Washington Gov. Inslee joins Democratic presidential field

First governor in the primary

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SEATTLE — Washington Gov. Jay Inslee will seek the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination, mixing calls for combating climate change and highlights of his liberal record with an aggressive critique of President Donald Trump.

The 68-year-old governor launched his bid today in Seattle, following recent visits to the first primary state of New Hampshire and the early caucus state of Nevada.

"We went to the moon and created technologies that have changed the world — our country's next mission must be to rise up to the most urgent challenge of our time: defeating climate change," Inslee said in a video announcement.

Inslee is the first governor to join a Democratic primary that has been dominated by senators. Montana Gov. Steve Bullock and former Colorado Gov. John Hickenlooper are eyeing presidential campaigns.

AP Photo/Ted S. Warren

Washington Gov. Jay Inslee views the Chiwaukum Creek Fire near Leavenworth, Wash., from the air in 2014.

It will not be easy for Inslee to garner attention with six prominent senators — Cory Booker of New Jersey, Kirsten Gillibrand of New York, Kamala Harris of California, Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts — already running. Former Vice President Joe Biden and former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke also are expected to make highly anticipated 2020 announcements in the coming weeks.

Inslee acknowledges his underdog status but says his emphasis on combating climate change will set him apart.

"Climate change is a unifying issue," Inslee told The Associated Press in a recent interview, calling it a moral necessity and an economic opportunity.

He promises substantial investment in clean energy sources that reduce American dependence on fossil fuels.

"This issue is connected to virtually every other value system and thing we want to do in our communities," he said, mentioning environmental justice, infrastructure, clean energy, health care and national security.

Inslee argues that no presidential candidate has hinged a campaign as heavily on climate and environmental policy as he will. He plans his first trip as a candidate to Iowa next week, with events geared to climate issues. Trips to Nevada and California will follow.

He may have a larger opening on climate since billionaire environmental activist Tom Steyer has passed on a national campaign, opting instead to continue his advocacy for impeaching and removing Trump from office. Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a billionaire who has spent millions of dollars on climate issues, may run.

Steyer hasn't indicated whether he'll use his fortune to back a presidential candidate, but he welcomed Inslee's announcement, tweeting today, "It's good to know that a climate champion like @GovInslee will be in the race, pushing the country to recognize what is at stake."

Inslee has not specifically endorsed the Green New Deal introduced by New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Massachusetts Sen. Ed Markey, though he said last month that he was "thrilled that this ... resolution has been brought forward" as a way to push for action.

He has argued separately for an issue-by-issue approach that adds up to sweeping change. He generally avoids promising specific reductions of carbon emissions under an absolute timeframe. The Green New Deal targets 2030 for the U.S. to become net carbon neutral.

Despite his emphasis on climate policy, Inslee says he's not a one-issue candidate. A former congressman, he pitches his breadth of personal and political experiences as ideal to bridge political and cultural divides among the Democratic base and the broader electorate.

Inslee is a white male baby boomer who was a clean-cut star athlete and honors student in the turbulent 1960s, when he met his high school sweetheart, Trudi. She is now his wife of 46 years. That puts Inslee closer to the septuagenarian Biden than to the young rock-star-style candidates like O'Rourke or Booker, both in their 40s.

Inslee has nonetheless governed Washington state as an unabashed liberal, promoting clean energy, gay rights, abortion rights, environmental preservation, tighter gun restrictions and more spending for education and job training. Most recently, he's called for a state-based public option health insurance plan that he calls a "step toward universal health care."

Republicans have not embraced him, with the state GOP recently deriding his "extreme environmental agenda" and pointing to its price tag.

Senate Republican leader Mark Schoesler has quipped that Inslee's policies "may be geared toward Iowa more than Washington."

Stavebolt Bridge on Logan Road to close March 11

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Stavebolt Bridge near milepost 3 on Logan Road will be closed to all through traffic starting March 11.

The bridge will remain closed for road maintenance through early May. Drivers are advised to use Lewis and Clark Road as a detour route.

