

## Your Oregon Guide

### Today's lesson: Speak like a native

Oregonians are proud of our independent spirit. That attitude shows in the way we pronounce a few things here in the Beaver State. Use this handy guide to some of our unique pronunciations to avoid embarrassment and impress the locals:

**Oregon.** According to the history books, the name of the state is derived from a Native American name for the Columbia River. Locals pronounce the state's name "OAR-a-gun." Calling it "orry-gone" is a sure way to mark yourself as a foreigner.

**Willamette** is a large river that feeds into the Columbia and a prestigious university in Salem. As many a local beaver will tell you, "It's 'will-AM-ett,' dammit!"

**Couch** is the name of a busy street in Portland, but it's no sofa. It's pronounced "cooch," named after a local businessman way back when.

**Champoeg** is the name of a state park, a town and some local businesses. You probably won't figure it out by looking at it, but it's pronounced "sham-POOH-e."

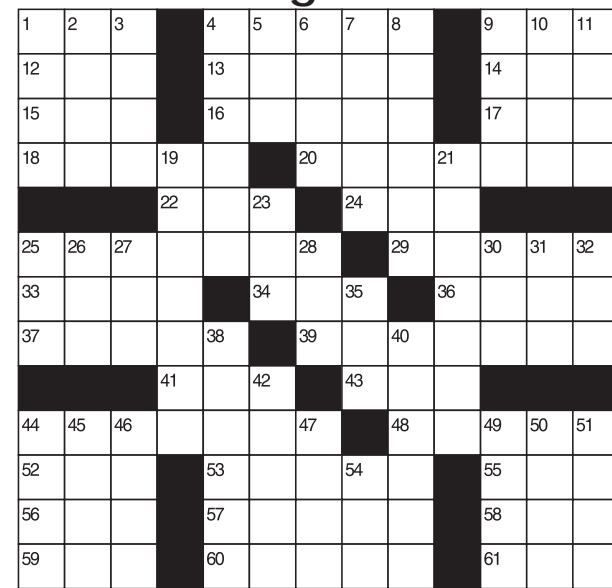
**Aloha** is the name of a town in the Portland area, but it has nothing to do with Hawaii. Around here we say, "el-LO-ah."

**Yaquina Bay** is a nice town on the Oregon coast, but it's hard to say. "Yah-KEEN-ah" is the way to pronounce it.

**Yachats** is another lovely coastal town with its name derived from a Native American word meaning "dark water at the foot of the mountain." It is pronounced "YAH-hots"

**Sunny and fair.** What Oregonians call the weather conditions when there's just a light drizzle coming down out of the sky.

## Word crossing



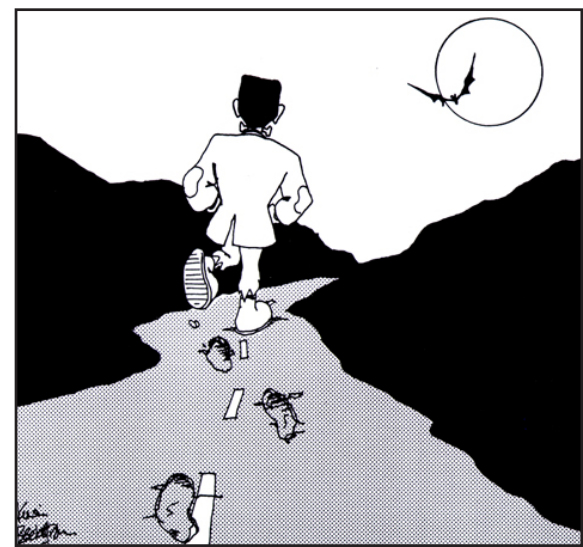
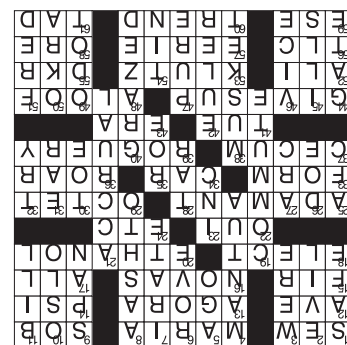
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| <b>Across</b>                                   |                                | 29 Group of eight |
| 1 Create with cloth                             | 33 Carve                       |                   |
| 4 Common girl's name (7th most popular in U.S.) | 34 Wheeled vehicle             |                   |
| 9 Cry   | 36 Make noise                  |                   |
| 12 Adj. to St.                                  | 37 Bodily cavity               |                   |
| 13 Ancient Greek marketplace                    | 39 Mischievous act             |                   |
| 14 Penultimate greek letter                     | 41 Day of the wk.              |                   |
| 15 Evergreen tree                               | 43 Epoch                       |                   |
| 16 Kinds of stars                               | 44 Quits (2 wds.)              |                   |
| 17 Entire                                       | 48 Reserved                    |                   |
| 18 Choose                                       | 52 Boxer Muhammad              |                   |
| 20 Colorless volatile flammable solvent         | 53 Clumsy person               |                   |
| 22 Yes, for Yves                                | 55 Danish krone (abbr.)        |                   |
| 24 And so forth                                 | 56 What a nurse gives          |                   |
| 25 Unyielding                                   | 57 Spooky                      |                   |
|   | 58 One abbreviation for Oregon |                   |
|   | 59 Compass point               |                   |
|   | 60 What's "in"                 |                   |
|   | 61 Little bit                  |                   |

