

Bend hospital removes gender ID from bracelets

BEND (AP) — A hospital in central Oregon has made a small change that represented a huge difference for its transgender patients: It removed the gender designation from patient identification bracelets.

The *Bulletin* newspaper in Bend reports the St. Charles Health System adopted the change last month.

"It was something that everybody felt had to be on there because it was always on there," said Rebecca Scrafford, a psychologist at St. Charles who was involved in recommending the change. "It's providing no benefit, but it's causing harm."

The ID bracelet is designed to provide caregivers an easy way to identify patients based on two distinct identifiers. But staff generally check the patient's name and date of birth, not gender.

Until recently, the hospital's record system did not distinguish between sex assigned at birth, legal gender and gender identity. The ID bracelet had been showing the patient's legal name and sex assigned at birth.

"For a lot of those patients, that didn't match, and that was distressing for our patients," Scrafford said. "This is one little baby step in providing affirming care that



A firefighter ornament is visible on the U.S. Capitol Christmas tree as it makes a stop at the Oregon State Capitol on its way to the nation's capital on Tuesday. The 80-foot Noble fir tree from the Willamette National Forest in Oregon will be trucked to Washington, D.C., along part of the route of the Oregon Trail in celebration of its 175th anniversary.

is probably the first visible sign of many efforts that are underway at St. Charles and communitywide."

Man tries to trade cannabis for a car

ALBANY (AP) — Marijuana is legal in Oregon, but you can't barter it for a car.

Police in Albany, Oregon, said Tuesday a car dealer posted a Mazda SUV for sale on an online marketplace on Friday. A man contacted the

dealer and offered to trade cannabis for the car.

Matthew Franks, 38, of Independence, Oregon, showed up at a parking-lot rendezvous site that evening, expecting to meet the car seller. Instead, police were waiting for him.

Police spokesman Brad Liles says Franks was arrested and put into the Linn County Jail. Liles says police seized 5.4 pounds of marijuana, less than the agreed-upon amount.

It wasn't immediately clear if Franks had an attorney.

Though marijuana is legal in Oregon, sales are regulated and those in the business must be licensed.

Advocacy group: Ban dogs used to control inmates

PORTLAND (AP) — Disability Rights Oregon wants the state to prohibit law enforcement officers from using police dogs in jails to intimidate, control or punish inmates.

The *Oregonian*/OregonLive reports Columbia County's jail in St. Helens is the only one in the state that continues to allow the use of police dogs against inmates, despite recently paying

\$251,000 to settle a federal lawsuit brought by an inmate bitten by a dog.

The sheriff's office, though, didn't admit liability and said the dog was brought in to remove an inmate who was "threatening and throwing and swinging things" at deputies.

Disability Rights Oregon plans to push for a bill in the next legislative session that would curb the use of police dogs in jails to control inmates, saying in a report that using a police dog presents unnecessary risks of harm to staff and inmates.

Archdiocese pays \$7M to settle sex abuse claims

SEATTLE (AP) — The Seattle Archdiocese has agreed to pay nearly \$7 million to settle claims by six men who say priests sexually abused them when they were children.

The *Seattle Times* reports the Seattle Archdiocese admitted no wrongdoing as part of the latest settlements, all of which were paid within the past two months.

The six men each claim they were victimized as children decades ago by priests assigned to churches and schools throughout Western Washington. Each man also claimed the archdiocese failed to protect him from abusive priests despite knowing the dangers they posed.

All of the accused priests — Theodore Marmo, James McGreal, Paul Conn, John Forrester, Thomas Pitsch and Michael Cody — were identified on the archdiocese's list of credibly accused priests and clergy published in January 2016.

Pullman officers face second suit in three months

PULLMAN, Wash. (AP) — Pullman police officers are facing their second use-of-force lawsuit in three months.

KREM-TV reports the most recent lawsuit was filed Oct. 30 by Treshon Broughton. The suit claims Broughton was tased and beaten by Pullman police officers Alex Gordon, Shane Emerson and 10 other officers who have not yet been identified.

The officers had not responded to the lawsuit as of Monday.

