

# GOP has uphill battle in Oregon

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Capital Bureau

Salem oncologist Bud Pierce surprised the political establishment Tuesday when he captured the Republican nomination for governor in a landslide victory over presumed frontrunner, businessman Allen Alley.

The political newcomer now faces an uphill battle against Democratic Gov. Kate Brown, a seasoned politician who is seeking election to the office she inherited when Gov. John Kitzhaber resigned last year.

In addition to campaigning in a state with a Democratic majority, Pierce, 59, faces an opposing party eager to compare him to New York billionaire Donald Trump, the presumptive GOP nominee for president, Jim Moore, politics professor and director of the Tom McCall Center for Policy Innovation at Pacific University.

"People do not know him, nor are they inclined to vote for a Republican," Moore said. "His centrist appeal will be difficult to sell with Trump at the top of the ticket. He will have to separate himself from the national campaign narrative."

Brown barely campaigned for the primary yet still won her party's nomination with 84 percent of early

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returns, against five mostly unknown opponents. She will remain focused on governing and serving the state but will ramp up her campaign every month leading up to the general election in November, said Liz Accola Meunier, a spokeswoman for Brown's campaign.

"The governor is really looking forward to talking about her vision for moving the state forward and looking forward to having a chance to talk about her vision, and we believe when voters get a chance to compare her to her opponent that they will choose her," Meunier said.

With experience in state government and as a candidate for statewide office, Alley, 61, was the presumed frontrunner in the race for the GOP nomination.

But Pierce's campaign against Alley showed that higher spending in both money and time can pay dividends with the electorate. Pierce filed for election six months earlier than Alley, invested more than \$1 million of his own

money into his campaign and traveled around the state to achieve name recognition that he lacked when he first entered the race.

Pierce anticipates he will need \$8 million to \$10 million to run an adequate campaign against Brown.

"The reason I am running is a lot of us feel the current state leadership is failing us," Pierce said. "The current state leadership is highly experienced. The issue isn't experience. The issue is the governor really a motivator and a leader?"

Democrat Oregon Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian and former Republican state Rep. Dennis Richardson will face each other in the November general election for secretary of state.

"Richardson is running on a platform that Democrats are corrupt; Avakian is running on a platform that the job ought to include a lot of duties that are not part of the official role of the secretary of state," Moore said.

"Both are damaged: Richardson because of his poor run against Kitzhaber

(for governor in 2014), and Avakian because of the hard hits he took in the primary. But, until proven otherwise, it is extremely hard for a Republican to win in Oregon," Moore said.

Avakian prevailed with 39 percent of early returns over Rep. Val Hoyle, D-Eugene, who had 33 percent and state Sen. Richard Devlin, D-Tualatin, with 27 percent.

Richardson said Tuesday night that he was ready to campaign against Avakian based on their different views on the role of the secretary of state.

"Brad Avakian wants to investigate and go after private businesses," Richardson said, referring to Avakian's plan to have auditors investigate complaints against state contractors.

"My opinion is the secretary of state should be rolling out the red carpet to businesses in other states and countries, as well as in Oregon."

Richardson said the Audits Division in the Secretary of State's Office is supposed to review state programs in order to "show that the people's money is well spent and (Avakian's) approach will be to ignore the waste that is taking place in public departments and programs."

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# Cascade Locks says no to Nestle water-bottling plant

PORTLAND (AP) — Voters in an Oregon county imposed a ban on commercial water bottling on Tuesday, killing a plan in which Nestle would have built a water-bottling plant in the job-scarce town of Cascade Locks.

Those who supported Measure 14-55, which sought the ban on the production and transport of bottled water, had expressed concern about water scarcity and losing the character of the community.

Town officials had wanted the project for the hundreds of thousands of dollars in revenue and jobs it could have brought to a town with 19 percent unemployment.

Dave Palais of Nestle Waters North America, who had a small office in the town with placards trumpeting the benefits the project could have brought, said the company is disappointed with the result.

The proposal had split Cascade Locks, named for navigational locks on the Columbia River that became mostly submerged when a dam was built downriver eight decades ago, dealing the town an economic blow. Blue signs opposing the project and red ones in favor were erected in the town of 1,200 that still clings to existence within sight of the Bridge of the Gods.

In a statement, Palais noted that some voters of Cascade Locks had spoken out in opposition to the measure. Some residents who wanted the plant built in this rainy section of the county had been unhappy that voters in drought-prone sections were helping decide the town's future.

"While we firmly believe this decision on a county primary ballot is not in the best interest of Cascade Locks, we respect the democratic process," Palais said.

The measure was one of the hottest disputes in Oregon's primary. The Swiss transnational company's plan has drawn opposition from orchard owners, Native American tribes and others.

Farm and orchard owners said water bottlers would compete with the needs of the growing population of the town of Hood River, the county seat, and its shrinking water supply. But Gordon Zimmerman, city manager of Cascade Locks, said his town has water to spare. Nestle had hoped to use 118 million gallons of spring water per year by 2020.

The company would have paid Cascade Locks an undetermined amount for the water. The town would first have had to swap well water for spring water with the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. The department, which uses the spring-fed Little Herman Creek for its Oxbow Hatchery, had agreed to trade.

The city was then going to sell its new share of spring water to Nestle for its Arrowhead bottled water, branded as sourced from mountain springs.

Studies by the fish and wildlife department and one commissioned by Nestle say hatchery fish and wild salmon wouldn't be affected.

Opponents had also objected to trucks making 200 trips a day to and from the plant. And Native Americans cited global warming, salmon die-offs and water conservation.

## BRIEFLY

### Mount St. Helens monitoring ongoing 36 years after eruption

MOUNT VERNON, Wash. (AP) — Thirty-six years after a deadly volcanic eruption at Mount St. Helens, the United States Geological Survey is still closely monitoring the volcano and others in the state.

The Skagit Valley Herald reports the USGS monitors volcanoes in Washington and Oregon's North Cascades region through its Cascades Volcano Observatory and activity this year has been considered normal. The agency issues weekly reports on seismic activity near the volcanoes.

Washington's five major volcanoes are Mount Rainier, Mount Adams, Mount Baker, Mount St. Helens and Glacier Peak.

Mount St. Helens erupted on

May 18, 1980, killing 57 people and eventually sending volcanic ash around the globe.

According to the geological survey, more than 130 small earthquakes were detected beneath Mount St. Helens between mid-March and early May, and the rates steadily increased from March, reaching nearly 40 per week.

A post on the survey's website on May 5, says "there are no signs of an imminent eruption," and the quakes are part of common activity at the volcano.

Another recent swarm of earthquakes at Mount Hood this week were deemed by the survey to not be linked to "magmatic processes" but to pre-existing tectonic fault lines.

"Swarms are not uncommon in the Mount Hood area, which typically experiences one or two swarms per year that last for several days to weeks," read a post from earlier this week.

### Portlanders narrowly approve gas tax

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland voters approved a temporary 10-cent-a-gallon tax on gasoline, pumping a projected \$64 million into road repairs and safety improvements.

The tax that won a narrow victory Tuesday takes effect later this year and will expire in late 2020.

Commissioner Steve Novick pushed for the proposal, saying the money was desperately needed to fix the city's notoriously bad streets.

Opponents said the tax would drive business away from Portland gas stations.

They also said money from a tax that's paid by motorists should go entirely toward fixing streets.

Instead, more than 40 percent of the money will go toward safety projects for bicyclists and pedestrians.

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| TODAY                          | FRIDAY         | SATURDAY                     | SUNDAY                          | MONDAY |
|--------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|
|                                |                |                              |                                 |        |
| Partly sunny, a shower, cooler | Thunder shower | A shower or t-storm in spots | A morning shower; mostly cloudy | Cloudy |

#### PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 63° | 39° | 63° | 48° | 66° | 47° | 65° | 48° | 67° | 45° |
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#### HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

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

| TEMPERATURE | HIGH       | LOW        |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Yesterday   | 82°        | 52°        |
| Normals     | 71°        | 47°        |
| Records     | 94° (2006) | 28° (1905) |

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.94"  
Normal month to date 0.70"  
Year to date 5.34"  
Last year to date 4.31"  
Normal year to date 5.85"

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

| TEMPERATURE | HIGH       | LOW        |
|-------------|------------|------------|
| Yesterday   | 86°        | 51°        |
| Normals     | 74°        | 47°        |
| Records     | 95° (2008) | 33° (1966) |

**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 1.22"  
Normal month to date 0.66"  
Year to date 4.20"  
Last year to date 3.00"  
Normal year to date 4.68"

#### REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today; showers, but dry in the south. A passing shower tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: A shower today; however, a shower and thunderstorm around in the upper Treasure Valley.

Western Washington: Mostly cloudy today with showers. A passing shower tonight; however, dry at the coast.

Eastern Washington: Periods of sun today with a passing shower, except dry across the south.

Cascades: Cooler today and tonight with showers. Snow level as low as 4,500 feet.

Northern California: Mostly cloudy and cooler today; a shower in spots in the interior mountains.

