

Oregon reaches milestone as commissioner sworn in

Hoyle takes the oath of office

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SALEM — Oregon's new labor commissioner, sworn in on Monday, has an ambitious agenda but an investigation pushed by her predecessor on sexual harassment in the state Capitol loomed, even as the report drew new criticism.

The swearing in of Val Hoyle by Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum marked the first time in Oregon history that most of the five statewide executive offices are held by elected women.

At the start of the ceremony in the state House of Representatives, Hoyle, Gov. Kate Brown and Rosenblum sat together under a mural showing Oregon pioneers — all men — at a historic meeting in 1843 when the provisional government was established.

"Now more than ever, leadership in our state is reflective of Oregon's people, and that's a really good thing," Brown said, triggering applause from officials and well-wishers who packed the chamber.

Hoyle's first order of business is dealing with an investigation, triggered by



AP Photo/Andrew Selsky

Oregon Labor Commissioner Val Hoyle shows her oath of office after she signed it after her inauguration at the state Capitol in Salem on Monday.

her predecessor Brad Avakian, and released Thursday that condemned top lawmakers for allegedly allowing sexual harassment to persist in the Capitol. But the investigators failed to interview them.

State Rep. Diego Hernandez, D-Portland, who was named in the report though a rumor against him was unsubstantiated, said the investigation only furthered "a racially-motivated, defamatory smear" campaign against him, launched because of his strong stances on civil and immigrant rights.

"It also defies logic that in the course of the investi-

gation conducted that they never asked to speak with me about my experiences — which have included racism, bullying, threats and harassment," Hernandez said in a statement.

In an interview Friday with the Portland Tribune, Hernandez said "I feel thrown under the bus by Brad Avakian."

State Sen. Sara Gelsler, D-Corvallis, whose complaints about Sen. Jeff Kruse's behavior prompted Kruse's resignation last year, expressed regret Monday that the investigation by the Bureau of Labor and Industries, known as BOLI, furthered a "malicious

rumor" about Hernandez. That rumor was shown to be without substance by an independent investigation commissioned earlier by the Legislature.

Gelsler tweeted that the report raises real concerns that must be addressed, but emphasized that Hernandez "is not one of them."

There was also worry that Hoyle, a former House majority leader, would give the investigation short shrift because she knows the leaders in the Legislature.

Rep. Julie Parrish, a Republican from a Portland suburb who was defeated in her re-election bid in November, asked if Hoyle will do something about sexual harassment in the Capitol or sweep it under the rug.

"Love to be proven wrong, but my gut says this report goes away w/Avakian," Parrish tweeted.

But Hoyle told reporters that the investigation is a priority and that she wants to ensure the Capitol is a safe environment.

"The first thing I'm going to do tomorrow morning is sit down with the staff who did the report to come up with a plan of action on how we're going to address it," Hoyle said. Her first question to staff will be why they apparently didn't interview key people like House Speaker Tina Kotek

and Senate President Peter Courtney.

Hoyle said she takes the issue personally, describing to reporters how when she was a 21-year-old waitress at a hotel, she and other women were subjected to harassment by a man. She filed a harassment claim.

"It was really difficult; it was not popular with all of my colleagues," Hoyle said, but added that she was represented by a union and that the man wound up being transferred. There were also times when she wasn't paid the full wages due her but didn't speak out, fearing she could be fired.

"I'm not coming at this from a theoretical perspective," Hoyle said.

Oregon is one of only four states that directly elect their labor commissioners. Hoyle was elected in the May primary last year, winning more votes than her two male challengers combined.

Three women previously held three of the five top statewide offices, but they were not all elected to the positions.

Oregonians elect five statewide officials to the executive branch: governor, secretary of state, treasurer, attorney general, and commissioner of labor and industries. The secretary of state and the treasurer are men.

Fisheries meeting set for Tuesday

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Fishery managers will present their expectations for spring Chinook returns into harvest areas off the Columbia River at a meeting in Astoria tonight.

