

Former Oregon First Lady agrees to \$50k fine

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SALEM — Former Oregon First Lady Cylvia Hayes has agreed to pay a fine of \$50,000 after she was accused of committing 22 violations of state ethics laws.

The agreement, contained in a “stipulated final order” released Wednesday by the Oregon Ethics Commission, is subject to the commission’s approval at its meeting on Friday.

In March, the nine-member commission unanimously rejected a \$44,000 settlement that Hayes had agreed to, with one commissioner saying the panel had been offended by Hayes’ failure to appear before the commissioners.

Ethics investigators concluded last year that Hayes abused her access as an adviser and consultant to Gov. John Kitzhaber, her fiancé, who resigned amid the scandal in 2015.

Hayes was first lady of Oregon and an unpaid policy adviser to Kitzhaber from 2011 to 2015 on clean energy, ocean health and a clean economy, but received payments via a



AP Photo/Don Ryan, File

In this Jan. 12, 2015, file photo, Oregon Gov. John Kitzhaber escorts his fiancée, Cylvia Hayes, onto the House floor before he is sworn in for an unprecedented fourth term as governor in Salem.

company she owned and another one she worked for to advocate for those issues, the commission said.

The commission’s complaint against Hayes acknowledges that she did not intentionally use her position as first lady or unpaid adviser to the governor to advance her financial interests, but says the issue of intent is irrelevant.

Hayes, in the agreement she signed on April 9, disputes some of the accusations but wants to move on. She faced a maximum \$110,000 fine.

“Ms. Hayes will agree

to a civil penalty ... in the amount of \$50,000 in order to settle and compromise this matter,” the agreement states.

Hayes filed for Chapter 13 bankruptcy in July 2018. It was not immediately clear what effect that would have on her responsibility to pay any eventual fine.

Last year, Kitzhaber settled his own ethics violations in the case with a \$20,000 fine.

The Democrat had resigned due to the influence-peddling scandal just over a month into his fourth term as governor.

Group urges federal action to protect fish in Oregon rivers

CORVALLIS (AP) — The federal government should take action to protect fish runs in the Willamette River, according to a national conservation group.

American Rivers named the Willamette in northwest Oregon to its annual list of “America’s Most Endangered Rivers,” released Tuesday, *The Corvallis Gazette-Times* reported Tuesday.

The Army Corps of Engineers should act to protect imperiled spring chinook salmon and winter steelhead runs by improving operations at its 13 Willamette Basin dams, American Rivers said, adding that Congress should secure funding for the work.

An estimated 300,000 spring chinook and 200,000 winter steelhead once came back from the ocean each year to spawn in the Willamette Basin, but those numbers have plummeted since the dams’ construction, with fewer than 5,000 spring chinook and 1,000 winter steel-



AP Photo/Don Ryan, File

In this July 6, 2017, file photo, late afternoon sun sparkles off the Willamette River in Portland.

head making the return trip last year, the report said.

Without functioning fish ladders, salmon and steelhead swimming upstream to spawn must be collected and trucked to the tops of the dams, while juveniles migrating downstream cannot get past dams without being forced through power turbines, the report said.

The Corps should follow the terms of a federal biological opinion issued in 2008 following a lawsuit by

nonprofit watchdog Willamette Riverkeeper, which called on the Corps to make significant improvements to fish passage and water quality at its Willamette Basin dams, the report said.

“The threat is inaction, to sum it up in a word,” said David Moryc, senior director of American Rivers. “We have to do something to make sure Willamette River winter steelhead and spring chinook don’t go extinct.”

BRIEFLY

Parents concerned about carbon monoxide at school

WALDPOR (AP) — Students at an elementary school on the Oregon Coast went to the emergency room to have their blood levels tested for carbon monoxide exposure. KATU reports that the Lincoln County School District superintendent announced Tuesday afternoon that classes at Crestview Heights Elementary School in Waldport would be canceled Wednesday, and that the school would shut off the diesel boilers for three to four weeks to find out if it’s the source. The district said students went to the hospital on Tuesday.

Lincoln County Public Health officials confirmed they are aware of an issue at the school.

Sarah Riege’s two daughters go to Crestview Heights. She took both daughters to a Newport hospital Tuesday. She said her oldest daughter had carbon monoxide poisoning and was given oxygen.

allegedly said he’d set the child down in the woods outside Bend but couldn’t find him.

4-year-old falls from second-story window near Portland

PORTLAND (AP) — Authorities say a 4-year-old fell from a second-story window near Portland. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue says firefighters were called to the Bethany area on a report of a boy falling from the window of a duplex.

