

# Measures would give sweeping authority to sheriffs on guns

## Backers send a statement on gun rights

By JONATHAN LEVINSON  
Oregon Public Broadcasting

Voters in 10 Oregon counties will decide on Second Amendment Protection Ordinances this Election Day.

The ordinances state that county residents have the right to own semi-automatic weapons and high-capacity magazines, and the right to own firearms without any registration requirement.

The ordinances also call on county sheriffs to decide whether state and federal gun laws are constitutional, and prohibit the use of county resources to enforce any laws deemed unconstitutional.

The measures were written and shepherded through the ballot initiative process by the Committee to Protect the



Jonathan Levinson/Oregon Public Broadcasting Douglas County Sheriff John Hanlin sits for a portrait in his office in Roseburg.

Second Amendment, an organization run by Coos County resident Rob Taylor. Members of militia groups like the Oath Keepers and the Three Percenters took lead roles as well.

In Douglas County, Sheriff John Hanlin supports the ordinance before voters there, but says it's mostly just a message.

"The main purpose of the ordinance is sort of raising the flag in support of the Second

Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America," Hanlin said.

And although Hanlin was clear that interpreting the constitution is not part of his job or something that he's qualified to do, this isn't his first foray into the issue.

In 2013, after the Sandy Hook school shooting, the federal government was considering restrictions on some

types of gun sales. Hanlin gained national attention after he wrote a letter to Vice President Joe Biden saying "any federal regulation enacted by Congress or by executive order of the president offending the constitutional rights of my citizens shall not be enforced by me or by my deputies."

While Hanlin and the Second Amendment are both popular in Douglas County, even some of his supporters are skeptical of the gun rights ordinances.

Mitchell Randall said Hanlin is a family friend he's known his entire life. And Randall said he trusts Hanlin, but is less sure about other sheriffs.

"I don't like the idea," Randall said. "John Hanlin is the man ... but I don't know about those other guys."

In neighboring Coos County, Sheriff Craig Zanni technically has the power granted by the Second Amendment ordinances. Voters there

passed a similar initiative with 60 percent support in 2015. Like Hanlin, Zanni supported the initiative with the caveat that it's probably illegal.

"I was very clear. I don't think you can enforce it, but I think it makes a great statement," Zanni said. "Leave us alone. If we're not doing something wrong, why are you bothering to put more responsibility on us?"

But not everyone sees the measures as a mere formality.

Tom McKirgan spent 17 years as a police officer and is a member of the Three Percenters militia. He's the southern Oregon coordinator for Taylor's Committee to Protect the Second Amendment, and helped draft the Douglas County ordinance.

Standing in front of his Camas Valley home with enormous campaign signs behind him, McKirgan said this isn't just a statement.

"They can't use any county resources to enforce these draconian laws. So if they show

up on my property and want to assist another agency with taking my firearms, then there's a \$2,000 fine per incident on the officer and \$4,000 for the agency," McKirgan explained. "People are upset down here in the south because the people up north, they're trying to tell us how to live down here ... And we're just not going to take it anymore."

At a recent campaign event sponsored by the gun control group Moms Demand Action, Gov. Kate Brown said the law in Oregon is very clear.

"We moved forward on legislation in the '90s to clarify that any gun regulations need to be developed at the state level because of challenges of enforcement at the local level from jurisdiction to jurisdiction," she said.

But Taylor said he and his committee are prepared for the courts to strike down the ordinances. They've already written an updated version without the controversial sheriff clause if that happens.

# Bloomberg gives \$1.5M to oppose ban on grocery tax

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg has donated \$1.5 million to the campaign against a ballot measure in Oregon that would ban any future taxes on grocery revenue and items sold in supermarkets.

The Oregonian said Monday that Bloomberg has not commented publicly on his donation, which was disclosed Friday. The donation was first reported by Portland's weekly newspaper, Willamette Week.

