

Bill would allow dispensaries to sell recreational pot

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Capital Bureau

SALEM — All adults in Oregon could purchase limited amounts of pot from medical marijuana dispensaries starting Oct. 1, under a bill on its way to the state Senate.

The marijuana industry pushed for lawmakers to allow earlier dispensary sales, since Oregonians age 21 and older can legally possess recreational marijuana starting on Wednesday. The state’s new recreational marijuana system will not launch until sometime in 2016, so lawmakers have been searching for an interim solution to encourage

people to stop buying pot on the black market.

But lawmakers on a House-Senate committee said they could not guarantee that the full House and Senate would pass the bill, if the start date for the temporary recreational sales from dispensaries were earlier than Oct. 1. Senate Bill 460, which passed out of the committee Thursday, would allow recreational customers to purchase cannabis seeds, plants that are not flowering and up to one-quarter ounce of marijuana flowers or leaves.

Also on Thursday, the Oregon House passed a bill to replace the harvest tax on pot in Measure 91 — the initiative voters passed in

November to legalize marijuana — with a 17 percent sales tax intended to generate roughly the same amount of revenue. A state economist said last week the change could result in cheaper marijuana, because the tax would not factor into markups, and might ultimately raise more tax revenue than the harvest tax.

The bill dealing with recreational pot sales at dispensaries calls for the Oregon Health Authority to adopt rules to implement the temporary sales.

Cities and counties could opt out of the early sales, even if local officials decided not to ban pot businesses in the long run.

Sam Chapman, a marijuana

lobbyist and business consultant, pleaded with lawmakers on Thursday morning to allow medical pot dispensaries to sell to recreational customers as soon as a bill would pass the Legislature. Between medical marijuana patients and designated caregivers, more than 100,000 Oregonians can already purchase products — including the full array of marijuana-laced sodas, baked goods and candies — from medical marijuana dispensaries and Chapman said they will face increased pressure from their friends to illegally share these products starting July 1.

“It’s a dangerous situation for patients,” Chapman said.

Nike co-founder donates \$500M to cancer research

By **STEVEN DUBOIS**
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PORTLAND — Oregon Health & Science University officials said Thursday they have met the \$500 million fundraising challenge issued by Nike co-founder Phil Knight and his wife, Penny.

The Knights in 2013 offered to donate \$500 million toward cancer research at OHSU if the Portland school could raise an equal amount by Feb. 4, 2016.

It didn’t take nearly that much time.

“Penny and I have total confidence in Brian Druker and the entire OHSU Knight Cancer Institute team to put a stop to a disease that touches each of our lives,” Phil Knight said in a statement. “These last 22 months have shown what is possible when people of vision focus on a single goal. We are more convinced than ever that cancer will meet its match at OHSU, and we are proud to play a role in this history in the making.”

Druker, a high-profile researcher who developed the cancer drug Gleevec, plans to recruit about 25 top scientists to conduct groundbreaking research into the early detection of cancer, which is known to improve survival rates.

The scientists, and the researchers they hire, will work in two buildings planned for Portland’s South Waterfront, located 10 miles east of Nike’s world headquarters.

“Today too many patients die or have to suffer through debilitating treatments because their disease is caught too late,” Druker said. “Too few physicians and scientists are focused on this problem in a meaningful way and we are committed to filling that gap.”

The university received more than 10,000 donations; they arrived from every state and five countries.

The largest gift was from the Oregon Legislature, which last year approved \$200 million in bonds. Gert Boyle from Portland-based Columbia Sportswear made the largest donation from an individual — \$100 million.

“The support we have received to achieve our ambitious goal, putting an end to cancer as we know it, has been nothing short of stunning,” OHSU President Joe Robertson said.

This is the not the Knights’ first major donation to OHSU. They gave \$100 million to support Druker’s work in 2008.

Man accused of killing parents whose bodies were found in freezer

PORTLAND (AP) — A man was accused of killing his parents after their bodies were found in a freezer at their Oregon home by police who twice checked on them but were deterred by notes saying the family was away, authorities said Thursday.

