

# POINT of view

THE DAILY ASTORIAN // QUESTION OF THE WEEK

## 'What are your Labor Day weekend plans?'



"I generally do not celebrate. I might have dinner with my boyfriend, though. That sounds good."

Gail Griffey, Astoria



"Stay home and work on a classic car. Might have two of them by next weekend."

Dave Ambrose, Astoria



"Taking my two black Labs to the North Jetty and letting them run and splash in the ocean. They make me laugh, and we have a blast. We pick up trash while we're out there, too."

Janie Steinberg, Knappa

# Radical movement grows from legacy of Ruby Ridge

Inspiration for extreme politics

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS  
Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — It's been a quarter-century since a standoff in the mountains of northern Idaho left a 14-year-old boy, his mother and a federal agent dead and sparked an expansion of radical right-wing groups in the United States that continues today.

The gunfight at Ruby Ridge occurred when agents approached Randy Weaver's property near the Canadian border looking for a place to arrest the military veteran on gun charges. They had been investigating him for possible ties to white supremacist and anti-government groups.

Weaver, his daughters and a friend holed up in the family's cabin for 11 days before

surrendering on Aug. 31, 1992.

Twenty-five years later, here's a look at the standoff and some of its lingering effects:

### Anti-government inspiration

"Ruby Ridge continues to be an inspiration for the rise in extreme anti-government politics," said Ryan Lenz of the Southern Poverty Law Center, which tracks and studies radical groups.

The number of far-right, anti-government militia groups grew dramatically after the election of Barack Obama, the country's first black president, Lenz said.

Such groups historically drop off when a Republican becomes president, Lenz said. Instead, they burst into the public arena with the election of President Donald Trump.

That led to the recent violent conflict between white



AP Photo/Jeff T. Green

Randy Weaver supporters at Ruby Ridge in northern Idaho in 1992. It's been a quarter century since a standoff in the remote mountains of northern Idaho left a 14-year-old boy, his mother and a federal agent dead and sparked the expansion of radical right-wing groups across the country that continues to this day.

supremacists and their opponents in Charlottesville, Virginia, and disputes over Confederate monuments.

experts say.

The standoff is one of several things that spurred the resurgence of right-wing extremism in the 1990s, said Mark Pitcavage, a spokesman for the Anti-Defamation League, a Jewish civil rights organization.

"We are still in the midst of that," he said.

### The Weavers

The roots of Ruby Ridge were planted in the 1980s, when Weaver moved his family to Idaho to escape what he saw as a corrupt world.

Weaver eventually was suspected of selling two illegal sawed-off shotguns to a government informant. To avoid arrest, he holed up on his land.

On Aug. 21, 1992, a team of U.S. marshals scouting the thick forest to find suitable places to arrest Weaver came across his friend Kevin Harris and Weaver's 14-year-old son, Samuel, in the woods. A gunfight broke out. Samuel Weaver and Deputy U.S. Marshal William Degan were killed.

The next day, an FBI sniper shot and wounded Randy Weaver. The sniper also killed Randy's wife, Vicki, with a

shot to the head, and wounded Harris.

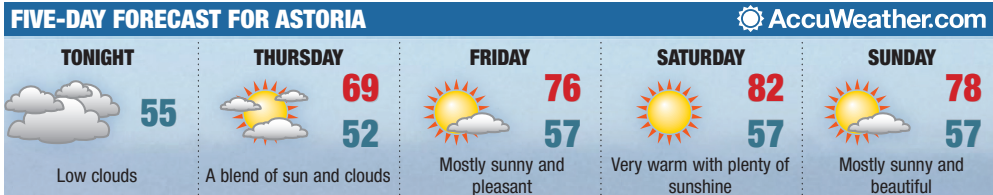
The survivors stayed in the cabin Weaver built, ignoring pleas to surrender from people like Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler, whose now-defunct neo-Nazi group was based in nearby Hayden Lake. Ruby Ridge became a magnet for people with anti-government leanings, who gathered near law enforcement barricades.

The family finally surrendered, and Randy Weaver was acquitted of the most serious charges against him. He and his three daughters filed a wrongful death lawsuit, and the government paid them \$3.1 million in 1995.

