BRIEFLY

Lost hunter found near Ukiah

UKIAH — Umatilla County Search and Rescue located a missing hunter early Tuesday morning in the Blue Mountains near Ukiah.

Virgil Thompson, 85, of Portland, was reported missing by his son at about 10 p.m. Monday after he did not arrive at their designated meeting location earlier in the evening. Search and Rescue personnel found Thompson roughly four hours later, a mile and a half away from where he was supposed to meet his hunting

Thompson was disoriented, but not injured. He did not have a map, compass or GPS. He was able to build a fire to keep himself warm.

Search and Rescue escorted Thompson back to his hunting camp.

Driver for refuge occupier an informant

PORTLAND (AP) — An Oregon State Police trooper testified a government informant was driving Ammon Bundy when the Oregon standoff leader was arrested on his way to a community meeting north of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

Trooper Jeremiah Beckert said Wednesday that informant Mark McConnell alerted police that Bundy and other occupiers were traveling Jan. 26 and provided their location.

Beckert then described the ensuing traffic stop and arrests. He said he did not see what happened to Robert "LaVoy" Finicum, the occupation spokesman shot by police after fleeing the stop.

U.S. District Judge Anna Brown warned attorneys not bring up the circumstances of the Finicum shooting in front of jurors. When it was mentioned, she told jurors this trial is not about the Finicum shooting.

Bundy and six co-defendants are charged with conspiring to impede federal officers from doing their jobs at the wildlife refuge.

Brown says big budget cuts coming without Measure 97

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PORTLAND — Gov. Kate Brown Wednesday defended her decision to support a corporate sales tax measure as the only viable alternative to deep cuts at state agencies and rollbacks to recent education and health care investments

Deciding to endorse Measure 97 "truly was the most difficult decision I have ever made during my time in office," Brown said.

The measure would levy a 2.5 percent gross receipts tax on certain corporations' Oregon sales exceeding \$25 million and would represent the largest tax increase in the state's history. It would raise \$3 billion a year.

Voters will decide whether to pass the measure in the Nov. 8 election.

Brown made comments during a fullhouse meeting of the Portland Business Alliance, in an appearance that one businessman described as walking into a "lion's den."

The alliance of nearly 1,900 businesses — similar to a chamber of commerce full-day – has come out against the corporate sales tax measure and has dedicated much of its homepage to campaigning against the tax measure.

Brown said Oregonians have for too long been paying more than their fair share for the cost of state services, and it's time to increase corporations contribution

Opponents have focused on studies that show consumers would pay for much of the cost of the tax. The typical Oregon family would see their costs climb by about \$600 in the form of higher prices and job opportunities, according to an estimate by the nonpartisan Legislative Revenue Office.

Economists disagree on the exact impact the tax will have on consumers, Brown noted. However. the alliance's vehement resistance to the tax proves that corporations won't be passing all of the cost onto consumers, she argued.

Brown claimed Measure 97 is the only viable alternative to keep the state's existing investments in child early education,

kindergarten, and university college tuition grants and expansions in health care coverage.

Yet the governor took no action during the February legislative session when state lawmakers proposed more moderate alternatives to the tax.

Our Oregon, a unionbacked advocacy group, developed the tax measure through the state's initiative petition process.

"I don't see the initiative process as the best way to make public policy, Brown said.

Describing the process as "blunt instrument," the governor said she believes lawmakers would need to make statutory changes to improve the law, if voters approve it. She said she would involve the business community in any process designed to modify the tax measure.

Without the tax, an estimated \$1.35 billion shortfall in 2017-19 would force state agencies to trim their budgets by 10 percent, Brown said.

"That is just untenable for me," she said.

Court wants new release date for killer of John Day police officer

By STEVEN DUBOIS Associated Press

PORTLAND — An ruled appeals court Wednesday that the state parole board incorrectly rescinded the release of a

logger who beat a John Day police officer to death with his fists and firewood nearly a quarter-century

The Oregon Court of Appeals also directed the parole board to reinstate the release date of

Sidney Dean Porter, 56, who had been set to be freed in June 2013 before objections from then-Gov. John Kitzhaber and law enforcement officers led the board to reverse itself.

Porter

Kristina Edmunson, a spokeswoman for Oregon Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum, said the state is reviewing the court decision and has yet to decide whether to petition the Oregon Supreme Court for review.

If the state declines to challenge the ruling, Porter could be released within a few months, said Andy Simrin, his attorney.

In its ruling written by Judge Joel Devore, a Kitzhaber appointee, the appeals court said the parole board did not have a valid reason to rescind the release.

