

# Trump signs orders making it harder to block pipelines

Longview coal terminal cited as an example

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Associated Press

CROSBY, Texas — President Donald Trump's support for shifting more power to states on Wednesday faded next to his affinity for oil and gas production, as he aimed to make it harder for states to block pipelines and other energy projects due to environmental concerns.

At the urging of business groups, Trump signed two executive orders designed to speed up oil and gas pipeline projects. The action came after officials in Washington state and New York used the permitting process to stop new energy projects in recent years, prompting complaints from Republican members of Congress and the fossil fuel industry.

"Too often badly needed energy infrastructure is being held back by special



AP Photo/Elaine Thompson

**A proposed coal-export terminal at the Port of Longview was rejected by the Washington State Department of Ecology for failing to meet water-quality standards.**

interest groups, entrenched bureaucracies and radical activists," Trump complained before signing the orders.

The Trump administration insisted it was not trying to take power away from the states but, rather, trying to make sure that state actions follow the intent of the Clean Water Act. Under a section of the law, companies must get certification from the state before moving ahead with an energy project.

Washington state blocked the building of a coal terminal at the Port of Longview in 2017, saying there were too many major

harmful effects including air pollution, rail safety and vehicle traffic.

New York regulators stopped a natural gas pipeline, saying it failed to meet standards to protect streams, wetlands and other water resources.

Less than a week ago, nearly a dozen business groups told U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Andrew Wheeler that the environmental review and permitting process for energy projects "has become a target for environmental activists and states that oppose the production and use of fossil fuels."

# Wyden calls on FCC to establish national suicide prevention hotline

By JEFF MANNING  
The Oregonian

they are not isolated. Suicide rates in Oregon and across the country have steadily increased since 2000."



Ron Wyden

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden on Wednesday urged the Federal Communications Commission to act as soon as possible to establish a new three-digit phone hotline for mental health crisis and suicide prevention.

Wyden cited "alarming" suicide statistics from Oregon included in the "Breaking the Silence" series currently running in The Oregonian and many other newspapers in the state.

As the series pointed out, more than 800 Oregonians die by suicide in most years. That's more than die in traffic accidents, drug overdoses or shootings.

Wyden said time is of the essence. "For the past three decades, Oregon's suicide rates have been higher than the national average," the Oregon Democrat said in his letter to FCC Chairman Ajit Pai. "These numbers are devastating. But, unfortunately,

Since 2000, the suicide rate in Oregon has increased 35 percent, which Wyden termed a "public health crisis (that) is not going away."

Wyden said a three-digit dialing code — akin to 911 for suicide prevention and others suffering from mental health crises — would be easy to remember and could save lives.

A national suicide prevention telephone line already exists at 1-800-273-TALK. More than 2 million people called the line in 2017 alone. Oregon has its own suicide prevention line at 877-968-8491. The state has also established a text help line for young people (text "teen-2teen" to 83963.)

But a three-digit emergency line dedicated to mental health issues would be much simpler to use for people in distress, Wyden said.

"It is long past time that the commission establish a true lifeline dedicated just to the pressing issue of suicide crises," Wyden said. "It remains my hope that the commission will designate a simple, easy-to-remember, three-digit code."

Wyden first urged the FCC to adopt a national suicide emergency line in December.

Newsrooms across Oregon have teamed up this month to highlight the public health crisis of death by suicide in Oregon.

The unprecedented collaboration was intended not only to spotlight a growing problem but also to examine research into how prevention can and does work and offer readers, listeners and viewers resources to help if they — or those they know — are in crisis.

# Earthquake marked west of Florence

The Oregonian

off the coast, roughly west of Florence, about 7:11 a.m., according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

A magnitude 4.7 earthquake hit the Pacific Ocean off the Oregon Coast on Wednesday morning.

The quake had a depth of 6.2 miles, the agency said.

No tsunami threat was reported.

