

Walker wins Oregon GOP straw poll

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SEASIDE — About 300 people joined together to deliberate the future of the Oregon Republican Party at the 51st annual Dorchester Conference, which featured speeches from state politicians, a 2016 presidential candidate straw poll and group discussions on several timely issues.

The conference convened Friday night at the Seaside Civic and Convention Center and lasted through Sunday.

The main event was Sunday's presidential straw vote, a conference tradition where attendees selected who tops their candidate list to run for the Republican Party in the 2016 presidential election. The winner of the 2015 Dorchester straw poll was Wisconsin Gov. Scott Walker with 39 votes.

Former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush was the runner-up with 22 votes. Florida Sen. Marco Rubio was third.

Other candidates mentioned were New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie; Ohio Gov. John Kasich; Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul; former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin; former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee; Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal; Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren; and a



Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., Second District, was the keynote speaker for the 51st annual Dorchester Conference in Seaside, held Friday through Sunday.

few others. Not all conference participants voted in the poll.

A few attendees, during the open comment session before the vote, suggested Jeb Bush could be a problematic candidate for his last name alone — he is the son of former president George H.W. Bush and the younger brother of former president George W. Bush, who both are widely unpopular with Democrats.

"I feel so strongly we're just

shooting ourselves in the foot if we vote for Jeb Bush" in the Republican presidential primaries, said Ginny Brewster, of Happy Valley.

Others felt Bush did a good job as governor of Florida and that having gubernatorial experience is important for the president. He could likely overcome his name's associations, they said.

Supporters of Walker talked of his practiced leadership, his

ability to win a governorship in a traditionally blue state and his marketability.

Alison Bruun, president of the Dorchester board of directors, said no matter who is selected, the Oregon Republicans must get organized, unified and fully support that candidate. She expressed the desire to once again make Oregon a swing state that will induce presidential candidates to make campaign stops.

Documents shed light on Jordan's actions

By HILLARY BORRUD
Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon chief operating officer Michael Jordan sought the names and contact information of state data center employees who refused a request to delete then-Gov. John Kitzhaber's personal emails held on state servers, then called those employees using their personal numbers rather than their government lines.

Those calls occurred at a time when news reports suggested some employees at the facility did not trust Jordan to push back against the administration's request. Those emails were later leaked to *Willamette Week* by an unidentified source.

Jordan, whom Kitzhaber had named director of the Department of Administrative Services and chief operating

officer, submitted his resignation without explanation March 5 to Gov. Kate Brown. It becomes effective April 1.

Public records shed light on Jordan's actions at the time when he came under scrutiny amid news reports about his agency's handling of Kitzhaber's emails.

Just weeks before the former governor's resignation, Kitzhaber's office asked state data center employees to delete personal emails stored on state servers. The employees refused, and the emails were later subpoenaed by the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Jordan called those state data center employees on their personal phones the week af-

ter they refused Kitzhaber's request. Jordan initially requested the names of the employees who handled the deletion request, then later asked for a list of their home or cell phone numbers, according to emails and other documents released by the Department of Administrative Services.

Jordan said in a recent interview he requested the employees' information because he wanted to inform them that if they were contacted as part of a state criminal investigation, state funds were available to help them pay for lawyers.

Jordan also said that he did not talk to the employees about their handling of a request from Kitzhaber's office to delete the emails, with one exception.

Jordan said he spoke a couple times with Michael Rodgers, the acting director of the data center, and asked Rodgers to pass along a message to the other employees that "they all exercised good judgment, did the right thing."

Rodgers declined to comment on his conversations with Jordan and Jordan's request for the list of employees.

The *Willamette Week* newspaper reported Feb. 12 on the Kitzhaber administration's request that state data center employees delete archived emails from the governor's private account, and the newspaper followed on Feb. 18 with the first in a series of stories based on those emails.

Both stories appeared to be based on leaked emails, and Jordan asked the Oregon State Police to investigate the leak on Feb. 18.



Jordan

BRIEFLY

Judge orders harder look at ecological forestry project

GRANTS PASS (AP) — A federal judge in Oregon has told federal forest managers to take a harder look at the environmental harms that may be caused by a new "ecological restoration" forestry project planned in northern spotted owl habitat.

