

Grants Pass Rep. chosen as House minority leader

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Courtesy Carl Wilson

Rep. Carl Wilson on the House floor.

SALEM — State Rep. Carl Wilson, a Republican of Grants Pass, was elected Monday to serve as House minority leader.

Wilson has represented since 2015 a district that runs from the California border up to Grants Pass. He also served in the House from 1998 to 2003. A U.S. Navy veteran, Wilson had a career in radio as on-air talent, a station manager and executive.

He believes the Republican caucus of 22 representatives will be “under a tremendous amount of stress” as it faces a much larger Democratic caucus.

Democrats hold 38 seats in the House, and that could make it easier for them to pass measures that do not have bipartisan support, including tax increases.

Wilson said Tuesday he’s equipped to lead the smaller caucus with a “steady hand.”

“I don’t get very excited about a lot of things,” Wilson said. “I can certainly be passionate about

to also be encouraging to his fellow Republican legislators.

“You’ve got to give people hope where there is no hope to be readily seen,” Wilson said. “And to do that, you’ve got to keep them encouraged, you’ve got to help them to understand that they are still there to serve their constituents, the people who elected them, and so get your victories where you can.”

House Republicans may not have much luck on the “larger” issues, Wilson said, but they can still serve their constituents.

“On some of the larger things you may not have much good luck, but when it comes to dealing with issues that your community sent you to resolve ... that can make your day worthwhile so we want to keep that message up among our crew,” Wilson said.

He succeeds State Rep. Mike McLane, R-Powell Butte, who served as party leader in the House since 2012. McLane, an attorney, remains in the House but elected not to hold the leadership role.

things, but you know, in the legislative process, a steady hand, especially when you’re leading people, is an important thing.”

He said the caucus hasn’t developed its priorities for the 2019 session and is still reeling from the results of the general election, where Democratic voters turned out in droves, expanding majorities in the Legislature.

Wilson is already looking ahead to 2020 and said his party will be working to “remind Oregonians of what they could have had” if they had elected more Republicans. He hopes

Unions join Nike in new push for tax package in Legislature

By **JEFF MAPES**
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Oregon’s public employee unions joined forces Tuesday with Nike and a group of long-term care providers to launch a new coalition aimed at pushing a major tax package through next year’s Legislature.

Leaders of the Coalition for the Common Good said they want to work with legislators on new revenue for schools and other public services. And, unlike in previous years, they don’t want to tie the negotiations to agreements on cutting costs of the state’s public pension system.

“We want to bring a sole focus into revenue reform,” said James Carlson, president of the Oregon Health Care Association. “The reality is we can’t afford to waste another five years chasing a deal that may or may not happen” on cutting government costs, he added.

The state’s major public employee unions have repeatedly led efforts — both on the ballot and in the Legislature — to gain big new revenue sources for schools and other state services.

They now see a big opening this year after Democratic Gov. Kate Brown was re-elected and Democrats gained seats in both legislative chambers. They now have the three-fifths supermajority needed in the House and Senate to pass tax increases, without any Republican votes.

Melissa Unger, executive director of Local 503 of the Service Employees International Union, said that the new coalition is looking for a “bold solution that gets us where we want to go ... It’s really about investing in our state.”

Nike started working with Brown earlier this year on tax policy. This summer, the Fortune 500 apparel company agreed to join the governor and the unions in opposing two conservative tax measures on the ballot. At the same time, a union-backed group agreed not to proceed with a proposed ballot measure that would require corporations to disclose more information about their taxes and workforce.

Nike signed the letter along with the five other founding members of the coalition to work for “[i]nvestments that

can adequately fund strong schools and essential public services.”

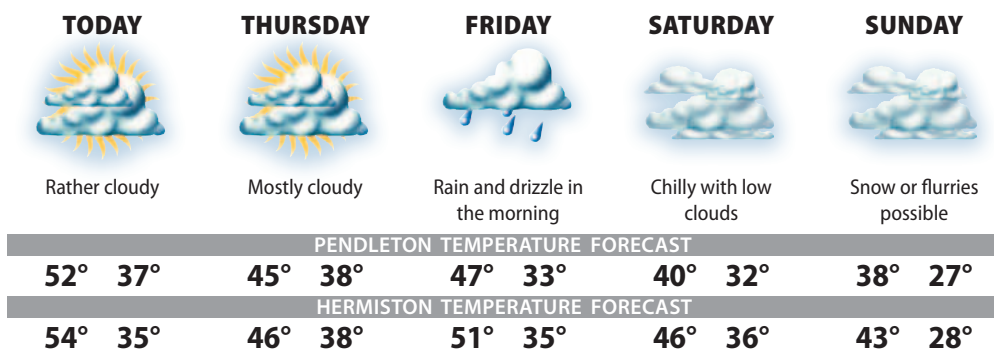
The letter also called for a “state where businesses can grow and thrive; where Oregon-based businesses are valued for the contribution they make to the local economy and their engagement with the community.”

