

Sanders campaigns in Spokane

Will swing through Seattle on Friday

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SPokane — Democratic presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders said Thursday that he was the strongest candidate to beat Republican Donald Trump as he campaigned in Spokane ahead of Saturday's Democratic caucuses.

The U.S. senator kicked off a two-day visit on Thursday with stops in Spokane and Yakima. He'll swing through Seattle on Friday.

"It does look like Spokane is ready for a political revolution," Sanders told a crowd of about 3,000 at the 11,000-seat Spokane Veterans Memorial Arena during a rally that started at 2 p.m.

Sanders said the top goal of Democrats was to retain the White House and that the party needed the strongest candidate to do that: "And you are looking at him," Sanders said to cheers.

Sanders pointed to his victories in Utah and Idaho earlier this week to show his campaign is gaining momentum against Hillary Clinton, and urged people to attend caucuses on Saturday.

"Get there early," he said. "Let's have a record-breaking turnout."

This was Sanders' second visit to Spokane this week. Some 10,000 people tried to squeeze into the Spokane Convention Center to see Sanders last Sunday, with most having to watch him speak on video screens outside.

Supporters in Thursday's crowd were effusive in their praise of Sanders.

"He gets me," said Destin



AP Photo/Young Kwak
Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., speaks at a campaign rally in Spokane, Wash., Thursday.

Cooper, 23, of Spokane, who works for a pizza delivery business. "He wants the greater good."

Cooper plans to caucus for Sanders on Saturday.

Charlie King, 21, of Spokane,

a nursing student, also plans to caucus for Sanders.

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Sanders' positions might appear unrealistic, they serve to give people hope.

Gilbert Mendoza, 63, of Spokane, is retired and making his first foray into the caucus system. He said he will turn out for Sanders Saturday.

"I've never done this before," Mendoza said. "There has never been somebody like Bernie to support."

"He will help small people rise from the economic situation we are in," Mendoza said.

There are 118 Democratic delegates at stake in Washington, with 101 to be awarded proportionally based on the results of the caucuses. The remaining 17 are superdelegates, or party leaders who can back any candidate they wish — though a majority of them have said they support former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

Washington has the most delegates at stake among the three states holding Democratic caucuses on Saturday. The other two states are Hawaii and Alaska.

Clinton has taken a strong lead in the delegate race, having won 1,214 pledged delegates so far in primaries and caucuses, according to The Associated Press' count. Sanders has won 911 delegates.

When factoring in superdelegates, Clinton holds a 1,681-937 lead. It takes 2,383 delegates to win the nomination

BRIEFLY

Woman steals ambulance outside Oregon home

ROSEBURG (AP) — Authorities say a woman in Oregon stole an ambulance while paramedics were inside a home dealing with a medical emergency.

The *News-Review* reports that Roseburg police and Douglas County deputies chased the stolen ambulance through the streets of Roseburg on Wednesday. They eventually arrested the female driver at gunpoint.

Douglas County Fire District No. 2 Chief Greg Marlar says a fire engine spotted the ambulance getting on the interstate and didn't recognize the driver.

Police haven't named the woman who was arrested. They say nothing seems to have been stolen from the ambulance, but a bottle of liquor was found inside.

Refuge occupier charged with theft of government property

PORTLAND (AP) — A man who participated in the occupation of a national wildlife refuge in Oregon has been charged with theft of government property.

A grand jury indictment accuses Scott Willingham of taking government-owned cameras on Jan. 15.

That's the day occupation spokesman Robert "LaVoy" Finicum removed surveillance cameras installed near Burns. A video of the removal shows Willingham with Finicum.

Willingham told *The Oregonian* last month he was part of the security team at the refuge.

He said he left after key leaders were arrested Jan. 26 and Finicum was shot to death as he attempted to elude police.

Willingham was arrested on a weapons charge last week in Grant County and said during his arraignment that he expected to be indicted in connection with the occupation.

He was transferred to a Portland jail on Wednesday. He does not yet have an attorney.

Corrections

The *East Oregonian* works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

Two missing after plane goes down in Columbia River

ASTORIA (AP) — A former county commissioner from Washington state is missing after his plane crashed while trying to help a woman scatter the ashes of her deceased husband.

U.S. Coast Guard officials said the search for the John McKibbin and a passenger was suspended Thursday afternoon. Crews searched for more than 12 hours on Wednesday and Thursday.

