

# Emerald Empire Weather Statistics



## EUGENE-SPRINGFIELD

Forecast: Night and morning fog or low clouds; partly cloudy Sunday afternoon; low Sunday, 48; high Sunday, 63.

Statistics (readings at the U. S. Weather Bureau, Mahlon Sweet Airport, Eugene): Highest temperature Saturday, 64; lowest Saturday morning, 52; rain in 24 hours ending 4 p.m. Saturday, none; total for October, 6.33 inches; average for October, 3.83 inches; readings at 4 p.m. Saturday: humidity, 75 per cent; wind, calm. Prevailing wind Friday, N 5.5.

Stage of rivers at 7 a.m. Saturday, Willamette at Ferry Street Bridge, 12.3 feet; McKenzie at Armitage Bridge, 1.6 feet.

Sunrise and sunset: Sunday, 6:35 a.m. and 5:18 p.m.; Monday, 6:37 a.m. and 5:16 p.m.

## OREGON BEACHES

Mostly cloudy with some light rain or drizzle early Sunday. Low 45-50; high Sunday 56-62. Beach winds variable, 5-15 m.p.h.

## NATIONAL

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City	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Anchorage	42	32	—
Albuquerque	62	43	—
Atlanta	78	50	—
Bismarck	67	28	—
Boise	65	40	—
Boston	62	47	—
Chicago	57	51	.87
Cleveland	69	54	.14
Denver	63	53	—
Detroit	72	53	.23
Fairbanks	30	25	.07
Fort Worth	85	71	.11
Galveston	85	76	—
Helena	82	40	—
Honolulu	82	73	.14
Kansas City	63	55	.02
Las Vegas	75	49	—
Los Angeles	73	50	—
Miami Beach	86	69	—
Mpls.-St. Paul	54	35	—
New Orleans	87	61	—
New York	62	50	—
Omaha	59	44	.71
Phoenix	80	47	—
Reno	72	35	—
Sacramento	73	49	—
Salt Lake City	63	35	—
San Diego	73	55	—
San Francisco	66	54	—
Seattle	69	46	—
Spokane	57	43	—
Washington	71	45	—

# 'Silent' Film Actor Tells Of Winning Cancer Battle

By MARVIN TIMS  
Of the Register-Guard

A campaign worker, attending the annual meeting of the Oregon Division of the American Cancer Society in Cottage Grove Friday, leaned toward a fellow volunteer and remarked: "That Bill Gargan sure has guts."

The worker was talking about 57-year-old William D. Gargan, star of more than 100 television, film and stage plays who had come from his home town of Beverly Hills, Calif., to address the 200 ACS workers assembled for the annual session.

What the volunteer really meant was that few persons could have made a better adjustment to a tragic personal experience than Gargan, a career actor who probably will never make another movie or appear in another play.

Gargan, who has used his voice to bring entertainment to millions of Americans for 35 years, has lost his larynx to cancer. Now known as a laryngectomee, he has learned to speak with a so-called esophageal voice, but the low-pitched sounds, while understandable, are not suitable for an acting career.

Many successful people might be embittered at having their careers suddenly terminated, but not Gargan. He made a new career for himself—telling Americans about cancer "so I can do my part in the battle to save lives."

Gargan, a man of medium height with red hair and a warm smile, recalled in an interview Friday afternoon that he first noticed a persistent hoarseness and dryness of the throat in 1960.

By a strange coincidence, he was at the time appearing in the stage play, "The Best Man," in the role of a former U.S. president who contracts cancer.

"When I went to a doctor, he didn't find anything at first, but then he found it—a malignant tumor beneath the epiglottis. He said frankly he was worried and that an operation should be performed within a few days. I said I was ready right now. Within two days the operation was performed. He had been forced to remove my larynx. Now I couldn't make a sound," Gargan said.

He explained that the surgeon, as doctors do for all surgical removals of the larynx, created a hole in the lower front part of the neck and joined the trachea, or windpipe, to it.

Since there is no connection between the mouth or nose and the lungs, Gargan like all other laryngectomees, breathes, coughs, sneezes and "blows his nose" through the opening in the neck. However, he takes food and liquid by mouth as usual.

Because he does not breathe through his nose, he loses a great degree of the senses of smell and taste. He also can not laugh aloud, sing or whistle and he finds the "H" sound the most difficult to master.

In order to speak, Gargan had to learn an entirely new method which involves taking air into the mouth and forcing this air into the esophagus by locking the tongue to the roof of the mouth.

When the air is forced back up, it causes the walls of the esophagus and pharynx to vibrate. This action vibrates the column of air in the passages, causing the low-pitched sounds that are typical of the laryngectomee.

Gargan and others without voice boxes form these sounds into words with the tongue, lips, teeth and palate, as do normal people.

Many persons take up to a year to master esophageal speech and some never learn it, but



WILLIAM GARGAN  
He Was Ready Right Away

Gargan, determined to succeed, spoke his first word within 12 weeks and was speaking fluently within three months. What was the first word he learned to speak?

"I don't know just why, but the first word I said was scotch," Gargan recalled Friday, smiling broadly.

In the past two years, the former actor has traveled in 49 of the 50 states, speaking to campaign workers and the public about cancer.

On one trip, he recalls speaking to about 25 laryngectomees. "I told them a joke, but they didn't laugh. Then I remembered they couldn't. You can imagine the response I got to my jokes during the rest of the meeting."

### WOULD SLIP OUT SIDE DOOR

Asked whether he ever watches any of his old movies on television, Gargan replied: "No, I never could stand to see myself because I would notice too many flaws in my acting. It is like writing a book. You can always write a line a little better."

Often, at opening night showings of his movies, Gargan would have to go to the theater with studio executives. But usually when the theater lights were turned down, he would slip out the side door "so I wouldn't have to watch myself."

Those who know Gargan say he is an exceedingly sincere and humble man. This is the impression he created among the volunteer workers at Cottage Grove Friday when he said:

"As you talk about cancer, you are saving people's lives. I lost my career as an actor, but God in his wondrous way, after taking my voice, gave me another career—bringing hope to people and trying to help save their lives. I hope I can spend the rest of my life working to fight this dread disease, cancer."

## Blood Bank

The Eugene Blood Bank office will be open Monday but no drawings will be taken. Blood will be received only from the Southern Pacific employees at the yards in Eugene.

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## Request Studied

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15x24 Reg. 398.00	319.60

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The Eugene Public Library's bookmobile will observe the following schedule this week:

Monday, 2 to 5:30 p.m., Wesley Methodist Church, 400 Cal Young Road.

Tuesday, 2 to 5:30 p.m., 27th Avenue and Friendly Street.

Wednesday, 2 to 5:30 p.m., fire station, 17th and Agate.

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