

Chief Joseph statue gets D.C. bid

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SALEM — Nez Perce leader Chief Joseph and pioneering woman rights activist Abigail Scott Duniway should replace two other symbols of Oregon among the statues on display at the U.S. Capitol, a panel recommended on Wednesday.

The Statuary Hall Study Commission decided it was time to update Oregon's contributions to the National Statuary Hall Collection in Washington, D.C., where each state has two figures to serve as symbols. The final decision on which statues will be representing Oregon still rests with state lawmakers.

Since 1953, Oregon's two figures have been pioneer Jason Lee, a 19th century missionary who founded what became Willamette University, and John McLoughlin, a fur trader known as the father of Oregon.

"Much more Oregon history has been written, and it was time to send statues of two equally worthy individuals who represent different chapters in Oregon's history," said Jerry Hudson, chair of the commission.

So the commission decided to recommend that the McLoughlin and Lee statues come back to Oregon, and that they be replaced by Chief Joseph and Duniway.

Chief Joseph lived from 1840-1904 and was leader a band of the Nez Perce that was forcibly removed from the Wallowa Valley by the U.S. government. Joseph's band was among those that resisted removal during the 1877 Nez Perce War.

Chief Joseph is "Oregon's only truly mythical heroic figure," said Amy Platt, a project manager at the Oregon Historical Society.

"I would say that most schoolchildren in



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This 1995 file photo shows a statue of Oregon pioneer Rev. Jason Lee in the Statuary Hall on Capitol Hill, in the House Chamber in Washington D.C.

the country know his name, which is extraordinary," Platt said.

Duniway, who lived from 1834-1915, was known as "the pioneer woman suffragist of the great Northwest." She and her family moved to Oregon in a wagon train, and she wrote about that experience in novels.

For 16 years, she was editor and pub-

lisher of *The New Northwest*, a newspaper devoted to women's rights. She also wrote the Oregon Woman Suffrage Proclamation in 1912, said Eliza Canty-Jones, a public outreach manager at Oregon Historical Society.

There are 90 men and 10 women in the National Statuary Hall Collection. It wasn't until 2000 that Congress decided states could switch out their statues. Seven states have already done so, including Ohio, which is in the process of replacing Governor William Allen, a 19th century congressman who supported the rights of southern slave owners, with the inventor Thomas Edison. California replaced Civil War abolitionist Thomas Starr King with a bronze statue of Ronald Reagan in 2006.

Oregon's nine-member commission, created by former Gov. John Kitzhaber last August, was initially tasked with deciding whether Lee's statue should be replaced with that of the late Mark Hatfield, World War II veteran and the longest-serving senator in Oregon's history.

It instead recommended both Lee and McLoughlin should be returned to "places of honor" in Oregon.

Though the commission had already endorsed removal of the two statues, several people spoke in favor of keeping them in their current homes during a public hearing preceding the commission's vote, including one man who testified as though he were McLoughlin himself.

The commission has been gathering input from scholars and the public about who best represents Oregon, and it narrowed a list of 10 candidates down to four in December. Along with Hatfield, Chief Joseph and Duniway, former governor Tom McCall was a contender.

BRIEFLY

Kate Brown signs lawsuit bill, her first as governor

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown has signed a bill that changes the way Oregon handles class-action lawsuits.

Brown's move Wednesday marks her first bill signed as governor. Brown took over for former Gov. John Kitzhaber two weeks ago.

The bill was a top priority for Democrats, who used their newly expanded House and Senate majorities to quickly push it through the Legislature.

Democrats say their bill would prevent companies that break the law from keeping money they've earned illegally. Republicans say the measure would make it far too easy to bring large lawsuits in Oregon, damaging the business climate. They also say it would unfairly change the rules for a lawsuit already in progress against the oil company BP.

BP has pledged to challenge the bill.

Affidavit unsealed in baby's death

HILLSBORO (AP) — Police haven't released the cause of death of the 6-month-old left in a car for six hours last fall, but the affidavit suggests they believe it was related to the temperature in the car, *The Oregonian* reported.

