Hayes bankruptcy filing doesn't reveal much

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Associated Press file photo

Former Oregon first lady Cylvia Hayes filed for bankruptcy Tuesday, but her filing doesn't reveal much about her financial situation.

Despite threatening to file for bankruptcy for nearly a month, former first lady Cylvia Hayes's court documents for Chapter 13 bankruptcy, submitted Tuesday, were largely incomplete.

She has about two weeks to provide basic details such as her monthly income, an accounting of her assets and a list of creditors, according to a routine notice from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court District of Oregon Thursday.

Hayes announced in a Facebook post June 8 that she planned to file for bankruptcy to protect her home from *The Oregonian.*

A Marion County Circuit Court judge ruled in June 2016 that Hayes owed *The Oregonian* $125,000 to cover attorney fees the news organization incurred from challenging a lawsuit Hayes filed seeking to keep her emails from when she was first lady secret. *The Oregonian* recorded a lien on her house in Bend earlier this year to recover the money. Hayes recently decided to drop her appeal of the award.

In a Facebook post July 4, Hayes wrote that she described the developments as "having my own personal Independence Day."

"With the court decision to agree to my request to drop the appeal, I was, for the first time in nearly four years, free from legal battles with dishonest newspapers," she wrote.

Making a barebones filing and augmenting it later is common in bankruptcy court, said Michael R. Fuller, one of Hayes's two attorneys in the case.

"It is the typical form used in every case where the documents filed are staggered out over time," Fuller said.

She has 14 days to file the missing documents — including an initial Chapter 13 repayment plan, unless the judge in her case grants an extension.

"When you're going through a reorganization, you want time to negotiate with your creditors before proposing and filing initial plan," Fuller said.

The plan can last for three to five years during which time the debtor is expected to make their best effort to repay their debts. At the end of that period, the bankruptcy judge can choose to discharge remaining debts.

Court documents indicate 29 entities will receive notice of Hayes's bankruptcy, but those recipients aren't all creditors, Fuller said.

Her main two creditors in the bankruptcy are the Oregonian Publishing Company and the Oregon Government Ethics Commission, he said.

She faces up to $110,000 in fines for 22 counts of violating state ethics laws, largely by using her public position as first lady to win a paid fellowship and several contracts for her environmental consulting firm between 2011 and 2013.

By filing for bankruptcy, Hayes "is looking for a fresh start," Fuller said. "That does involve keeping her property and making her best efforts to pay her debts. I look forward to working with her creditors to put together a fair deal and get her a fresh start."

Oregon retirement plan turns 1; program growing fast

EUGENE (AP) — An Oregon program designed to help workers whose employers don't offer retirement plans has seen rapid growth in the months leading up to this week's first anniversary.

OregonSaves has enrolled more than 32,000 private-sector employees who previously didn't have access to a retirement savings option at work, *The Register-Guard* reported. They've so far set aside a combined $4.6 million of their own money through automatic payroll deductions, with an average withholding of 5.1 percent of salary.

The state-run plan doesn't require any financial contribution from employers, but they must sign up their workers for OregonSaves if they don't offer a 401(k) or other retirement plan. Employees can opt out.

"OregonSaves is off to a successful start," state Treasurer Tobias Read said in a statement. "By helping more people save for their retirement, OregonSaves is addressing the retirement savings crisis head-on, and making businesses more competitive."

The retirement plan began on a limited, voluntary basis last summer. Oregon then required big businesses to join at the start of 2018.

The real growth happened in May, when employers with between 50 and 100 workers were brought in. Smaller businesses are much less likely than big companies to offer retirement savings plans.

The May expansion tripled the number of people in the program, while another 14,000 workers are still in the process of being enrolled. About 30 percent of employees have decided to opt out.

The next expansion is for Oregon employers with between 20 and 49 workers, who will have to enroll their workers by Dec. 15. Self-employed Oregonians will be eligible for the program by the end of 2018.

With the stock market sluggish, investment earnings for OregonSaves were poor in the first quarter of 2018, with all funds down about 1 percent in value. Individual workers' money isn't invested until their retirement accounts reach a balance of $1,000, however, and most OregonSaves members haven't reached that threshold.

Workers can track their accounts on a state-run online portal and keep their account when they switch jobs.

BRIEFLY

La Grande man sentenced to more than 18 years in sex abuse case

LA GRANDE (AP) — An Oregon man convicted of sexually abusing a girl has been sentenced to almost 19 years in prison.

The Observer newspaper reports Michael Altherr-Miller of La Grande was found guilty by a jury last month.

Prosecutors said the victim was 11 years old at the start of the abuse and it lasted until she was 15.

The victim said in court Tuesday that Altherr-Miller made "suffering a lifestyle" and his actions have changed her forever.

The defense submitted 20 letters in support of Altherr-Miller by family and friends who spoke to his character. Union County District Attorney Kelsie McDaniel said none of the letters acknowledged that Altherr-Miller was convicted of sexually abusing a child on multiple occasions.