As New York City mayor, Bloomberg unsuccessfully tried to ban super-sized sodas. He also spent \$5 million

in 2017 to support a proposed soda tax in Chicago.

Oregon's Measure 103 proposes a state constitutional amendment to prohibit new taxes on grocers and most groceries, including food and soda.

Taxes would still be allowed on alcohol, marijuana and tobacco.

# Snake River dams seen as possible barriers to saving orcas

## Task force recommends policy options

By DON JENKINS  
Capital Press

Washington state's orca-rescue plan could include creating more fish habitat in Puget Sound and taking another look at removing lower Snake River dams, according to a task force's preliminary proposals.

Orcas don't have enough fish to eat, especially Chinook salmon, according to a task force report. The group may recommend studying how much the killer whales would benefit by breaching Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental, Little Goose and Lower Granite dams on the Snake River.

Another proposal is to make more fish habitat in

several basins in northwest and southwest Washington. Such projects in the past have included breaching dikes and flooding fields that had been used for agriculture.

The 49-member task force, which was created by Gov. Jay Inslee, will meet next week to finalize its recommendations. One task force member, House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee Chairman Brian Blake, said Monday that there are more effective ways to help orcas than taking out the Snake River dams.

"I personally do not support removal of the Snake River dams. I think it's the wrong thing to be studying," said Blake, D-Aberdeen.

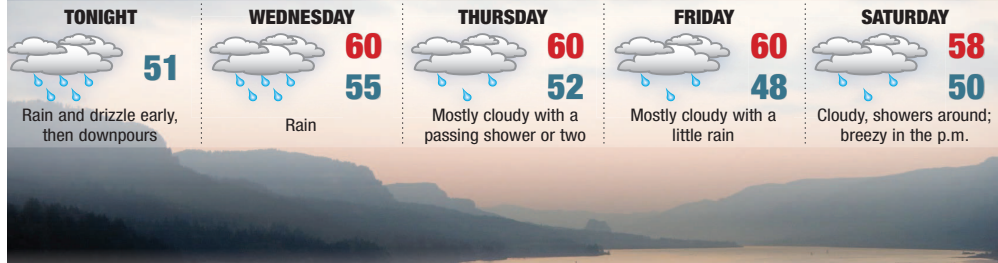
Some 76 orcas that travel between southern Alaska and central California spend most of the year in the Salish Sea and off the coast of Washington. The first census counted

66 orcas in 1973. The population peaked at 98 in 1995. The orcas are believed to be in poor condition and struggling to reproduce, according to the report.

Inslee created the task force in May. Public attention on orcas increased in July. An orca nicknamed Tahlequah by a whale museum had a calf that lived for half an hour. Tahlequah carried the calf for 17 days over more than 1,000 miles in "what was widely seen as a display of deep mourning," according to the task force report.

Orcas have become central in the long-running debate whether to remove the lower Snake River dams to produce more salmon. As of Monday, more than 653,000 people had signed an online petition to remove the dams to save orcas. Farm groups say the dams are important for barging wheat.

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



## ALMANAC

Astoria through Monday.  
Temperatures  
High/low ..... 59°/46°  
Normal high/low ..... 58°/43°  
Record high ..... 72° in 1958  
Record low ..... 27° in 1971  
Precipitation  
Monday ..... 0.87"  
Month to date ..... 6.57"  
Normal month to date ..... 5.42"  
Year to date ..... 45.25"  
Normal year to date ..... 45.66"

## SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight ..... 6:04 p.m.  
Sunrise Wednesday ..... 7:55 a.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 11:28 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 2:04 p.m.  
Last Nov 7, First Nov 15, Full Nov 22

## UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: The Pleiades is a cluster of several hundred stars and is low in the ENE.  
Source: Jim Todd, OMS