Jeremy Daniel Ringquist, 38, was jailed on two counts of aggravated murder in the deaths of Randy and Karen Ringquist, whom he lived with in Springfield, police Sgt. Rich Charboneau said.

It was not immediately known if Jeremy Ringquist has retained a lawyer or will ask a judge for a court-appointed attorney at a court appearance set for Friday.

Officers went to the house twice in recent weeks after an out-of-state relative couldn’t reach the family and asked police to check on them. The first time was June 15, the second was Monday. Each time, notes on the door said the family was gone.

An officer returned Tuesday. As he knocked, a man inside called 9-1-1 and asked for a police negotiator.

More officers arrived and forced their way in when the caller did not come to the door. Jeremy Ringquist was found bleeding from injuries believed to be self-inflicted, police said. Paramedics took him to the hospital.

Investigators obtained a search warrant and discovered the two bodies in a chest-style freezer. Charboneau said detectives believe the bodies are those of the missing couple.

Police have not said how the parents were killed or how long they were dead. No autopsy results have been released.

Neighbors told The Register-Guard newspaper that the son moved in with his parents about six months ago following a divorce. They said the family had a tumultuous relationship, with the 63-year-old father often verbally abusive toward his wife and son.

A search of Oregon court records did not turn up any prior arrests for Ringquist, who was released from the hospital Thursday morning and arrested.



Alex Paul/Albany Democrat-Herald via AP

Uncovered cottage

Hidden for decades behind a thicket of Douglas fir trees, this stone-covered cottage, built in 1923 near Lebanon, Ore., has been uncovered as dead trees have been removed from the property.

1st Amendment protects profanity against police

SEATTLE (AP) — The Washington Supreme Court ruled on Thursday that a citizen has the First Amendment right to call police abusive names and yell profanity while they’re investigating a crime.

The court threw out the conviction of a juvenile, identified only by the initials E.J.J., who yelled at officers while they tried to take his intoxicated sister into custody.

“While E.J.J.’s words may have been disrespectful, discourteous and annoying, they are nonetheless constitutionally protected,” Associate Chief Justice Charles Johnson wrote for the six-justice majority. When citizens exercise their right to criticize “how the police are handling a situation, they cannot be concerned about risking a

criminal conviction for obstruction.”

Police responded to a report of an out-of-control juvenile woman. As they took her from the house, E.J.J. thought he saw one officer pull out a nightstick. He stood in the doorway and yelled at the officers not to use it on his sister. Officers ordered him to go into the house and close the door, but he kept yelling. After he yelled profanity, police arrested him on a charge of obstructing a law enforcement officer.

The justices said the First Amendment protects citizens against prosecution when they exercise their constitutional right to speak and to criticize certain governmental activities.

Madsen said the case highlights the potential for abuse of the obstruction statute.

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
HOT	HOT	HOT		HOT
Very hot	Record-breaking temperatures	Very hot	Not as hot with clouds and sun	Very hot with blazing sunshine
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
103° 67°	107° 70°	108° 73°	98° 68°	97° 63°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
106° 64°	109° 70°	110° 74°	101° 68°	101° 66°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	91°	56°
Normals	82°	54°
Records	105° (1925)	35° (1904)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.05"
Normal month to date 0.99"
Year to date 4.99"
Last year to date 6.98"
Normal year to date 7.50"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	93°	53°
Normals	83°	55°
Records	105° (1992)	40° (1966)

SUN AND MOON
Sunrise today 5:07 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:49 p.m.
Moonrise today 3:22 p.m.
Moonset today 1:40 a.m.