Judge Thomas Powers rejected the defense's bid for a six-year sentence.

2 accused of starting Pilot Butte fire with illegal firework

BEND (AP) — Bend police arrested two men accused of setting off an illegal firework that ignited a Fourth of July wildfire.

KTVZ reports the blaze at Pilot Butte shut U.S. Highway 20, cut power to 27,000 people and led to the evacuation of some apartments.

The fire damaged the east and south lower slopes of the nearly 500-foot lava dome and also ignited spot fires across Highway 20 that crews quickly extinguished.

Bend police Lt. Clint Burleigh says witnesses provided excellent descriptions of the people and vehicles that were in the area just before the fire started.

Investigators arrested 38-year-old Brandon Hastings and 29-year-old Alan Stout, both of Bend, on charges of reckless burning.

Spokane County population tops 500,000

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — The latest estimate from the state of Washington shows that Spokane County's population has topped 500,000.

The state projects that 507,950 people live in Spokane County, up more than 8,000 from last year.

The population of the city of Spokane is estimated at more than 220,000 people.

The Spokesman-Review reports that more jobs and affordable housing costs are the likely drivers of population growth.

Patrick Jones, executive director of Eastern Washington University's Institute for Public Policy and Economic Analysis, notes that 3,500 new jobs were created in Spokane County last year.

Experts say the national economic recovery also is helping attract new residents to the Spokane area, including retirees.

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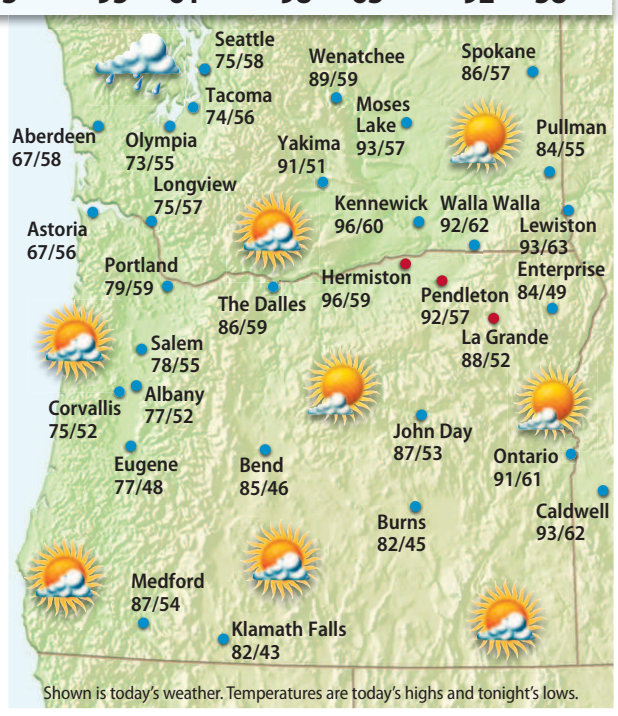
TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mostly sunny and very warm	Partly sunny and pleasant	Mostly sunny and nice	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny and pleasant
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
92° 57°	84° 55°	90° 60°	94° 61°	87° 63°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
96° 59°	89° 53°	95° 61°	98° 63°	92° 58°



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

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Showers around across the north today; partly sunny in central parts. Clouds, then sun in the south.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly sunny today; hot across the north and in the upper Treasure Valley.

Western Washington: Intervals of clouds and sunshine today; a couple of showers at the coast.

Eastern Washington: Sunny to partly cloudy today. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

Cascades: Partly sunny and nice today. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

Northern California: Areas of low clouds and fog, then sunshine at the coast today; partly sunny elsewhere.

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	92°	58°
Normals	86°	57°
Records	107° (2007)	38° (1932)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.05"
Year to date	6.49"
Last year to date	11.30"
Normal year to date	7.62"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	94°	55°
Normals	86°	57°
Records	108° (1968)	42° (2012)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.04"
Year to date	5.10"
Last year to date	6.59"
Normal year to date	5.74"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:13 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:47 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:54 a.m.
Moonset today	1:34 p.m.

Last	New	First	Full
July 6	July 12	July 19	July 27

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today Hi	Lo	W	Sat. Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	67	56	sh	68	52	pc
Baker City	86	50	s	84	48	s
Bend	85	46	pc	82	47	pc
Brookings	64	49	pc	66	50	s
Burns	82	45	pc	86	50	s
Enterprise	84	49	s	79	49	s
Eugene	77	48	pc	81	49	pc
Heppner	89	53	s	81	51	pc
Hermiston	96	59	s	89	53	pc
John Day	87	53	s	84	52	s
Klamath Falls	82	43	pc	84	46	s
La Grande	88	52	s	82	49	pc
Meacham	86	48	s	78	47	pc
Medford	87	54	pc	89	57	s
Newport	62	53	pc	64	52	pc
North Bend	67	54	pc	67	53	pc
Ontario	91	61	s	94	63	s
Pasco	95	59	pc	88	52	pc
Pendleton	92	57	s	84	55	pc
Portland	79	59	pc	80	58	pc
Redmond	88	46	pc	85	50	pc
Salem	78	55	pc	82	55	pc
Spokane	86	57	s	78	53	pc
Ukiah	86	47	s	78	44	pc
Vancouver	78	56	pc	78	56	pc
Walla Walla	92	62	s	86	59	pc
Yakima	91	51	pc	84	52	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today Hi	Lo	W	Sat. Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	94	73	pc	87	71	t
Hong Kong	90	81	sh	90	82	c
Jerusalem	87	67	s	88	67	s
London	86	64	pc	87	63	pc
Mexico City	72	52	t	72	53	t
Moscow	71	56	pc	69	56	r
Paris	83	63	pc	87	63	pc
Rome	85	66	s	87	68	t
Seoul	81	65	pc	82	65	s
Sydney	78	49	s	64	49	pc
Tokyo	82	76	r	83	77	c

