

POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Should we build a wall on the southern border?



"No. It's a way too expensive and bull-headed approach to a problem for which there are other solutions."

Shannon Meeker,
Skamokawa, Washington



"No, not a physical wall. If we can land a satellite on Mars, and send one to Pluto, then we could install something similar to that technology along the border."

Jeff Campbell, Astoria



"No. Third-century technology. We can electronically cover it with satellite surveillance, and ground detection, and other technical systems, and hire people to enforce it. Put people to work."

Gary Baker, Astoria

Wyoming pursues lawsuit against Washington state

At odds over stalled coal-export project in Longview

By **MEAD GRUVER**
Associated Press

CHEYENNE, Wyo. — Lawmakers expressed frustration Tuesday that Wyoming isn't being more aggressive with legal action involving a disputed coal-export facility and advanced a measure to pursue their own lawsuit against Washington state.

The bill passed 7-2 by the House Judiciary Committee

would authorize lawmakers, after the legislative session concludes in March, to consider suing Washington for denying a crucial permit for a proposed coal-shipping terminal in Longview.

Wyoming and five other states — Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Utah — are filing friend-of-the-court briefs siding with the developer of the proposed \$680 million shipping facility. Suing Washington outright and being more directly involved as a party to the case could be more effective, said Republican state Rep. Clark Stith, of

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"If you're not a party to a lawsuit, you just don't have the same standing to exert control over the litigation," he said.

The Powder River Basin in northeast Wyoming and southeast Montana is the nation's top coal-producing

region. Officials in both states hope that more exports could offset declining domestic demand. They view the permit's denial as a political move that violates the U.S. Constitution by interfering with interstate commerce.

Six other states — California, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Massachusetts and Oregon — have filed a friend-of-the-court brief backing Democratic Washington Gov. Jay Inslee's administration. Wyoming's new Republican governor, Mark Gordon, has said challenging Washington over coal exports will be a priority for his administration but has not yet said what exactly he intends to do about the litigation filed in 2018 by the coal terminal's developer, Salt Lake City-based Lighthouse Resources. The bill could pressure Gordon to take stronger

action, Stith said.

"I'm sorry that the Legislature has to do this to push the executive in the right direction," said another committee member, Republican Rep. Tim Salazar, of Dubois.

The bill's prospects are uncertain. Should it clear the Legislature, Gordon would need to sign off on it.

The bill would not likely affect the lawsuit as it stands now and Wyoming officials may yet consider other options, including potentially intervening in the case, Cara Chambers, with the attorney general's office, told the committee.

Bonamici to lead new civil rights, human services subcommittee

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U.S. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici has been appointed chairwoman of the newly created House civil rights and human services subcommittee.

The subcommittee, part of the House Education and Labor Committee, advances policies on civil rights, equal employment opportunities, human services, nutrition and the Older Americans Act.

Bonamici credited Rep. Bobby Scott, D-Va., the committee's chairman, with helping to create the subcommittee to make civil rights and human services a priority.

"Public education can help break the cycle of poverty, and I will do all I can to expand opportunities for people of all backgrounds, especially for students of

color who continue to face disparate outcomes in our education system," the Oregon Democrat said in a news release.

"We need to do more to deliver on the promise of an equitable, world-class public education for every student in this country. To achieve this goal, we must protect civil rights and provide essential human services."

The Trump administration has been undermining, rather than protecting, the civil rights of students and workers, Bonamici said.

"I take seriously the obligation of Congress to ensure equity, hold institutions accountable, and provide meaningful oversight of the Department of Education and the Department of Labor and



Suzanne Bonamici

the Trump administration," she said. "I will fight for all students and workers so they can learn and work in safe, inclusive, and welcoming environments."

"I also look forward to reauthorizing the Older Americans Act and the Child and Adult Care Food Program. We can and must do more to strengthen public education, our workforce and needed support services for families."

Bonamici will also serve as a member of the higher education and workforce investment subcommittee focused on improving college affordability, apprenticeship programs and school safety. She has been a member of the House Education and Labor Committee since 2013.

Pacific Power cutting rates in response to tax cut bill

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Pacific Power is cutting electricity rates starting Friday as part of a pledge in response to the federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act passed in 2017.

Residential customers will see their rates go down by an average of 3.8 percent. Commercial and industrial customers will see reductions ranging from 3 percent to 4 percent, depending on

their classification.

"This was a pledge we made and were determined to keep," Barb Coughlin, Pacific Power vice president of customer service, said in a news release. "Whenever we can pass savings on to customers, we do. In this case tax policy changes enabled us to reduce annual operating expenses."

"In other instances, we save money by innovating within our own oper-

ations or investing wisely in renewable energy. All of these efficiencies are designed to increase the savings and overall value we deliver to our customers. We remain committed to passing on tax savings to our customers when and where possible as well as minimizing any increases resulting from potential Oregon tax policy changes being considered in the 2019 legislative session."

Oregon Honorary Page Program applications are now available

Blue Mountain Eagle

The state House of Representatives and the Senate will again host students from around the state as part of the Honorary Page

Program.

The program allows students to witness the legislative process in an up close and personal way. In the last legislative session, over 400 students participated. Appli-

cants must be between the ages of 12 and 18.