Once a date is set, the law says the board can only postpone it if the prisoner engages in serious misconduct, has an inadequate

release plan or receives a psychological diagnosis that concludes he's a danger to the community.

The board Porter's parole just days before his release date and then conducted a new

> exit interview in September 2013. It found that Porter "suffers from a present severe emotional disturbance such as to constitute a danger to the health or safety of the community.

The Appeals Court said such a finding had to occur before the June 2013 release date.

"After that release date had passed, it does not suffice to later find a reason to have postponed his release," the opinion states.

Simrin said in a phone interview Wednesday that public outcry is not a valid reason for keeping his client in prison.

board simply "The responded to letters from various concerned citizens, most of whom were law enforcement officers and one of whom was the governor of Oregon, all asking them to reconsider what they had done," he said.

Authorities say Porter, who stands 6-foot-5 and weighs 225-pounds, was drunk when he killed Frank Ward in 1992 after the John Day police officer responded to a domestic violence call.

The officer had a wife, daughter and twin 2-year-old

Vapor may slow emptying of Hanford tanks reported Wednesday another Department of Ecology of

(AP) — New deadlines for emptying some Hanford nuclear waste tanks might not be met if the government takes steps to better protect workers from chemical vapors.

Department of Energy requested that its tanks contractor look at the potential impact of a union demand that workers use air respirators not only within the boundaries of Hanford tank farms, but also in an expanded area of 200 feet beyond tank farm fences.

As a result, contractor Washington River Protection Solutions concluded that emptying nuclear waste from five leak-prone tanks may not be completed until 2021 instead of in 2020.

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nine tanks in two tank farms may not be emptied until March 2026 instead of 2024.

The new deadlines were set by a federal judge six months ago after the 2010 court-enforced consent decree was revised because the DOE was unable to meet many of the remaining deadlines for emptying certain tanks and building a so-called vitrification plant to treat the waste for permanent disposal.

Hanford has 56 million gallons of radioactive and hazardous chemical waste stored in 177 underground tanks from the past production of plutonium for the nation's nuclear weapons program.

The DOE has notified Washington State the possible issue with deadlines "in the spirit of cooperation and transparency,' Kevin Smith, DOE Office of River Protection manager at Hanford, said in a letter sent last week.

The state of Washington regulates Hanford tank waste and is a plaintiff in the lawsuit that led to the consent decree.

"The federal government is offering more excuses," state Attorney General Bob Ferguson, said in a statement Tuesday. His staff said that he was speaking on his own behalf rather than in his role as the attorney for the Department of Ecology.

A group estimated that an expanded vapor control area could add \$512 million to \$769 million in total costs.

Corrections

A woman was misidentified in an 1A cutline Wednesday. In the "House of Love" story, the woman pictured is

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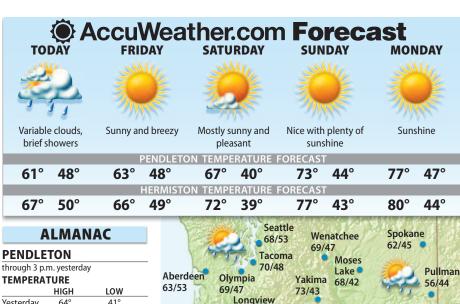
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TEMPERATURE Yesterday 41 67/50 Normals 94° (1897) 27° (1895) Astoria 65/54 **PRECIPITATION** 24 hours ending 3 p.m 0.49" Month to date 0.35 Normal month to date 69/51 Salem 7.88' Year to date Last year to date 68/49 Albany Normal year to date 8.77' Corvallis 68/48 **HERMISTON** 68/46 through 3 p.m. yesterday Bend Eugene **TEMPERATURE** 69/47 58/34 HIGH LOW

Yesterday <u>Normals</u> 95° (1939) 30° (1932) **PRECIPITATION**

24 hours ending 3 p.m 0.00 Month to date 0.45' Normal month to date 0.28 5.44' Year to date Last year to date 3.48' Normal year to date 6.43'

SUN AND MOON Sunrise today 6:42 a.m. Sunset tonight 6:52 p.m. Moonrise today 11:21 p.m. 1:34 p.m.

Eastern and Central Oregon: A passing Full Nev Cascades; cooler in the south. Western Washington: Partial sunshine today. A passing shower or two late tonight Oct 15 Sep 23 Sep 30 Oct 8 A touch of rain tomorrow.

