

# Jail time unlikely if kids found guilty of ballpark fire

EUGENE (AP) — Jail time isn’t likely if convictions are handed down for the four boys charged with setting a fire that destroyed a historic Oregon ballpark.

Police say the kids were playing with fire when the flames got out of control. They fled and police were tipped off July 1 by the family of a boy who left before the fire started, the *Eugene Register-Guard* reported.

An arson conviction won’t mean youth prison for the 10-year-old boy who’s been charged.

The three 12-year-olds are under the jurisdiction of the Oregon Youth Authority. Agency spokesman Jason Davis says juvenile offenders younger than 15 years old are a very small percentage of children incarcerated in state-run facilities.

A court order is keeping the names of the boys and their parents from being released. Davis says releasing that information could impact the ongoing investigation.

Youth Authority spokeswoman Ann Snyder says



A firefighter takes a photo of the smoldering remains of Civic Stadium, June 30, in Eugene.

probation is likely if the judge in the case establishes jurisdiction, which would essentially mean a guilty verdict had crime been committed by adults.

Eugene defense attorney Adam Shelton says youth court is geared more toward rehabili-

tating offenders.

“It’s hard to tell what will happen in this case,” Shelton said.

The case is scheduled for a fact-finding hearing Sept. 1 in juvenile court.

Eugene attorney Derek

Johnson helped start the Eugene Civic Alliance, a nonprofit group that recently bought the stadium.

Johnson couldn’t be reached for comment, but has said the alliance had insured the grandstand for \$3 million.

# Liquor commission working on legal pot rules

By **ZANE SPARLING**  
*Capital Bureau*

Oregon marijuana growers will likely see sliding scale costs for licenses and fees depending on the size of their operation, and are expected to give up about 2 percent of their annual crop for state-mandated potency and pesticide testing.

Those, at least, were the working conclusions of Oregon Liquor Control Commission staffers after a three-hour meeting of the Recreational Marijuana Rules Technical Committee adjourned Wednesday.

The committee is one of eight set up by the OLCC to gather input from major stakeholders as it crafts the language that will guide recreational marijuana use and cultivation.

The OLCC is slated to provide a set of temporary rules Jan. 4; the final regulations are due in July of 2016.

The meeting gathered indoor, outdoor, greenhouse and organic pot growers,

many of whom said they feared legalization could cause Oregon’s patchwork of tie-dyed family operators and enterprising agribusiness start-ups to be replaced with three or four major players.

Unlike Washington, where no more than 2 million square feet (roughly 35 football fields) can be under marijuana cultivation at one time, Oregon has set no land limit for growers, raising fears of monolithic weed suppliers.

Jesse Peters, who heads Eco Firma Farms and has given testimony on behalf of the Oregon Cannabis Growers PAC, said it didn’t matter what the OLCC did — nothing was going to halt consolidation.

“It’s not going to stop. That’s like shooting a BB gun at a freight train,” he said during the meeting.

But OLCC staffers seemed particularly receptive to growers’ proposal that licensing fees be progressive, based either on size or revenue of the operation.

“I like that idea,” OLCC Director Steve Marks said in an interview after the meeting.

Marks said that state law also allows the commission to award licenses based on considerations of merit, which could include everything from prior participation in Oregon’s medical marijuana program, to worker treatment and energy and water conservation.

Another contentious topic for committee members was marijuana testing for THC levels and pesticides. While most of the growers see testing as an inevitability — and accepted that science would dictate the size of batch samples taken by labs — they hotly debated whether disclosure of pesticide use was necessary.

“I’ve seen people in the past spray Raid on their plants,” Peters said. “If they’re doing it with integrity, you’re only treating plants (with pesticides) every 90 days, and you’re never treating a flowering plant.”

# Oregon timber harvest again tops 4B board feet

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon’s timber harvest decreased slightly last year, ending a four-year run of gains that began after the Great Recession, the state Department of Forestry said Wednesday.

The 4.13 billion board feet harvested in 2014 represents a 1.7 percent decline from the year before. It was, however, the second consecutive year of more than 4 billion board feet, a total Oregon had not seen since 2006.

The state hit a recession low of 2.7 billion board feet in 2009. It takes 10,000 board feet to build a roughly 1,800-square-foot house.

