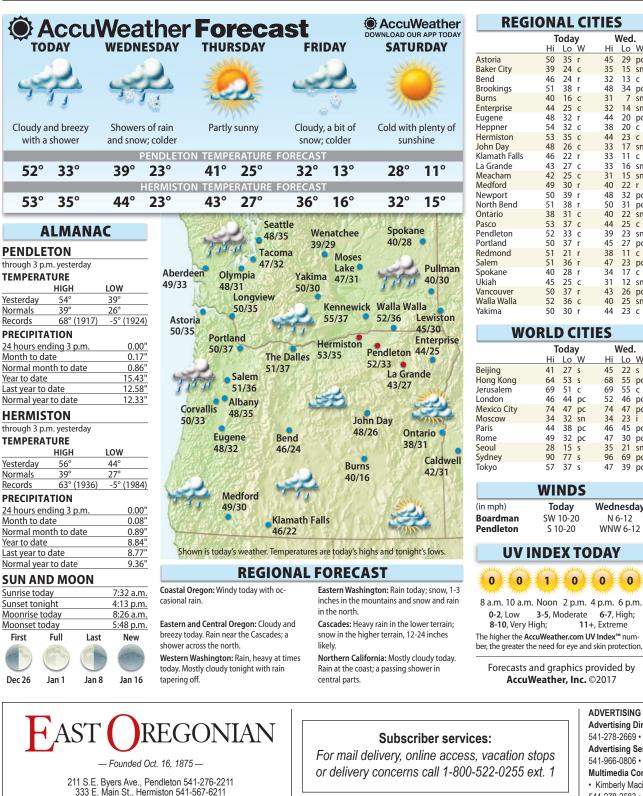
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Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 85° in Zephyrhills, Fla. Low -13° in Clayton Lake, Maine

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Oregon increasing reliant on newcomers for population growth

BY KATHLEEN MCLAUGHLIN The Bulletin

BEND — The last time Oregon saw more people leaving than moving into the state was the 1980s, during a decline in the timber industry. "People actually packed up and left," said Josh Lehner, economist with the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis. In 1982 and 1983, so many people left, the population declined. People continued to move away through 1986, but the birth rate made up for those losses. With fast-growing Deschutes County attracting newcomers to enough inspire bumper stickers like "Bend sucks, don't move here," it can be hard to imagine a replay of the 1980s. But that's what the economic analysis office is asking state policymakers to do. In a little more than a decade — 2029 — Oregon's death rate will outpace the birth rate, and the state will be entirely dependent on newcomers for its population growth. "If these people don't show up, what would that look like?" Lehner said. In Bend and Deschutes County, it would mean a lot fewer seniors and children. The population of people 65 and older has exploded during the local economic growing 30 recovery, percent from 2011 through 2016, according to Portland State University. The senior population gained more than 7,100 people, nearly as many as the working-age population. "That was definitely migration," said Todd Dunkelberg, executive director of the Deschutes Public Library system. The library is trying to decide how to catch up with that growth while not counting on it to continue forever, he said. their move to Bend today.

"Bend doesn't get the 20-year-olds, but they get the 30- and 40-year-olds with little kids"

> - Josh Lehner, economist with the Oregon Office of Economic Analysis

Trial for suspect in train stabbing set for 2019

PORTLAND (AP) — The trial of the man accused of fatally stabbing two passengers on a Portland light-rail train in May won't start until next year. Court records made public Monday said Jeremy Christian's trial is scheduled to begin June 24, 2019 and last up to five weeks. Hearings on motions are set for October 2018.

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"Something could happen. Maybe a retirement

haven opens somewhere that's even more attractive,' Dunkelberg said.

The libraries are also a good place to witness Bend's other migration trend: families with children. Deschutes County's child population grew 8 percent from 2011 to 2016, much faster than the state average.

"Bend doesn't get the 20-year-olds, but they get the 30- and 40-year-olds with little kids," Lehner said.

Although Bend attracts a lot of young families, they're neither numerous enough nor multiplying fast enough to reverse the trend.

County-level forecasts are not as precise or updated as the statewide population forecast. The latest estimate shows deaths outpacing births in Deschutes County between 2030 and 2035.