## TOMORROW'S TIDES

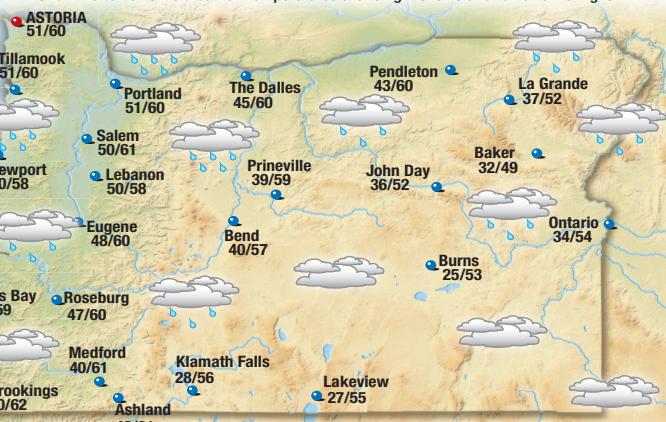
Astoria / Port Docks  
Time High Time Low  
7:55 a.m. 7.1 ft. 1:07 a.m. 0.1 ft.  
7:01 p.m. 7.8 ft. 1:21 p.m. 3.3 ft.

## NATIONAL CITIES

| City           | Hi | Lo | W  | Hi | Lo | W  |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Atlanta        | 72 | 53 | s  | 78 | 62 | pc |
| Boston         | 51 | 36 | s  | 57 | 51 | pc |
| Chicago        | 62 | 46 | t  | 58 | 43 | pc |
| Denver         | 44 | 30 | r  | 46 | 31 | pc |
| Des Moines     | 60 | 40 | pc | 61 | 36 | pc |
| Detroit        | 56 | 52 | pc | 59 | 43 | r  |
| El Paso        | 78 | 56 | pc | 68 | 41 | s  |
| Fairbanks      | 21 | 7  | pc | 21 | 10 | c  |
| Honolulu       | 82 | 73 | r  | 85 | 73 | sh |
| Indianapolis   | 66 | 58 | pc | 61 | 44 | r  |
| Kansas City    | 64 | 45 | r  | 58 | 38 | c  |
| Las Vegas      | 76 | 57 | s  | 71 | 53 | s  |
| Los Angeles    | 76 | 51 | pc | 80 | 58 | s  |
| Memphis        | 80 | 66 | pc | 77 | 60 | t  |
| Miami          | 94 | 70 | s  | 84 | 72 | pc |
| Nashville      | 75 | 61 | pc | 76 | 62 | t  |
| New Orleans    | 82 | 69 | pc | 85 | 73 | pc |
| New York       | 56 | 44 | s  | 64 | 56 | pc |
| Oklahoma City  | 71 | 49 | c  | 52 | 41 | r  |
| Philadelphia   | 59 | 45 | s  | 69 | 59 | s  |
| St. Louis      | 78 | 54 | pc | 58 | 49 | r  |
| Salt Lake City | 52 | 31 | pc | 52 | 42 | c  |
| San Francisco  | 72 | 51 | s  | 73 | 53 | s  |
| Seattle        | 55 | 50 | c  | 58 | 55 | r  |
| Washington, DC | 63 | 50 | s  | 71 | 61 | s  |

