## Washington Legislature fails to pass bill to let patrol destroy guns

#### Fears that guns will be used in new crimes

By MARTHA BELLISLE Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Washington state Legislature ended its latest session without passing a bill that would allow the State Patrol to destroy firearms confiscated during criminal investigations, instead of trading them with a firearms dealer, who would sell them to the

They not only sell handguns and hunting rifles, but also assault weapons.

House Bill 1483 sought to give the agency the option to destroy them instead, but it never received a vote on the House floor.

The agency has feared that one of its sold guns would be used in a new crime, and an Associated Press investigation found that has happened more than once.

"It's disappointing the bill failed to pass," said Kyle Moore, spokesman for the agency. "It's a policy that falls in line with other law enforcement agencies across the state.'

**TONIGHT** 

otherwise, cloudy

**ALMANAC** 

High/low

Record high

Record low

Monday .

Precipitation

Month to date

Moonrise today

Normal month to date

**SUN AND MOON** Sunset tonight

**UNDER THE SKY** 

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

Astoria / Port Docks

Boston

Des Moine

Detroit

FI Paso

Fairbanks Honolulu

Indianapolis

Kansas City

Las Vegas

Memphis

Nashville

New York

St. Louis

New Orleans

Oklahoma City

Philadelphia

Salt Lake City

San Francisco

Washington, DC

**TOMORROW'S TIDES** 

**NATIONAL CITIES** 

Tonight's Sky: William Herschel discovers Uranus

6:18 a.m. 6:57 p.m.

Lo 32 29

36 22

43 24

79 72

31 55

28

46 32 33

68 51 61 49

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy,

sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries

2.8 ft. 0.3 ft.

Wed. Lo 35 32

51 41

44 29 69 40

60 29

74 56 29

81 73

64 41

74 51

53 39

65 42 57 45

47 31 pc 45 32 pc

Astoria through Monday.

**FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA** 

WEDNESDAY

A thick cloud cover with a

74° in 1941

. 1.12" . 3.00"

20.39

7:18 p.m

3:32 p.m

36

**REGIONAL WEATHER** 

**REGIONAL CITIES** 

Brookings

Medford

Newberg

Klamath Falls

Today Lo

40

42

29

42

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

60 40 33 Wed. Hi Lo

49 32 44 25

50 39

52 34

49 39

33

sn

sn

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

Pendletor

Portland

Roseburg

Salem

Seaside

Springfield

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Jaime Smith, spokeswoman for Gov. Jay Inslee, said the bill's failure "was definitely a disappointment."

In Washington, like most other states, the law allows police to decide whether to sell, trade or destroy guns that are confiscated during criminal investigations. But the law was stricter for the State Patrol. Any forfeited guns that are not needed as evidence or kept for agency use must be auctioned or traded with licensed dealers, who then sell them.

Having the option to destroy the crime guns would "reduce the risk of these firearms being used for criminal purposes in the future and tied back to the department," the agency said in its request for the bill, which was sponsored by state Rep. Tana Senn, D-Bellevue. It's co-sponsored by nine other Democrats and two Republicans.

The bill had moved to the House floor after being moved out of committee last year, but it stalled there and never got a vote, Senn said.

"I'm still in a little bit of shock that we didn't pass the bill," she said. "It certainly wasn't for a lack of trying."

Some lawmakers argued

**THURSDAY** 

Periods of rain, some

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that if the agency destroys the guns, people will just buy them from the gun manufacturer and that will add to their profit, Senn said.

"But we argued that it's more expensive to buy it new," she said, and by destroying the guns "we wouldn't have the liability issues involved." Some fear the State Patrol and the state would be held liable if a gun sold by the agency were used in a murder or mass shooting.

An AP investigation found more than a dozen of the almost 6,000 firearms sold by Washington state law enforcement agencies since 2010 ended up in new criminal investigations, including three sold by the State Patrol.

The AP compared a list of almost 6,000 firearms that were used in crimes and then sold by Washington law enforcement agencies since 2010 with databases of guns used in crimes. More than a dozen of those sold guns were evidence in new police investigations that ranged from murder investigations to felons in possession of a

The AP probe discovered that happened in at least three cases.

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**SATURDAY** 

Cloudy with a few

40 42

43

41

41

42 38

63 41 53 31

54 36

53 35

51 36 48 34

35

**FRIDAY** 

Mostly cloudy

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

# Rare salamander threatened by logging, environmentalists say

By JES BURNS Oregon Public Broadcasting

Environmental groups are petitioning the federal government to add an Oregon salamander to the federal endangered species list. They say plans to boost logging on fed-

eral land are a major concern. The Siskiyou Mountains salamander lives only in its namesake mountains straddling the Oregon-California border. It lives in damp, mossy areas of old-growth forest.

George Sexton of the Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center says the Bureau of Land Management made changes in 2016 that roll back protections.

"I don't have a lot of faith that the BLM is going to protect wildlife habitat, even when it knows that rare species are relying on it," he said.

The Bureau of Land Management's most recent forest plan is called the Western Oregon Plan Revision. It changed how timberland earmarked to



Center for Biological Diversity

The rare Siskiyou Mountains salmander could be at risk.

create revenue for counties was managed in order to boost logging rates.