The other signers were the Oregon Education Association, SEIU Local 503, Oregon AFSCME Council 75, the Oregon Health Care Association and the Russell Development Company. The latter is a Portland-based firm headed by John Russell, who has frequently worked with Democrats.

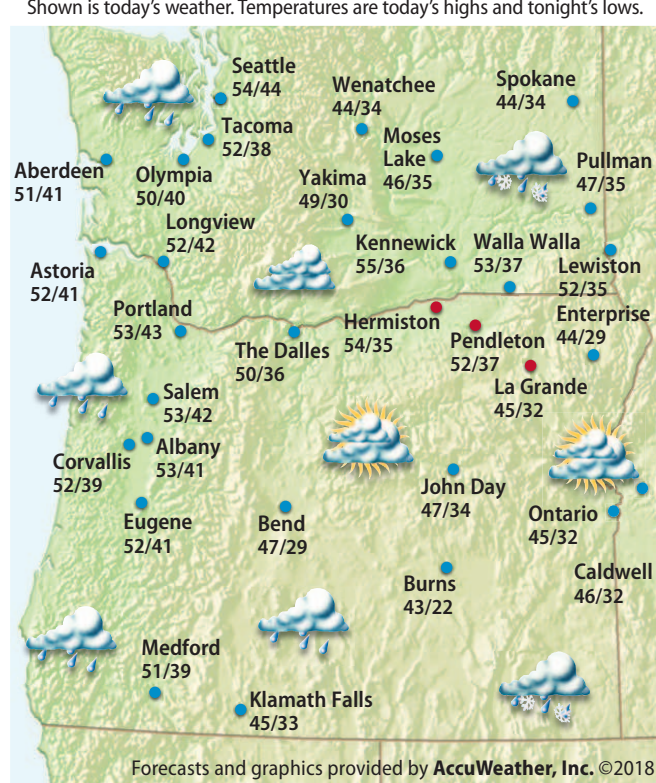
The letter didn’t specifically address whether the revenue discussions should exclude talks of cost control. Nike spokesman Greg Rosstiter said the company didn’t have any further comment for now beyond the letter.

Unger said she welcomed additional business involvement in the tax discussions. At this point, the state’s major business groups have repeatedly said they want any talk of revenue to also include cost controls.

Forecast for Pendleton Area



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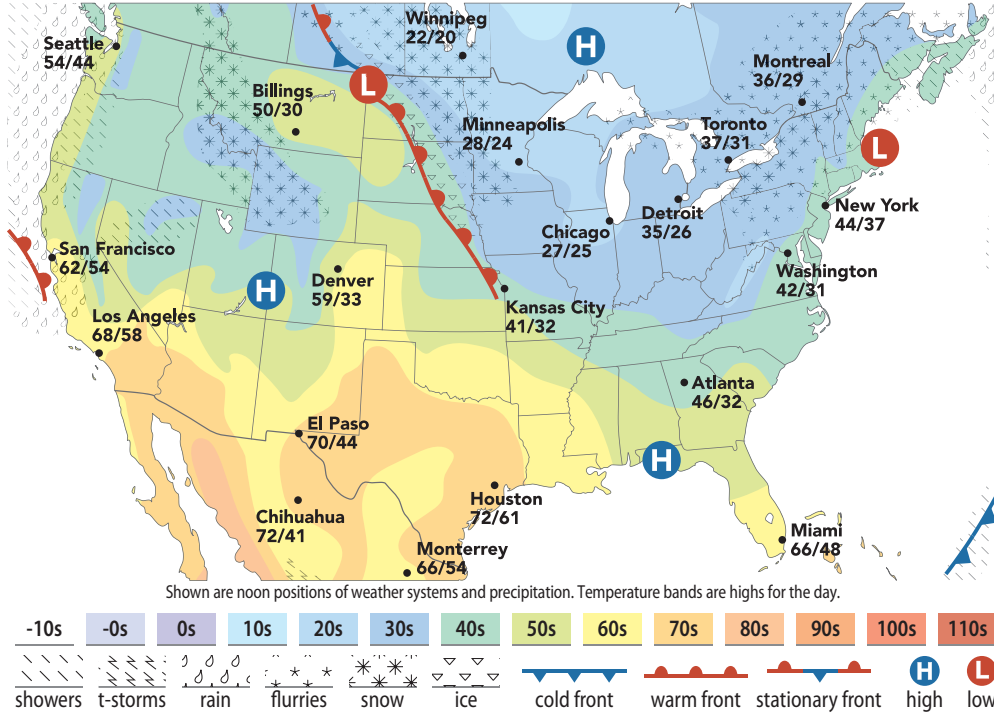
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PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yest.		
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	57°	49°
Normals	43°	30°
Records	69° (1892)	-11° (1896)
PRECIPITATION		
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.10"	
Month to date	0.49"	
Normal month to date	1.30"	
Year to date	8.64"	
Last year to date	15.17"	
Normal year to date	11.29"	
HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yest.		
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	48°	41°
Normals	45°	30°
Records	68° (1949)	0° (1993)
PRECIPITATION		
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.02"	
Month to date	0.29"	
Normal month to date	1.06"	
Year to date	6.74"	
Last year to date	8.67"	
Normal year to date	8.34"	
WINDS (in mph)		
	Today	Thu.
Boardman	SW 4-8	NNE 3-6
Pendleton	SW 4-8	N 4-8
SUN AND MOON		
Sunrise today	7:12 a.m.	
Sunset tonight	4:14 p.m.	
Moonrise today	10:22 p.m.	
Moonset today	12:10 p.m.	