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

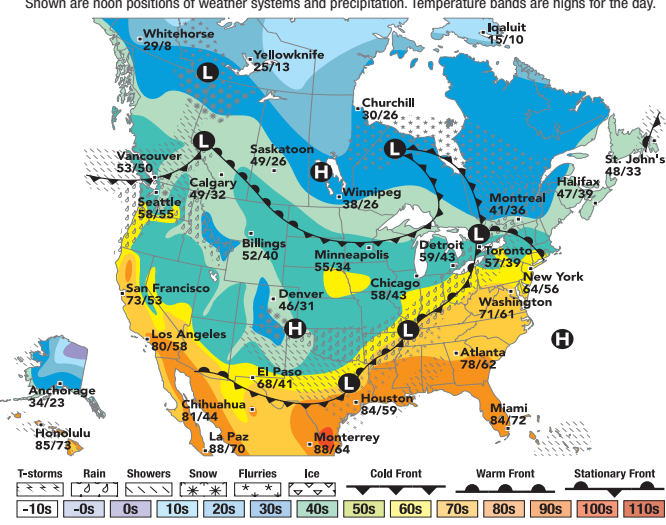
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| City          | Today    | Wed.    | City        | Today    | Wed.    |
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| Baker City    | 51 32 pc | 49 43 r | Olympia     | 55 45 c  | 59 53 r |
| Bend          | 53 40 pc | 57 45 r | Pendleton   | 56 43 pc | 60 55 r |
| Brookings     | 62 48 pc | 60 51 c | Portland    | 58 51 c  | 60 57 r |
| Eugene        | 60 48 c  | 60 53 r | Roseburg    | 61 47 pc | 60 52 r |
| Ilwaco        | 56 51 c  | 59 56 r | Salem       | 60 50 c  | 61 55 r |
| Klamath Falls | 54 28 pc | 56 35 c | Seaside     | 57 51 c  | 59 56 r |
| Medford       | 60 40 pc | 61 46 c | Spokane     | 48 38 pc | 49 44 r |
| Newberg       | 58 50 c  | 60 55 r | Springfield | 60 49 c  | 58 53 r |
| Newport       | 57 50 c  | 58 53 r | Vancouver   | 56 50 c  | 60 56 r |
| North Bend    | 61 50 pc | 60 55 r | Yakima      | 58 39 pc | 61 45 r |

## TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



## ON THE RECORD

### DUII

At 8:22 p.m. Monday, Madeline Bingham Miller, 29, of Wheeler, was arrested by Oregon State Police on state Highway 53 and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants, reckless driving and coercion.

### Assault

At 1:01 p.m. Monday, Dennis Alan Steele, 56, of Warrenton, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office on the 33240 block of Sunset Beach Lane and charged with fourth-degree assault. The alleged assault came during a domestic dispute.

## DEATHS

**Oct. 29, 2018**  
VALENTINE, Franziska, 91, of Naselle, Washington, died in Astoria. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

**Oct. 27, 2018**  
PLOWMAN, Peter D., 74, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

## BIRTHS

**Oct. 16, 2018**  
WALTON, Lauren and Travis, of Astoria, a boy, Jameson Stone Walton, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in

Astoria. Grandparents are Marvin and Judy Walton of Diana, Texas, and Robert and Nancy Bickley of Coarsegold, California.

**Oct. 14, 2018**  
CALDWELL, Kristen and Jeff, of Astoria, a boy, Corbin Henry Caldwell, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**TUESDAY**  
Port of Astoria, 4 p.m., special session on Astoria Riverwalk Inn, Port offices, 10 Pier 1, Suite 209.  
Gearhart City Council, 6 p.m., work session on wildlife feed-

ing, 698 Pacific Way.  
**THURSDAY**  
Northwest Oregon Housing Authority Board, 10 a.m., NOHA office, 147 S. Main Ave., Warrenton.

**Astoria Design Review Committee**, 5:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.  
**Seaside Parks Advisory Committee**, 7 p.m., City Hall, 989 Broadway.

## LOTTERIES

**OREGON**  
Monday's Pick 4:  
1 p.m.: 5-1-2-4  
4 p.m.: 7-9-4-1  
7 p.m.: 3-5-1-1  
10 p.m.: 9-9-9-0  
Monday's Lucky Lines: 2-6-12-15-18-21-26-32

Estimated jackpot: \$24,000  
Monday's Megabucks: 8-17-21-28-36-45  
Estimated jackpot: \$1.8 million

Estimated jackpot: \$100,000  
Monday's Keno: 01-03-08-13-14-25-27-28-30-32-43-46-50-51-55-58-60-70-71-73  
Monday's Lotto: 01-07-18-21-38-44  
Estimated jackpot: \$4.9 million  
Monday's Match 4: 07-10-15-24

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