Library celebrates Women's History Month

In honor of Women's History Month, Abigail Scott Duniway, portrayed by LaRee Johnson, makes an appearance at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Astoria Library, 450 10th St. There is no cost for this event. Duniway's story is one of loss and courage, exploration and tenacity, from when she crossed the Oregon Trail at 17, through the 40 years she worked towards suffrage for women.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA

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TONIGHT	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
31	49 / 29	47 / 26	46 / 27	48 / 31
Mainly clear and cold	Plenty of sun	Chilly with plenty of sun	Sunny and chilly	Chilly with intervals of clouds and sun

ALMANAC

Astoria through Thursday.

Temperatures

High/low	43°/31°
Normal high/low	53°/38°
Record high	72° in 1968
Record low	22° in 1960

Precipitation

Thursday	0.03"
Month to date	7.66"
Normal month to date	7.19"
Year to date	12.59"
Normal year to date	17.39"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight	6:01 p.m.
Sunrise Saturday	6:54 a.m.
Moonrise today	4:22 a.m.
Moonset today	1:24 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Mar 6	Mar 14	Mar 20	Mar 27

UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Before sunrise on Wed., waning crescent moon and Venus will within 1.1 degrees.

Source: Jim Todd, OMSI

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks

Time	High	Time	Low
10:15 a.m.	8.2 ft.	4:21 a.m.	3.5 ft.
11:47 p.m.	7.6 ft.	5:24 p.m.	0.4 ft.

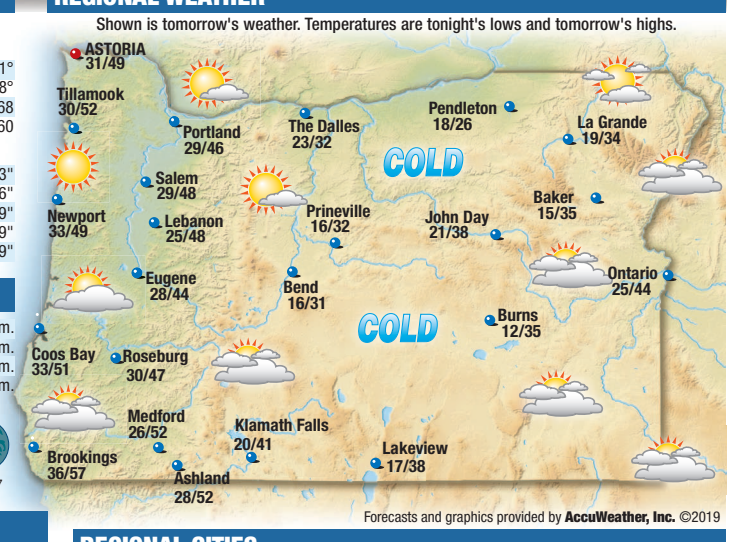
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi	Today Lo	Today W	Sat. Hi	Sat. Lo	Sat. W
Atlanta	68	51	c	64	52	c
Boston	38	30	pc	37	28	sn
Chicago	36	23	c	33	17	c
Denver	45	19	c	27	3	sf
Des Moines	29	11	c	23	6	c
Detroit	35	24	pc	38	23	sn
El Paso	78	51	s	79	53	pc
Fairbanks	24	0	s	21	12	c
Honolulu	78	63	pc	80	64	pc
Indianapolis	41	28	c	42	26	c
Kansas City	37	20	c	28	15	i
Las Vegas	72	56	c	68	50	c
Los Angeles	66	55	c	62	55	r
Memphis	48	35	c	55	42	c
Miami	82	68	pc	85	72	s
Nashville	47	36	c	53	41	c
New Orleans	77	62	c	77	68	r
New York	37	32	sh	41	33	sn
Oklahoma City	46	26	pc	37	20	i
Philadelphia	37	33	sn	43	32	r
St. Louis	40	28	c	37	27	c
Salt Lake City	51	37	c	44	32	r
San Francisco	58	50	pc	59	50	r
Seattle	48	32	s	47	32	pc
Washington, DC	39	37	r	52	37	r

Weather (W): **s**-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain, **sf**-snow flurries, **sn**-snow, **i**-ice.