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	WSW 8-16	WSW 6-12
Pendleton	W 7-14	WNW 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY

8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.
2	5	9	9	5	2

0-2, Low **3-5**, Moderate **6-7**, High; **8-10**, Very High; **11+**, Extreme

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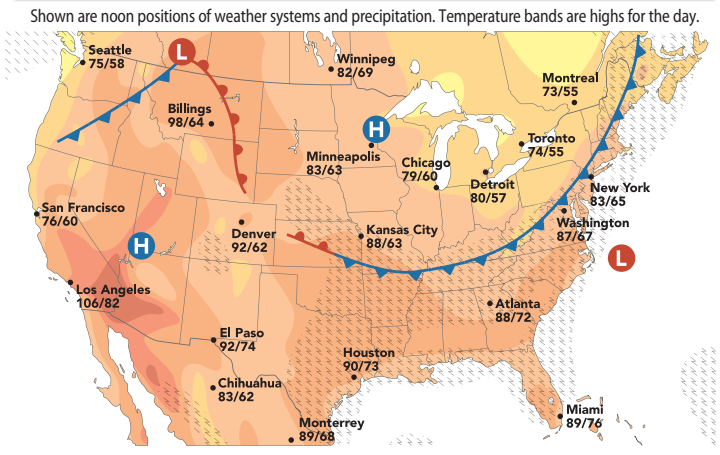
NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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



National Summary: Showers and storms will drench areas from Maine to Missouri, while storms dot the South and southern Rockies today. Most other areas can expect sunny weather while extreme heat bakes much of the Southwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 115° in Thermal, Calif. **Low** 28° in Bodie State Park, Calif.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today Hi	Lo	W	Sat. Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	88	68	s	87	69	pc
Atlanta	88	72	t	82	70	t
Atlantic City	83	67	t	77	62	s
Baltimore	85	61	t	80	60	s
Billings	98	64	s	90	61	s
Birmingham	89	71	t	85	68	t
Boise	93	66	s	92	64	s
Boston	83	63	t	76	64	s
Charleston, SC	90	73	pc	88	69	t
Charleston, WV	80	58	t	82	58	s
Chicago	79	60	s	82	63	s
Cleveland	74	59	s	78	60	s
Dallas	96	75	pc	94	75	t
Denver	92	62	t	96	62	s
Detroit	80	57	s	81	62	s
El Paso	92	74	s	92	73	pc
Fairbanks	78	54	s	81	61	s
Fargo	83	67	s	92	73	s
Honolulu	88	75	r	87	75	sh
Houston	90	73	t	90	73	t
Indianapolis	82	59	s	81	60	s
Jacksonville	88	72	pc	88	73	t
Kansas City	88	63	t	87	61	s
Las Vegas	111	89	s	106	89	s
Little Rock	91	72	t	88	69	s
Los Angeles	106	82	s	101	72	pc

	Today Hi	Lo	W	Sat. Hi	Lo	W
Louisville	85	63	t	85	66	s
Memphis	91	73	pc	88	73	s
Miami	89	76	t	90	77	t
Milwaukee	75	59	s	79	62	s
Minneapolis	83	63	s	84	66	s
Nashville	87	66	t	87	70	s
New Orleans	88	75	t	89	75	t
New York City	83	65	t	78	64	s
Oklahoma City	91	68	pc	89	66	t
Omaha	85	66	s	87	67	s
Philadelphia	83	64	t	81	61	s
Phoenix	112	93	s	111	92	s
Portland, ME	82	54	sh	78	56	s
Providence	81	60	t	79	59	s
Raleigh	90	68	t	75	64	t
Rapid City	92	67	s	98	68	s
Reno	90	63	pc	96	64	s
Sacramento	89	60	pc	96	58	s
St. Louis	88	63	pc	84	64	s
Salt Lake City	102	78	s	98	76	pc
San Diego	88	75	s	89	73	pc
San Francisco	76	60	pc	75	59	pc
Seattle	75	58	pc	75	57	pc
Tucson	106	83	s	104	82	t
Washington, DC	87	67	t	81	65	s
Wichita	90	70	pc	93	66	pc

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