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 83° in Key West, Fla. Low -12° in Gothic, Colo.

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



BRIEFLY

State Police trooper shot 12 times files \$30M lawsuit

PORTLAND (AP) — An Oregon State Police trooper and his wife are suing Washington County’s 911 Center over what they say was mishandling of a call that ended with him shot a dozen times.

KOIN-TV reports Nic Cederberg and Hayley Shelton filed the federal lawsuit in Portland on Monday.

Cederberg’s lawsuit claims Washington County dispatchers issued an “attempt to locate” bulletin for James Tylka on Dec. 25, 2016, but left out that Tylka had just fatally shot his wife and was armed and suicidal.

The lawsuit says if he would have known he wouldn’t have chased Tylka’s vehicle down a dark, rural dead end road where Tylka rammed his patrol car and started a gun battle.

Cederberg’s asking for about \$20 million for pain and suffering while Shelton as his caregiver is seeking some \$10 million.

Washington County Consolidated Communications Agency Director Kelly Dutra said she couldn’t comment on pending litigation.

Environmentalists sue over acidic ocean off Oregon coast

PORTLAND (AP) — An environmental group is suing the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, alleging that fossil fuel consumption has damaged Oregon’s marine waters by causing ocean acidification that’s killing off shellfish.

A lawsuit filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court in Portland by the Center for Biological Diversity alleges that the EPA has failed to identify and protect those marine waters in Oregon under the Clean Water Act.

The lawsuit says increasing acid levels in the ocean strips seawater of calcium carbonate — a building block for marine creatures with shells.

Oregon’s oyster farms first experienced large-scale die-offs from ocean acidification in 2005.

Some Pacific Northwest hatcheries have lost 80 percent of their oyster larvae to problems linked to acidification.

EPA spokeswoman Suzanne Skadowski says the agency doesn’t comment on pending litigation.

Man who killed teen in belt robbing gets 19 years

PORTLAND (AP) — A young man has been sentenced to 19 years in prison for killing a 17-year-old boy while trying to rob him of his belt in a Portland park last year.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports 20-year-old Kole Jones pleaded guilty last week to manslaughter and attempted robbery. He also pleaded guilty to robbery from a different incident in 2016. He was sentenced on Monday.

Teen convicted of killing man on Fourth of July

PASCO, Wash. (AP) — An 18-year-old was convicted of killing a Pasco man who had been on a grocery run before joining Fourth of July festivities.

The Tri-City Herald reports Pedro Cadenas was found guilty Monday of first-degree murder, second-degree unlawful gun possession and attempted vehicle theft in the July 4, 2017, death of Jorge Rodriguez.

The murder charge includes the special allegation that Cadenas was armed with a gun when he killed Rodriguez.

Cadenas, who already has a felony record, is facing 28 years and five months to just more than 36 years in prison. Five years of that will be mandatory and served before he does the rest of the time.

Defense attorneys Shelley Ajax and Daniel Stovern told the Herald they did not want to discuss the verdicts.

Country Crossings Music Festival canceled

CENTRAL POINT (AP) — Officials say a country music festival in Oregon has been canceled.

The Mail Tribune reports a spokesperson for Willamette Country Music Concerts confirmed Monday that the 2019 Country Crossings Music Festival had been canceled and will not return.

The spokesperson wrote in an email that “we ultimately determined that the festival team would not be able to deliver the quality experience our Country Crossings community expects of this event in 2019.”

A company spokesperson says all tickets sold for 2019 will be refunded.

The festival, which debuted at the Jackson County Expo in July 2017, had been on life support since former president and event manager Anne Hankins left in late summer, title sponsor Bi-Mart pulled its support in early fall, and contractors and vendors were left unpaid.

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