

Oregon Legislature ends turbulent 2015 session

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SALEM — Despite a Democratic governor and larger Democratic majorities in both chambers, Oregon's 2015 legislative session proved to be more turbulent than expected at its start months ago.

The session ended at 6:05 p.m. Monday, its 155th day, a few days short of the legal deadline Saturday. Among the final-day bills was more than \$1 billion in state bonds for a variety of projects, including \$300 million for school construction.

For one, the governor who started the session did not end up finishing the session.

Democrat John Kitzhaber took the oath for an unprecedented fourth term on Jan. 12. But just weeks later, he resigned amid influence-peddling allegations involving him and his fiancée, Sylvia Hayes, and was succeeded on Feb. 18 by Secretary of State Kate Brown.

As a result of the 2014 election, Democrats gained two seats for an 18-12 majority over Republicans in the Senate, and one seat for a 35-25 majority in the House.

Just 23 days into her tenure as governor, Brown signed an extension of a standard requiring a 10 percent reduction in the carbon content of fuels over the next decade. Democrats, who failed to renew it two years earlier on a tie vote in the Senate, prevailed over Republican opposition.

But critics said the standard would raise the price of gasoline, and Republicans had warned they would walk away from negotiations over a funding plan for transportation projects — including a gas tax increase — if Democrats pressed them.

A tax increase requires at least one Republican to join the 35 Democrats in the House.

Although negotiators from both parties and both chambers reassembled in Brown's office

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weeks later, they ultimately were unable to put together a plan linking funding with alternatives to the low-carbon fuel standard.

A Senate committee conducted a hearing on the plan, only for leaders to abandon it after a majority of House Democrats said publicly they would reject a deal tied to repeal of the just-enacted standard. Critics also raised questions about the assumed greenhouse-gas reductions in some of the alternatives proposed to the standard.

With no deal in the offing,

the political ball will bounce back to the Portland City Council, which suspended its consideration of a street repair fee pending legislative discussion.

Party lines

Democrats were able to flex their majorities to pass a state-wide requirement for paid sick leave and a voluntary retirement savings plan for workers without access to one. However, neither chamber advanced an increase in Oregon's minimum wage, which at \$9.25 per hour is the nation's second highest

statewide rate only to Washington's \$9.47. Advocates have taken steps toward qualifying a 2016 ballot measure setting a \$15 rate by 2019.

Democrats also expanded a criminal background check for most private gun sales and transfers without Republican votes.

Bipartisan majorities did approve implementation legislation for the 2014 ballot measure that legalizes marijuana for recreational use, and to tighten regulation of medical marijuana that voters approved back in 1998.

Temporary retail sales by medical-marijuana dispensaries can start only on Oct. 1 — three months after the ballot measure took effect last week — if Brown signs the bill. The Oregon Liquor Control Commission estimates that it will be well into 2016 before it licenses retail sales.

A related measure substitutes a sales tax on marijuana purchasers for the taxation specified in Measure 91.

Bipartisan majorities also approved measures to regulate use of body cameras by police, if agencies choose to have their officers wear them, and to ban profiling of criminal suspects by race and other characteristics.

Democrats also prevailed on a bill — which also failed on a tie vote in the Senate in 2013 — that automatically registers people to vote based on driver records. They can opt out within 21 days.

It is the nation's first such bill, advanced by Brown as secretary of state — and signed by Brown as one of her first acts as governor.

Brown will be up in 2016 for election to the remaining two years in Kitzhaber's term.

Lawmakers will meet again in February for a session that is limited to 35 days.

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Lotteries

OREGON
Monday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 9-5-3-7
4 p.m.: 7-4-2-5
7 p.m.: 7-8-4-4
10 p.m.: 3-6-5-6
Monday's Megabucks: 18-

20-23-33-34-45
Estimated jackpot: \$3.2 million.
WASHINGTON
Monday's Daily Game:
04-02-04
Monday's Hit 5: 02-03-24-25-35

Monday's Keno: 01-15-17-18-19-22-27-31-32-33-39-40-42-47-51-59-67-69-70-77
Monday's Lotto: 09-15-26-45-47-48
Monday's Match 4: 03-13-14-18

Birth

May 24, 2015

GUSTAFSON, Chelsey, and FRANK, Greg, of Astoria, a boy, Jett Donovan Frank, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Tim

and Karen Malinen, Cindy Junes and Don and Renee Gustafson, all of Astoria. Great-grandmothers are Donna Gustafson of Astoria and Joanne Seelig of Warrenton.

