

# Oregon school shooter loses life-sentence appeal

SALEM (AP) — A man who killed two people and wounded 26 others in a 1998 shooting at an Oregon high school lost an appeal Thursday seeking to reduce his 111-year sentence.

The Oregon state Supreme Court ruled that Kip Kinkel's sentence does not violate his constitutional protection from cruel and unusual punishment, even though the law shields minors in many cases from life sentences. Kinkel, now 35, was 15 when the shooting occurred on May 21, 1998, at Thurston High School in Springfield.

The attack happened after he had killed his parents the day before. Kinkel had earlier been sent home after being discovered to have brought a gun to school.

Kinkel received 25 years for each murder charge, along with additional time for 26 counts of attempted murder.

The episode was among the first school attacks in recent decades to seize the national spotlight, and



AP Photo/Don Ryan, file  
**Kip Kinkel is led into Marion County Courthouse in Salem on June 20, 2007.**

predated prominent incidents around the country that have spurred a broader focus on school violence.

During his original trial, Kinkel's attorneys submitted testimony from mental health experts that he suffered from schizophrenia.

In the lone dissent in Thursday's ruling, Judge James Egan noted the mental illness evaluation, and wrote that combined with his youth his culpability for the crimes should be reduced.

# Oregon district accused of using Bible reading as punishment

COOS BAY, Ore. (AP) — An Oregon school district is accused of forcing students to read Bible passages as a form of punishment, among other accusations.

The Coos Bay World reported Tuesday that the North Bend School District initially denied the claim, but the building administrator later acknowledged in an interview with state education officials that he demanded Bible reading for punishment.

The allegations include an LGBTQ student being

forced to read the Bible, and extend to whether LGBTQ students were discriminated against after reporting sexual harassment.

The allegations are detailed in a March 6 letter from the Oregon Department of Education to District Superintendent Bill Yester.

The district wrote in a statement that the allegations occurred over the course of several years, "most of which had not been brought to the district's attention."



AP Photo/Don Ryan  
**In this April 24 photo three central Oregon Cascade Mountain Range peaks — from left, South Sister, Middle Sister and North Sister — are visible under clear, blue skies near Sisters. While Central Oregon has not seen eruptions like Kilauea volcano in Hawaii for several centuries, the potential is still there.**

# Central Oregon in shadow of volcanoes deemed high priority

By STEPHEN HAMWAY  
The (Bend) Bulletin

BEND — Kilauea volcano has drawn national attention in the last week, destroying structures and cracking open streets and property on Hawaii's Big Island and filling them with lava.

As of Wednesday, 27 homes had been destroyed, and residents braced for the possibility of a more explosive eruption still to come, according to Hawaii County Civil Defense.

While Central Oregon has not seen eruptions like this for several centuries, the potential is there.

Volcanoes helped mold the region's landscape, and still have the power to reshape it. Along with other parts of the Pacific Northwest, Central Oregon lies in the shadow of several volcanoes deemed a high priority by the U.S. Geological Survey.

Even as recently as 2001 — barely a moment ago in geologic time — scientists marveled at an 80-square-mile bulge of lava growing

four miles underground near South Sister.

"From a geologic perspective, it's one of the most volcanically active parts of the country," said Adam Kent, professor at Oregon State University's College of Earth, Ocean, and Atmospheric Sciences.

Seth Moran, scientist-in-charge at the David A. Johnston Cascades Volcano Observatory, a Vancouver, Washington-based facility operated by the U.S. Geological Survey, said Oregon and Washington have about 25 active volcanoes, mostly clustered in and near the Cascade Mountain range.

The four Oregon sites deemed to be the highest priority, based on the likelihood of an eruption and their proximity to large population centers, are Mount Hood, Crater Lake, Newberry Volcano and the Three Sisters.

Mount Bachelor is considered a moderate threat, though Moran added that geologists now believe the volcano may be dormant.

While Oregon will

almost certainly see a volcanic eruption again, Moran emphasized that there's no reason to believe there's one in the immediate future. He said none of Oregon's volcanoes is showing signs of waking up, and any potential eruption could be centuries away.