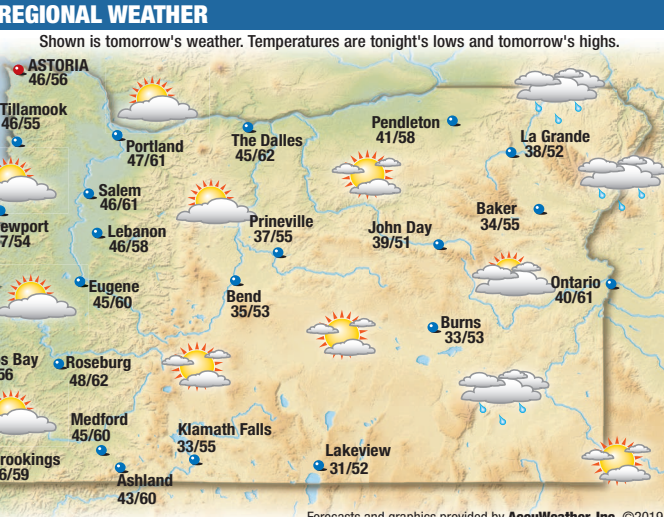
Magnitude 4 earthquakes are felt by humans and may cause damage, according to the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network.

**FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA** AccuWeather DOWNLOAD THE FREE APP

<p><b>TONIGHT</b></p> <p>46</p> <p>Mostly cloudy with a shower</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY</b></p> <p>56 / 45</p> <p>Partly sunny</p>	<p><b>SATURDAY</b></p> <p>54 / 40</p> <p>Breezy with periods of rain</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY</b></p> <p>53 / 39</p> <p>Occasional rain</p>	<p><b>MONDAY</b></p> <p>54 / 42</p> <p>Mostly cloudy with a bit of rain</p>
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**ALMANAC**  
Astoria through Wednesday.

Temperatures	50°/45°
High/low	56°/40°
Normal high/low	77° in 2004
Record high	31° in 1982
Record low	
Precipitation	0.83"
Month to date	3.63"
Normal month to date	1.98"
Year to date	18.68"
Normal year to date	26.82"



**SUN AND MOON**

Sunset tonight	7:57 p.m.
Sunrise Friday	6:35 a.m.
Moonrise today	10:54 a.m.
Moonset today	1:49 a.m.

First Full Last New  
Apr 12 Apr 19 Apr 26 May 4

**UNDER THE SKY**  
Tonight's Sky: Before sunrise, Mercury is at greatest elongation west or greatest separation from the sun (6:31 a.m. PDT).

**TOMORROW'S TIDES**  
Astoria / Port Docks

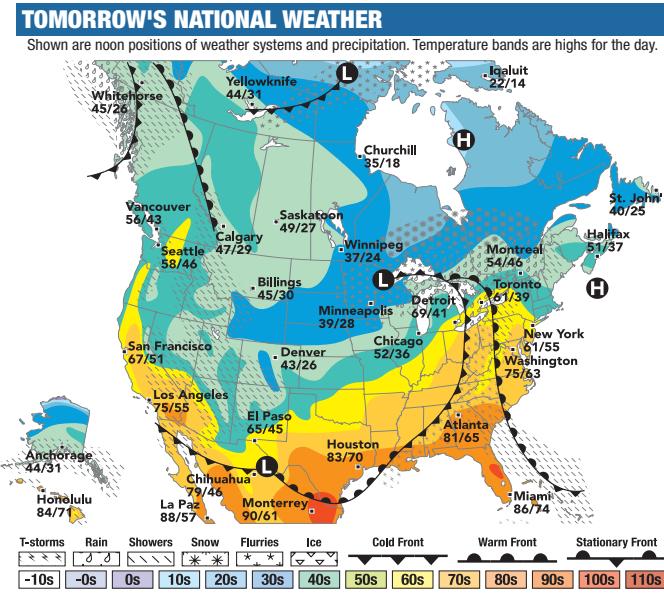
Time	High	Time	Low
6:29 a.m.	8.4 ft.	12:38 a.m.	3.4 ft.
8:49 p.m.	6.6 ft.	1:59 p.m.	0.5 ft.