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| Baker City    | 57    | 33 | pc | 56   | 36 | c  |
| Bend          | 54    | 33 | pc | 54   | 38 | t  |
| Brookings     | 58    | 46 | c  | 58   | 48 | c  |
| Burns         | 57    | 33 | pc | 53   | 31 | t  |
| Enterprise    | 55    | 35 | pc | 54   | 38 | t  |
| Eugene        | 59    | 43 | c  | 62   | 46 | t  |
| Heppner       | 60    | 37 | pc | 60   | 43 | c  |
| Hermiston     | 68    | 41 | pc | 69   | 51 | c  |
| John Day      | 56    | 38 | pc | 55   | 42 | t  |
| Klamath Falls | 56    | 35 | pc | 49   | 34 | sh |
| La Grande     | 58    | 37 | pc | 58   | 43 | t  |
| Meacham       | 55    | 33 | pc | 55   | 42 | t  |
| Medford       | 62    | 45 | c  | 63   | 45 | sh |
| Newport       | 55    | 45 | sh | 57   | 48 | c  |
| North Bend    | 57    | 46 | sh | 59   | 49 | pc |
| Ontario       | 68    | 44 | t  | 64   | 44 | t  |
| Pasco         | 69    | 43 | pc | 71   | 50 | c  |
| Pendleton     | 63    | 39 | pc | 63   | 48 | t  |
| Portland      | 59    | 48 | sh | 66   | 51 | t  |
| Redmond       | 56    | 33 | pc | 57   | 36 | t  |
| Salem         | 60    | 44 | sh | 65   | 47 | c  |
| Spokane       | 59    | 40 | pc | 65   | 47 | c  |
| Ukiah         | 54    | 31 | sh | 53   | 40 | t  |
| Vancouver     | 58    | 46 | sh | 64   | 49 | t  |
| Walla Walla   | 64    | 43 | pc | 64   | 49 | t  |
| Yakima        | 67    | 42 | sh | 70   | 50 | c  |

  

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| Hong Kong   | 85    | 76 | c  | 84   | 77 | c  |
| Jerusalem   | 71    | 55 | s  | 75   | 58 | s  |
| London      | 66    | 54 | pc | 66   | 55 | pc |
| Mexico City | 81    | 53 | t  | 84   | 57 | t  |
| Moscow      | 62    | 54 | r  | 60   | 46 | r  |
| Paris       | 63    | 52 | pc | 67   | 53 | pc |
| Rome        | 68    | 53 | t  | 72   | 57 | s  |
| Seoul       | 88    | 61 | s  | 85   | 59 | pc |
| Sydney      | 74    | 56 | s  | 74   | 56 | pc |
| Tokyo       | 74    | 59 | s  | 70   | 60 | c  |

  

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| Pendleton | WSW   | 12-25 |   | NNW  | 4-8 |   |

  

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## NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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**National Summary:** Showers will develop in New England, while rain lingers in part of the southern Appalachians today. Showers and storms will drench the Deep South with severe storms in Texas. Rain will expand in the Northwest.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High 99° in Thermal, Calif. Low 22° in Stonington, Mich.

|                | Today |    |    | Fri. |    |    |
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| Baltimore      | 68    | 48 | pc | 72   | 53 | pc |
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| Birmingham     | 82    | 65 | pc | 76   | 62 | r  |
| Boise          | 65    | 43 | t  | 62   | 44 | t  |
| Boston         | 60    | 51 | pc | 69   | 57 | s  |
| Charleston, SC | 78    | 66 | t  | 80   | 67 | t  |
| Chicago, IL    | 71    | 48 | pc | 70   | 54 | r  |
| Cleveland      | 68    | 45 | s  | 69   | 47 | pc |
| Dallas         | 64    | 45 | s  | 70   | 53 | pc |
| Denver         | 66    | 60 | r  | 78   | 61 | pc |
| Detroit        | 70    | 48 | pc | 77   | 50 | s  |
| El Paso        | 69    | 48 | s  | 70   | 52 | pc |
| Fairbanks      | 80    | 60 | pc | 89   | 61 | s  |
| Fargo          | 68    | 45 | c  | 70   | 47 | pc |
| Honolulu       | 77    | 55 | pc | 75   | 54 | pc |
| Houston        | 85    | 75 | sh | 85   | 75 | pc |
| Indianapolis   | 78    | 66 | r  | 84   | 66 | pc |
| Jacksonville   | 69    | 50 | s  | 68   | 52 | c  |
| Kansas City    | 85    | 68 | t  | 87   | 70 | t  |
| Las Vegas      | 68    | 52 | pc | 70   | 52 | pc |
| Las Vegas      | 94    | 69 | s  | 85   | 60 | pc |
| Little Rock    | 73    | 58 | sh | 76   | 58 | c  |
| Los Angeles    | 75    | 60 | pc | 69   | 58 | pc |

  

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