ACCUWEATHER® FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

Astoria 5-Day Forecast

Tonight
Mainly clear
56°

Shown is tomorrow's weather. Temperatures are tonight's lows and tomorrow's highs

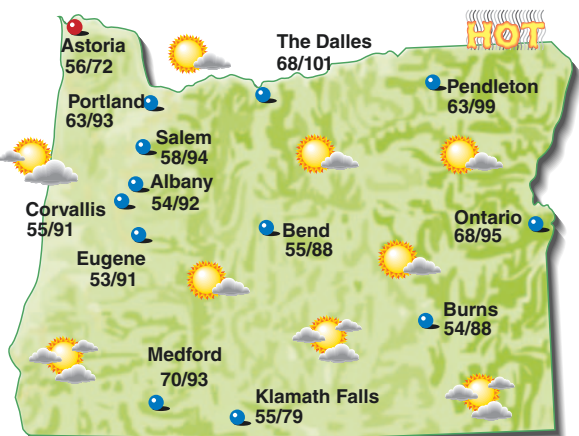
Wednesday
Partly sunny and pleasant
72° 57°

Thursday
Partly sunny
71° 59°

Friday
Intervals of clouds and sunshine
69° 58°

Saturday
Mostly cloudy
70° 57°

Oregon Weather



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Almanac

Astoria through Monday.

Temperatures	
High	65°
Low	57°
Normal high	67°
Normal low	52°
Precipitation	
Yesterday	0.01"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.27"
Year to date	27.39"
Normal year to date	36.18"

Sun and Moon

Sunset tonight	9:09 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	5:32 a.m.
Moonrise today	12:00 a.m.
Moonset today	12:22 p.m.

Last New First Full
July 8 July 15 July 23 July 31

Regional Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	89	49	t	89	53	s
Bend	89	55	s	88	59	s
Brookings	65	55	pc	64	55	pc
Eugene	91	53	s	91	55	pc
Ilwaco	66	55	pc	66	56	pc
Klamath Falls	84	55	t	79	55	t
Medford	96	70	pc	93	67	t
Newport	61	52	pc	62	53	pc
North Bend	65	54	pc	65	55	pc

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Olympia	87	53	s	92	57	pc
Pendleton	99	63	s	99	65	s
Portland	90	63	s	93	65	s
Roseburg	92	62	s	91	61	pc
Salem	91	58	s	94	59	pc
Seaside	67	55	pc	67	55	pc
Spokane	92	66	t	95	67	s
Vancouver	89	61	s	93	63	s
Yakima	102	67	s	103	66	s

Under the Sky

Tonight's Sky: The Big Dipper is in the northwest, with the handle above the bowl.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

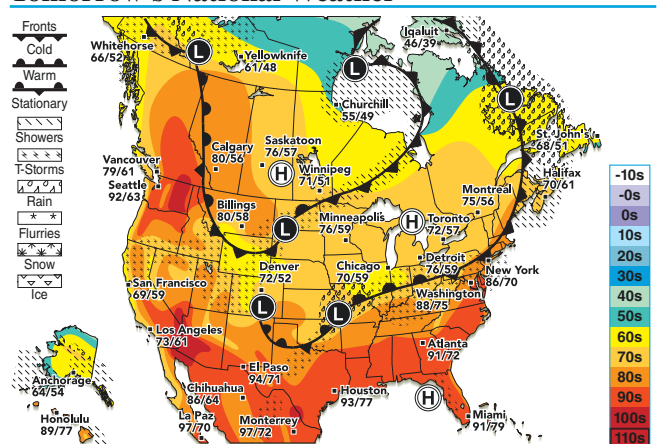
Tomorrow's Tides

Astoria / Port Docks			
Time	High	Time	Low
6:53 a.m.	7.1 ft.	1:04 a.m.	1.3 ft.
7:37 p.m.	8.5 ft.	1:04 p.m.	0.5 ft.