**NATIONAL CITIES**

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Fri.	Lo	W
Allanta	81	65	pc	81	65	pc	
Boston	53	41	s	54	50	pc	
Chicago	58	46	t	52	36	c	
Denver	39	19	sn	43	26	pc	
Des Moines	59	32	r	46	29	c	
Detroit	51	45	c	69	41	r	
El Paso	69	46	s	65	45	s	
Fairbanks	51	45	c	69	41	r	
Honolulu	84	71	pc	84	71	sh	
Indianapolis	79	50	c	64	42	pc	
Kansas City	54	31	c	53	32	c	
Las Vegas	68	55	pc	71	55	pc	
Los Angeles	76	56	s	75	55	pc	
Memphis	82	53	c	72	54	pc	
Miami	85	71	s	86	74	s	
Nashville	84	59	pc	75	55	pc	
New Orleans	83	69	pc	83	70	pc	
New York	56	47	pc	61	55	c	
Oklahoma City	60	36	pc	63	42	s	
Philadelphia	59	47	pc	70	59	c	
St. Louis	79	43	t	61	42	pc	
Salt Lake City	47	37	sh	49	35	sh	
San Francisco	61	50	pc	67	51	s	
Seattle	53	46	r	58	46	pc	
Washington, DC	68	54	pc	75	63	pc	

**REGIONAL CITIES**

City	Today	Hi	Lo	W	Fri.	Lo	W
Baker City	51	34	sh	55	30	c	
Bend	49	35	sh	53	32	pc	
Brookings	51	46	r	58	44	pc	
Eugene	54	45	r	60	43	pc	
Ilwaco	53	47	r	54	47	pc	
Klamath Falls	47	33	sh	55	28	pc	
Medford	53	45	r	60	41	pc	
Newberg	51	45	r	58	43	pc	
Newport	52	47	r	54	45	pc	
North Bend	54	48	r	57	45	pc	
Olympia	52	43	r	59	40	pc	
Pendleton	55	41	sh	58	40	c	
Portland	54	47	r	61	45	pc	
Roseburg	54	48	r	62	45	pc	
Salem	54	46	r	61	45	pc	
Seaside	53	47	r	56	46	pc	
Spokane	53	37	c	56	38	pc	
Springfield	51	46	r	59	43	pc	
Vancouver	52	46	r	59	45	pc	
Yakima	59	38	c	63	37	pc	



## DEATH

**April 9, 2019**  
HASKINS, Billy, 83, of Seaside, died in Seaside. Hughes-Ransom Mortuary is in charge of the arrangements.

## BIRTHS

**April 5, 2019**  
FRANKART, Nicole and Derek, of Astoria, a boy, Kaspar Frankart, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital in Astoria. Grandparents are Melissa Davis, of Astoria, and Mabel Albe, of Tacoma, Washington.

**April 3, 2019**  
ALCANTAR, Carlye and Alvaro, of Astoria, a boy, Lucas Adan Alcantar, born at Columbia Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Ramon and Carmen Alcantar and Tracy and Brandy Simpson, all of Astoria, and Ann Simpson, of Oceanside, California.

## ON THE RECORD

**Sex abuse**  
• Around 12:45 p.m. on Wednesday, Justin Ferrier, 21, of Tigard, was arrested by the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office for one count of second-degree sex abuse and one count of third-degree sex abuse.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

**THURSDAY**  
Seaside Convention Center Commission, 5 p.m., Convention Center, 415 First Ave.  
Cannon Beach Academy Board, 5:30 p.m., 3781 S. Hemlock.  
Gearhart Planning Commission and City Council, 6 p.m., joint work session, City Hall, 698 Pacific Way.

## LOTTERIES

OREGON	WASHINGTON
<p><b>Wednesday's Pick 4:</b> 1 p.m.: 7-5-6-8 4 p.m.: 0-4-4-1 7 p.m.: 4-1-1-6 10 p.m.: 9-7-3-8</p> <p><b>Wednesday's Lucky Lines:</b> 4-5-12-13-20-22-28-31 Estimated jackpot: \$15,000</p> <p><b>Wednesday's Megabucks:</b> 14-24-30-43-46-48 Estimated jackpot: \$1.2 million</p>	<p>36-38 Estimated jackpot: \$510,000</p> <p><b>Wednesday's Keno:</b> 06-07-14-23-28-32-35-39-46-47-48-50-54-58-66-67-69-70-73-76</p> <p><b>Wednesday's Lotto:</b> 10-22-23-29-33-46 Estimated jackpot: \$6.8 million</p> <p><b>Wednesday's Match 4:</b> 07-08-19-24</p>

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