"Part of us doing this work is an attempt to make sure this first wave of big BLM timber projects doesn't wipe out the salamander or put it in a place where it can't recover," Sexton

The BLM says although the WOPR changes how the forests are managed, it still provides sufficient protections for the salamander and other rare species to meet its legal requirements.

How well the new plan achieves these protections will be a factor in whether Endangered Species Act protections are granted.

KS Wild, the Center for Biological Diversity, Cascadia Wildlands and the Environmental Protection Information Center jointly filed the petition.

Federal wildlife managers now have 90 days to decide if there's sufficient evidence the salamander is threatened. That'll determine if a more formal review should happen.

### Navy considers expanding state park use for training

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Navy is considering using more Washington state parks along the coastline for training its special operations forces.

The Seattle Times reported a draft proposal calls for the possible use of 29 parks in the state for stealth training exercises for Navy SEALs.

The Navy currently has a permit to conduct training exercises at five state parks.

Navy Region Northwest public affairs deputy Sheila Murray says the training would not interfere with normal park operations.

Using the parks for training exercises requires approval from the state Parks and Recreation Commission. The Navy has not yet submitted a permit request to the commission.

State Parks and Recreation spokeswoman Virginia Painter says the department "would be concerned about anything that would affect the visitor's experience, environment and safety."

### Delgani String Quartet performs at Liberty Theatre

The Daily Astorian

The Liberty Theatre presents the Delgani String Quartet, a chamber music ensemble, at 7 p.m. Friday.

Tickets cost \$20 for general admission.

Delgani was formed in 2014

with a mission to cultivate an appreciation for chamber music, and the group's musicians have performed throughout the U.S. and internationally. They collectively hold 12 degrees in string performance from various schools of music and conservatories across the nation.

As part of the Liberty Theatre's Classical Series, Delgani String Quartet is holding a workshop with the students of Astoria High School before the performance.

For information, call 503-325-5922 or go to libertyastoria.org

#### ON THE RECORD

#### **Assault**

• At 5:22 p.m. Monday, Hannah Toole, 19, of Seaside, was arrested by Seaside police on the 320 block of Fourth Avenue and charged with fourth-degree assault and second-degree disorderly conduct. She allegedly hit and scratched a family member during a domestic dispute.

#### **DUII**

• At 2:33 a.m. Monday, Melodee Gibson, 28, of Seaside, was arrested by Seaside Avenue A and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants and hit and run. She allegedly hit a parked car.

police on Columbia Street near

At 12:52 a.m. Monday, Roger Davis, 37, of Mount Vernon, Washington, was arrested by Seaside police on Roosevelt Drive near Avenue U in Seaside and charged with DUII and open container. His blood alcohol content was 0.19 percent.

• At 3:03 a.m. Sunday, Phillip W. Dalshing, 26, of

Gresham, was arrested by Astoria police on Marine Drive near Portway Street and charged with DUII, reckless driving and driving while suspended. His blood alcohol content was 0.12 percent.

• At 12:39 a.m. Saturday, Sheena Lynn Kalenakai Martin, 33, of Astoria, was arrested by Astoria police on 12th and Exchange streets and charged with DUII, hit-and-run and reckless driving. Her blood alcohol content was 0.16 percent.

#### DEATH

#### March 10, 2018

POSEY, Joanne O., 87, of Lebanon, formerly of Astoria, died in Lebanon. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary in Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

### **PUBLIC MEETINGS**

#### **TUESDAY**

**Seaside School District School Construction** Citizen Oversight Committee, 3 p.m., 1801 S. Franklin, Seaside.

Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.

Lewis & Clark Fire Department Board, 7 p.m., main fire station, 34571 Highway 101 Business.

#### **WEDNESDAY**

Astoria City Council, 9 a.m., special session on Tongue Point, City Hall, 1095 Duane St. **Clatsop Soil and Water Conservation District** 

Board, 10 a.m., Astoria Post Office, 750 Commer-

cial St., Room 207.

Cannon Beach City Council, 5:30 p.m., work session, City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.

Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 6 p.m., special meeting, 7 p.m., regular meeting, Warrenton High School library, 1700 S. Main Ave. Astoria School Board, 6:15 p.m., study session,

7:30 p.m., regular meeting, Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave. Wickiup Water District Board, 6:30 p.m., 92648

Svensen Market Road, Svensen.



### LOTTERIES

#### **OREGON** Monday's Pick 4:

**1 p.m.:** 6-9-2-1 4 p.m.: 5-0-6-1

**7 p.m.:** 5-7-5-1

10 p.m.: 0-0-1-2 Monday's Lucky Lines: 01-06-10-16-20-21-26-32

Estimated jackpot: \$22,000

Monday's Megabucks: 6-9-13-14-42-43 Estimated jackpot: \$1.2 million

WASHINGTON Monday's Daily Game: 6-6-0 Monday's Hit 5: 03-07-13-

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52 weeks in advance

Monday's Keno: 03-05-10-20-22-23-25-28-29-30-43-46-49-50-53-65-69-72-74-80 Monday's Lotto: 04-29-32-42-43-44 Estimated jackpot: \$2.8 million

Estimated jackpot: \$100,000

Monday's Match 4: 17-18-

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