McKibbin was last seen Wednesday afternoon when he

and family friend Irene Mustain took off in an antique plane from Pearson Field in Vancouver, Washington, *The Columbian* newspaper reported.

The U.S. Coast Guard soon got reports of a small plane crashing in the Columbia River near Astoria.

Deputies found oil in the water Thursday, Clatsop County Sheriff Tom Bergin said.

Bergin confirmed the pilot was McKibbin, a former county

commissioner in Clark County.

McKibbin and Mustain were heading to the mouth of the Columbia River to scatter the ashes of the woman's deceased husband, said George Welsh, a friend of McKibbin.

McKibbin was flying a North American AT-6 aircraft, said Welsh, himself a pilot. The two-seater aircraft, silver with red on its nose and tail, is frequently displayed at Pearson and has been flown to honor military veterans.

McKibbin, 69, served two terms as a state representative before he was elected to the county commission in 1978, *The Columbian* reported. He left office in 1990 to become a real estate developer, but he remained active in the community.

"One of the things that always struck me about John was he was very caring and had a very good sense of humor," said Jean Ryland, a neighbor of McKibbin's for more than 25 years.

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
A shower around, mainly early	Intervals of clouds and sunshine	Cooler with a couple of showers	Partly sunny with a shower	Mostly cloudy with a shower

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
53° 30° 59° 41° 54° 34° 50° 31° 54° 30°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
59° 30° 61° 43° 58° 34° 57° 34° 62° 36°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH LOW

Yesterday 54° 42°

Normals 57° 37°

Records 76° (1939) 18° (1965)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.05"

Month to date 1.44"

Normal month to date 1.07"

Year to date 3.81"

Last year to date 2.36"

Normal year to date 3.62"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH LOW

Yesterday 57° 45°

Normals 60° 36°

Records 80° (1939) 13° (1965)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace

Month to date 1.21"

Normal month to date 0.71"

Year to date 2.70"

Last year to date 1.31"

Normal year to date 2.98"

SUN AND MOON

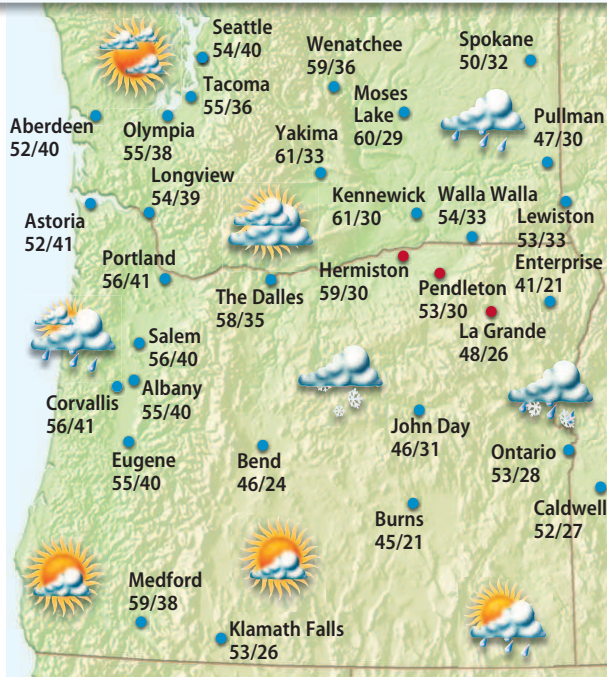
Sunrise today 6:48 a.m.

Sunset tonight 7:15 p.m.

Moonrise today 9:37 p.m.

Moonset today 7:58 a.m.

Last New First Full
Mar 31 Apr 7 Apr 13 Apr 21



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: A stray shower today; clouds breaking for some sun; however, sunnier in the south.

Eastern Washington: Some sun today. A snow shower in the mountains; a shower near the Idaho border.

Cascades: Some sun today; a bit of snow, except a shower in central parts.

Northern California: Partly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Snow and rain in the Treasure Valley today; snow in central parts and the Cascades. A shower across the north.

