

Oregon to reduce incarceration of people with mental illnesses

Committee to recommend policy changes

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One of the biggest problems in Oregon's prisons is the incarceration of people who have mental illnesses or drug addictions.

Police and political leaders agree: They should receive specialized care, not incarceration.

When a police officer arrests someone on the street for violent or threatening behavior, they don't have many options for where to take them — even when they suspect mental illness and not criminality is the problem.

What that means is about half of all inmates locked up in Oregon have serious mental illnesses.

State Senate President Peter Courtney said a new committee is going to look at the problem and suggest monumental change.

“Some of our priorities

are going to shift in criminal justice dramatically ... 'cause we know we're locking up way too many people and keeping them a long time and many of them are mentally ill. So that is going to shift,” he said.

The so-called Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Steering Committee will come up with policy recommendations for the 2019 legislative session.

Oregon's health authority and criminal justice departments have agreed to share data with the committee.

“We know that when we make meaningful change in behavioral health treatment and addiction recovery, we lift a burden off of our prisons, our hospitals, and our law enforcement,” said Gov. Kate Brown, who is facing a tight race against Republican state Rep. Knute Buehler.

Oregon successfully used justice reinvestment to slow prison growth and expand programs that help people succeed outside of prison. By focusing on the intersection of the behavioral health and criminal justice systems in this new model of reinvestment, we

can continue to improve both health and public safety.”

Oregon Health Authority Director Patrick Allen is serving on the Behavioral Health Justice Reinvestment Steering Committee.

“The criminal justice system was designed to prevent, protect against and prosecute criminal offenses. It was not designed to treat mental illness or substance addiction,” said Allen.

“The best way to support people with behavioral health needs is to connect them to treatment in their local communities. The justice reinvestment process will allow us to develop solutions that better promote individual recovery while preserving community safety.”

Senate Republican Leader Jackie Winters is also a member of the new committee.

“Studies have shown that a small percentage of people make up a disproportionate share of the costs to these systems,” she said.

“By identifying this population of people, we can develop proactive strategies to improve results and their quality of life at a lower cost.”

Ronald Jorma Leinassar, DMD



Salem

June 2, 1961 — Oct. 10, 2018

Ronald Jorma Leinassar, beloved husband, father, brother and friend, passed away after his battle with cancer on Oct. 10, 2018, in the arms of his wife, listening to their love songs.

Ron is survived by his wife, Cyndi Leinassar; sons, Josh Leinassar, Matthew Astley and Connor Astley; daughter-in-law, Kayla Matthews; and family, Dr. Jeff and Cathy Leinassar, Dr. Scott and Marianne Leinassar, Teri Reed, Richard and Michelle Bopp, Phil and Carol Bopp, mother-in-law, ReNae Bopp, and cherished nieces and nephews.

Ron was born in Astoria to Dr. Jorma and Marilyn Leinassar and grew to become a true coastal boy, loving the outdoors. Upon graduation from Astoria High School, Ron followed in his family's footsteps and attended Oregon State University, where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in June 1984, and ascending to Oregon Health & Science University to study dentistry. Ron graduated from OHSU in June 1988, and was licensed by the Oregon Board of Dentistry in July 1988.

Dr. L, as he became known, began his dental career in the Navy, serving first in Bremerton, Washington, then at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. After almost five years of active service, Lt. Leinassar left the Navy and entered civilian life, practicing with Permanente Dental Associates. Ron loved PDA and rose quickly, becoming a shareholder, and accepted a professional director position, managing operations at Kaiser's Grand Avenue office, then transferring to manage the Gresham office. After meeting and marrying his wife,

Cyndi, Dr. L transferred to the Salem's Lancaster office, where he ended his 30-year dental career, spending over 25 years with PDA.

Ron became a father to Joshua in April 1999. Josh became his world, and Ron vowed to show Josh every day how much he loved him, and always told Josh when they left each other, “I love you, pal.” Ron became a father again, early in Cyndi's and Ron's love affair, to Connor and Matthew.

The Fab Five, as they dubbed themselves, became an instant family growing in love, friendship, laughter, a lot of teasing, and unforgettable adventures. Ron took pleasure in being there for his family, traveling to watch all the sporting events,

concerts, fishing excursions, family vacations to exotic ports and, mostly, loving his wife, Cyndi. Ron's celebration of life will take place Saturday, Nov. 10, at 2 p.m. at Gateway Foursquare Church, located at 525 Idylwood Drive S.E. in Salem. Please do not wear black. A reception will immediately follow.