### Waco and Oklahoma City

A few months after Ruby Ridge, federal agents laid siege to the Waco, Texas, compound of the Branch Davidians, a religious sect. An assault was launched, and a fire destroyed the compound and killed more than 70 people.

Timothy McVeigh cited both Ruby Ridge and Waco as motivators when he bombed the federal building in Oklahoma City in 1995.



### ALMANAC

Astoria through Tuesday.

**Temperatures**  
High/low ..... 69°/54°  
Month to date ..... 69°/52°  
Record high ..... 88° in 1944  
Record low ..... 42° in 1985

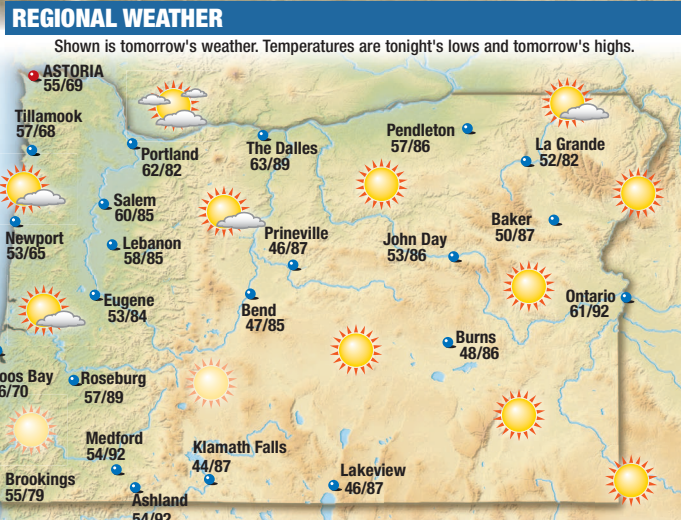
**Precipitation**  
Tuesday ..... 0.00"  
Month to date ..... 0.38"  
Normal month to date ..... 1.05"  
Year to date ..... 50.05"  
Normal year to date ..... 37.99"

### SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight ..... 7:58 p.m.  
Sunrise Thursday ..... 6:35 a.m.  
Moonrise today ..... 3:41 p.m.  
Moonset today ..... 12:29 a.m.

Full    Last    New    First

Sep 5    Sep 12    Sep 19    Sep 27



### UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Marked by its brightest star Vega, the constellation Lyra the Harp will stand high in the sky.

Source: Jim Todd, OMS

### TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

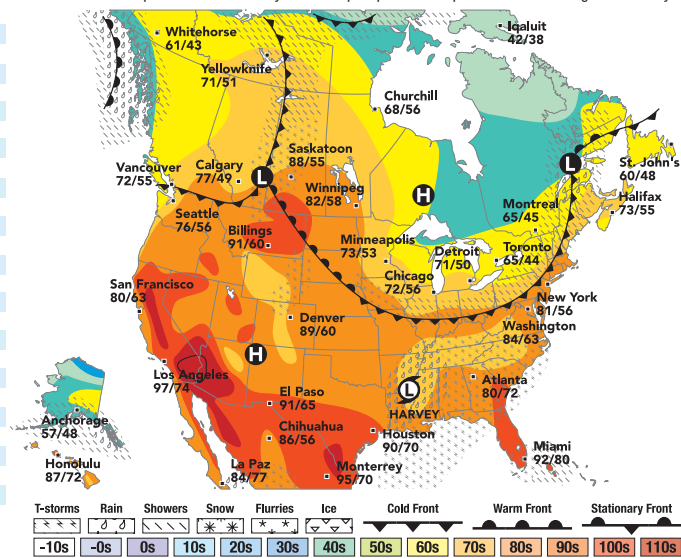
Time	High	Time	Low
10:28 a.m.	5.9 ft.	3:58 a.m.	0.9 ft.
9:39 p.m.	7.1 ft.	3:43 p.m.	3.0 ft.

### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Thu.	City	Today	Thu.
Baker City	95 50 s	87 44 s	Olympia	76 56 pc	78 48 pc
Bend	87 47 pc	85 51 pc	Pendleton	92 57 s	86 57 s
Brookings	66 56 pc	75 59 pc	Portland	78 62 pc	82 57 pc
Eugene	78 53 pc	84 53 s	Roseburg	82 57 pc	89 58 pc
Ilwaco	66 56 pc	65 55 c	Salem	80 80 pc	85 57 s
Klamath Falls	86 44 pc	87 51 pc	Seaside	69 56 pc	67 54 s
Medford	87 54 pc	92 59 pc	Spokane	91 57 s	82 57 s
Newberg	79 60 pc	83 55 pc	Springfield	79 56 pc	85 54 s
Newport	64 53 pc	65 48 s	Vancouver	78 60 pc	81 55 pc
North Bend	68 54 pc	68 52 s	Yakima	95 57 s	90 55 s

### TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



# Firefighters make slow progress against Oregon's big blazes

Associated Press

BROOKINGS — Firefighters in southern Oregon on Tuesday gained a toe-hold on a fire burning near the coastal town of Brookings but new evacuations were ordered after a flare-up on a different complex of lightning-caused fires in a

remote area near the California border.

Authorities allowed some residents back into their homes near Brookings but several thousand more remain evacuated. The 184-square-mile fire is now 5 percent contained with a full containment date of mid-October.

The blaze began from a

lightning strike on July 12 but grew rapidly last week, at one point forcing about 4,500 people from their homes. Fire crews are bracing for more difficult conditions later this week, with very low humidity and triple-digit temperatures forecast. Winds on the fire have also been gusty and erratic.

# Warrenton Police officer to graduate

The Daily Astorian

An incoming Warrenton Police officer will graduate next week from the state public safety academy in Salem.

Officer Joshua Holloway

is listed as one of 37 that will graduate with the Oregon Public Safety Academy's 370th basic police class. The graduation will take place at 11 a.m. on Sept. 8.

The 16-week basic police class includes lessons and exer-

cises that teach survival skills, firearms, emergency vehicle operations, ethics, cultural diversity, problem solving, community policing, elder abuse, drug recognition and dozens of other subjects.

## ON THE RECORD

### Assault

• At 1:55 a.m. Saturday, Gregory Adams Jr., 26, of Wolcottville, Indiana, was arrested by the Warrenton Police Department on the 1000 block of Pacific Drive and charged with fourth-degree assault and harassment. He allegedly became angry when a bartender at the South Jetty Dining Room and Bar refused to continue serving him alcohol. When employees attempted to escort him from the restaurant, he allegedly threw multiple punches, hitting a bartender in the chest and knocking her to the ground. He also allegedly hit a cook in the face, leaving a visible injury.

### DUII

• At 7:49 p.m. Saturday, Mark Alfred Lamie, 56, of Astoria, was arrested by the Warrenton Police Department on U.S. Highway 101 near Glenwood Village and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants. His blood alcohol content was 0.25 percent.

• At 11:59 p.m. Monday, Sharon Laferriere, 57, of Warrenton, was arrested by the Warrenton Police Department on the 70 block of U.S. Highway 101 Business and charged with DUII. Police allegedly could smell marijuana when they approached her, and she admitted to "dabbing."

## MEMORIAL

### Saturday, Sept. 2

ROSE, Dawna May — Celebration of life at noon, Dufur City Park in Dufur.

## LOTTERIES

**OREGON**  
Tuesday's Pick 4:  
1 p.m.: 5-0-2-7  
4 p.m.: 9-9-5-7  
7 p.m.: 8-1-5-7  
10 p.m.: 9-9-5-7  
Mega Millions: 2-13-17-35-73, Mega Ball: 3  
Estimated jackpot: \$53 million

**WASHINGTON**  
Tuesday's Daily Game: 2-4-8  
Tuesday's Keno: 04-07-13-14-16-18-23-28-30-32-38-46-54-57-60-63-66-77-78-80  
Tuesday's Match 4: 03-16-23-24

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## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**WEDNESDAY**  
Astoria Warming Center neighborhood meeting, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

**THURSDAY**  
Clatsop County Recreational Lands Planning and Advisory Committee, 1 to 3 p.m., fourth floor, 800 Exchange St.

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