The Forestry Department said in its annual harvest report it doesn’t expect a big change in 2015. Brandon Kaetzel, a top economist at the department, said several issues will likely keep the harvest from rising, including reduced port access, a challenging export market and housing starts not reaching the levels some expected.

Sixty percent of Oregon’s forest land is federal. Industrial and family-owned lands comprise another 34 percent and the rest is divided between entities such as the state, counties and tribes.

# OSU Scientists develop bacon-flavored seaweed

PORTLAND (AP) — What grows quickly, is packed with protein, has twice the nutritional value of kale and tastes like bacon?

The answer, according to scientists at Oregon State University, is a new strain of seaweed they recently patented.

Dulse is a form of edible seaweed that grows wild along the Pacific and Atlantic coastlines. It’s harvested and commonly used by people in dried form as a cooking ingredient or nutritional supplement.

But OSU researchers say the variety they’ve developed can be farmed and eaten fresh, with the potential for a new industry for Oregon.

Scientists have been trying to develop a new strain of the seaweed for more than 15 years. Their original goal was to create a super food for commercially grown abalone, a mollusk prized in Asia.

The strain of dulse they came up with, which looks like translucent red lettuce, is a great source of minerals, vitamins and antioxidants, not to mention protein. The abalone grew exceedingly quickly when fed the dulse and an abalone operation in Hawaii is now using the seaweed on a commercial scale.

But after a product development team at OSU’s Food Innovation Center created new foods with the dulse, researchers began to think humans might benefit a lot more.

Among the most promising foods created were a dulse-based rice cracker and salad dressing. And bacon-tasting strips, which are fried like regular bacon to bring out the flavor.

The research team received a grant from the Oregon Department of Agriculture to explore dulse as a “specialty crop” — the first time seaweed had made the list, officials said. The team brought on a culinary research chef to further refine recipes and products.

Several Portland-area chefs are now testing the sea “vegetable” in its raw or cooked form. And MBA students at OSU are preparing a marketing plan for a new line of dulse-based specialty foods and exploring the potential for a new aquaculture industry.

There are no commercial operations that grow dulse for human consumption in the U.S. and chefs say fresh, high-quality seaweed is hard to come by.

“The dulse grows using a water recirculation system,” said OSU researcher Chris Langdon, who developed the strain. “Theoretically, you could create an industry in eastern Oregon almost as easily as you could along the coast with a bit of supplementation. You just need a modest amount of seawater and some sunshine.”

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## AccuWeather.com Forecast

| TODAY                      | FRIDAY                    | SATURDAY                        | SUNDAY              | MONDAY              |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
|                            |                           |                                 |                     |                     |
| Sunny, breezy and pleasant | Mostly sunny and pleasant | Brilliant sunshine and pleasant | Sunny and very warm | Sunny and very warm |
| 83° 56°                    | 85° 59°                   | 91° 62°                         | 97° 66°             | 95° 65°             |

| PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST |         |
|--------------------------------|---------|
| 83° 56°                        | 85° 59° |
| HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST |         |
| 86° 57°                        | 88° 57° |

### ALMANAC

**PENDLETON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

| TEMPERATURE | HIGH        | LOW        |
|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Yesterday   | 87°         | 58°        |
| Normals     | 89°         | 59°        |
| Records     | 112° (1911) | 44° (1905) |

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date Trace  
Normal month to date 0.15"  
Year to date 5.00"  
Last year to date 7.52"  
Normal year to date 7.72"

**HERMISTON**  
through 3 p.m. yesterday

| TEMPERATURE | HIGH        | LOW        |
|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Yesterday   | 88°         | 60°        |
| Normals     | 89°         | 59°        |
| Records     | 107° (1938) | 43° (2000) |

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.09"  
Normal month to date 0.11"  
Year to date 3.25"  
Last year to date 4.21"  
Normal year to date 5.81"

### SUN AND MOON

|                |           |
|----------------|-----------|
| Sunrise today  | 5:21 a.m. |
| Sunset tonight | 8:41 p.m. |
| Moonrise today | 6:14 a.m. |
| Moonset today  | 8:50 p.m. |

|         |         |       |        |
|---------|---------|-------|--------|
| First   | Full    | Last  | New    |
| July 23 | July 31 | Aug 6 | Aug 14 |