	Full	Last	New	First
	July 1	July 8	July 15	July 23

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	74	58	s	77	59	c
Baker City	96	53	s	98	58	s
Bend	97	64	s	97	66	pc
Brookings	71	57	s	67	54	c
Burns	99	57	s	102	61	pc
Enterprise	94	60	s	98	64	s
Eugene	99	63	s	98	60	pc
Heppner	100	64	s	103	68	s
Hermiston	106	64	s	109	70	s
John Day	98	63	s	101	68	pc
Klamath Falls	98	58	t	98	60	pc
La Grande	97	59	s	101	66	s
Meacham	94	51	s	97	57	s
Medford	108	71	s	105	70	pc
Newport	64	54	s	65	54	c
North Bend	66	56	s	67	55	c
Ontario	101	64	s	105	69	s
Pasco	105	65	s	109	69	s
Pendleton	103	67	s	107	70	s
Portland	98	70	s	100	70	pc
Redmond	101	60	s	101	63	pc
Salem	100	66	s	100	66	pc
Spokane	97	67	s	102	73	s
Ukiah	96	58	s	100	62	s
Vancouver	97	70	s	99	71	pc
Walla Walla	105	73	s	108	77	s
Yakima	105	68	s	108	74	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	86	69	c	90	72	pc
Hong Kong	93	85	t	93	84	pc
Jerusalem	80	63	s	87	64	s
London	76	56	c	74	57	pc
Mexico City	73	56	t	72	56	t
Moscow	76	62	c	70	56	t
Paris	87	58	pc	77	54	pc
Rome	82	62	s	82	64	s
Seoul	73	65	r	83	65	pc
Sydney	63	48	pc	66	47	s
Tokyo	76	71	sh	80	70	sh

WINDS

	Today	Saturday
(in mph)	SSE 3-6	NE 3-6
Boardman	SSE 3-6	NE 3-6
Pendleton	N 4-8	NNE 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

	2	5	7	7	5	2
	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: Areas of heavy rain and locally severe storms will stretch from the central Plains to the lower mid-Atlantic today. The heat wave will continue in the South one more day. Much of the West will be sunny.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 110° in Needles, Calif. **Low** 36° in Stanley, Idaho

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.				Today			Sat.			
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	
Albuquerque	93	70	t	89	67	t		Louisville	85	65	t	78	57	t
Atlanta	90	72	t	83	65	t		Memphis	94	70	t	83	67	t
Atlanta City	74	66	sh	75	70	r		Miami	91	78	t	90	78	t
Baltimore	78	65	c	74	63	r		Millwaukee	68	56	c	73	56	pc
Billings	90	63	s	95	65	s		Minneapolis	80	63	t	82	64	s
Birmingham	92	73	t	82	64	t		Nashville	92	68	t	78	60	t
Boise	101	69	s	104	72	s		New Orleans	89	77	t	90	74	t
Boston	69	58	pc	68	57	pc		New York City	79	63	t	72	64	r
Charleston, SC	95	77	t	89	74	t		Oklahoma City	92	66	t	86	64	s
Charleston, WV	82	67	t	75	56	t		Omaha	79	60	t	83	66	s
Chicago	68	56	c	73	56	pc		Philadelphia	81	66	r	73	67	r
Cleveland	75	62	c	66	55	r		Phoenix	111	88	s	111	89	pc
Dallas	96	75	pc	88	69	t		Portland, ME	70	53	pc	68	54	pc
Denver	77	58	t	85	61	pc		Providence	74	57	pc	73	60	r
Detroit	76	60	pc	66	55	r		Raleigh	94	71	t	88	65	t
El Paso	97	75	t	92	73	c		Rapid City	78	57	s	71	59	pc
Fairbanks	74	56	c	64	52	t		Reno	101	68	pc	100	67	pc
Fargo	83	59	pc	85	61	t		Sacramento	99	62	pc	87	60	pc
Honolulu	89	74	pc	89	75	pc		St. Louis	77	62	t	80	63	s
Houston	91	77	t	92	75	t		Salt Lake City	98	69	s	101	72	s
Indianapolis	78	60	t	74	55	r		San Diego	74	66	pc	73	67	pc
Jacksonville	92	73	t	92	73	t		San Francisco	74	57	pc	71	59	pc
Kansas City	76	60	sh	80	62	s		Seattle	88	63	s	91	66	pc
Las Vegas	111	85	pc	113	86	pc		Tucson	105	80	t	104	79	t
Little Rock	96	70	t	86	67	t		Washington, DC	83	68	t	80	67	r
Los Angeles	80	63	pc	79	63	pc		Wichita	87	66	t	87	66	s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.