REGIONAL WEATHER

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



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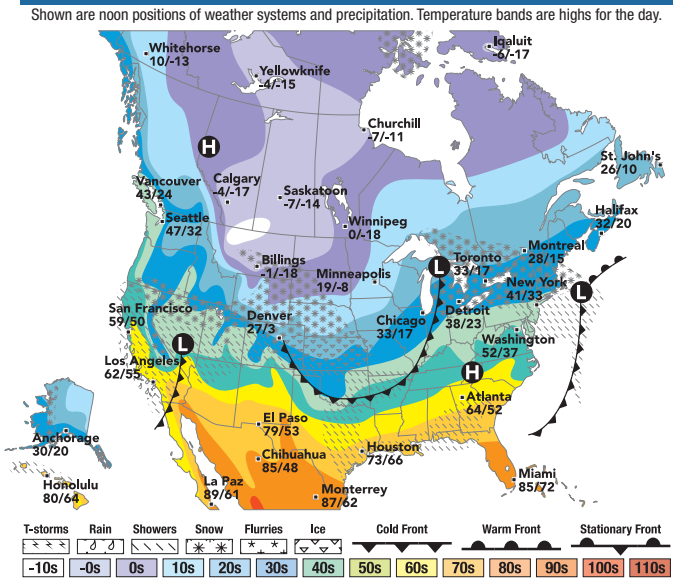
REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi	Today Lo	Today W	Sat. Hi	Sat. Lo	Sat. W
Baker City	36	15	pc	35	15	c
Bend	35	16	pc	31	13	pc
Brookings	47	36	c	56	37	pc
Eugene	43	28	c	44	25	pc
Ilwaco	49	33	s	49	31	s
Klamath Falls	40	20	sf	41	20	sn
Medford	48	26	pc	52	29	c
Newberg	48	28	sh	48	27	s
Newport	46	33	sh	49	29	s
North Bend	47	34	sh	52	31	s
Olympia	48	26	s	48	25	pc
Pendleton	29	18	s	26	17	pc
Portland	48	29	pc	46	27	s
Roseburg	46	30	c	47	30	pc
Salem	46	29	r	48	25	pc
Seaside	51	32	s	50	30	s
Spokane	29	10	c	25	4	pc
Springfield	47	25	c	46	24	pc
Vancouver	49	26	pc	46	27	s
Yakima	33	18	s	31	14	pc

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER

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



David Lawrence Vandecoevering

Garibaldi

May 23, 1955 — Feb. 25, 2019

David Lawrence Vandecoevering was born May 23, 1955, in Silverton, Oregon, to Larry and Lorraine (Kottre) Vandecoevering, and passed away in Garibaldi on Feb. 25, 2019.

David Vandecoevering

David is survived by his loving wife, Denise (Daniel) Vandecoevering; children, Cody (Deavan) and Chellisa "Sissy" (Beau); grandchildren, Braden and Wyatt; mother, Lorraine Vandecoevering; siblings, Linda (Mike), Beverly (Larry), Mary (Jim), Teresa (Terry), Tony (Irene) and Margy (David); Daniel family sisters and brothers-in-law; numerous nieces and nephews; and his beloved fishing community.

Viewing is being held on Friday, March 1, 2019, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Waud's Funeral Home in Tillamook, Oregon.

A memorial service will be held on March 9, 2019, at 11 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Tillamook, Oregon, with a reception following at the Kilchis Grange Hall, located at 5755 Alderbrook Road, Tillamook, Oregon.

MEMORIAL

Wednesday, March 6

GLOVER, Dylan — Celebration of life service at noon, Hughes-Ransom Mortuary, 576 12th St.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

MONDAY

Port of Astoria Airport Advisory Committee, 4 p.m., terminal building, 1110 S.E. Flightline Drive.

Knappa School Board, 5:30 p.m. work session, Knappa High School library, 41535 Old U.S. Highway 30.

Astoria City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

LOTTERIES

OREGON

Thursday's Pick 4:
1 p.m.: 1-9-0-8
4 p.m.: 1-6-9-3
7 p.m.: 6-7-4-9
10 p.m.: 9-8-8-7

Thursday's Lucky Lines: 1-6-12-13-17-24-26-30
Estimated jackpot: $10,000

WASHINGTON

Thursday's Daily Game: 1-0-3
Thursday's Keno: 03-04-11-12-19-20-21-24-26-29-42-43-44-46-48-56-61-70-71-79
Thursday's Match 4: 11-18-23-24

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