Hazel Chapple was among several parents browsing the shelves of the downtown Bend library children's section Wednesday afternoon. She thinks Bend will continue to attract newcomers, but only those from more expensive real estate markets. Às long as home prices outstrip wages, she said, "It's going to be harder and harder for working families to move here," she said.

Another parent, Lindsay Woodward, moved to Bend in 1999. She was able to get a bachelor's degree, start a career and buy a house. As a preschool teacher raising a 6-year-old and expecting a second child, she said she doesn't know how she and her husband would repeat

"I wouldn't be able to afford to," she said.

Oregon has a strong track record of attracting newcomers, especially college-educated young, people, but unaffordable housing makes the state less competitive, Lehner said. "When it comes to surveys of why people move, it's for jobs and housing. We don't have very good affordability. It's no longer getting worse, but it's still bad," he said.

Behind the decline

Many states are seeing a natural decline in population, and the trend has been on Oregon's radar for years. State economists recently updated their forecast and saw the tipping point had moved forward, Lehner said.

So much of Oregon's economic growth stems from population gains that becoming migration-dependent poses a risk to the economy, he said.

"Every year, it becomes a bigger issue than we thought it would be," Lehner said.

And there's no reversing the birth rates and death rates behind the decline. Oregon's fertility rate, which ranked 44th out of 50 states and Washington, D.C., in 2015, has been dropping steeply since 2000, said Nicholas Chun, population forecast program coordinator at Portland State. Oregon women had an average 1.72 children in 2015, down from an average 1.98 in 2000.

Christian has pleaded not guilty to charges of aggravated murder and other crimes.

Authorities say he stabbed two men in the neck and seriously wounded a third as the train stopped at a station on May 26.

Police and prosecutors have said Christian spewed hateful comments at two black teenage girls before he stabbed the men.

One of the girls was wearing an Islamic head covering called a hijab.

Group preserves historic barn in **Central Oregon**

BEND (AP) — The Deschutes Land Trust has been reinforcing one of the oldest structures in Central Oregon.

The Bend Bulletin reports that the Hindman Barn is nearly 150 years old, and years of neglect left it unstable.

Built by Sam Hindman around 1870, the barn near Sisters was one part of his larger homestead at the eastern end of the Santiam Wagon Road, the preferred route across the Cascades before railways and cars. A windstorm in 1990

Beth Nakamura/The Oregonian via AP

In this Nov. 15 photo, MAX stabbing suspect Jeremy Christian appears in court in Portland for a bail hearing.

damaged much of the remaining roofing and siding. The owner at the time removed what was left after the storm, leaving behind a box-like timber frame. The Land Trust acquired

the barn along with the rest of a 151-acre preserve in 2000. It has no plans to fully restore the barn, but with the structure now stable, it can be reopened to the public.

'Deadliest Catch: Dungeon Cove' fisherman sued

PORTLAND (AP) - A former seaman has sued a fisherman who starred in Discovery Channel's "Deadliest Catch: Dungeon Cove" show, alleging the man was negligent and caused severe injury.

The Oregonian/ OregonLive reports Nolan Dean filed a suit Dec. 6 in federal court against Gary Ripka, nicknamed "The Ripper," who appeared in the first episode of "Deadliest Catch: Dungeon Cove" in September 2016.

Dean claims his arm was broken because Ripka was negligent and his ship wasn't seaworthy.

The complaint says Dean was working in the back of Ripka's ship, Western Breeze, on May 30, 2015, when Ripka activated a hydraulic control. Dean's arm got caught in a line, and he was hoisted over the deck. Multiple bones broke in his arm.

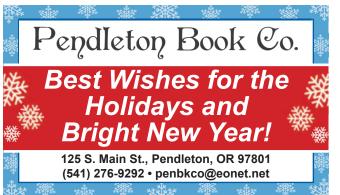
Man accused of killing girlfriend's disabled dog

EUGENE (AP) - Police arrested a Eugene man accused of killing his girlfriend's dog.

The Register-Guard reports 23-year-old Daran Malnar turned himself in Saturday night, two days after the dog named Sneekers was found dead in a garbage container.

Social media posts with the hashtag "Justice for Sneekers" indicated the Chihuahua-mixed dog had been drowned. A Facebook post asked people to be on the lookout for Malnar. The post says Sneekers was disabled, but does not specify the condition.

Malnar has been charged with aggravated animal abuse and tampering with evidence.





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