Western Washington: A shower in the morning; otherwise, clouds breaking today. Mostly cloudy tonight.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	52	41	pc	54	43	c
Baker City	45	19	sn	52	34	s
Bend	46	24	sf	52	35	pc
Brookings	56	44	pc	55	45	c
Burns	45	21	sn	50	35	pc
Enterprise	41	21	sf	49	32	s
Eugene	55	40	pc	54	43	c
Heppner	50	29	c	58	39	pc
Hermiston	59	30	pc	61	43	pc
John Day	46	31	sf	56	41	pc
Klamath Falls	53	26	pc	55	38	pc
La Grande	48	26	sf	55	38	s
Meacham	44	20	sf	51	36	s
Medford	59	38	pc	61	45	c
Newport	52	43	sh	53	45	c
North Bend	56	44	pc	57	45	c
Ontario	53	28	sn	56	38	s
Pasco	61	30	pc	62	41	pc
Pendleton	53	30	c	59	41	pc
Portland	56	41	sh	55	45	c
Redmond	49	24	sf	53	32	pc
Salem	56	40	pc	54	44	c
Spokane	50	32	c	52	37	pc
Ukiah	45	25	sf	53	35	pc
Vancouver	54	40	sh	54	43	c
Walla Walla	54	33	c	60	42	s
Yakima	61	33	pc	62	40	pc

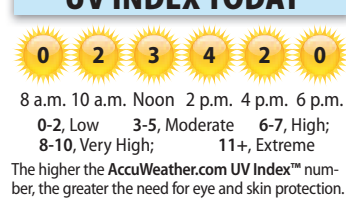
WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	58	34	s	66	36	s
Hong Kong	63	55	r	67	58	s
Jerusalem	74	60	pc	64	53	t
London	56	45	pc	57	44	r
Mexico City	79	52	pc	79	51	pc
Moscow	32	24	c	33	26	sf
Paris	53	40	r	58	46	pc
Rome	60	45	s	61	43	sh
Seoul	52	33	s	53	34	s
Sydney	77	65	pc	76	65	s
Tokyo	51	42	pc	51	45	pc

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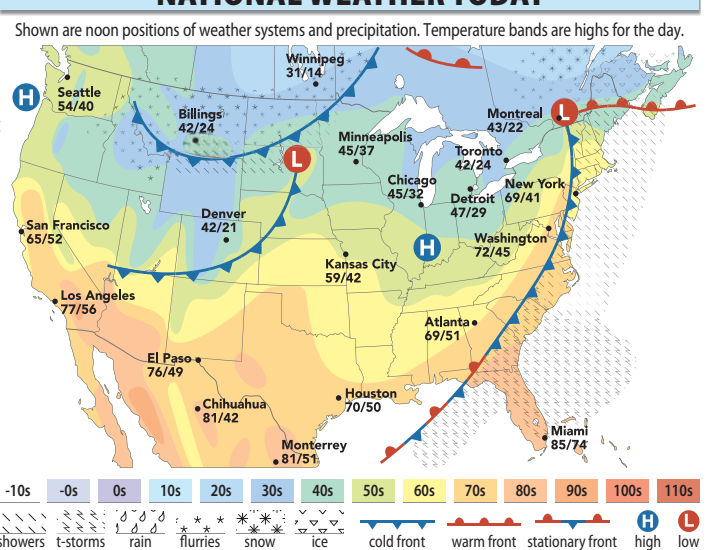
(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	W 6-12	VAR 3-6
Pendleton	W 7-14	SSW 4-8

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Showers and thunderstorms will extend along much of the Atlantic Seaboard for a time today. The storms can be locally severe in the South. Snow and rain will affect the northern Rockies and Plains.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 88° in Mango, Fla. Low 3° in Presque Isle, Maine

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	66	36	s	61	29	pc
Atlanta	69	51	s	76	59	s
Memphis	61	42	s	67	45	s
Miami	85	74	t	86	76	t
Milwaukee	39	30	s	46	38	pc
Minneapolis	45	37	pc	46	31	c
Nashville	59	37	s	72	47	s
New Orleans	72	55	s	77	65	c
New York City	69	41	sh	55	41	c
Oklahoma City	69	47	s	72	37	pc
Omaha	55	37	pc	47	28	c
Philadelphia	72	43	sh	61	42	s
Phoenix	85	57	s	85	58	s
Portland, ME	53	32	r	47	32	s
Providence	64	37	r	53	35	s
Raleigh	78	51	t	67	50	pc
Rapid City	45	16	sh	41	21	pc
Reno	66	33	pc	63	39	s
Sacramento	72	48	s	73	50	s
St. Louis	56	39	s	65	43	pc
Salt Lake City	46	32	r	50	36	pc
San Diego	73	58	t	72	58	s
San Francisco	65	52	s	68	55	s
Seattle	54	40	pc	57	44	pc
Tucson	82	49	s	84	51	s