To honor Ron, and in lieu of flowers, The Fab Five request donations in name of Dr. Ron Leinassar be made to the Oregon Mission of Mercy. Ron volunteered countless hours helping low-income people with their dental needs. He couldn't believe the need, and dedicated himself to supporting this Oregon effort. Please make checks payable to DFO, c/o Oregon Mission of Mercy, and mail to 8699 S.W. Sun Place, Wilsonville, OR., 97070.

Assisting the family is Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service.



Dr. Ronald Leinassar

Peter Dale Plowman



Seaside

Sept. 2, 1944 — Oct. 27, 2018

Peter Dale Plowman, of Seaside, Oregon, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018.

Pete was born Sept. 2, 1944, to Richard and Irene Plowman in San Mateo, California. After serving in the Army, Pete became a mechanical engineer.

He and his wife, Teresa, are members of Our Saviour's Lutheran Church in Seaside, and are also members of the Astoria Golf and Country Club.

Pete is survived by his wife, Teresa Plowman; daughter, Carrie Ann Plowman, and her fiancé, Todd Carver, of Molalla, Oregon; son,

Darin Dale Plowman, of Portland, Oregon; stepson, Rick Miller, and his wife, Erika, of Lake Oswego, Oregon; and three brothers, Richard Plowman, of Costa Rica, Jerry Miller, of Sequim, Washington, and Mark Plowman, of Long Beach, Washington. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are in the care of Hughes-Ransom Mortuaries and Crematory. Visit the online memorial tribute to sign the guest book, share a favorite memory or upload photos at hughes-ransom.com and fb.me/hughesransommortuary



Peter Plowman

Seaside community service officer steps down

The Daily Astorian

SEASIDE — Seaside Police Officer Lorna Brandt stepped down Wednesday after a 28-year career in law enforcement.

During that time, Brandt served with four different law enforcement agencies, beginning as a member of the posse for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office in 1990.

After a promotion from police officer to sergeant, Brandt joined the Cannon Beach Police

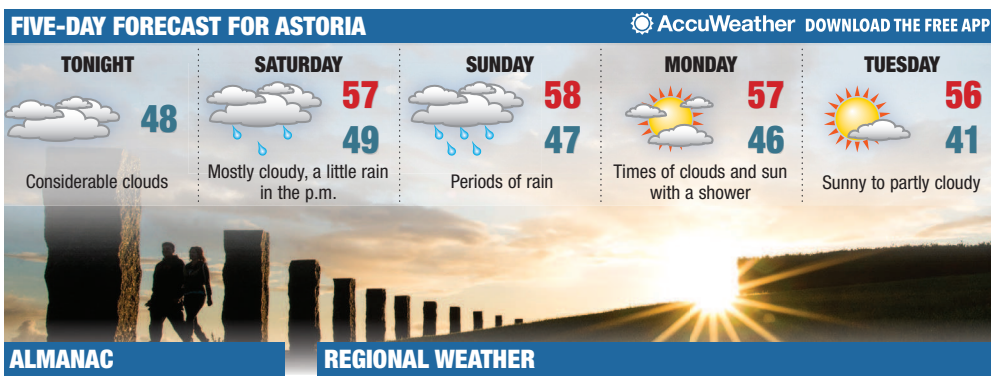
Department in 1997. She served there until 2008, when she joined the Seaside Police Department as community service officer.

Animal control was one of the priorities of her job, Police Chief Dave Ham said, and over the period of her 10 years in Seaside, she received “many compliments” for her compassionate care of animals.

On her final shift, Brandt was honored by colleagues, followed by a presentation of a plaque in recognition of her service.



Lorna Brandt



ALMANAC

Astoria through Thursday.

Temperatures
High/low 61°/57°
Normal high/low 57°/42°
Record high 71° in 1969
Record low 25° in 1935

Precipitation
Thursday 0.12"
Month to date 0.12"
Normal month to date 0.30"
Year to date 46.85"
Normal year to date 46.52"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 6:00 p.m.
Sunrise Saturday 7:59 a.m.
Moonrise today 1:51 a.m.
Moonset today 4:03 p.m.

New First Full Last
Nov 7 Nov 15 Nov 22 Nov 29

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: After sunset, Saturn low above the SW horizon.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks			
Time	High	Time	Low
10:55 a.m.	8.3 ft.	4:29 a.m.	0.4 ft.
11:00 p.m.	7.7 ft.	5:05 p.m.	1.4 ft.