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

**REGIONAL FORECAST**

**Coastal Oregon:** Increasingly windy today; clouds giving way to some sun, but sunnier in the south.

**Eastern and Central Oregon:** Sunny and pleasant today. Mainly clear tonight.

**Western Washington:** Clouds giving way to some sun today. Mostly cloudy tonight.

**Eastern Washington:** Mostly sunny today. Patchy clouds tonight.

**Cascades:** Mostly sunny today; pleasant. Mostly clear tonight.

**Northern California:** Low clouds followed by sunshine at the coast today; sunny elsewhere.

### REGIONAL CITIES

|               | Today |    |    | Fri. |    |    |
|---------------|-------|----|----|------|----|----|
|               | Hi    | Lo | W  | Hi   | Lo | W  |
| Astoria       | 69    | 56 | pc | 73   | 56 | pc |
| Baker City    | 78    | 45 | s  | 74   | 41 | t  |
| Bend          | 76    | 43 | s  | 75   | 47 | s  |
| Brookings     | 74    | 56 | pc | 74   | 57 | pc |
| Burns         | 81    | 44 | s  | 77   | 43 | s  |
| Enterprise    | 76    | 47 | s  | 75   | 48 | t  |
| Eugene        | 83    | 49 | s  | 85   | 54 | pc |
| Heppner       | 79    | 51 | s  | 81   | 54 | s  |
| Hermiston     | 86    | 57 | s  | 88   | 57 | s  |
| John Day      | 77    | 49 | s  | 76   | 47 | t  |
| Klamath Falls | 84    | 47 | s  | 83   | 48 | s  |
| La Grande     | 78    | 48 | s  | 78   | 46 | t  |
| Meacham       | 71    | 42 | s  | 72   | 39 | t  |
| Medford       | 88    | 57 | s  | 90   | 59 | s  |
| Newport       | 65    | 51 | pc | 66   | 54 | pc |
| North Bend    | 68    | 55 | pc | 68   | 55 | pc |
| Ontario       | 88    | 59 | s  | 82   | 55 | s  |
| Pasco         | 88    | 56 | s  | 90   | 57 | s  |
| Pendleton     | 83    | 56 | s  | 85   | 59 | s  |
| Portland      | 76    | 57 | pc | 84   | 61 | pc |
| Redmond       | 79    | 42 | s  | 79   | 43 | s  |
| Salem         | 80    | 53 | pc | 86   | 59 | pc |
| Spokane       | 79    | 58 | s  | 80   | 59 | s  |
| Ukiah         | 75    | 45 | s  | 75   | 46 | t  |
| Vancouver     | 76    | 55 | pc | 84   | 58 | pc |
| Walla Walla   | 84    | 61 | s  | 87   | 63 | s  |
| Yakima        | 85    | 54 | s  | 89   | 57 | pc |

### WORLD CITIES

|             | Today |    |    | Fri. |    |    |
|-------------|-------|----|----|------|----|----|
|             | Hi    | Lo | W  | Hi   | Lo | W  |
| Beijing     | 84    | 70 | c  | 86   | 70 | t  |
| Hong Kong   | 93    | 83 | t  | 92   | 81 | t  |
| Jerusalem   | 88    | 66 | s  | 88   | 68 | s  |
| London      | 78    | 61 | pc | 74   | 55 | pc |
| Mexico City | 75    | 54 | t  | 73   | 56 | t  |
| Moscow      | 70    | 52 | sh | 69   | 52 | pc |
| Paris       | 95    | 68 | pc | 86   | 62 | s  |
| Rome        | 90    | 72 | s  | 92   | 73 | s  |
| Seoul       | 85    | 65 | pc | 85   | 68 | pc |
| Sydney      | 57    | 46 | r  | 58   | 46 | r  |
| Tokyo       | 82    | 78 | r  | 84   | 77 | r  |

### WINDS

|                  | Today     | Friday  |
|------------------|-----------|---------|
| (in mph)         | WSW 8-16  | WNW 4-8 |
| <b>Boardman</b>  | WSW 10-20 | NW 7-14 |
| <b>Pendleton</b> |           |         |

### UV INDEX TODAY

|   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 2 | 5 | 7 | 7 | 5 | 2 |
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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.

**Weather Summary:** Drenching storms will affect Florida and its vicinity today. Complexes of severe thunderstorms will affect the central and northern Plains to the western Great Lakes region. Storms will dot the Rockies.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
**High 107°** in Needles, Calif. **Low 36°** in Bodie State Park, Calif.