U.S. District Judge Ann Aiken ruled Monday in Eugene that the environmental analysis the U.S. Bureau of Land Management did on the planned White Castle timber sale outside Roseburg, Oregon, was inadequate, and ordered a more stringent environmental impact statement. She found the BLM didn't consider how logging mature forest areas would harm the spotted owl, a threatened species.

The timber sale was part of a series of pilot projects ordered by the Obama administration to demonstrate so-called "ecological restoration" forestry as a way to both provide logs for local mills and improve forest health.

Justice Department takes issue with Amanda Marshall's lawyer

PORTLAND (AP) — The U.S. Justice Department has issued its first statement regarding the departure of Oregon's top federal prosecutor.

The department would not confirm it's investigating Amanda Marshall, but clarified that a subordinate of hers is not the focus of any investigation.

Marshall's attorney, Charese Rohny, told *The Oregonian* last week that an investigation is under way, and she was told by investigators that it was initiated because of the actions of a subordinate.

The Justice Department said in a statement Monday that Marshall's lawyer did not accurately represent its position.

The department declined further comment. Marshall's lawyer did not return a phone message or emails seeking comment.

Marshall said Thursday she's taking an indefinite leave of absence because of a health problem.

Death reported after shots, standoff, fire at The Dalles

THE DALLES (AP) — Authorities in The Dalles say a person died Monday in a fire at a residence where shots were fired earlier as sheriff's deputies tried to serve legal papers.

The name of the victim was not immediately made public, and the authorities didn't say how the person died.

Wasco County sheriff's deputies tried to serve the papers about 8:30 a.m. Monday, heard shots inside and called for backup. Later, smoke began to emerge.

After more than four hours, a State Police SWAT team approached the house but had to back off when a big fire broke out.

Firefighters put it out, and the body was discovered as they worked their way through the building Monday afternoon.

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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Partly sunny with a shower	Partly sunny	Sunny to partly cloudy and mild	Sunny to partly cloudy and mild	Cloudy, a shower; breezy, cooler
57° 40°	61° 36°	68° 41°	70° 45°	61° 36°
63° 38°	65° 32°	70° 37°	72° 43°	65° 34°

ALMANAC

PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	54°	40°
Normals	55°	35°
Records	72° (2010)	3° (1906)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.01"
Month to date 0.28"
Normal month to date 0.66"
Year to date 1.83"
Last year to date 3.52"
Normal year to date 3.17"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	59°	35°
Normals	58°	34°
Records	73° (1941)	20° (1930)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace
Month to date 0.11"
Normal month to date 0.50"
Year to date 1.17"
Last year to date 2.21"
Normal year to date 2.74"

SUN AND MOON

	New	First	Full	Last
Sunrise today	7:05 a.m.			
Sunset tonight	7:03 p.m.			
Moonrise today	5:16 a.m.			
Moonset today	4:06 p.m.			

Mar 20 Mar 26 Apr 4 Apr 11

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today; brief showers across the north.

Eastern Washington: Mostly cloudy today; showers around across the south, near the Idaho border and in the mountains.

Cascades: Clouds and sunshine today. Mostly cloudy tonight.

Northern California: Clouds and sun today. Partly cloudy tonight. Intervals of clouds and sun tomorrow.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Intervals of clouds and sunshine today with a shower, except dry near the Cascades.

Western Washington: Mostly cloudy today with a few showers.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	56	46	sh	58	40	pc
Baker City	59	33	c	58	25	s
Bend	55	28	pc	58	29	pc
Brookings	54	44	pc	60	45	s
Burns	59	26	sh	59	24	s
Enterprise	53	34	c	53	31	s
Eugene	59	42	c	62	36	s
Heppner	54	36	pc	59	32	s
Hermiston	61	38	pc	65	32	s
John Day	54	33	pc	55	30	s
Klamath Falls	57	27	pc	61	25	s
La Grande	55	37	pc	58	29	s
Meacham	50	32	c	53	26	pc
Medford	63	39	pc	66	38	pc
Newport	54	44	sh	57	41	s
North Bend	57	43	c	60	40	s
Ontario	65	40	c	64	33	s
Pasco	64	38	pc	67	33	s
Pendleton	57	40	pc	61	36	pc
Portland	58	45	pc	62	39	s
Redmond	57	26	pc	60	25	pc
Salem	59	43	c	63	36	s
Spokane	49	38	c	56	34	s
Ukiah	52	33	pc	55	31	s
Vancouver	58	43	sh	62	36	s
Walla Walla	57	45	pc	62	41	s
Yakima	63	35	pc	68	33	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	60	38	s	58	39	c
Hong Kong	77	70	pc	78	69	pc
Jerusalem	61	46	s	64	45	s
London	55	40	sh	54	38	sh
Mexico City	74	47	pc	75	50	pc
Moscow	44	26	s	46	27	s
Paris	61	40	s	62	41	s
Rome	59	46	r	63	44	pc
Seoul	58	42	c	58	39	r
Sydney	78	67	pc	87	70	pc
Tokyo	62	50	pc	62	50	c