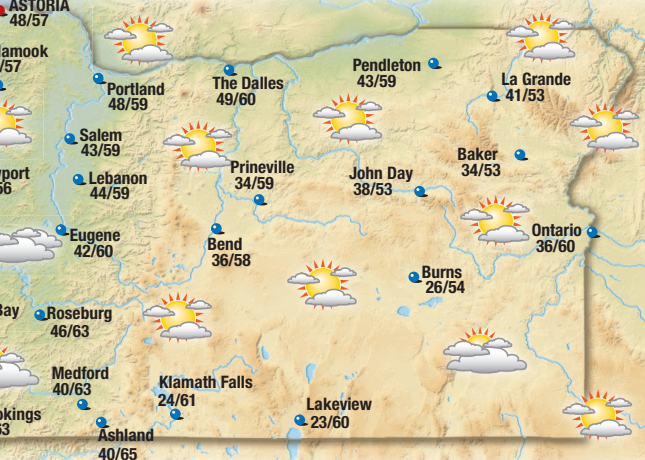
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	62	42	c	65	46	s
Boston	68	61	r	64	40	r
Chicago	49	36	c	54	43	pc
Denver	64	38	pc	52	29	c
Des Moines	56	39	c	51	42	sh
Detroit	48	36	c	50	36	pc
El Paso	69	46	s	74	45	s
Fairbanks	25	7	s	21	5	s
Honolulu	87	74	pc	85	74	sh
Indianapolis	51	33	c	56	44	c
Kansas City	56	40	c	62	42	c
Las Vegas	81	58	s	80	56	s
Los Angeles	88	61	s	86	61	s
Memphis	58	41	sh	67	52	pc
Miami	87	73	pc	84	74	t
Nashville	56	40	c	65	48	s
New Orleans	68	52	s	76	63	s
New York	70	56	sh	59	43	sh
Oklahoma City	63	44	pc	67	40	s
Philadelphia	73	56	t	59	41	pc
St. Louis	52	40	sh	59	53	pc
Salt Lake City	64	42	c	53	39	c
San Francisco	71	52	s	72	50	pc
Seattle	59	50	r	55	50	r
Washington, DC	73	52	r	61	43	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.

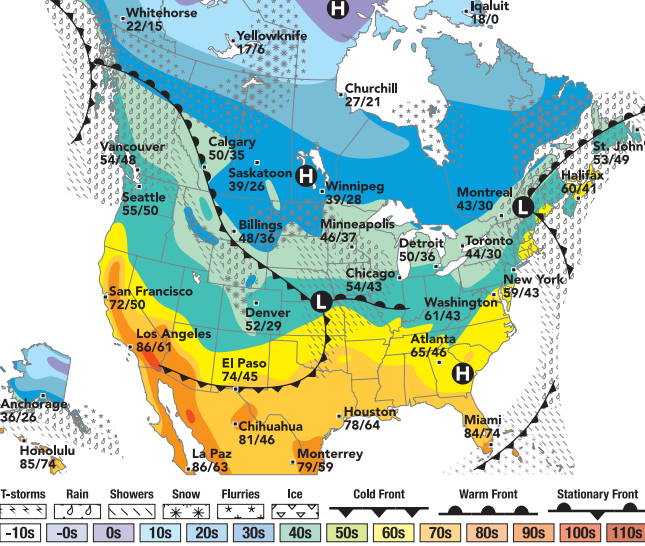


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City	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	59	34	sh	53	38	pc
Bend	60	36	c	58	43	pc
Brookings	62	48	c	62	49	pc
Eugene	64	42	r	60	46	pc
Ilwaco	59	52	r	57	52	r
Klamath Falls	60	24	pc	61	30	c
Medford	63	40	pc	63	40	c
Newberg	62	47	r	58	50	pc
Newport	58	45	r	56	49	pc
North Bend	61	45	r	59	48	c
Olympia	58	46	r	55	49	r
Pendleton	63	43	c	59	49	pc
Portland	63	48	r	59	51	pc
Roseburg	65	46	r	63	47	c
Salem	64	43	r	59	48	pc
Spokane	60	51	r	57	51	r
Spokane	58	39	r	51	42	r
Springfield	63	44	r	60	48	pc
Vancouver	61	49	r	58	50	pc
Yakima	66	42	pc	59	41	pc

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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



ON THE RECORD

DUII

• At 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Carl Leon Binder, 66, of Seattle, was arrested by Astoria police on Eighth and Commercial streets and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants. His blood alcohol content was 0.13 percent.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

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

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Estimated jackpot: \$27,000

Thursday's Pick 4:

1 p.m.: 2-8-2-7

4 p.m.: 9-5-1-1

7 p.m.: 0-1-8-7

10 p.m.: 5-1-6-3

Thursday's Lucky Lines: 4-5-10-14-20-21-27-29

WASHINGTON

Thursday's Daily Game: 5-9-0

Thursday's Keno: 01-02-08-10-11-17-18-19-28-34-36-37-43-50-68-70-71-74-76-77

Thursday's Match 4: 01-16-23-2

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