National Cities

City	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	90	72	pc	91	72	pc
Boston	81	70	pc	84	65	t
Chicago	68	54	sh	70	59	pc
Denver	72	53	t	72	52	t
Des Moines	73	58	pc	71	56	pc
Detroit	78	57	t	76	59	pc
El Paso	91	71	s	94	71	pc
Fairbanks	67	55	sh	70	51	sh
Honolulu	89	77	pc	89	77	pc
Indianapolis	75	60	t	70	65	t
Kansas City	72	59	r	67	55	r
Las Vegas	99	79	s	100	76	s
Los Angeles	76	62	pc	73	61	sh
Memphis	89	76	pc	89	74	c
Miami	91	79	pc	91	79	pc
Nashville	88	72	t	89	70	t
New Orleans	93	77	s	93	76	pc
New York	85	74	t	86	70	t
Oklahoma City	76	64	t	78	68	r
Philadelphia	89	75	t	89	72	t
St. Louis	73	60	t	73	65	r
Salt Lake City	85	68	pc	82	66	pc
San Francisco	71	59	pc	69	59	pc
Seattle	86	62	s	92	63	pc
Washington, DC	92	76	s	88	75	t

Tomorrow's National Weather



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities. Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

OBITUARIES

Harley Preston Bowden

Astoria
Oct. 13, 1931 – Jun. 16, 2015

Harley P. Bowden of Astoria, Ore., went to be with the Lord at 5 a.m. June 16, 2015, at Maryville Nursing Home in Beaverton, Ore., of natural causes at the age of 83.

He was born in Minco, Okla., to Delia (Hawkins) and German Bowden.

His occupation was in agriculture, and in later years as a mechanic for Cenix in Madras, Ore.

He is survived by his children, Rob-in Tussing of Astoria Ore., Nyla Bellish of Hillsboro Ore., Debora Hill of Zillah, Wash., and Ronald Bowden of Madras, Ore.; 12 grandchildren, Nathan Tussing, Joel Tussing, Ryan Bellish, Joshua Bellish, Douglas Bowden, Jessica Bellish, Sarah Bellish, Shane Bowden, Amanda (Hill) Gall, Bryce Bowden, Kristy Hill and Chad Bowden; 17 great-grandchildren (plus two on the way); and two stepbrothers, Allen Valouch of California and Johnny Valouch of Oklahoma.



Harley Bowden

He is preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Darlene (Burke); brothers Murlin, Harold and Estel Bowden of California; and stepbrothers Clyde Valouch of California, and Junior Valouch of Oklahoma.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, July 11, 2015, at Redmond Memorial Cemetery, 3545 Canal Blvd, Redmond, Ore.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the National Kidney Foundation of Oregon and Washington, 465 N.E. 181st St., No. 257, Portland, OR 97230, 503-963-5364.

Memories will live on in the hearts of those who love him. Redmond Memorial Chapel is honored to serve Harley's family. Please sign our online guest book at www.redmondmemorial.com

Beverly Ann 'MiMi' Hawks

Warrenton
Jan. 4, 1932 — June 27, 2015

Beverly Hawks, aka MiMi, was the most beautiful, loving, hard-working, intelligent woman I have ever, or will ever have the pleasure of knowing. She was a wonderful mom ... a forever-friend, and the best grandma (MiMi) a kid could ever have. She was such a kind spirit, and a great listener.

She was the mother of three children, Linda Maldonado (Eric) of Santa Barbara, Calif., Janice Hawks-Kuhnly (Lane) of Warrenton, and Michael Hawks of Portland, Ore. Her only grandchild, and the absolute love of her life, is Nathan Hawks, the son of Janice and Lane, of Hammond.

MiMi retired from Clatsop Community College in 1994 after 32 years in the business office. She and her husband, Donald Hawks, who passed away in 2006, spent most of their retire-



Beverly Hawks

ment traveling and enjoying time with Nathan. Unfortunately, MiMi was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 70, and Don was diagnosed 18 months later, and passed after an eight-month battle. Being the strong woman that she was, MiMi fought for 13 years, even though when diagnosed she had less than a 2 percent chance of survival.

She was an amazing woman who was loved deeply, and will never be forgotten. In honor of her wishes, there will be no funeral. I hope to have a celebration of life gathering at some point later in the summer. Beverly was a supporter of PEOPLE Scholarship Fund at Warrenton High School, and also adored the Hammond Library; a donation to either establishment in her name would be wonderful.

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