# Harney County judge prevails in recall

**By ANDREW SELSKY** Associated Press

BEND — A local official who opposed the armed takeover of an Oregon wildlife refuge has prevailed in a recall vote.

Harney County Judge Steve Grasty, the top administrator of the sparsely populated high-desert county, faced a recall vote after he refused to allow the armed protesters to use a county building for a meeting. Unofficial results Tuesday night showed about 70 percent of voters rejecting the recall effort.

The vote underscored divisions that remain in the county more than four months after the 41-day occupation ended Feb. 11. The occupiers said they were protesting federal land-use policies.

Signs calling for voters to reject the recall effort, and a few of them supporting it, were on lawns and businesses all over Burns, the county seat, and on ranch fences.

The headquarters the 188,000-acre Malheur National Wildlife Refuge,



Harney County Judge Steve Grasty, who faces a special recall election, speaks during an interview in his office Tuesday in Burns.

located 30 miles south of Burns, is still closed, though refuge roads are open. Refuge manager Chad Karges said he expects the headquarters

to reopen in late summer or early fall.

At more than 10,000 square miles, Harney County is the largest county in Oregon. With only 7,100 residents, it is also one of the least populated. But the world's attention was focused on it after protesters who came from out of state and took over the refuge headquarters in January.

Grasty told The Associated Press recently that he stands by his decision to deny use of a county building to the leader of the armed group.

"He had already taken over, with firearms, a whole compound of buildings. And (the request) didn't make sense to me, nor did it fit public policy about public safety," Grasty said.

More than two dozen occupiers were arrested amid the takeover, and one was shot dead at a roadblock confrontation with enforcement. Several have pleaded guilty in federal court in Portland to conspiracy in exchange for the dismissal of a charge of firearms possession in a federal facility. Most of the remaining defendants, including leader Ammon Bundy, are scheduled to go to trial Sept. 7.



Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and Gov. Kate Brown announce two settlements with Volkswagen over an emissions-cheating scandal.

## VW pays Oregon \$85M to settle emissions suit

By PARIS ACHEN Capital Bureau

PORTLAND — The state and federal government have settled two lawsuits with Volkswagen related to the company misrepresenting the amount of emissions its diesel-powered vehicles produced.

The federal settlement, which has yet to receive final approval, requires Volkswagen to pay more than \$68.2 million into a trust to support diesel-emission reduction programs in Oregon and to make cash payments of \$5,100 each to 13,000 Oregonians who purchased the falsely marketed vehicles. Volkswagen also has agreed to buy back or fix certain VW and Audi diesel vehicles. Other states will receive similarly funded emission reductions programs.

In a separate multistate settlement reached by Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum and 37 other attorneys general, Volkswagen has agreed to pay \$570 million for violating state laws prohibiting unfair or deceptive trade practices. Oregon receives \$17 million of that payment.

Oregon was among six

states that led the investigation into the company's deceptive trade practices, in part because Oregon has the highest per-capita ownership of the affected VW vehicles in the nation, Rosenblum said.

The attorneys general confirmed investigation that VW and Porsche sold more than 570,000 2.0- and 3.0-liter diesel vehicles in the United States, concealing the existence of "defeat device" software installed in the vehicles. The software enabled the company to circumvent emissions standards for

certain air pollutants. VW and Porsche misrepresented the cars as environmentally friendly and compliant with federal and state emissions standards, Rosenblum said. In fact, the vehicles emitted harmful amounts of nitrogen oxides, she said.

Tuesday's settlements resolve consumer claims raised by 38 states, the federal government and car owners in private class action suits.

Rosenblum and Gov. Kate Brown made the settlement announcements Tuesday morning at the World Trade Center in Portland.

### Corrections

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### Corrections officer shot; one in custody

AUBURN, Wash. (AP) Authorities say a state Department of Corrections officer and another man were wounded in a shootout in Auburn after the officer and others tried to serve an arrest warrant on the man.