Authorities say the boy landed on a concrete patio. He was taken by helicopter to a Portland hospital. KPTV-TV reports the child pushed a screen out of the window before falling from a residence in the Bethany area, according to the Washington County Sheriff’s Office.

Complaints against city workers dismissed

SALEM (AP) — Public records show two complaints of sexual harassment by city of Salem employees have been dismissed, with state investigators citing a lack of sufficient evidence. *The Statesman Journal* reports the complaints were filed by two workers, Casey Levy and Deirdrie Wade.

Letters from the state Bureau of Labor and Industries dated April 9 and 10 stated the complaints, filed with the agency’s Civil Rights Division, were “dismissed because the Division did not find sufficient evidence to continue our investigation. This is the Bureau’s final determination.”

The women said in complaints that male co-workers had made inappropriate comments, asked for hugs, used pet names for them and on one occasion made a gesture for one of them to lift her skirt and be spanked.

Woman sentenced for stealing \$230K from self-checkouts

PORTLAND (AP) — A woman convicted of stealing tens of thousands of dollars from Fred Meyer self-checkout machines was sentenced to three years in prison.

KPTV-TV reports Emily Tallman, 37, was convicted in March of 14 counts of theft and seven counts of aggravated theft. Prosecutors say she stole nearly \$230,000 from the machines.

The Multnomah County District Attorney’s Office says Tallman stole the money at the Fred Meyer Gateway store from January 2017 through June 2017.

Tallman was sentenced to three years in prison April 12.

Prosecutors say she used her employee badge to enter the store after hours, open the self-checkout machines, hold a clipboard to block the store’s surveillance cameras and withdraw cash.

DA says police shooting lawful; officer identified

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — The Lane County District Attorney has ruled that a Springfield police officer was lawful in the use of force to shoot and kill Stacy Kenny.

The Register-Guard reports District Attorney Patty Perlow identified Sgt. Rick Lewis as the officer who fired his weapon six times at Kenny, 33, of Springfield.

Perlow says Lewis entered Kenny’s car through the passenger side to unbuckle Kenny during March 31 traffic stop. Perlow says Kenny stepped on the gas pedal, driving into trees with Lewis in the front seat.

Five shots fired struck Kenny, who died at the scene. Lewis suffered a broken arm.

Kenny’s family released a statement saying that Kenny had a documented nonviolent mental illness and was being treated.

Dad accused of abandoning baby in woods takes plea deal

BEND (AP) — The father of a 1-year-old boy who was left outside in Central Oregon with a broken leg, cracked skull and meth in his system has accepted a plea deal that will send him to prison for over two years.

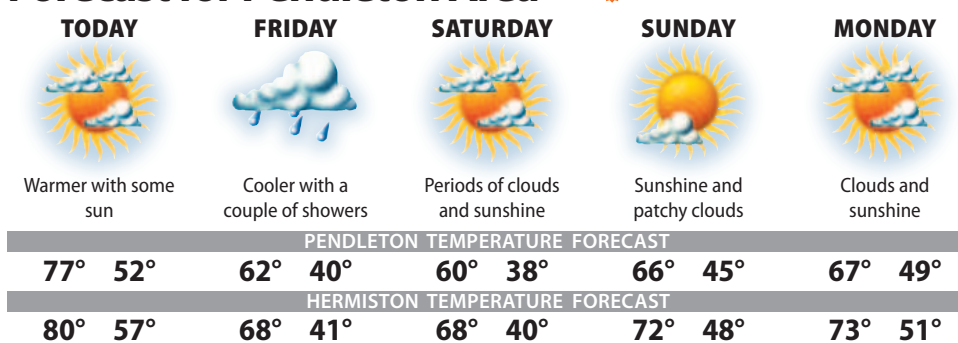
Brandon Blouin agreed this week to enter an Alford plea to criminal mistreatment, endangering the welfare of a minor and felon in possession of body armor.

In exchange, charges of custodial interference, child neglect and abandonment of a child were dismissed.

Under the plea, Blouin’s lawyer acknowledged that prosecutors had sufficient evidence to prove the charges.