## Diversions

### Down

- 1 With 19D, what drivers going to work expect from us
- 2 Wicked
- 3 "as you \_\_\_"
- 4 18th century woman's garment
- 5 Gone by
- 6 Range
- 7 Furious
- 8 Conference sponsor
- 9 Bridge
- 10 Capital of Norway
- 11 Fiver
- 19 See 1D
- 21 Accumulation
- 23 Business title ending
- 25 College football conference (abbr.)
- 26 Deer
- 27 Circle segment
- 28 Sticky black substance
- 30 Foot extension
- 31 Hearing organ
- 32 Sample
- 35 Fish eggs
- 38 18th century smoothbore shoulder gun
- 40 Ate like a cow
- 42 Swiss mathematician
- 44 Fence opening
- 45 Evils
- 46 Transgression
- 47 Unmixed
- 49 Host state Trans. Dept.
- 50 Vegetable
- 51 \_\_\_ Astaire
- 54 Container

### Puzzle Answer



The leading cause of Transylvanian potholes.



# AASHTO DAILY NEWS

Thursday, October 26, 2006

## Today's Schedule

### Oregon Convention Center

**8 a.m. – Noon**  
Standing Committee on Aviation Business Meeting  
*Room B118/B119*

**8 a.m. – 5 p.m.**  
CSS Conference Follow Up Meeting  
*Room B110*

Technology Implementation Group Business Meeting  
*Room A109*

**1 – 5 p.m.**  
Subcommittee on Civil Rights  
*Room B112*

Standing Committee on Finance and Administration  
*Room B111*

**Hilton Hotel**  
**6 – 9 p.m.**  
AASHTO/ACEC Meeting  
*Forum Suite, 3rd Floor*

## Weather Forecast

**Today:** Partly clear.  
High: 64 Low: 41  
**Tomorrow:** Partly cloudy.  
High: 64 Low: 47

## Welcome to Oregon!

We are honored that such an important group of America's transportation leaders would choose Portland and Oregon to host your annual conference. Here in Oregon, we've made incredible progress in stimulating our economy, sustaining jobs and moving people and freight with transportation infrastructure investments such as the Oregon Transportation Investment Act and *ConnectOregon*.

Not only will the 2006 AASHTO Annual Meeting be an incredible learning and networking opportunity, it will be a once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience unmatched natural beauty, varied recreational options, outstanding regional and international cuisine, first-rate accommodations and tax-free shopping. I know you will find many things to see and do during your stay here—and I know you will appreciate our fine roads, highways and transit systems that will keep you safely on the move.

Thank you for visiting.

Sincerely,

Theodore R. Kulongoski  
Governor of Oregon



Oregon Governor  
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## Welcome to Portland

On behalf of the Oregon Department of Transportation, I welcome you to the 2006 AASHTO Annual Meeting. ODOT is in the midst of discussing with the citizens of Oregon the challenges of increasing congestion and the financial constraints of building new roads, so the opportunity to host this annual conference is timely. I know the learning opportunities at the conference are immense, but let me second the Governor's recommendation that you take time before or after the conference to spend some time in Oregon—there's so much to see and do, you'll want to come back! And we'd love to have you. Please visit the conference web site, [www.aashto2006.com](http://www.aashto2006.com), and read some of the favorite tours of ODOT employees, ranging from walking tours of Portland's historic bridges to full-day excursions visiting waterfalls and the century-old Vista House in the Columbia Gorge.

Sincerely,

Matthew L. Garrett  
Director, Oregon Department of Transportation



ODOT Director  
Matthew Garrett

# Getting around Portland during AASHTO

**Walking**  
Portland is an easy place to navigate. The Willamette River divides the city and the downtown into east and west. Burnside Street divides the city into north and south. That would normally mean four city quadrants: NE Portland, SE Portland, NW Portland and SW Portland. But since the river doesn't go straight north, there's actually a fifth "quadrant" north of the downtown area, simply called North Portland. Not to worry! Avenues in the west side downtown area run north-south and are numbered in increasing order as they get farther from the river. First Avenue has a couple of other names: Front Street and Naito Parkway; 7th Avenue is also named Broadway. The conference hotel is on 6th; walk north to SW Yamhill or SW Morrison to catch the MAX Light Rail train.

