

Senators settle wager at Capitol

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. senators from Ohio and Oregon have settled their friendly bet on college football's championship with Oregon's senators showing support for the winning Ohio State Buckeyes on the U.S. Capitol steps.

Oregon Sens. Ron Wyden and Jeff Merkley joined Ohio Sens. Sherrod Brown and Rob Portman on Tuesday in Washington to spell out the traditional O-H-I-O to pay off their wager.

Ohio State's Buckeyes defeated the University of Oregon Ducks 42-20 in the national college football championship Monday night.

Brown and Portman would have had to learn to "throw the O" alongside the Oregon Duck on the Capitol steps if Oregon had triumphed.

Reps. Peter DeFazio of Oregon and Tim Ryan of Ohio also placed a bet prior to the game. They wagered Oregon wine against Ohio ice cream.



Ohio State Buckeye fans Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, left, and Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, right, have some fun with Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., center, an Oregon Ducks fan, on the steps of the Senate on Capitol Hill in Washington, Tuesday.

AP Photo/J. Scott Applewhite

Group buys 2nd large ranch on Central Oregon's John Day River

PORTLAND (AP) — A conservation group has bought a second large ranch along the John Day River in Central Oregon that could eventually provide public access to a remote, scenic part of the state.

The Western Rivers Conservancy bought the Murtha Ranch at Cottonwood Canyon in 2008, and then sold it to the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department for what's now the second-largest state park, at 8,000 acres.

The organization recently bought a ranch 40 miles upstream, at Thirtymile Creek in Gilliam County, near Condon, *The Oregonian* reports.

The ranch has all-weather private road access to the John Day River at a point where it runs in a 1,000-foot-deep canyon, but access is now available only by paying a fee. It's on a 70-mile stretch of the river with a federal designation as wild and scenic.

The Rattray Ranch had been owned for three generations by the family that homesteaded in the 1880s, passing it down to six sisters who sold it.

The purchase price was not disclosed, but an Eastern Oregon real estate company had listed it at \$7 million.

The property comes with grazing rights to 10,530 acres of adjacent land owned by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Named for a fur trapper, the John Day at 281 miles is the second-longest undammed river in the continental United States.

It rises in the southern part of the Blue Mountains, runs westward and then turns to the northwest, cutting across the Columbia Plateau to empty into the Columbia River.

The two conservancy purchases are on the lower part of the river, popular with rafters and anglers.

The organization hopes to sell the land to the Bureau of Land Management.

President Sue Doroff said that may take three to five years, after which the agency could develop a public access plan. The conservancy plans to sell land used to grow wheat to a private owner.

It has no agreement with the federal agency, though, as it did with the state parks department before buying the Cottonwood Canyon property.

"Thirtymile Creek is a very important cold water tributary of the lower John Day River for salmon and steelhead," Doroff said. "We want to protect and restore it in perpetuity."

She said the section of the river near the ranch has wilderness qualities, and eventual public access would allow boaters a 40-mile trip downstream to Cottonwood Canyon, avoiding challenging rapids. The uplands has one of Oregon's largest herds of bighorn sheep, with 600 animals.

Information from: *The Oregonian*, <http://www.oregonlive.com>

BRIEFLY

Kitzhaber to have skin cancer removed

SALEM — Gov. John Kitzhaber will soon undergo removal of a basal-cell carcinoma from his face.

He said he had undergone a biopsy that confirmed the carcinoma, a form of skin cancer, "and I am looking forward to having it carved out."

Such cancers usually occur after excessive exposure to the outdoors and the sun.

Kitzhaber, who turns 68 in March, underwent a similar procedure on the right side of his nose in May 2000.

— *Capital Bureau*

Ontario city golf course to close

ONTARIO (AP) — After years of subsidizing a golf course and debating what to do about it, the city of Ontario is out of the greens and fairways business.

Its 18-hole course dates to 1964 but has lost money for years — in July, the most recent annual cost was put at more than \$300,000.

At the same time,

memberships and clubhouse sales were both reported down by 17 percent.

Critics of subsidizing the course said the city of more than 11,000 on Oregon's eastern border with Idaho has more pressing priorities, such as finding money for seven firefighters and police officers that a study has identified as a need.

Advocates, however, said the course is an amenity that makes the city more attractive for economic development. They note the city has also closed its public pool, a similar blow to the city.

In August, the city council made the decision to stop subsidizing the golf course, the *Ontario Argus Observer* reported.

Council members said it would be open to suggestions and they would begin looking for alternate uses.

Another wandering wolf arrives in southwest Oregon

GRANTS PASS (AP) — Another wandering wolf has found its way to the Cascades

of southwestern Oregon, where OR-7 has established his pack after trekking thousands of miles in search of a mate.

An automatic trail camera snapped a photo of the new wolf in timberlands west of the Klamath County community of Keno, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist John Stephenson said Tuesday.

The arrival of another wandering wolf confirms that the animal continues to spread widely across the region after being reintroduced in the Northern Rockies in the 1990s.

The area was actually frequented by OR-7 before he settled down farther north, Stephenson said.

