

CHEERING THE TEAM



ABOVE: Knappa fans cheer their team during the boys 2A state semifinal game against Columbia Christian on Friday at the Pendleton Convention Center.

RIGHT: A young Knappa fan is engrossed in the boys 2A state semifinal game against Columbia Christian on Friday at the Pendleton Convention Center.



Staff photos by Kathy Aney

Forecast for Pendleton Area

TODAY

COLD

Very cold with periods of sun

SUNDAY

Morning flurries; partly sunny

MONDAY

COLD

Partly sunny and very cold

TUESDAY

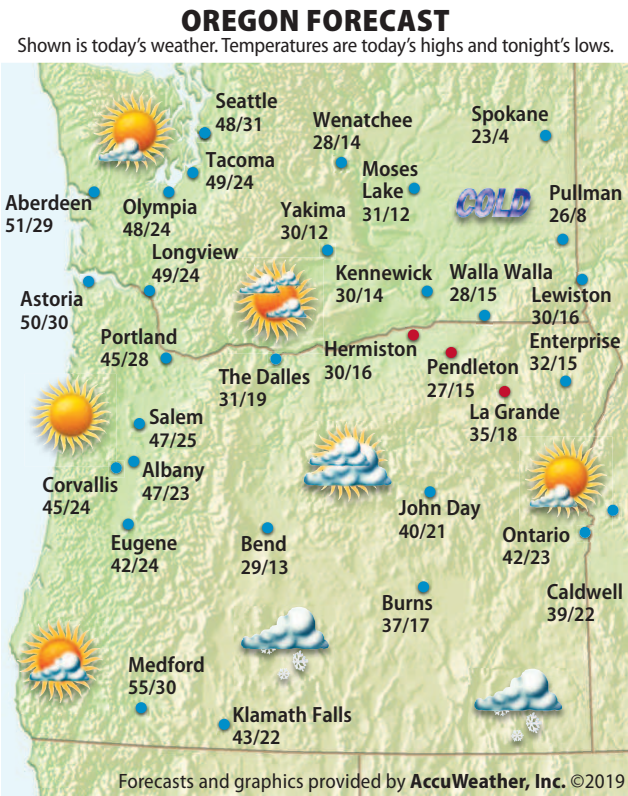
COLD

Cloudy and very cold

WEDNESDAY

Cloudy, snow and sleet possible

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
27°	15°	22°	12°	21°
15°	12°	8°	15°	21°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
30°	16°	25°	12°	29°
16°	12°	10°	16°	24°



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PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yest.

TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	26°	12°
Normals	51°	32°
Records	74° (1925)	1° (1993)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.03"
Year to date 4.85"
Last year to date 2.82"
Normal year to date 2.54"

HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yest.

TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	28°	16°
Normals	53°	31°
Records	69° (1959)	10° (1993)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.04"
Year to date 3.39"
Last year to date 1.75"
Normal year to date 2.28"

WINDS (in mph)

	Today	Sun.
Boardman	NE 6-12	NNE 6-12
Pendleton	N 4-8	NNW 6-12

SUN AND MOON

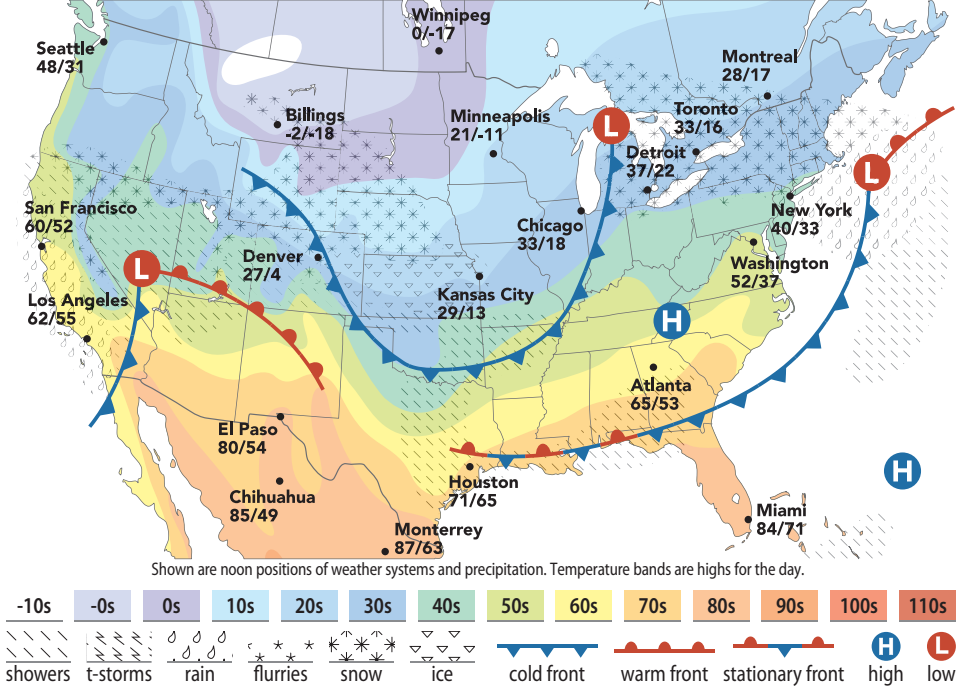
Sunrise today	6:33 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:43 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:43 a.m.
Moonset today	1:59 p.m.