Walla Walla Kennewick 61/50 67/47 62/51 Enterprise Hermiston Pendleton 54/42 The Dalles 67/50 61/48 La Grande 56/44 John Day 54/44 Ontario • 67/50 Caldwel Burns 66/51 Medford 69/46 Klamath Falls

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

Coastal Oregon: Partly sunny today.

today with a shower; sunshine toward the Cascades. shower or two today; however, dry near the

cloudy tonight; cold.

Cascades: Partly sunny today with a passing shower; cold. Partly cloudy tonight. Northern California: Partly sunny today:

colder in the interior mountains. Partly

Eastern Washington: Clouds and sun

REGIONAL CITIES

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	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		
Astoria	65	54	рс	64	53	r		
Baker City	57	37	sh	64	33	S		
Bend	58	34	рс	60	34	C		
Brookings	61	49	рс	60	50	r		
Burns	56	32	sh	59	28	S		
Enterprise	54	42	C	60	39	рс		
Eugene	69	47	рс	62	45	r		
Heppner	58	42	S	61	41	S		
Hermiston	67	50	рс	66	49	S		
John Day	54	44	sh	62	43	S		
Klamath Falls	56	31	рс	57	32	рс		
La Grande	56	44	sh	62	43	S		
Meacham	53	41	sh	59	41	S		
Medford	69	46	рс	65	46	рс		
Newport	60	51	sh	59	46	r		
North Bend	63	51	рс	64	50	r		
Ontario	67	50	sh	71	47	рс		
Pasco	71	45	рс	69	43	S		
Pendleton	61	48	sh	63	48	S		
Portland	68	52	рс	62	50	r		
Redmond	63	32	рс	63	30	рс		
Salem	68	49	рс	62	46	r		
Spokane	62	45	рс	64	43	рс		
Ukiah	52	36	sh	58	37	рс		
Vancouver	68	50	рс	59	50	r		
Walla Walla	61	50	рс	64	49	S		
Yakima	73	43	S	70	40	S		

WORLD CITIES

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Beijing	80	60	рс	83	62	рс		
Hong Kong	87	77	рс	87	79	S		
Jerusalem	82	64	S	76	62	рс		
London	68	47	рс	66	53	рс		
Mexico City	71	53	t	72	55	t		
Moscow	46	41	r	47	44	C		
Paris	72	54	рс	73	52	S		
Rome	77	58	S	77	58	рс		
Seoul	79	57	рс	79	58	рс		
Sydney	70	58	sh	69	57	рс		
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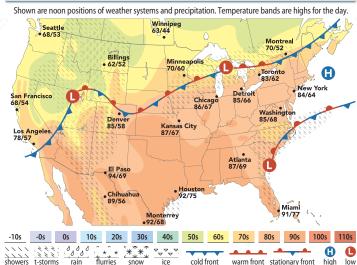
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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



warm front stationary front National Summary: Much of the East and South will feel like summer today. Showers and storms will affect parts of the Midwest and southern Atlantic coast. Rain, mountain snow, wind and cool air will affect much of the West.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 102° in McAllen, Texas Low 29° in Sisters, Ore.

NATIONAL CITIES												
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Atlanta	87	69 pc	87	69	рс	Memphis	95	73	-	95	73	
Atlantic City	78	67 pc	81	67	рс	Miami	91	77	рс	90	77	
Baltimore	83	62 s	87	63	рс	Milwaukee	82	64	C	74	63	
Billings	62	52 r	56	47	r	Minneapolis	70		r	68	61	
Birmingham	92	70 s	93	71		Nashville	92	67	-	93	67	
Boise	63	47 pc	65		-	New Orleans	93		pc	92	77	pc
Boston	80	62 s	80	57	рс	New York City	84	64		87	65	S
Charleston, SC	82	70 sh	84	70		Oklahoma City	91	68		91	71	S
Charleston, WV	88	60 s	89	62	-	Omaha	87	69	-	88	71	pc
Chicago	86	67 pc	82		рс	Philadelphia	86	64	-	88	67	pc
Cleveland	88	65 pc	84	64	pc	Phoenix	90		S	89	63	S
Dallas	95	75 s	94	76		Portland, ME	78	58	pc	71	49	sh
Denver	85	58 pc	83		C	Providence	84	59	pc	84	57	pc
Detroit	85	66 pc	78	62	-	Raleigh	79	67	sh	83	63	pc
El Paso	94	69 pc	90	65	pc	Rapid City	63	51	C	73	48	
Fairbanks	53	40 r	52	35		Reno	62		S	69	44	
Fargo	71	53 c	67	59	-	Sacramento	78		S	83	58	-
Honolulu	85	76 s	86	76		St. Louis	92	68	pc	92	70	
Houston	92	75 s	90	76		Salt Lake City	72	46	r	51	46	
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