**MAX Light Rail**  
Portland's easy-to-use transit system — TriMet's MAX Light Rail and the Portland Streetcar— let you travel an extended area around downtown free in "fareless square." MAX (Metropolitan Area Express) connects Portland, its suburbs and the Portland International Airport. Trains run every 5 to 15 minutes between 4:30 a.m. and midnight. Trains are color-coded to quickly tell you where they're going. The MAX

Yellow Line serves North Portland between the city center and the Expo Center. The MAX Red Line runs from the Beaverton Transit Center through the city center and east to the Portland Airport. The Westside MAX Blue Line connects the city center with Portland's western suburbs of Beaverton and Hillsboro. The Eastside MAX Blue Line connects the city center with the suburb of Gresham to the east.

MAX will carry you from the Hilton Hotel (or any place downtown) to the Oregon Convention Center. A MAX stop is located just south of the hotel, at Pioneer Square on SW Yamhill Street and SW 6th Avenue. MAX stops right at the convention center, on the east side of the river. The Eastside Blue Line or the Red Line will take you from the downtown area to the Convention Center; any of the trains heading west toward the city center will take you from the convention center to downtown and back to the hotel. The ride between downtown and the Convention Center is within fareless square and is free.

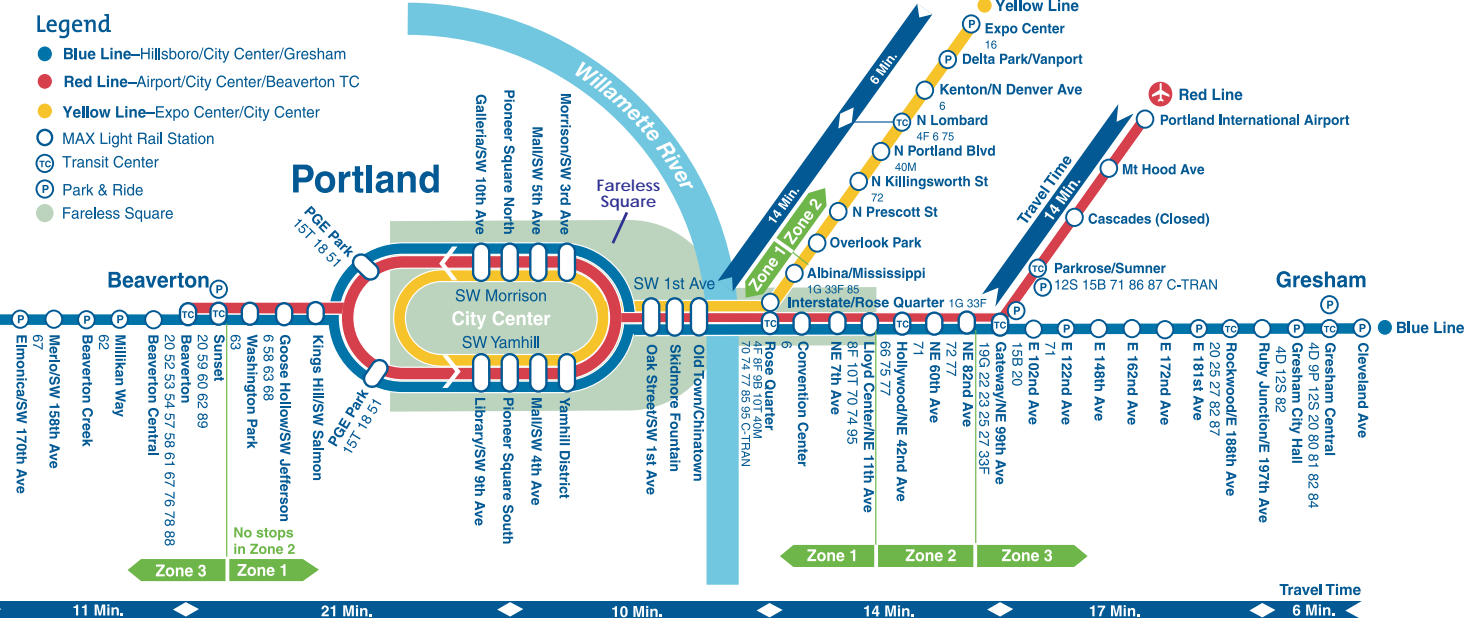
MAX Light Rail carried about 32 million passengers last year—the most of any comparably sized transit system.