No charges have been filed. Prosecutors in Washington County are waiting for evidence analysis at a federal crime laboratory.

According to the affidavit, Joshua Freier, 38, left work to go to daughter Jillian's 6-month checkup and then drove her from the doctor's appointment.

He was supposed to drop her off at her day care, but he told investigators he started to think about work and drove straight back to Intel's Jones Farm campus.

He said he parked, got out and didn't look back. He had lunch with a co-worker and went to meetings. Later in the day, his wife called him and said she was on her way to pick up their kids. He still didn't realize what he'd done, he told police.

His wife called him a second time when Jillian wasn't at the day care. Then Freier ran outside to find her not breathing, her lips blue. Attempts to revive the girl failed.

Up to 2,200 gallons of used oil spilled from tank near Sunnyside

SUNNYSIDE, Wash. (AP) — State environmental officials now say up to 2,200 gallons of used motor oil spilled into irrigation ditches and the Yakima River in south-central Washington.

Officials initially reported as much as 1,500 gallons of oil leaked from an aboveground storage tank on Sunday. But Ecology Department spokeswoman Lisa Copeland says officials determined the tank on a former feed lot near Sunnyside could hold as much as 2,200 gallons.

About 50 ducks, geese and other waterfowl have been reported covered in oil. And on Wednesday, a subcontractor was on the scene collecting the birds.

Mother blames deputies, stun guns in suit over son's death

PORTLAND (AP) — The mother of a southern Oregon man who died during an encounter with law enforcement officers has sued the Douglas County Sheriff's Office, saying deputies used excessive force.

The federal lawsuit filed in Eugene on behalf of Ann McKelvey, who represents the estate, says deputies discharged Tasers at least a half dozen times when trying to stop Walter Ray McKelvey, 26, from running into traffic on March 3, 2013, including after he was restrained and told deputies his heart hurt.

McKelvey's attorney, J. Randolph Pickett, declined comment Wednesday. The sheriff's office did not immediately return a phone message seeking comment.

According to the complaint

and prior news accounts, the case began when Walter McKelvey called police for help from Ray's Food Place on Main Street in Canyonville, which is 200 miles south of Portland. McKelvey had many prior run-ins with authorities and was released from jail just a few days before.

When Deputy Sam Clayton responded, McKelvey told him he didn't call the sheriff's office. Instead, he asked Clayton for a ride to the local casino.

The deputy denied the request and tried to leave. McKelvey, however, flagged him down, saying he was being harassed by people. The deputy saw no one harassing McKelvey.

Another deputy, Jayson Forte, arrived. As Forte conferred with Clayton, McKelvey went to the edge of the

road and tried to hitch a ride to the casino.

The deputies went to the street to speak with McKelvey, who told them he had used methamphetamine earlier in the evening.

Forte tried to pull McKelvey away from the street, but he broke away and went into traffic, leading the deputies to fire their stun guns.

McKelvey fell to the ground, and the deputies got on top of him. The complaint says deputies continued firing their Tasers, even after McKelvey yelled for help.

"Several witnesses were at the scene and also reported that McKelvey was crying out for help," the lawsuit says. "Some witnesses even begged the deputies to stop discharging their Tasers." The lawsuit does not identify the witnesses.

McKelvey stopped breathing at the scene. An autopsy found that meth intoxication, a brain cyst and excited delirium — a condition in which the heart races during a period of stress, often after drug use — caused McKelvey's death.

The lawsuit says the deputies should have known not to use a Taser on someone who had taken meth.

A grand jury ruled in 2013 that the force used against McKelvey was legally justified.

The lawsuit seeks an unspecified amount of money for the beneficiaries of McKelvey's estate, including his parents, two daughters and a son.

Besides the sheriff's office, the lawsuit names the deputies and Taser International Inc. as defendants.

