

# Brown, Buehler take liberty with the truth in late ad pushes

## Final days before the election

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The top two candidates for Oregon governor are releasing multiple television and social media ads in the final days of the campaign. Some make misleading and sometimes inaccurate claims.

Gov. Kate Brown, the Democratic incumbent, and state Rep. Knute Buehler, her Republican challenger, are funneling millions into advertising in the most expensive governor's race in state history.

"What we are seeing now is the candidates trying to define who their opponent is," said Jim Moore, director of the Tom McCall Center for Policy Innovation at Pacific University. "It is not so much lying, but the context is completely wrong."

Brown, for instance, released an ad that ties Buehler to Donald Trump, flashing images of the president and U.S. Supreme Court Justice Brett Kavanaugh.

But last year, Buehler disclosed in a Facebook post that he didn't vote for Trump. Instead, he wrote in Ohio Gov. John Kasich for president.

Buehler has repeatedly criticized Trump's policies and conduct in other interviews and on social media. He also called

on Trump to withdraw Kavanaugh's nomination as the U.S. Senate confirmation hearing unfolded.

"With nothing positive to say about her own record or her vision for Oregon, Kate Brown has completely overplayed her hand with a ridiculous and 100 percent false attack against Knute Buehler comparing Knute to Donald Trump," wrote Jordan Conger, Buehler's campaign policy director, in an email. "There are legitimate issues and differences to debate in the race for governor; this is not one of them."

Buehler's campaign, meanwhile, claimed in an ad that revenue from a new payroll tax to fund mass transit services — which Brown supported — forces workers in the rest of the state to pay for Portland service.

"Kate Brown has always been a politician who thinks about Portland first and the rest of Oregon last," Troutdale resident Kelly Fisher says in the ad. "Why else would Brown raise a payroll tax on a working person like me to pay for Portland's mass transit system?"

Christian Gaston, Brown's campaign spokesman, said the ad on the transit tax is "completely false" and "based on a lie."

"This whole campaign has been a constant barrage of misinformation from Knute Buehler and Priority Oregon (political action committee)," Gaston said. "It has been really diffi-

cult to push out fact checks fast enough."

In fact, the taxes paid by employees in densely populated areas, such as Portland, help pay for transit services in sparsely populated areas such as Gilliam and Harney counties, said Karyn Criswell, a state transportation project manager.

About 42 jurisdictions around the state get money from the transit tax. Sixteen cover areas with so few workers that they get \$50,000 a year from the state as a base, Criswell said.

Conger said the ad is accurate because as a Troutdale resident, Kelly's payroll taxes go toward TriMet, which provides transit services largely to Portland. But TriMet maps show service is also offered to Troutdale.

### Abortion

In ads aired recently, Brown's campaign stated that Buehler wants to restrict access to abortion.

The campaign and some pro-choice advocates have offered as evidence Buehler's vote against the state's Reproductive Equity Act in 2017. The act, among other things, expanded reproductive health care to undocumented immigrants.

Buehler has said repeatedly he is pro-choice and would make no changes to the state's abortion laws, which are among the least restrictive in the nation.



Jonathan House/Pamplin Media Group

**The campaigns of GOP nominee Rep. Knute Buehler and incumbent Democrat Gov. Kate Brown are releasing multiple TV and social media ads as the gubernatorial campaign enters its final days.**

"Yes, he voted against that act, but does that mean he is not pro-choice? Heck, no," said Moore, the state political scientist from Pacific University. "He is definitely pro-choice. He just didn't take this further step."

"When you look at any major Republican candidate, he is a wild radical on choice."

Buehler's campaign also takes issue with an ad by Brown's campaign that said Buehler voted to "take coverage away from ... hundreds of thousands of Oregonians."

The ad refers to Buehler's vote against a bill to enact a mix of health care provider taxes to temporarily fund the Oregon Health Plan, the state's version of Medicaid.

The taxes hit hospitals,

insurers, the Public Employees Benefits Board and coordinated health care organizations, which are regional networks of Oregon Health Plan providers.

Buehler did vote against the taxes because he felt they were "unfair and targeted small businesses and school districts while exempting large corporations," Conger said.

He wanted a longer-term solution for funding health care and with other legislators proposed legislation to do so. Their ideas never made it to a vote.

Gaston defended Brown's ads as "narrowly on actions Buehler has taken."

"His campaign is about ... selling this image of himself as a candidate that is different from what he has done as a legislator," Gaston said.

### Education

In another ad, Buehler's campaign said that Brown "cut career-focused education by 43 percent."

The claim refers to voter-approved Measure 98 in 2016. The ballot measure dedicated about \$150 million per year toward high school career-technical education and other programs to boost the graduation rate.

A year later, Brown proposed increasing career-technical education funding by \$75 million a year — not the full amount approved by voters. Legislators, including Buehler, ultimately passed a budget that instead allocated \$85 million a year for career-technical education funding.