For more information about the page programs, visit oregonlegislature.gov and follow the link under "Citizen Engagement."

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
35	53 46	52 41	50 39	44 31
Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy, a shower in the afternoon	Periods of rain	Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy, a little rain; chilly

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Astoria through Tuesday.

Temperatures

High/low 58°/34°
Normal high/low 51°/38°
Record high 63° in 1960
Record low 11° in 1980

Precipitation

Tuesday 0.00"
Month to date 4.93"
Normal month to date 9.61"
Year to date 4.93"
Normal year to date 9.61"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 5:17 p.m.
Sunrise Thursday 7:40 a.m.
Moonrise today 3:39 a.m.
Moonset today 1:11 p.m.

REGIONAL WEATHER

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

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Thursday before sunrise, waning crescent moon and Venus within less than 1 degree. A must see!

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Baker City	41 23 c 43 29 c	43 29 c	Olympia	51 30 c 52 43 c	52 43 c
Bend	53 30 c 56 38 c	56 38 c	Pendleton	39 29 c 45 35 c	45 35 c
Brookings	57 43 c 56 47 c	56 47 c	Portland	52 33 c 53 43 c	53 43 c
Eugene	51 31 c 53 44 c	53 44 c	Roseburg	53 37 c 56 44 c	56 44 c
Ilwaco	53 39 c 52 48 c	52 48 c	Salem	52 31 c 53 43 c	53 43 c
Klamath Falls	52 26 c 52 36 c	52 36 c	Seaside	54 37 c 53 48 c	53 48 c
Medford	56 36 c 57 43 c	57 43 c	Spokane	33 24 c 38 29 c	38 29 c
Newberg	53 31 c 52 43 c	52 43 c	Springfield	53 33 c 57 45 c	57 45 c
Newport	55 40 c 55 47 c	55 47 c	Vancouver	53 31 c 53 44 c	53 44 c
North Bend	56 39 c 57 47 c	57 47 c	Yakima	39 24 c 40 29 c	40 29 c

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Atlanta	45 25 pc 49 32 pc	49 32 pc	San Francisco	62 53	61 54
Boston	36 8 sn 14 11 s	14 11 s	Salt Lake City	40 25 s 42 26 p	42 26 p
Chicago	-13 -24 s -3 -6 pc	-3 -6 pc	Seattle	52 36 c 54 44 c	54 44 c
Denver	44 24 s 49 23 s	49 23 s	Washington, DC	35 10 sn 27 20 s	27 20 s
Des Moines	-8 -16 pc 8 2 sn	8 2 sn			
Detroit	-3 -15 sf 1 -3 pc	1 -3 pc			
El Paso	62 43 pc 70 44 pc	70 44 pc			
Fairbanks	15 -12 pc -3 -14 s	-3 -14 s			
Honolulu	82 70 pc 82 69 r	82 69 r			
Indianapolis	-1 -7 s 17 14 pc	17 14 pc			
Kansas City	6 4 pc 36 23 pc	36 23 pc			
Las Vegas	65 45 pc 62 47 c	62 47 c			
Los Angeles	70 53 s 59 48 r	59 48 r			
Memphis	33 22 pc 51 41 pc	51 41 pc			
Miami	70 58 c 74 65 c	74 65 c			
Nashville	25 15 pc 44 35 pc	44 35 pc			
New Orleans	52 41 c 62 51 pc	62 51 pc			
New York	30 5 s 18 8 s	18 8 s			
Oklahoma City	43 27 s 53 37 pc	53 37 pc			
Philadelphia	32 7 sn 20 10 s	20 10 s			
St. Louis	8 5 pc 30 25 c	30 25 c			
Salt Lake City	40 25 s 42 26 p	42 26 p			
Salt Lake City	63 54 r 62 53 r	62 53 r			
Seattle	52 36 c 54 44 c	54 44 c			
Washington, DC	35 10 sn 27 20 s	27 20 s			

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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

DEATH

Jan. 26, 2019

PHILLIPS, Sally E., 68, of Astoria, died in Longview, Washington. Fir Lawn Funeral Chapel in Toledo, Washington, is in charge of the arrangements.

MEMORIAL

Saturday, Feb. 2

BEERY, Joyce Marie (Loret) — Memorial at 11 a.m., Major Family Funeral Home, 112 A St. in Springfield.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

WEDNESDAY
Cannon Beach Tourism and Arts Commission, 1 p.m., City Hall, 163 E. Gower St.

THURSDAY
Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St.

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

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Tuesday's Pick 4: 12-16-20-22-26-31
Estimated jackpot: \$32,000
1 p.m.: 0-8-4-2
4 p.m.: 3-9-5-2
7 p.m.: 9-5-1-3
10 p.m.: 6-8-3-5
Tuesday's Lucky Lines: 4-6-

WASHINGTON
Tuesday's Daily Game: 9-2-6
Tuesday's Mega Millions: 13 weeks in advance ... \$36.79
26 weeks in advance ... \$70.82
52 weeks in advance ... \$135.05
Estimated jackpot: \$125 million

Tuesday's Daily Game: 02-05-21-25-30-34-35-37-41-43-44-46-47-48-56-57-62-63-67-70
Tuesday's Match 4: 05-06-12-18

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