Corrections

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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny and comfortable	Mostly sunny and mild

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

58°	31°	62°	34°	63°	34°	64°	37°	64°	39°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

59°	27°	62°	30°	64°	31°	66°	35°	67°	37°
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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	53°	22°
Normals	52°	33°
Records	75° (1968)	7° (1896)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.13"
Year to date 1.55"
Last year to date 2.65"
Normal year to date 2.64"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	54°	15°
Normals	54°	31°
Records	70° (1987)	15° (2015)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.14"
Year to date 1.06"
Last year to date 1.89"
Normal year to date 2.38"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:27 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:47 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:07 p.m.
Moonset today	6:15 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Mar 5	Mar 13	Mar 20	Mar 26

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight.	Eastern Washington: Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight.
Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly sunny today; warmer in the south. Partly cloudy tonight.	Cascades: Mostly sunny today, except some clouds across the north. Partly cloudy tonight.
Western Washington: Clouds and sun today. Partly cloudy tonight. Variable cloudiness tomorrow.	Northern California: Sunny today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight; cold. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	57	37	pc	59	38	c
Baker City	52	21	s	59	24	pc
Bend	58	27	s	61	29	pc
Brookings	59	41	s	59	43	s
Burns	57	22	s	61	24	pc
Enterprise	53	24	s	57	32	s
Eugene	62	36	s	63	36	pc
Heppner	58	29	pc	60	30	pc
Hermiston	59	27	pc	62	30	pc
John Day	57	27	s	59	29	pc
Klamath Falls	60	21	s	63	23	s
La Grande	54	25	s	60	25	pc
Meacham	53	24	pc	57	25	pc
Medford	67	34	s	68	36	s
Newport	57	41	s	58	41	pc
North Bend	60	41	s	59	41	pc
Ontario	55	26	s	61	30	s
Pasco	58	27	pc	62	29	pc
Pendleton	58	31	pc	62	34	pc
Portland	61	36	pc	64	39	pc
Redmond	61	23	s	63	24	pc
Salem	63	36	pc	65	37	pc
Spokane	50	27	pc	53	32	pc
Ukiah	57	24	s	59	24	pc
Vancouver	61	34	pc	63	36	pc
Walla Walla	58	36	pc	61	39	s
Yakima	60	28	pc	64	33	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	47	27	pc	52	31	s
Hong Kong	73	68	c	75	67	r
Jerusalem	59	47	s	68	49	s
London	52	38	pc	53	43	pc
Mexico City	78	45	pc	74	47	pc
Moscow	35	24	sn	33	23	c
Paris	49	31	pc	50	33	c
Rome	50	42	sh	53	40	pc
Seoul	40	24	pc	46	28	s
Sydney	80	61	s	82	66	s
Tokyo	53	40	c	48	41	pc

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	W 4-8	W 3-6
Pendleton	W 4-8	W 3-6

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: Snow and ice will extend from northeastern Texas to southeastern Massachusetts with rain from coastal Texas to the coastal Carolinas today. As cold sinks in the East, warmth will build in the West.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 88° in Fernandina Beach, Fla. Low -23° in Lake Yellowstone, Wyo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.			Today			Fri.			
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	
Albuquerque	49	25	s	57	29	s	Louisville	27	8	pc	32	21	s
Atlanta	53	32	r	47	32	pc	Memphis	28	12	sn	32	21	s
Baltimore	33	11	sn	26	10	s	Miami	85	71	pc	84	70	pc
Birmingham	44	31	pc	51	28	pc	Minneapolis	15	5	s	28	24	c
Boise	57	30	s	60	33	s	Nashville	14	8	s	34	24	c
Boston	28	13	sn	26	17	s	New Orleans	30	13	sn	33	21	s
Charleston, SC	78	40	r	40	30	c	New York City	29	15	sn	26	20	s
Chicago, IL	25	8	sn	32	19	pc	Oklahoma City	37	20	s	49	27	s
Cleveland	17	-3	s	24	19	pc	Omaha	33	22	s	52	29	s
Dallas	37	21	s	45	27	s	Philadelphia	32	12	sn	29	15	s
Denver	39	21	s	49	21	pc	Phoenix	73	49	s	77	54	s
Detroit	20	4	s	22	19	pc	Portland, ME	28	4	c	24	13	s
El Paso	46	28	s	55	35	s	Providence	28	9	sn	26	13	s
Fairbanks	37	21	c	32	24	sf	Raleigh</						