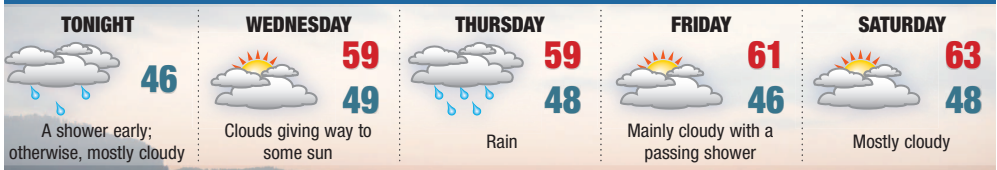
Buehler voted against the state education budget for several reasons, including that short funding of career education, his campaign said.

"He thought at the time that was the more appropriate time to present that message, and frankly, he wanted to make sure some funding on Measure 98 made it through," Conger said.

Conger defended calling the funding for Measure 98 a cut.

"Voters recognized this as a priority and made the funding available for it, and even then, she proposed cutting it in half," Conger said. "If cutting voter-approved funding doesn't amount to a cut, I don't know what will."

## FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



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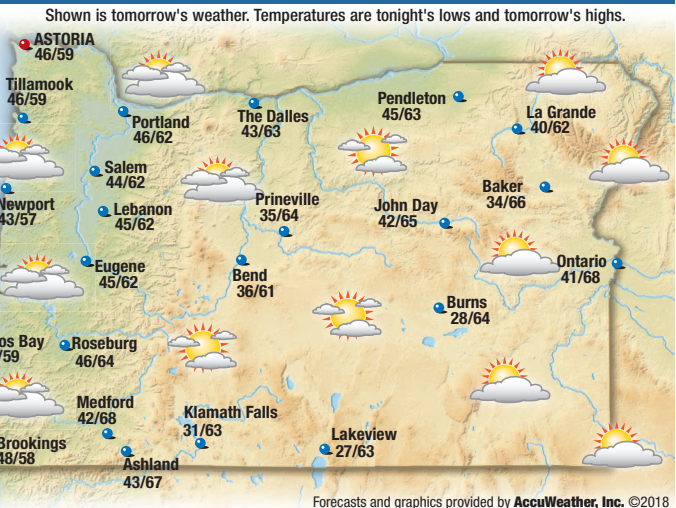
Astoria through Monday.

Category	Value
High/Low	55°/47°
Normal High/Low	59°/43°
Record High	79° in 1937
Record Low	34° in 1961
Precipitation	0.00"
Month to date	2.93"
Normal month to date	3.68"
Year to date	41.61"
Normal year to date	43.92"

## SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	6:16 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday	7:45 a.m.
Moonrise today	6:20 p.m.
Moonset today	6:21 a.m.
Full	Oct 24
Last	Oct 31
New	Nov 7
First	Nov 15

## REGIONAL WEATHER



## UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Before midnight, Aries, the Ram, is high in the eastern night sky.

## TOMORROW'S TIDES

Time	High	Time	Low
1:48 a.m.	7.8 ft.	7:44 a.m.	1.0 ft.
1:45 p.m.	8.8 ft.	8:23 p.m.	-0.3 ft.

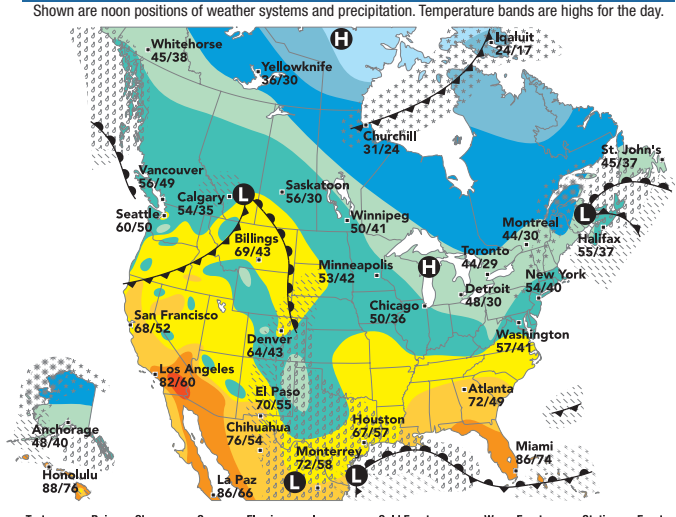
## NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	71 49 c	72 49 pc
Boston	55 43 sh	54 38 pc
Chicago	52 36 s	50 36 pc
Denver	66 45 c	64 43 pc
Des Moines	56 33 s	56 40 pc
Detroit	54 33 pc	48 30 pc
El Paso	69 58 sh	70 55 pc
Fairbanks	46 39 sh	46 29 pc
Honolulu	88 76 s	88 76 s
Indianapolis	58 33 s	53 34 s
Kansas City	63 37 s	60 43 pc
Las Vegas	80 60 s	82 60 pc
Los Angeles	80 59 pc	82 60 s
Memphis	71 46 pc	65 49 pc
Miami	85 74 sh	86 74 pc
Nashville	70 41 pc	64 43 s
New Orleans	72 67 r	76 70 c
New York	62 45 pc	54 40 pc
Oklahoma City	67 50 pc	61 49 r
Philadelphia	65 45 pc	56 38 s
St. Louis	63 37 s	59 41 s
Salt Lake City	67 46 pc	68 47 s
San Francisco	65 51 pc	68 52 pc
Seattle	58 48 c	60 50 c
Washington, DC	70 46 s	57 41 s

## REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Baker City	72 34 pc	66 31 pc
Bend	67 36 s	61 36 pc
Brookings	56 48 r	58 46 pc
Eugene	62 45 pc	62 40 c
Ilwaco	57 49 r	58 51 pc
Klamath Falls	66 31 s	63 30 pc
Medford	68 42 pc	68 40 pc
Newberg	60 45 pc	61 46 c
Newport	56 43 r	57 47 pc
North Bend	57 47 r	58 48 pc
Olympia	58 40 c	58 45 c
Pendleton	66 45 pc	63 43 pc
Portland	62 46 pc	62 48 c
Roseburg	64 46 pc	64 43 c
Salem	61 44 pc	62 44 c
Seaside	57 47 r	59 51 pc
Spokane	64 42 pc	58 41 pc
Springfield	61 45 pc	63 43 c
Vancouver	61 48 pc	61 47 c
Yakima	67 35 pc	62 36 pc

## TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



# Man arrested after allegedly trashing Performing Arts Center

By **JACK HEFFERNAN**  
The Daily Astorian

An Astoria man was arrested after allegedly trashing the Clatsop Community College Performing Arts Center on Saturday.

Just before 2 p.m., police were notified that the main door was open and someone might have been inside. Sitting just outside the door were a fire extin-

guisher, garbage can, shelving, papers, an exit sign and a hose.

Inside the building, a window appeared to be broken from the inside, walls and pillars were damaged in various ways, piano and organ covers were removed and bedding had been set up in the balcony.

Police found and arrested Derek Heiner, 36, of Astoria, and charged him with second-degree burglary, first-degree crim-

inal mischief, second-degree theft and second-degree criminal trespass.

Heiner allegedly did not cooperate with officers, who carried him to the patrol car.

Heiner has been arrested in connection with several similar incidents since 2015, including at the Performing Arts Center. Judges ordered psychological evaluations in nearly all of those cases.

## ON THE RECORD

### Assault

• At 12:57 a.m. Sunday, Brandon John Wing, 33, of Astoria, was arrested by Astoria police on Lief Erikson Drive and 35th Street and charged with driving under the influence of intoxicants. His blood alcohol content was 0.19 percent.

## DEATHS

### Oct. 23, 2018

**JAAGUS**, Asta Elisabeth, 96 of Seaside, died in Seaside. Caldwell's Luce-Layton Mortuary of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

### Oct. 22, 2018

**FERGUSON**, Jerry Gene, 79, of Knappa, died at home. Ocean View Funeral & Cremation Service of Astoria is in charge of the arrangements.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**TUESDAY**  
**Clatsop County Human Services Advisory Council**, 4 to 5:30 p.m., Room 430, 800 Exchange St.  
**Clatsop Care Health District Board**, 5 p.m., special session, Clatsop Care Memory Community, 2219 Dolphin Ave., Warrenton.  
**Astoria Library Board**, 5:30 p.m., Astoria Library Flag Room, 450 10th St.  
**Warrenton City Commission**, 6 p.m., City Hall,

225 S. Main Ave.  
**Astoria Planning Commission**, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

**WEDNESDAY**  
**Astoria Parks and Recreation Board**, 6:45 a.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.  
**Clatsop County Board of Commissioners**, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St.

## LOTTERIES

**OREGON**  
**Monday's Pick 4:**  
1 p.m.: 1-6-8-1  
4 p.m.: 0-3-2-7  
7 p.m.: 0-3-3-8  
10 p.m.: 4-9-3-7  
**Monday's Lucky Lines:** 3-5-10-14-20-23-25-32  
Estimated jackpot: \$17,000

**Monday's Mega Millions:** 15-23-53-65-70, Mega Ball: 7  
Estimated jackpot: \$1.6 billion

**WASHINGTON**  
**Monday's Daily Game:** 7-6-7  
**Monday's Hit 5:** 01-20-22-24-33  
Estimated jackpot: \$120,000

**Monday's Keno:** 03-06-09-10-21-24-25-32-33-36-43-46-47-55-59-62-66-67-69-78  
**Monday's Lotto:** 02-14-15-17-34-46  
Estimated jackpot: \$4.6 million  
**Monday's Match 4:** 01-08-20-21

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