The department says Kristoffer Rongen was working with the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives task force when he was trying to make an arrest and was fired upon Tuesday afternoon. Police say another officer returned fire, hitting the suspect.

The suspect was hit multiple times and taken into custody, police said. Rongen, 46, was reportedly hit once in the leg.

Both were taken to Harborview Medical Center in Seattle. The DOC said in a news release that neither man is believed to have life-threatening injuries.

Officials say Rongen has worked for the department of 14 years tracking down offenders.

## Deceased identified in Willamette Valley farm shooting

WOODBURN (AP) Two of the three people fatally shot at a blueberry farm in northwest Oregon lived at the location, and the third person was the girlfriend of another resident who was not home at the time, authorities said Tuesday.

A fourth victim, a man, also was a resident at the farm in a quiet part of the Willamette Valley about 30 miles south of Portland. He suffered serious

injuries, but he was expected to survive, Marion County sheriff's Lt. Chris Baldridge said.

The victims were identified as Ruben Rigoberto-Reyes, 60; Edmundo Amaro-Bajonero, 26, and Katie Gildersleeve, 30, of Logsden.

Oregon State Police arrested Bonifacio Oseguera-Gonzalez, 29, a few hours after the shooting Monday on Interstate 84 near Mosier, about 100 miles northeast of the berry farm.

He was booked on three counts of aggravated murder and one count of attempted murder. Oseguera-Gonzalez



Oseguera-Gonzalez

charges in an initial court appearance Tuesday, The Oregonian/OregonLive reported. It was not immediately

pleaded not guilty to the

clear if Oseguera-Gonzalez had retained an attorney, and Baldridge did not know. He was being held without bail. Oseguera-Gonzalez

acknowledged to authorities in an interview that he shot four people, according to a probable cause statement.

Authorities have not provided a motive or a relationship between Oseguera-Gonzalez and the victims except to say he frequented the berry farm. Detectives are looking at all motives

now, Baldridge said, including the possibility of illegal activity at the farm. The fourth victim has recovered enough to speak with investigators and has been interviewed, he said.

A marijuana grow near the farm is legal, is located on a separate private property and had nothing to do with the shooting, Baldridge added.

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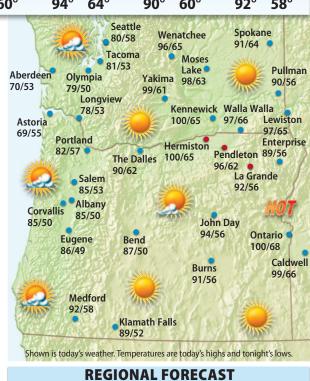
#### AccuWeather.com Forecast **THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY** Hot with scorching Very warm with Mostly sunny; Partly sunny Partly sunny and sunshine plenty of sun pleasant breezy, pleasant PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FOR 96° 62° 58° 89° 62° 86° 60° 88° 60° 100° 65° 96° 60° 94° 64° 90° 60° 92° 58° Seattle **ALMANAC** Wenatchee Spokane 80/58 91/64 96/65 **PENDLETON** Tacoma through 3 p.m. yesterday

#### **TEMPERATURE** HIGH LOW Yesterday <u>Normals</u> 109° (2015) 40° (1908) **PRECIPITATION** 24 hours ending 3 p.m 0.93' Month to date Normal month to date 1.02' 6.52 Year to date Last year to date 5.00' Normal year to date 7.57

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Normal year to date	5.70"			
SUN AND MOON				
Sunrise today	5:09 a.m.			
Sunset tonight	8:48 p.m.			
Moonrise today	1:45 a.m.			

Moonset today 3:28 p.m. Full First Last July 19 July 26 July 4 July 11



Coastal Oregon: Increasingly windy today with sunshine and some clouds; pleasant in the south

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly sunny and hot today. Clear tonight

Eastern Washington: Sunshine today. Clear tonight. Sunshine tomorrow. Friday and Saturday: partly sunny. Cascades: Very warm today with plenty of sun; pleasant across the north. Clear tonight.