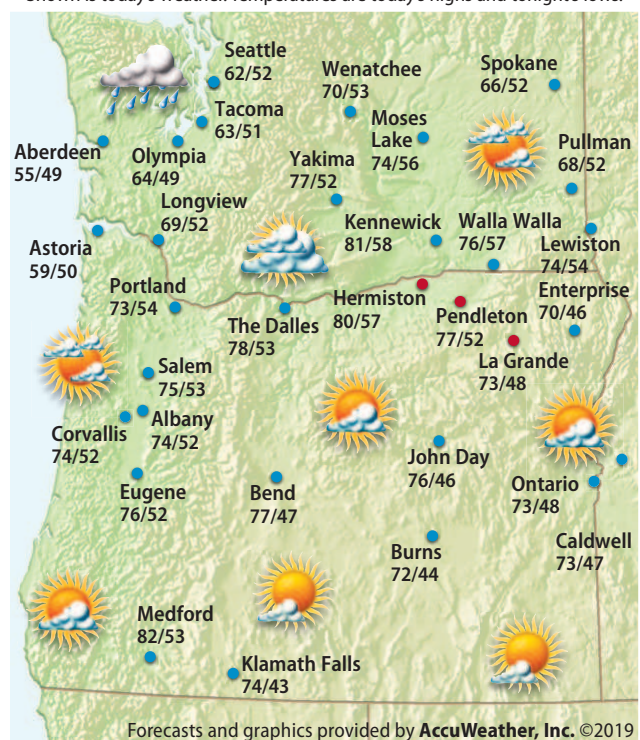
Authorities say Blouin and the child’s mother took the boy from his legal guardian in West Virginia. Authorities say Blouin

Forecast for Pendleton Area



OREGON FORECAST

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



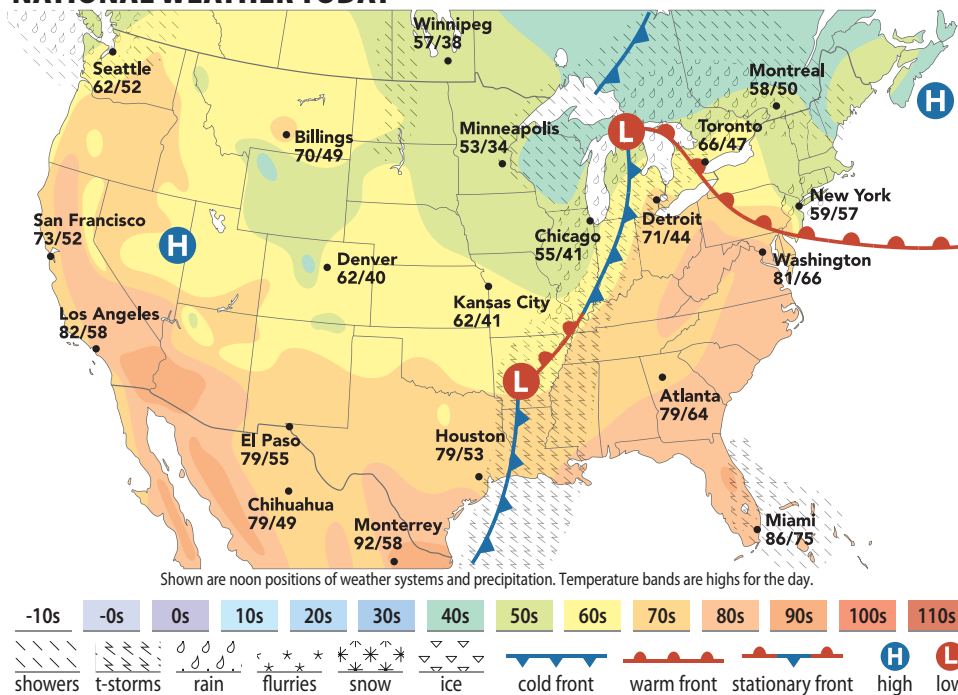
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PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yest.		
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	64°	45°
Normals	62°	39°
Records	90° (1897)	23° (2013)
PRECIPITATION		
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"	
Month to date	1.30"	
Normal month to date	0.69"	
Year to date	7.38"	
Last year to date	5.08"	
Normal year to date	4.65"	
HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yest.		
TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	69°	50°
Normals	65°	40°
Records	87° (1936)	20° (2013)
PRECIPITATION		
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"	
Month to date	0.22"	
Normal month to date	0.44"	
Year to date	3.81"	
Last year to date	3.93"	
Normal year to date	3.55"	
WINDS (in mph)		
Today	Fri.	
Boardman	SW 4-8	WSW 10-20
Pendleton	WSW 4-8	W 7-14
SUN AND MOON		
Sunrise today	6:05 a.m.	
Sunset tonight	7:45 p.m.	
Moonrise today	7:03 p.m.	
Moonset today	6:08 a.m.	
Full	Last	New
Apr 19	Apr 26	May 4
		May 11

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday’s National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 96° in Laredo, Texas Low 0° in Bodie State Park, Calif.

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



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