
New Orleans	87 76 t	89 76 t
New York	86 73 pc	89 75 pc
Oklahoma City	96 73 s	98 74 s
Philadelphia	90 74 pc	91 76 t
St. Louis	97 78 s	101 79 s
Salt Lake City	100 78 pc	99 78 pc
San Francisco	70 55 pc	72 56 pc
Seattle	81 54 s	77 58 s
Washington, DC	93 76 pc	95 78 pc

**REGIONAL CITIES**

City	Today	Wed.
Baker City	88 47 s	87 49 s
Bend	87 50 s	86 49 s
Brookings	61 51 pc	62 52 pc
Eugene	84 47 s	81 52 s
Ilwaco	64 54 pc	64 57 pc
Klamath Falls	85 44 s	84 44 s
Medford	91 57 s	91 58 s
Newberg	85 50 s	81 56 s
Newport	62 49 pc	62 52 pc
North Bend	64 51 pc	66 55 pc
Olympia	81 49 s	77 54 s
Pendleton	93 60 s	91 60 s
Portland	84 55 s	82 60 s
Roseburg	85 52 s	83 57 s
Salem	86 52 s	82 56 s
Seaside	66 53 pc	66 57 pc
Spokane	88 60 s	88 60 s
Springfield	84 48 s	82 54 s
Vancouver	83 52 s	80 57 s
Yakima	94 58 s	93 59 s



## Florence to become Coast Guard city

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Florence will be designated a U.S. Coast Guard City next month, the 24th nationally and third in Oregon after Astoria and Newport.

The designation coincides with the 100th anniversary of Coast Guard Station Siuslaw River. On Dec. 14, 1917, Capt. Theodore Roberge from Station Cape Disappointment in Ilwaco, Washington, was appointed as the "Keeper" of Station Siuslaw River. By March 1918 the station had a full crew which consisted of

five men from Florence and three men from other local towns.

"Over the past 100 years, the community has rallied around and accepted the men and women of the Coast Guard as their own," Rear Adm. David Throop, commander of the Coast Guard's District 13, said in a release. "The support of communities like Florence is essential in helping our crews and families to be ready at all times. We are happy to be able to highlight these local efforts by designating Florence a Coast Guard City."

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

- TUESDAY**
- Clatsop County Human Services Advisory Council**, 4 to 5:30 p.m., 800 Exchange St., Room 430.
  - Shoreline Sanitary District Board**, 7 p.m., Gearhart Hertig Station, 33496 West Lake Lane, Warrenton.
  - Seaside Planning Commission**, 7 p.m., work session, City Hall, 989 Broadway.
  - Astoria Historic Landmarks Commission**, 5:15 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

- WEDNESDAY**
- Seaside Tourism Advisory Committee**, 3 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.
  - Seaside Parks Master Plan Update Workshop**, 6 p.m., Seaside Public Library, 1131 Broadway.

## ON THE RECORD

**Harassment**

- At 8:10 p.m. Friday, Shirley Gene Brown, 65, of Portland, was arrested by the Warrenton Police Department on the 100 block of south U.S. Highway 101 and charged with physical harassment. A Staples employee was showing her a CD player when Brown allegedly yelled that she was a Christian and suddenly slapped her twice in the face before running out of the store. Video footage allegedly captured the incident, and she was arrested when she returned

to the store the next day.

**DUII**

- At 5:20 p.m. Saturday, Joshua Ashworth, 25, of Seaside, was arrested by the Seaside Police Department on U.S. Highway 101 and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants.
- At 1:25 a.m. Sunday, William Michael Weiss, 55, of Astoria, was arrested by the Astoria Police Department on the 500 block of Commercial Street for DUII. His blood alcohol content was 0.10 percent.

## LOTTERIES

- OREGON**
- Monday's Pick 4:** 1 p.m.: 4-6-8-2; 4 p.m.: 6-3-8-4; 7 p.m.: 7-4-8-5; 10 p.m.: 2-8-7-1
  - Monday's Megabucks:** 3-4-29-32-40-46; Estimated jackpot: \$4.2 million
- WASHINGTON**
- Monday's Daily Game:** 1-1-0
  - Monday's Hit 5:** 02-04-09-15-27; Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
  - Monday's Keno:** 06-08-14-15-16-28-33-35-37-41-42-43-48-49-50-55-57-59-61-78
  - Monday's Lotto:** 05-16-19-25-43-45; Estimated jackpot: \$1.8 million
  - Monday's Match 4:** 02-12-17-22

## MEMORIAL

**Thursday, July 20**

DIAMOND, Sali — Graveside service at 2 p.m., Greenwood Cemetery, 91569 Oregon Highway 202. Diamond, 68, of Astoria, died Sunday, July 16, 2017, in Astoria. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

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