Western Washington: Mostly sunny today. Northern California: Sunny today. Hot in Clear tonight, except partly cloudy at the central parts; pleasant at the coast. Mainly clear tonight.

#### **REGIONAL CITIES** Today Hi Lo W Thu. Lo W Astoria 69 55 pc 68 Raker City 53 s 50 s 90 46 t 87 47 s Bend 69 55 56 71 56 s 49 s 58 s 89 85 92 89

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#### 61 WORLD CITIES

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Jerusalem	84	68 s	84	67	S		
London	63	56 r	68	58	рс		
Mexico City	74	54 t	72	56	t		
Moscow	76	57 pc	79	59	C		
Paris	72	58 pc	70	59	рс		
Rome	85	67 pc	84	66	S		
Seoul		71 pc	83		рс		
Sydney	62	45 s	61	48	рс		
Tokyo	76	70 r	79	72	r		

Thursday

WSW 6-12

11+ Extreme

#### WINDS (in mph) Today **Boardman** WSW 4-8 Pendleton WNW 6-12

**UV INDEX TODAY 3** 5 **3** 7 **3** 7 **3** 5 **3** 2 8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

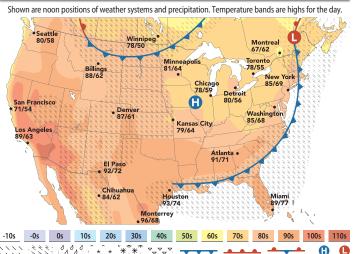
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8-10, Very High;

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3-5, Moderate

### NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



warm front stationary front National Summary: Locally gusty thunderstorms will affect New England and coastal areas of the South today. Severe storms will rumble across parts of the central and northern Plains. Afternoon storms will dot the Southwest.

cold front

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 115° in Needles, Calif. Low 32° in Dillon, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES														
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Atlanta	91	71	рс	87	71	t	Memphis	90	69	S	89	72	рс	
Atlantic City	81	67	рс	81	69	рс	Miami	89	77	t	89	78	рс	
Baltimore	84	63	рс	86	67	S	Milwaukee	76	61	S	81	60	C	
Billings	88	62	t	87	61	рс		81	64	рс	77	57		
Birmingham	92	67		91				86	62	S	87	65	S	
Boise	99	67		98	65	t	New Orleans	87	76	t	92	78	C	
Boston	80	67		82	67	S	New York City	85	69	рс	86			
Charleston, SC	89	75	t	90	76	t	Oklahoma City	92	70	рс	93	71	рс	
Charleston, WV	78	56	рс	82	58	S	Omaha	81	66	t	85	62	t	
Chicago	78	59	S	82			Philadelphia	86	67	рс	87	69	S	
Cleveland	77	56	S	83		S	Phoenix	105	87	t	102	82		
Dallas	97	76	рс	97		S	Portland, ME	75	60	t	80	58	S	
Denver	87	61	t	76	58	t	Providence	82	64	C	86	65	S	
Detroit	80	56	S	83	63	S	Raleigh	89	67	рс	88	69	t	
El Paso	92	72	t	93	73	pc	Rapid City	83	57	t	79	57	рс	
Fairbanks	77	57	рс	73	58	c	Reno	99	64		99	64		
Fargo	84	59	S	74			Sacramento	98	59	S	100	62	-	
Honolulu	87	75	рс	86	75	рс	St. Louis	84	65	рс	87	70		
Houston	93	74	рс	94	75	pc	Salt Lake City	98	69	рс	91	69		
Indianapolis	78	59		81			San Diego	80	67	рс	74		рс	
Jacksonville	90	72	t	90	72	t	San Francisco	71	54	S	73	55	S	
Kansas City	79	64	t	84	64	t	Seattle	80	58	S	76	56	S	

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

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