Fishery managers representing Clatsop County, Oregon and Washington state will discuss season structure and harvest management considerations in the select areas, which include Youngs Bay, Blind Slough/Knapka Slough and Tongue Point/South Channel.

They also plan to solicit public comment for the winter, spring and summer fisheries in the select areas.

The meeting is scheduled from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Express, 204 W. Marine Drive.

The select areas are where commercial gill-net fishermen are still allowed to fish for salmon as opportunities on the river main stem disappear due to state legislation to phase out the gear.

BIRTH

Dec. 27, 2018

FICK, Terenia and Andrew, of Astoria, a girl, Sally Marie Fick, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Mark and Geri Fick, Joanna Brochocka and Larry Goza, all of Astoria, and Jim Ydstie of London.

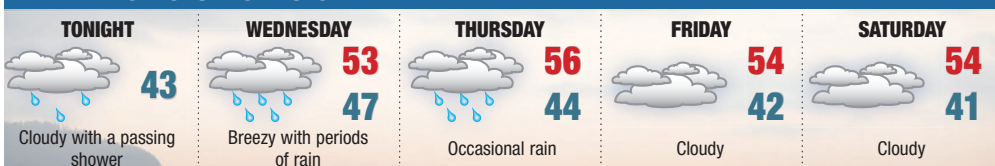
PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY
Seaside Library Board, 4:30 p.m., Don Larson Public Library, 1131 Broadway.
Clatsop Care Health District Board, 5 p.m., Clatsop Care Memory Community, 2219 Dolphin Ave., Warrenton.
Warrenton City Commission, 6 p.m., City Hall, 225 S. Main Ave.
Astoria Planning Commission, 6:30 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

Cannon Beach City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 163 E Gower St.
WEDNESDAY
Clatsop Soil and Water Conservation District Board, 10 a.m., 2001 Marine Drive, Room 113.
Warrenton-Hammond School District Finance Committee, 12:30 p.m., district office, 820 S.W. Cedar Ave.
Cannon Beach City Council, 5:30 p.m., work session. City

Hall, 163 E Gower St.
Clatsop County Board of Commissioners, 6 p.m., Judge Guy Boyington Building, 857 Commercial St., Astoria.
Warrenton-Hammond School Board, 7 p.m., Warrenton High School library, 1700 S. Main Ave.
Astoria School Board, 6 p.m., study session, 7:30 p.m., regular meeting, Capt. Robert Gray School third-floor boardroom, 785 Alameda Ave.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

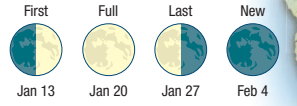


ALMANAC

Astoria through Monday.
Temperatures
High/low 44°/33°
Normal high/low 49°/38°
Record high 67° in 1986
Record low 15° in 1974
Precipitation
Monday 0.16"
Month to date 1.45"
Normal month to date 2.44"
Year to date 1.45"
Normal year to date 2.44"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 4:47 p.m.
Sunrise Wednesday 7:57 a.m.
Moonrise today 9:41 a.m.
Moonset today 7:31 p.m.



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Stephen Hawking's birthday (1942).