Still, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management helped develop a coordination plan with various federal and state agencies for a potential volcanic eruption in the central Cascades, and an update to the plan is in process. Nathan Garibay, emergency services manager for Deschutes County, said authorities are ready for an eruption.

"Typically, we'd have some degree of warning where we could start to prepare our population," Garibay said.

While Washington is known nationally for its volcanoes, thanks in part to the eruption of Mount St. Helens on May 18, 1980, Moran said Oregon has actually seen more molten rock over its geologic history

than its neighbor to the north. However, the state's volcanoes have been less active in modern history, as the most recent eruption in Oregon began on Mount Hood in 1781, more than two decades before Lewis and Clark began their expedition.

In particular, Central Oregon owes a lot of its most popular and striking natural features to volcanic eruptions over many millennia. Emilie Hooft, associate professor at the University of Oregon's earth sciences department, said Newberry Volcano, a massive shield volcano with a caldera located about 20 miles southeast of Bend, created dramatic lava flows across south Deschutes County and the Lava Butte and Pilot Butte cinder cones.

Flows from the volcano, which last erupted around 600 A.D., redirected the Deschutes River, and have been found as far north as Smith Rock.

"Bend is built on lava flows that came out of Newberry," Moran said.

## 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.

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Intervals of clouds and sunshine	Partly sunny and warmer	Nice with some sun	Very warm with clouds and sun	Partly sunny and very warm
65° 45°	75° 47°	80° 52°	83° 56°	85° 54°

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## ALMANAC

### PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday  
**TEMPERATURE**  
HIGH LOW  
Yesterday 66° 52°  
Normals 70° 45°  
Records 93° (1924) 29° (1999)  
**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.36"  
Normal month to date 0.37"  
Year to date 5.78"  
Last year to date 8.25"  
Normal year to date 5.48"

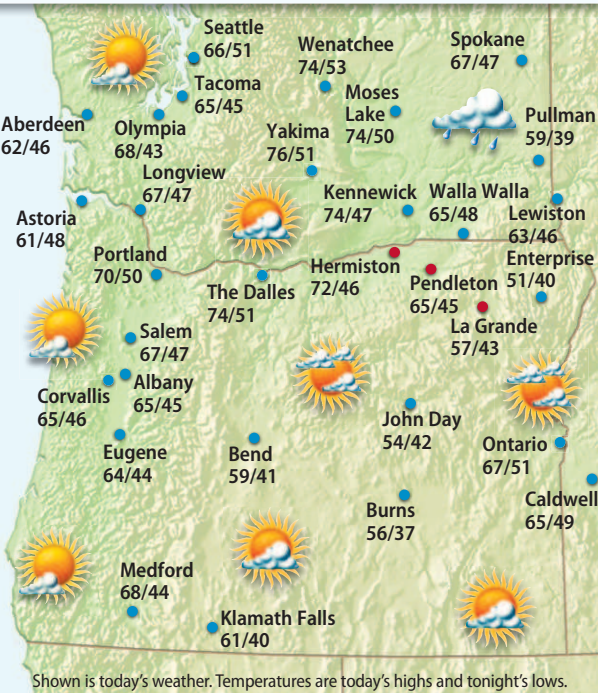
### HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday  
**TEMPERATURE**  
HIGH LOW  
Yesterday 68° 53°  
Normals 72° 45°  
Records 96° (2013) 25° (1999)  
**PRECIPITATION**  
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
Month to date 0.57"  
Normal month to date 0.39"  
Year to date 4.62"  
Last year to date 5.95"  
Normal year to date 4.38"

### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 5:29 a.m.  
Sunset tonight 8:15 p.m.  
Moonrise today 3:58 a.m.  
Moonset today 3:57 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
May 15	May 21	May 29	June 6



## REGIONAL FORECAST

**Coastal Oregon:** Sunshine and patchy clouds today; windy. Mainly clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.  
**Eastern and Central Oregon:** Times of clouds and sun today. A passing shower in the south tonight.  
**Western Washington:** Sunny to partly cloudy today. Mainly clear tonight. Sunny much of the time tomorrow.  
**Eastern Washington:** Intervals of clouds and sunshine today. Mainly clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.  
**Cascades:** Partial sunshine today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.  
**Northern California:** Mostly sunny today. Much colder in the interior mountains; pleasant elsewhere.

## REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	61	48	s	68	51	s
Baker City	57	41	pc	69	39	pc
Bend	59	41	pc	68	42	pc
Brookings	66	51	s	69	53	s
Burns	56	37	pc	68	38	pc
Enterprise	51	40	r	64	39	pc
Eugene	64	44	s	75	48	s
Heppner	64	44	pc	73	46	pc
Hermiston	72	46	pc	82	46	pc
John Day	54	42	pc	67	42	pc
Klamath Falls	61	40	pc	71	41	pc
La Grande	57	43	pc	70	41	pc
Meacham	55	38	pc	68	38	pc
Medford	68	44	s	81	50	s
Newport	58	46	s	63	49	s
North Bend	60	49	s	63	52	s
Ontario	67	51	pc	74	49	pc
Pasco	74	46	pc	82	48	pc
Pendleton	65	45	pc	75	47	pc
Portland	70	50	s	81	55	s
Redmond	63	39	pc	72	39	pc
Salem	67	47	s	80	51	s
Spokane	67	47	pc	75	50	pc
Ukiah	53	38	c	65	37	pc
Vancouver	69	48	s	79	53	s
Walla Walla	65	48	pc	77	50	pc
Yakima	76	51	pc	83	54	pc

## WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	78	56	c	84	57	c
Hong Kong	83	77	c	85	78	pc
Jerusalem	77	57	s	68	57	pc
London	65	49	pc	60	47	sh
Mexico City	78	55	pc	79	55	pc
Moscow	64	47	pc	73	49	pc
Paris	70	52	s	69	48	r
Rome	73	57	pc	73	56	pc
Seoul	69	54	c	63	58	r
Sydney	63	55	pc	66	58	r
Tokyo	70	59	pc	74	63	pc

## WINDS

(in mph)  
**Boardman** WNW 6-12 NNE 7-14  
**Pendleton** WNW 6-12 N 7-14

## UV INDEX TODAY

1 2 4 4 3 2  
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.  
0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme  
The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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## NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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



**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
**High 106°** in Gila Bend, Ariz. **Low 23°** in Antero Reservoir, Colo.

## NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.				Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	90	59	s	86	56	pc	Louisville	89	70	pc	89	70	pc
Atlanta	88	68	s	90	68	s	Memphis	89	69	s	90	72	s
Atlanta City	70	57	s	74	58	pc	Miami	85	74	c	82	74	t
Baltimore	79	61	s	92	63	pc	Millwaukee	45	43	r	50	45	r
Billings	51	38	r	48	39	r	Minneapolis	51	44	sh	65	49	c
Birmingham	91	65	s	92	65	s	Nashville	91	67	s	91	65	s
Boise	63	46	pc	66	49	pc	New Orleans	91	70	s	87	71	pc
Boston	65	48	pc	54	46	r	New York City	74	56	pc	72	54	t
Charleston, SC	93	67	s	92	68	s	St. Louis	90	71	pc	90	72	pc
Charleston, WV	85	65	pc	90	63	pc	St. Paul	90	71	pc	90	72	pc
Cleveland	59	50	c	63	50	t	Salt Lake City	55	43	t	60	45	sh
Dallas	88	69	pc	90	71	pc	San Diego	65	59	c	67	59	c
Denver	78	47	pc	66	46	c	San Francisco	73	62	pc	76	55	s
Detroit	54	45	r	59	47	r	Seattle	66	51	s	74	54	s
El Paso	96	69	s	94	66	s	Tucson	98	66	s	92	61	s
Fairbanks	65	40	c	56	35	pc	Washington, DC	82	66	s	93	69	pc
Fargo	64	37	c	69	42	pc	Wichita	91	71	pc	93	69	pc
Honolulu	84	73	sh	84	73	pc							
Houston	89	71	pc	89	72	pc							
Indianapolis	86	68	pc	84	66	pc							
Jacksonville	93	65	pc	91	65	pc							
Kansas City	87	69	t	88	66	c							
Las Vegas	93	63	s	83	63	s							
Little Rock	90	68	s	90	69	pc							
Los Angeles	70	57	c	69	57	pc							