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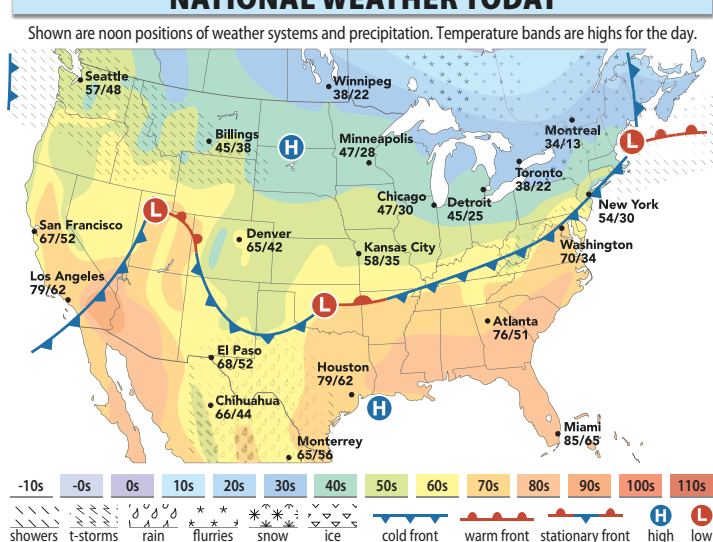
(in mph)	Today	Wednesday
Boardman	WSW 6-12	W 6-12
Pendleton	W 6-12	W 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY

0 1 3 3 2 0
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



NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	68	45	c	70	45	c
Atlanta	76	51	s	66	51	pc
Atlanta City	55	26	pc	39	27	pc
Baltimore	66	28	pc	46	26	s
Billings	45	38	c	56	33	sh
Birmingham	79	52	pc	68	55	c
Boise	62	40	c	61	37	pc
Boston	48	21	sh	29	16	pc
Charleston, SC	83	53	s	65	49	pc
Charleston, WV	61	29	c	50	32	s
Chicago	47	30	s	49	35	pc
Cleveland	41	24	pc	38	27	s
Dallas	77	57	c	64	54	s
Denver	65	42	c	72	41	pc
Detroit	45	25	pc	46	28	s
El Paso	68	52	pc	70	53	pc
Fairbanks	32	10	s	37	15	s
Fargo	49	32	c	47	31	sn
Honolulu	80	66	c	82	66	s
Houston	79	62	c	73	61	t
Indianapolis	50	27	pc	49	32	pc
Jacksonville	87	58	s	71	59	pc
Kansas City	58	35	pc	57	37	r
Las Vegas	83	61	pc	77	57	c
Little Rock	76	46	pc	51	46	r
Los Angeles	79	62	pc	76	59	pc
Louisville	60	32	pc	54	39	pc
Memphis	72	44	pc	54	48	r
Miami	85	65	s	85	69	s
Millwaukee	46	28	s	46	33	pc
Minneapolis	47	28	s	47	32	r
Nashville	69	37	pc	60	46	pc
New Orleans	82	63	pc	78	62	r
New York City	54	30	pc	37	27	pc
Oklahoma City	64	47	c	55	45	r
Omaha	54	31	pc	57	34	c
Philadelphia	62	29	pc	44	28	pc
Phoenix	89	68	pc	80	62	c
Portland, ME	46	16	sn	27	13	pc
Providence	51	23	pc	29	18	pc
Raleigh	79	39	s	58	39	