PHASES

	New	First	Full	Last
	Mar 6	Mar 14	Mar 20	Mar 27

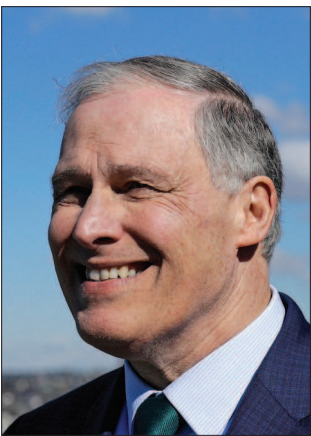
NATIONAL EXTREMES
Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 88° in Immokalee, Fla. Low -26° in Champion, Mich.

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



Washington Gov. Inslee focuses on climate change in 2020 bid

By BILL BARROW and RACHEL LA CORTE
Associated Press



AP Photo/Ted S. Warren
Washington Gov. Jay Inslee stands on an outdoor patio on Friday as he takes part in media interviews in Seattle.

SEATTLE — Declaring climate change the nation's most pressing issue, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee launched his 2020 Democratic presidential bid on Friday with a promise to refocus American government and society.

"It is time for our nation to set a new priority," Inslee told supporters gathered at a solar panel business in Seattle. "This is truly our moment. It is our moment to solve America's most daunting challenge and make it the first, foremost and paramount duty of the United States ... to defeat climate change."

The 68-year-old former congressman becomes the first governor to enter a race dominated by senators. Former Vice President Joe Biden and former Texas Rep. Beto O'Rourke also are expected to make highly anticipated 2020 announcements in the coming weeks.

But Inslee says his emphasis on combating climate change sets him apart from his competitors and from Republican President Donald Trump.

"We are all angry and outraged by this president," he said, adding that rather than get drawn into Trump's vortex, he would "unite Americans in this moment to solve our most urgent problem."

Inslee frames climate action as an economic opportunity, not just a moral imperative. He didn't talk specifically Friday about the costs of his vision, other than to criticize considerable tax subsidies for the fossil fuel industry. But he argued that public and private investments in clean energy are a net boon for working Americans that would create "millions of jobs," from building "electric cars in Michigan" to installing solar panels on homes in every state.

Inslee says no presidential candidate has hinged a campaign as heavily on climate and environmental policy as he will. He unveiled a blue-and-green campaign logo with an arc of the Earth, eschewing the typical red, white and blue. His Twitter feed Friday was replete with the hashtag #OurClimateMoment.

He plans his first trip as a

candidate to Iowa next week, with events geared to climate issues. Trips to Nevada and California will follow.

Inslee may have a larger opening on climate since billionaire environmental activist Tom Steyer has passed on a national campaign, opting instead to continue his advocacy for impeaching and removing Trump from office. Former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, a billionaire who has spent millions of dollars on climate issues, may run.

Steyer tweeted Friday: "It's good to know that a climate champion like @Gov-Inslee will be in the race, pushing the country to recognize what is at stake."

Inslee hasn't specifically endorsed the Green New Deal introduced by New York Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Massachusetts Sen. Ed Markey, and he didn't during his speech Friday. But he said last month that he was "thrilled that this ... resolution has been brought forward" to push for action.

"This is an aspirational document that sets the goal, rather than the policy. It's not meant to be a policy document," he said during an interview after his campaign event. "I will be rolling out my own proposed policy. It will be comprehensive. It will be robust. It will have a sector-by-sector approach which will be targeted to reduction of carbon pollution and job creation."

Measles outbreak in Pacific Northwest about half of U.S. cases

By GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

PORTLAND — The focus on measles in the Pacific Northwest intensified Friday as public health officials in Oregon announced a new case of the highly contagious disease unrelated to an ongoing outbreak in Washington state that's sickened 68 people so far.

An unvaccinated Illinois resident who spent time overseas visited Portland International Airport and various locations in Salem last week while contagious with measles, the Oregon Health Authority said. Potential exposure locations include a Red Robin restaurant and a trampoline fun park in Salem, officials said.

The case is unrelated to an ongoing measles outbreak in southwest Washington state that's sickened dozens. Public health

officials in Clark County, Washington, said three new cases were identified Friday and two more are suspected.

That brings the number of cases in the Portland bedroom community of Vancouver, Washington, to 68 — more than 40 percent of the number reported nationwide since Jan. 1, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said in updated statistics released Friday.

There have been 159 measles cases identified nationwide through Feb. 21, the CDC said, and Washington accounted for 69 of those. There have been six outbreaks nationwide, including in Illinois, Texas, New York City and Monroe and Rockland counties in New York state. An outbreak is defined as three or more cases at a time.

Most cases in Washington are young children under age 10 who were not vaccinated.

Before Friday, Multnomah County — home to Portland — had identified four people with measles and one who could have measles. One man in King County, which is home to Seattle, also had measles. Those cases were thought to be connected to the outbreak in southwest Washington, however.

The viral illness has a long incubation period and 21 days must pass without a new case before the outbreak could be considered over in southwest Washington, said Dr. Alan Melnick, public health director in Clark County, Washington.

State legislatures in both Washington and Oregon are considering laws that would remove non-medical exemptions for the routinely administered measles vaccine. Both states currently allow parents to opt out of the measles immunizations if they have a religious or philosophical objection.

High school gym roof collapses under heavy snow, no injuries

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — The Springfield School Board has declared an emergency after the roof of Thurston High School's auxiliary gym collapsed.

KEZI-TV reports the declaration made Friday will allow the district to waive the bidding process so repairs can be done

more quickly.

No one was injured when a support beam came down on Wednesday because of heavy snow. The roof collapsed during the school board's meeting on Friday.

Because of the damage, officials say they are moving this weekend's state basketball tournament to

Springfield High School.

The Bulletin reports no one was injured when the roof of a bakery distribution warehouse in Bend also mostly collapsed Thursday from heavy snow. The roof of a riding arena for horses also fell east of Bend, KTVZ-TV reported.

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