

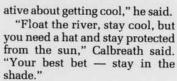


# **Hot:** Willamette River keeps Eugene cool

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There are many ways to cool down and become comfortable, Peterson said.

"People need to become cre-



## Feds start new labor campaign

#### By Michelle Mittelstadt The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Concerned about on-the-job conditions for the nation's 1.6 million farm workers, the Labor Department is starting an education campaign that stresses basic workplace rights and safety for children in the fields.

Labor's "Fair Harvest-Safe Harvest" campaign is designed to put basic workplace information in the hands of a population that is low-paid, typically uneducated, highly itinerant and often operating in difficult work environments.

"The fact is, too many farm workers don't know that they have a right to a fair and safe workplace today. And what they don't know could hurt them," Labor Secretary Alexis Herman said at a news conference, calling the workers "some of our most vulnerable."

Through the \$100,000 campaign, the department is calling on growers, community groups and others to distribute walletsized cards in English and Spanish outlining farm workers' rights.

The cards say: "You have the right to: written information about your wages and working conditions in a language you understand; to be paid the wages you were promised, but never less than the federal minimum wage of \$5.15 per hour; ... safe and healthy housing and transportation, if the employer provides them; safe drinking water, toilets and handwashing facilities at the job — and at no cost to you..."



## Hawaiians celebrate, denounce annexation

#### By Bruce Dunford

The Associated Press HONOLULU — The sounds of conch shells, whistles and cheers erupted from about 5,000 Hawaiians on Wednesday as the Hawaiian flag was raised over Iolani Palace to denounce 100 years of U.S. control over these tropical islands.

When the oversized ensign reached the top of the staff, the Royal Hawaiian Band struck up "Hawai'i Pono'i," the anthem written by an imprisoned Queen Lili'uokalani after her 1893 overthrow.

Wednesday's ceremonies of chants, hula and speeches on the palace grounds marked the 100th anniversary of America's annexation of the Hawaiian Islands, an act that many Hawaiian leaders now denounce as illegal.

"It seems that everyone is smiling, especially now that the flag is raised," said Mililani Trask, a leader of Ka Lahui, one of the larger groups seeking sovereignty for native Hawaiians.

"I think it marks a new beginning and I think everyone is very eager to come together and talk about consensus building" toward a form of sovereignty that would establish a political relationship between the Hawaiian people and the U.S. government, she said.

The sovereignty movement gained momentum five years ago during the 100th anniversary of Lili'uokalani's overthrow by an American-dominated group of white businessmen.

But it has stalled recently due to factional disputes over how to proceed and what form sovereignty would take.

Wednesday's commemoration at the palace, the home of Hawaii's last monarchs, began after a procession of several hundred somber marchers arrived from Mauna'ala, the Royal Mausoleum in Nuuanu Valley, a little more than a mile away.

The marchers were led by nearnaked heralds blowing conch shells and warriors bearing long wooden spears. Many marchers were dressed in traditional Hawaiian attire.

The marchers carried an 11foot, red-and-yellow feather sash which belonged to Liloa, a 15th century ali'i, or chief. It has been passed down through the Kamehameha and Kalakaua dynasties before Queen Lili'uokalani presented the sacred relic to the Bishop Museum for safekeeping.

Hawaiian leaders contend the annexation of Hawaii was illegal because it was achieved through a joint resolution of Congress which requires a majority — instead of a treaty, which requires a two-thirds Senate majority.

On Tuesday, sovereignty groups released copies of a United Nations report prepared by Miguel Alfonso Martinez of Cuba, the special chairman of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations.