





#### 53/41 chilly at night. Warmer Wednesday; sun and a Hillsboro Portland 64/36 64/41 few clouds Pendleton 66/39 **CENTRAL:** Sunshine Tillamook 60/31 and pleasant Tuesday. 54/36 McMinnville Fair and chilly at Camp 57/31 City night. Clouds and sun 52/40 Wednesday; a shower Warm Springs 70/31 or two late. Baker City • 63/36 WEST: A mix of clouds Camp Sherman Redmond Corvallis 60/36 and sun Tuesday; John Prineville 51/40 Sisters 69/31 a warm afternoon Day 64/36 Ontario Becoming cloudy and Eugene \*Bend 69/34 cooler Wednesday; 53/41 63/37 Sunriver . 67/31 62/30 afternoon showers • La Pine 65/29 0akr **OREGON EXTREMES** Coos Bay Grove 66/35 56/41 Fort Rock YESTERDAY High: 64° 64/29 Christmas Valley Frenchgler 65/30 57/33 Low: 17 Marsh 63/28 Lake 66/31 61/33 Port Orford Grants **Burns Junction** 63/28 Chiloquin 65/34 66/28 77/39 Gold Beach 54/43 64/30 Klamath AccuWeather McDermitt Lakeview 62/33 Get the new app Yesterday Yesterday Yesterday

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64/39/0.00

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63/33/s

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City

Portland

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### **NATIONAL BRIEFING**

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Astoria

Brookings

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La Grande

Medford

#### Arkansas governor vetoes first-of-its-kind ban on transgender youth treatment

Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson on Monday vetoed legislation that would have made his state the first to ban gender confirming treatments or surgery for transgender youth.

The Republican governor rejected legislation that would have prohibited doctors from providing gender confirming hormone treatment,

years old, or from referring them to other providers for the treatment. "If (the bill) becomes law, then we are creating new standards of legislative interference with physicians and parents as they deal with some of the most complex and sensitive matters involving young people," Hutchinson said at a news conference.

The Republican Legislature could still enact the measure, since it only takes a simple majority to override a governor's veto in Arkansas.

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## **Rivers**

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Caitlin Houston, a seventh grader from Pacific Crest, enjoys fly-fishing and said Tumalo Creek is one of her favorite spots to cast a line.

"I love hanging around rivers because of the scenery and wildlife. I really appreciate rivers and what they do for our community," said Houston. "Tumalo Creek is on Sen. Wyden's list to protect, which is super cool."

Another Pacific Crest seventh grader, Jordyn Berry, said she wants to protect more of Oregon's river network to provide additional areas of recreation for herself and the public.

"I'd like to protect rivers to create memories, spend time with my family and see nature," said Berry.

The Bend High students nominated Wychus Creek for protection.

"My entire life I have spent

outdoors by rivers, and I really appreciate all of these spaces that we can recreate in," said GG Johnson, a senior at Bend High and a co-president of the school's environmental club. "These places have significant value that should not be forgotten and should be maintained for our generation and future generations."

Oregon currently has 2,173 miles of river and streams protected under the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System, which is 2% of the state's river miles. Wyden said he wants Oregon to overtake Alaska, which ranks first in the nation with 3,210 protected miles.

"We want to beat Alaska, and I have told (Alaska Sen.) Lisa Murkowski we are going to beat her," said Wyden. "We are tops in the lower 48. She knows we are getting ready to take the title."

Wyden added that protecting rivers not only has an environmental component but can also boost an area's economy, by drawing tourists and day-trippers.

"In a difficult economy, recreation is a huge economic engine, because you have guides, you have people selling equipment, you have pubs, you have restaurants, you have hotels, you have gas stations. It's a big economic multiplier," Wyden told the students.

More than 670,000 people purchased fishing licenses in 2019, generating over \$1.5 billion for the state, said Betsy Emery, advocacy and campaign manager for the Association of Northwest Steelheaders. Fishing licenses are believed to have increased by 20% last year, she said.

"There's a big interest in rivers," said Emery. "It's important to protect these rivers for salmon and all of the species that live with them."

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## Town hall

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Wyden, Oregon's senior senator, said that he valued privacy, and that in general he is in favor of using education and persuasion with objective data to convince as many people to get vaccinated as possible.

The Democrat said it was important to bring "considerable caution" when talking about ideas like vaccine passports.

"I'm not big on the idea of Washington, D.C., jumping up on these kinds of issues, Wyden said.

When asked what issue should be prioritized for the Senate while Democrats have control, Wyden said the econ-

For Wyden, that means passing policies like President Joe Biden's "Build Back Better" infrastructure and economic plan, which includes \$213 billion for housing.

"It's got to get done this year, because it's so important," Wyden said. "It would be transformative for our future."

He also is advocating to expand an existing low-income tax credit, as well as create a middle-income tax credit, which would be similar to the low-income tax credit, but help people who work in professions like firefighting and nursing who can't afford to buy homes. Wyden also discussed a first-time homeowner credit.

"We've got to get people going up the ladder of housing mobility," Wyden said.

Wyden also was optimistic when asked about how close Congress is to realistically passing any kind of gun control legislation.

"We're only a couple of votes away," Wyden said, referencing the number it would take to get the Senate to vote in favor of gun control legislation. "I think rural areas and young people are making the difference. People have heard never again for way too long."

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