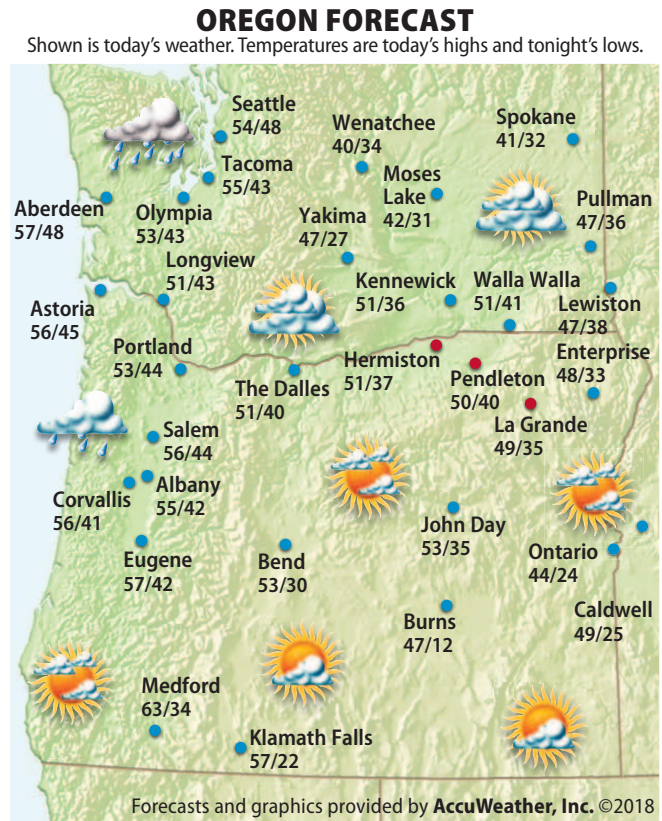
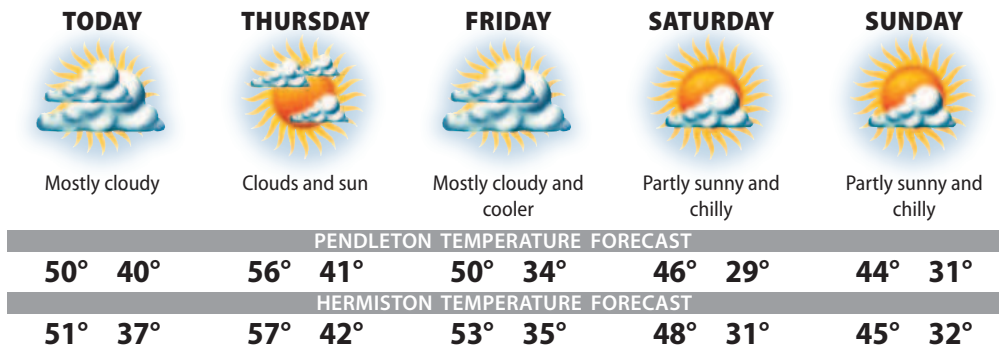
Broughton is suing the officers for unlawful seizure, false arrest/false imprisonment, unreasonable/excessive force, failure to inform, malicious prosecution, assault/battery, intentional and/or negligent infliction of emotional distress, defamation and false light.

Broughton is seeking a jury trial.

The first lawsuit was filed on Aug. 15, after a man says officers broke his arm, dislocated his elbow, tased him and choked him until he passed out.

Last year the hospital held a transgender health care training event for providers, and this year convened an internal sexual orientation and gender identity work group to guide initiatives around welcoming transgender patients.

Forecast for Pendleton Area



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PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yest.

TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	29°	26°
Normals	50°	34°
Records	72° (1999)	6° (1916)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.10"
Normal month to date 0.55"
Year to date 8.25"
Last year to date 14.27"
Normal year to date 10.54"

HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yest.

TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	34°	32°
Normals	52°	33°
Records	73° (1999)	5° (1959)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.01"
Normal month to date 0.49"
Year to date 6.46"
Last year to date 8.15"
Normal year to date 7.77"

WINDS (in mph)

	Today	Thu.
Boardman	SW 6-12	WSW 6-12
Pendleton	SW 6-12	WSW 6-12

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:53 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:26 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:45 p.m.
Moonset today	10:33 p.m.

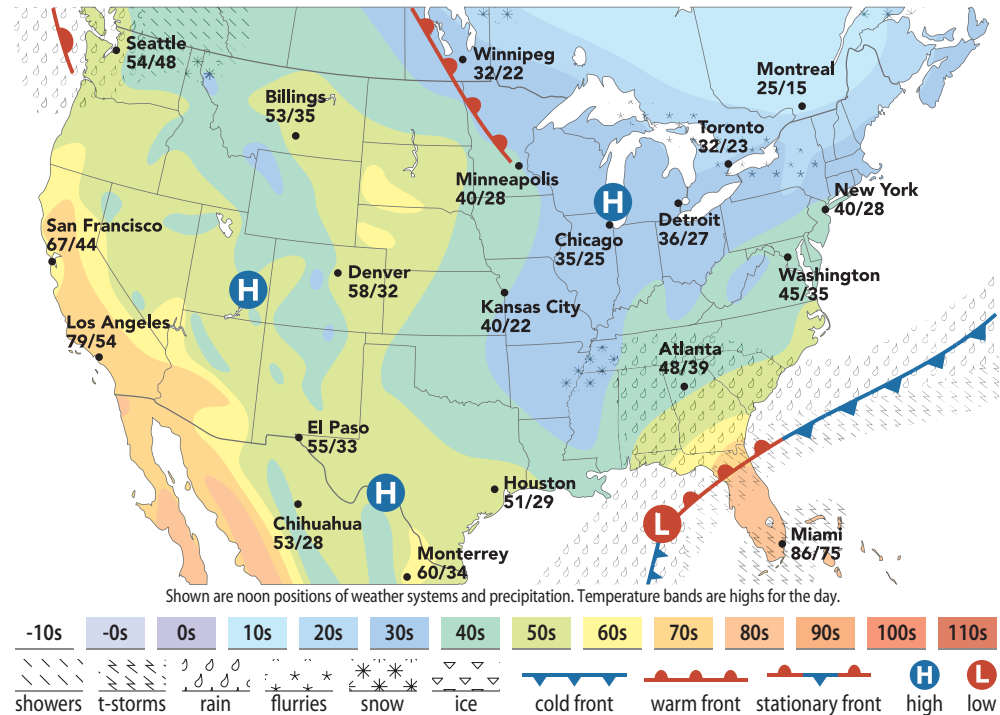
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