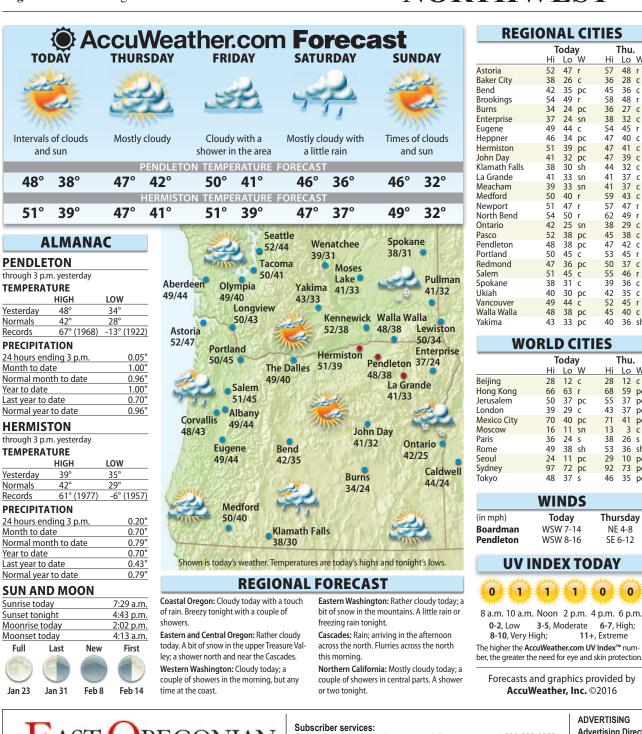
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HARNEY COUNTY STANDOFF: DAY 17 **Tense public meeting in Burns**

PORTLAND (AP) — The leader of an armed group who took over a national wildlife refuge in southeastern Oregon weeks ago attended a tense community meeting and listened as residents chanted at him to "go, go, go."

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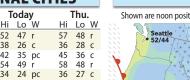
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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day



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Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)

High 79° in McAllen, Texas Low -23° in Phillips, Wis.

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The proposal under consideration Thursday would allow a public school to keep an American Indian mascot when it reaches a written agreement with one of Oregon's nine federally recognized tribes. The school board would be required to hold a public hearing on the mascot and accept oral and written comments. A tribe would be allowed to revoke an agreement prior to its expiration date.

The proposal has received mixed reviews from American Indians. Some oppose all forms of Indian mascots. Others, such as the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde, say tribes, as sovereign governments, deserve the right to check off on mascots that highlight their culture.

Ammon Bundy didn't speak at the Tuesday night meeting in Burns for residents to talk about the armed occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge which began earlier this month.

Some of the several hundred community members spoke to Bundy directly. One thanked him for raising awareness around issues of public lands, but told him it's time to go home to his family.

Many others were less congenial and voiced anger at Bundy's group as well as the local and federal government for what some said was a lack of effort to end the takeover.

Bundy and his small posse left after the meeting without incident.

More information on the meeting was not available by press time.

With the armed takeover of a national wildlife refuge in southeastern Oregon in its third week, Ammon Bundy and his group are still trying to muster up broad community support — so far without much luck.

Bundy has drawn a lot of attention to the dissatisfaction of ranchers and local townsfolk with federal land-use policies in the West. But the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge has also begun to result in pushback from others who use public lands — birders, hunters and hikers, among others.

Here are some things to know about how conservation groups are trying to rally public pressure on Bundy to leave, and what Bundy is doing to try to win more sympathizers.

GROWING PUSH-BACK AGAINST THE

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Protesters hold signs during a rally against the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge while at the Federal Building in Eugene on Tuesday.

OCCUPATION On Tuesday,

BUNDY'S COMMU-NITY OUTREACH several Bundy has had trouble

hundred people rallied in Portland — about 300 miles north of the remote refuge in southeastern Oregon — to demand Bundy end the occupation and to point out that federal management makes it possible for all kinds of people to enjoy public lands.

Protesters chanted "Birds, Not Bullies," a reference to the Malheur refuge's creation in 1908 as a preserve and breeding ground for native birds. The rally was organized by Oregon Wild, Portland Audubon and the Center for Biological Diversity.

"This occupation represents a threat to public lands," said Bob Sallinger with the Audubon Society. "These are not political statements. These are crimes."

In Boise, more than 100 people attended a similar protest Tuesday in front of the Îdaho Capitol. Ann Finley, a member of the Great Old Broads for Wilderness, said that the refuge is a special place.

"I love our free lands, and we're out here today stepping out and saying those lands should remain public,' Finley said.

Conservation groups have also shown up at the refuge itself to demand that Bundy and his followers leave, and last weekend got into a shouting match with Bundy's group.

winning many friends who aren't militants, or even finding a place where he could spell out his views to people living near the refuge. His plans to hold a community meeting at the local fairground tanked when Harney County said he couldn't hold it there.

Still, Bundy isn't giving up. On Monday night, Bundy held a meeting at a hot springs resort near Crane, Oregon, where he tried to persuade 30 or so ranchers to stop paying the federal government to graze their cattle on public lands. It does not appear he persuaded many to follow his advice.

PUSHBACK WILL BY CONSERVATION GROUPS HAVE ANY **IMPACT?**

Bundy's most fervent supporters — those holed up inside headquarters of the wildlife refuge continue to be militants from outside Oregon. Bundy has demanded federal lands in Harney County be handed over to locals. While many local residents want Bundy and his group to leave, they also back his views on federal land policies. Bundy's game plan may be to continue to try to win local support and to draw attention to his complaints against the federal government.

Legislation in 2014 required the Board of Education to develop rules providing for an exception to the ban. In May, the board rejected another proposal for an exception. The board has until January 2017 to adopt a rule. It was unclear Tuesday how board members would receive the latest proposal.

Indian mascot exceptions

SALEM — After four years of debate,

the Oregon Board of Education is poised

its strict policy banning American Indian

The ban, enacted in 2012, is due to

take effect July 1, 2017, unless the board

school districts could be affected, including

Molalla High School and Warrenton High

adopts the more lenient policy. Fifteen

to consider a compromise Thursday to

mascots

School

The Grand Ronde, for instance, is supportive of mascots that feature "warriors," "braves" and "chiefs" in its name.



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