**Portland Streetcar**  
The Portland Streetcar began linking downtown's Cultural District,



MAX provides a simple alternative to travel between the hotel and the Oregon Convention Center.

the Pearl District and the Nob Hill/ Northwest Neighborhood back in 2001. The streetcars travel a 5-mile loop that begins and ends at the campus of Portland State University in the southwest corner of the downtown area. The Streetcar stays on the west side of the Willamette, so it won't take you to the convention center. To catch the streetcar, walk west from the Hilton up to SW 10th Avenue if you're heading for the Pearl District and Nob Hill. Walk one block farther west to SW 11th Avenue to catch the streetcar heading to the PSU campus. It costs \$1.65 to ride from downtown to Nob Hill.



## Oregon Spotlight

### Northern Pacific Coast Highway Tour (U.S. 101)

Spend a day savoring the outstanding vistas abundant as you travel along the Pacific Coast Highway (U.S. 101) between Astoria – the oldest settlement west of the Rockies – and the community of Cannon Beach, a popular artist community highlighted by massive ocean shoreline monoliths.

Every twist and turn along this amazing highway provides outstanding vistas, views of dynamic architectural bridges, lighthouses, and abundant sea life. Be sure to plan to explore the secluded beaches and bountiful state parks as you relish the charming communities along the way.

Historic Astoria, at the mouth of the Columbia River, has been the site of many remarkable expeditions including exploration of the area by Captain Robert Gray in 1792 and Lewis and Clark in 1805.

The 125-foot high Astoria Column marks the first permanent American settlement west of the Rockies. Erected in 1926, the magnificent monument captures Astoria's history through 14 detailed murals.

Pack a lunch and picnic at the Fort Clatsop National Memorial, six miles south of Astoria, a replica of Lewis and Clark's 1805-06 winter outpost.



Sunset at Haystack Rock on Cannon Beach.

Here the adventurers documented new species of flora and fauna not yet identified in books of the day. Follow U.S. 101 south to Seaside, a resort town famous for its promenade and four-wheeled bicycle 'surreys'. Fill a bag with freshly pulled saltwater taffy before heading south from this friendly community. Wrap up the day with your pants rolled up and toes dipped in the Pacific Ocean at Haystack Rock, a mammoth sea stack and protected marine garden in Cannon Beach. On the horizon, Terrible Tilly, the Tillamook Head Lighthouse, will light up the night sky as the sun sets on your ocean adventure.

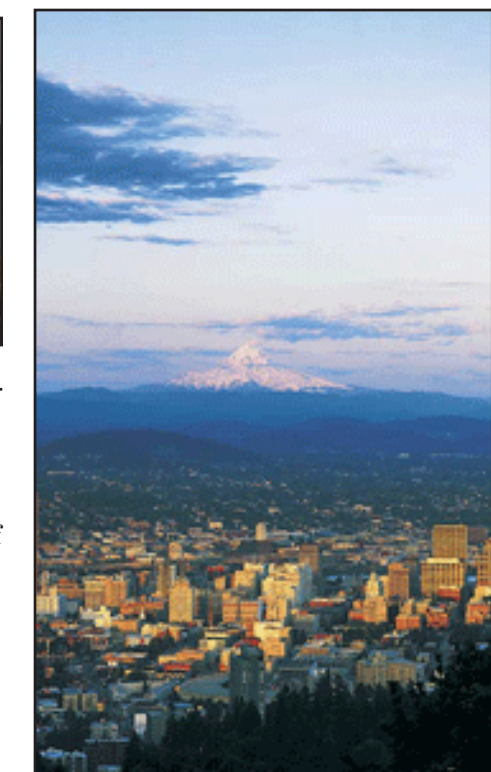
### Need assistance? We're here to help

Not sure where you should go or how to get where you're going? Need a last-minute item? Look for one of the ODOT staff wearing the forest green conference shirt and we'll help you find what you need. Or, come to the Registration table located on the main level. If we can't come up with the answer, we'll find someone who can. We're here to serve!

Be sure to visit the Conference web site, [www.aashto2006.com](http://www.aashto2006.com). The site is updated daily with the latest news and information about the conference.

## FYI

### Portland's other names



Portland skyline with Mt. Hood in the background.

Portland has several well-known nicknames, including: the Rose City, for its perfect rose-growing climate, delightful Rose Festival and numerous beautiful roses that adorn the city; Puddletown, for its sometimes rainy climate; Stumptown, a nickname from its lumber baron past; and Bridgetown for the unique bridges over the Willamette River that unite east and west Portland.

Portland got its official name from a coin toss in 1845. In 1843, two men by the name of Asa Lovejoy and William Overton filed a land claim for an area known as The Clearing. Overton soon sold his shares to Francis Pettygrove and the two of them couldn't agree on a name. To resolve the deadlock, they flipped a coin — now known as the Portland penny — to decide. Lovejoy, who was from Massachusetts, picked Boston. But Pettygrove won, and he chose Portland, the city in his native Maine.