TOMORROW'S TIDES

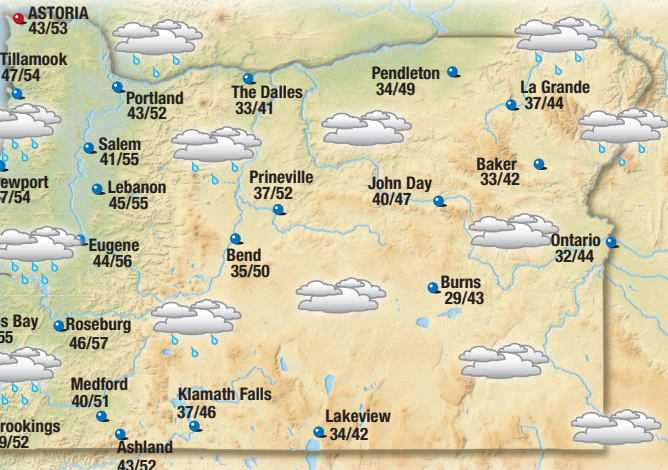
Astoria / Port Docks
Time High Low
3:46 a.m. 8.0 ft. 9:16 a.m. 3.3 ft.
2:46 p.m. 8.6 ft. 9:39 p.m. 0.3 ft.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Wed.
Atlanta	64 40 pc	52 29 s
Boston	45 39 sn	49 30 c
Chicago	43 19 sh	24 14 c
Denver	49 23 s	52 31 pc
Des Moines	45 19 s	30 15 s
Detroit	49 26 r	30 21 c
El Paso	61 42 s	54 42 pc
Fairbanks	-15 -20 pc	8 -25 sf
Honolulu	82 67 pc	83 68 pc
Indianapolis	52 24 s	29 18 pc
Kansas City	50 26 s	41 22 s
Las Vegas	58 41 pc	60 43 pc
Los Angeles	69 50 pc	67 49 c
Memphis	65 37 s	51 28 s
Miami	82 63 s	78 53 pc
Nashville	67 36 pc	46 23 pc
New Orleans	74 52 pc	63 41 pc
New York	49 40 r	44 32 c
Oklahoma City	56 30 s	52 36 pc
Philadelphia	50 39 pc	44 30 c
St. Louis	53 29 s	38 21 s
Salt Lake City	42 29 c	45 27 pc
San Francisco	60 55 c	61 49 r
Seattle	45 42 r	52 47 r
Washington, DC	58 41 pc	47 31 pc

REGIONAL WEATHER

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

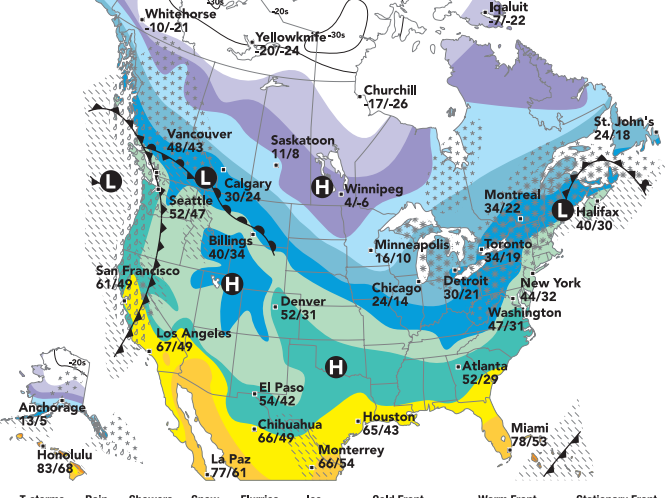


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City	Today	Wed.	City	Today	Wed.
Baker City	36 33 c	42 31 c	Olympia	41 37 r	50 46 r
Bend	43 35 r	50 35 c	Pendleton	38 34 c	49 41 r
Brookings	58 49 r	52 46 r	Portland	46 43 r	52 47 r
Eugene	50 44 r	56 45 r	Roseburg	55 46 r	57 44 r
Ilwaco	49 46 r	53 49 r	Salem	49 41 r	55 47 r
Klamath Falls	46 37 c	46 32 r	Seaside	49 46 r	53 49 r
Medford	52 40 r	51 37 r	Spokane	35 32 sn	41 37 sh
Newberg	47 41 r	52 46 r	Springfield	51 46 r	56 45 r
Newport	52 47 r	54 48 r	Vancouver	45 42 r	52 46 r
North Bend	59 50 r	56 49 r	Yakima	36 32 sn	40 29 i

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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



OBITUARIES

Takeko 'Susie' Wahl

Seaside

Jan. 6, 1933 — Dec. 27, 2018

A Seaside treasure has passed. On Dec. 27, 2018, our mother, Takeko "Susie" Wahl, passed away after a yearlong battle with lung cancer. She passed away peacefully in her sleep, with family by her side.