### NATIONAL CITIES

|                | Today |    |    | Fri. |    |    |                | Today |    |    | Fri. |    |    |
|----------------|-------|----|----|------|----|----|----------------|-------|----|----|------|----|----|
|                | Hi    | Lo | W  | Hi   | Lo | W  |                | Hi    | Lo | W  | Hi   | Lo | W  |
| Albuquerque    | 88    | 65 | pc | 88   | 65 | pc | Louisville     | 88    | 74 | s  | 95   | 77 | pc |
| Atlanta        | 91    | 74 | pc | 93   | 75 | t  | Miami          | 96    | 79 | s  | 97   | 79 | s  |
| Atlantic City  | 76    | 66 | pc | 79   | 71 | pc | Memphis        | 90    | 77 | t  | 91   | 77 | t  |
| Baltimore      | 81    | 65 | s  | 83   | 70 | pc | Millwaukee     | 71    | 66 | r  | 86   | 70 | t  |
| Billings       | 86    | 59 | pc | 72   | 52 | t  | Minneapolis    | 71    | 63 | pc | 88   | 71 | s  |
| Birmingham     | 95    | 75 | t  | 98   | 76 | pc | Nashville      | 91    | 73 | pc | 95   | 76 | s  |
| Boise          | 87    | 57 | s  | 81   | 55 | s  | New Orleans    | 94    | 78 | s  | 94   | 79 | t  |
| Boston         | 71    | 61 | s  | 78   | 65 | s  | New York City  | 80    | 67 | s  | 82   | 71 | s  |
| Charleston, SC | 91    | 75 | t  | 90   | 74 | pc | Oklahoma City  | 94    | 74 | s  | 95   | 75 | s  |
| Charleston, WV | 84    | 66 | s  | 89   | 72 | pc | Omaha          | 91    | 73 | pc | 95   | 75 | s  |
| Chicago        | 76    | 71 | t  | 89   | 73 | t  | Philadelphia   | 82    | 66 | s  | 84   | 72 | pc |
| Cleveland      | 78    | 66 | s  | 86   | 74 | t  | Phoenix        | 106   | 86 | pc | 101  | 81 | pc |
| Dallas         | 97    | 78 | s  | 97   | 79 | s  | Portland, ME   | 75    | 55 | pc | 75   | 62 | s  |
| Denver         | 89    | 60 | t  | 91   | 60 | pc | Providence     | 77    | 58 | s  | 79   | 65 | s  |
| Detroit        | 76    | 65 | s  | 87   | 71 | t  | Raleigh        | 86    | 68 | s  | 89   | 71 | pc |
| El Paso        | 93    | 74 | c  | 95   | 74 | pc | Rapid City     | 86    | 60 | s  | 86   | 59 | pc |
| Fairbanks      | 71    | 53 | c  | 63   | 50 | sh | reno           | 93    | 63 | s  | 91   | 60 | pc |
| Fargo          | 81    | 61 | t  | 87   | 65 | t  | Sacramento     | 99    | 65 | s  | 96   | 62 | s  |
| Honolulu       | 90    | 77 | pc | 90   | 77 | pc | St. Louis      | 93    | 79 | t  | 96   | 78 | pc |
| Houston        | 94    | 79 | s  | 95   | 79 | s  | Salt Lake City | 91    | 69 | s  | 92   | 65 | pc |
| Indianapolis   | 82    | 70 | pc | 90   | 72 | c  | San Diego      | 75    | 66 | pc | 77   | 68 | pc |
| Jacksonville   | 91    | 73 | t  | 90   | 72 | t  | San Francisco  | 76    | 60 | pc | 77   | 61 | pc |
| Kansas City    | 92    | 74 | pc | 91   | 75 | pc | Seattle        | 75    | 56 | pc | 82   | 59 | pc |
| Las Vegas      | 104   | 79 | s  | 104  | 80 | s  | Tucson         | 98    | 77 | t  | 95   | 74 | pc |
| Little Rock    | 96    | 76 | s  | 97   | 78 | s  | Washington, DC | 84    | 71 | s  | 87   | 76 | pc |
| Los Angeles    | 80    | 61 | pc | 81   | 61 | pc | Wichita        | 98    | 76 | s  | 96   | 78 | pc |