"I am surprised to see another wolf unrelated to (OR-7's) Rogue pack down in that area so soon," Stephenson said. "It does suggest some sort of dispersal corridor (through which) they are making their way over to that part of the state. But we have no way of knowing. We have a number of long-distance dispersers out there that aren't collared. Even though it appears this one is staying in this area, I don't think we

completely know it will stick in that area or keep moving around."

Woman accused of faking prescriptions

HILLSBORO (AP) — Police believe a Sacramento woman used fake prescriptions to pick up at least 20 bottles of narcotic cough syrup from Portland-area pharmacies, intending to sell them in California.

KATU-TV reports 20-year-old Sirena Guice made an initial court appearance Monday in Hillsboro. She is held on charges of identity theft, prescription fraud and possessing a controlled substance.

She was arrested Saturday at a drug store in Gresham where employees recognized the woman from a flyer that described a woman dressed in Mickey Mouse cartoon scrubs forging prescriptions. A caller would phone in correct doctor information with fake patient names.

Police found more than 20 bottles of cough syrup in the car in which the woman was arrested.

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Fog in the a.m.; mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Morning rain; otherwise, cloudy	Cloudy with a couple of showers	Mild with periods of rain

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

37°	25°	40°	35°	51°	35°	49°	41°	52°	39°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

40°	27°	40°	33°	53°	36°	50°	42°	54°	38°
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REGIONAL CITIES

	Today	Thu.
Astoria	53 43 pc	52 47 r
Baker City	31 21 pc	30 26 pc
Bend	43 28 pc	47 35 pc
Brookings	57 44 pc	57 49 r
Burns	35 19 pc	36 26 pc
Enterprise	36 18 pc	36 26 c
Eugene	48 34 pc	52 46 r
Heppner	39 25 pc	42 32 c
Hermiston	40 27 c	42 30 c
John Day	43 23 pc	42 30 pc
Klamath Falls	47 23 pc	49 35 pc
La Grande	38 24 pc	38 33 c
Meacham	37 21 pc	37 32 c
Medford	51 31 pc	52 42 pc
Newport	55 47 pc	55 50 r
North Bend	58 45 pc	59 51 r
Ontario	34 26 pc	35 25 pc
Pasco	41 28 c	39 33 c
Pendleton	37 25 c	40 35 c
Portland	48 35 pc	47 44 r
Redmond	42 26 pc	48 37 pc
Salem	48 35 pc	51 47 r
Spokane	32 23 c	35 33 sn
Ukiah	41 23 pc	42 31 c
Vancouver	48 33 pc	47 44 r
Walla Walla	39 29 c	39 36 c
Yakima	42 28 c	39 31 c

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	39°	34°
Normals	41°	27°
Records	70° (1923)	-7° (1909)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace

Month to date 0.25"

Normal month to date 0.72"

Year to date 0.25"

Last year to date 0.38"

Normal year to date 0.72"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	42°	36°
Normals	41°	28°
Records	60° (1945)	-7° (1993)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"

Month to date 0.15"

Normal month to date 0.53"

Year to date 0.15"

Last year to date 0.27"

Normal year to date 0.53"

SUN AND MOON

	New	First	Full	Last
Sunrise today		7:33 a.m.		
Sunset tonight		4:36 p.m.		
Moonrise today		1:23 a.m.		
Moonset today		12:00 p.m.		

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon:	Eastern Washington:	Cascades:	Northern California:
Sun and some clouds today. Partly cloudy tonight; a little rain across the north.	Mainly cloudy today.	Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight, but mostly cloudy across the north.	Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight. Times of clouds and sun tomorrow.

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Beijing	39 21 sf	39 24 c
Hong Kong	64 53 s	65 55 s
Jerusalem	51 38 pc	46 40 sh
London	46 42 pc	48 37 sh
Mexico City	72 43 pc	72 43 pc
Moscow	38 31 r	33 21 sn
Paris	46 43 sh	50 41 r
Rome	58 44 sh	59 47 pc
Seoul	42 24 c	44 25 pc
Sydney	91 70 s	80 68 sh
Tokyo	52 40 pc	50 41 r

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	VAR 3-6	VAR 2-4
Pendleton	N 3-6	SE 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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

National Summary:

An area of rain will affect part of the Atlantic Seaboard today with some ice over the interior and snow on the northern fringe. Rain will fall on South Texas. Snow will dwindle over New Mexico and Arizona.

Yesterday's National Extremes:

(for the 48 contiguous states)
High 83° in Pompano Beach, Fla. Low -35° in Cotton, Minn.

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Baltimore	31 20 sn	38 22 pc	Minneapolis	20 11 c
Billings	34 26 pc	40 32 pc	Nashville	20 15 c
Birmingham	48 31 c	47 27 pc	New Orleans	38 26 c
Boise	34 23 pc	35 28 pc	New York City	53 43 c
Boston	28 21 sf	31 21 s	Oklahoma City	40 26 c
Charleston, SC	49 34 c	54 36 r	Omaha	29 20 pc
Charleston, WV	36 21 sf	37 26 c	Philadelphia	32 24 c
Chicago	15 9 c	27 16 pc	Phoenix	68 47 pc
Cleveland	14 3 pc	25 19 pc	Portland, ME</	