Takeko Wahl was born in Karatsu, Japan, on Jan. 6, 1933. She was the eleventh of 12 children, and her mother passed away from childbirth, forcing her father to give her up to be raised by her aunt and uncle, along with an older brother. She grew up in difficult, wartime Japan.

After high school, she attended secretarial school in Sasebo, where she met Charles Wahl, who was in the Navy and stationed in Sasebo. They fell in love and were married, and had their children, Joe and Kim, while serving in Sasebo. Takeko would always say that Charles was the love of her life.

After Charles was diagnosed with lung cancer, the family was flown to the San Diego Naval Hospital, where he underwent treatment. Shortly after receiving treatment, he passed away in 1959. Since Charles was from the Astoria area, and had a mother and sister in Gearhart and Seaside, Takeko moved the family to Gearhart to raise their children. She eventually purchased a home on Neawanna Street in Seaside, where she raised their children.

Takeko worked for many years for Seaside High School, where she touched generations of students who were inspired with her many Asian-styled specialty dishes, and where she later introduced and managed the snack bar. One of the highlights of her time there was assisting the world-renowned chef James Beard in his famous cooking school. During this time she had the opportunity to meet and get to know many well-known chefs at this cooking school.

After retiring from the school district, she enjoyed many different activities, including the Seaside Gourmet Club, playing pinochle, as well as participating in, and later leading,

the tai chi and qi gong classes. She enjoyed traveling in the U.S. and internationally throughout Europe and Japan.

When home, she spent many hours in her beloved garden. One of her favorite pastimes was playing the video machines at various casinos, but she mostly enjoyed playing locally at West Lake Chinese Restaurant and Pudgy's/Finns restaurants. But most of all, she enjoyed being Grandma to Joe and Kim's children, Ryan and Kelsey Wahl and Sumiko and Christopher White. She loved cooking for her family and friends more than anything.

Takeko is survived by her children, Joe Wahl and Kimiko White, and their spouses Lora Wahl and Bill White; grandchildren, Ryan Wahl (wife Jen), Kelsey Wahl, Sumiko White and Christopher White; as well as her close family friends, Dale Stampflee and Sheri Schuman, who lived with her part of the year, and gave much of their time caring for her during her bout with cancer.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff of Providence St. Vincent's Hospital, Providence Seaside Hospital and North Coast Hospice for their professional and compassionate care of mom during this last year.

A celebration of life service will be held on Jan. 12, 2019, at 1 p.m. at Hughes-Ransom Mortuary in Seaside. A reception will follow at the American Legion Post 99 in Seaside from 2 to 5 p.m.

In lieu of flowers or gifts, please make a donation to the Takeko (Susie) Wahl Memorial Scholarship Fund at First Interstate Bank in Seaside.

The family would like to invite everyone to add a favorite memory or photo of Takeko (Susie) online at www.hughes-ransom.com and fb.me/hughesransommortuary. These will be gathered together and printed into a memory book, which will be at the celebration of life and reception.



Takeko Wahl

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Monday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 8-7-8-7
4 p.m.: 5-9-7-8
7 p.m.: 5-3-7-6
10 p.m.: 4-0-2-7
Monday's Lucky Lines: 3-5-10-15-19-23-25-31
Estimated jackpot: \$10,000

Monday's Megabucks: 1-3-19-23-39-41
Estimated jackpot: \$6.6 million

WASHINGTON
Monday's Daily Game: 3-8-8
Monday's Hit 5: 06-13-16-23-26

Estimated jackpot: \$250,000
Monday's Keno: 07-08-12-14-21-29-31-35-38-42-47-49-50-52-64-70-71-75-76-80
Monday's Lotto: 03-17-22-23-37-39
Estimated jackpot: \$2.6 million
Monday's Match 4: 02-04-12-19

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