

# Salem officer survives shooting

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SALEM — A police officer survived being shot several times at close range by a motorist who was later arrested Wednesday at a nearby apartment in a capture operation assisted by around 100 law enforcement officers.

The arrest capped a night of drama in which a neighborhood of Oregon's capital city was swarmed by officers, including members of a special weapons and tactics team and from neighboring police departments. Streets were cordoned off as officers using dogs searched the area and advised residents to stay inside and lock their doors.

The officer had conducted a traffic stop on Tuesday when the driver suddenly opened fire, Lt. Treven Upkes, spokesman for the Salem Police Department, said in an interview at the scene. Residents of the neighborhood, some still in pajamas, watched as police wrapped up their operation on Wednesday morning and reopened streets.

It started when the officer, who has been with the Salem Police Department for several years, was patrolling solo and stopped a vehicle around sunset Tuesday.



Bystanders gather on a street corner and look at police activity after a police officer was shot and wounded on Wednesday in Salem.

"During that traffic stop, the suspect in the vehicle decided to open fire," Upkes said. "The officer was struck multiple times."

The officer, who has not been identified, was able to leave the area on her own and then was taken to the hospital. The shooter fled, abandoning the vehicle just a couple blocks away. Police responded almost immediately.

The Oregon State Police, the Marion County Sheriff's Department and police from the nearby towns of Woodburn and Hubbard joined the search for the gunman, Upkes said.

"There were cops everywhere, at least 25 cars here, three SWAT trucks, the bomb squad and that RV thing," said Luke Slaughter, a local resident. "We didn't know what was going on."

Police with dogs and a SWAT team searched for four hours but couldn't find the gunman, Upkes said. After they stood down, detectives got leads and tracked the suspected gunman to the same apartment complex where he had abandoned the van. Around 5 a.m., the SWAT team was called back and surrounded the apartment. A nearby elementary school was ordered

closed for Wednesday as a precaution.

Slaughter heard police negotiators call out to the suspect on a loudspeaker, saying they knew he was in there and using his name.

"They got him out quietly without any more casualties," Slaughter said.

Upkes said the suspect is in custody, facing charges including aggravated attempted murder. He has not been identified.

The officer was treated for several gunshot wounds and released from the hospital. Upkes said her bullet-proof vest may have helped save her.

# State pushes back on federal policy

Bill aims to undo changes that have weakened federal environmental protections

Oregon Public Broadcasting

A bill directing Oregon agencies to sidestep federal environmental rollbacks has cleared the Legislature, and is headed to the desk of Gov. Kate Brown.

House Bill 2250, the Oregon Environmental Protection Act, passed the Senate on Tuesday in a 16-12 vote that largely stuck to party lines. Brown, who first suggested the idea in the midst of a re-election fight last year, has championed the bill and is likely to sign the legislation.

The legislation seeks to undo changes under President Donald Trump that have weakened federal environmental protections. Once in place, it would require the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality and Oregon Health Authority to assess final changes to three federal policies: the Clean Air Act, Water Pollution Control Act and Safe

Drinking Water Act.

In cases where the agencies determined changes were "significantly less protective" to public health or the environment than regulations in place Jan. 19, 2017 — the day before Trump took office — they would be required to preserve the higher standard at minimum.

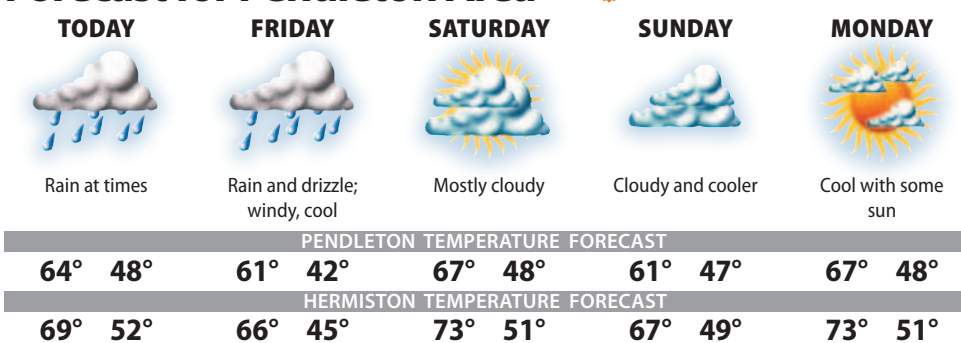
"Since 2017, we have seen a lowering of standards in the [U.S.] Environmental Protection Agency and other federal agencies," Sen. Michael Dembrow, D-Portland, said Tuesday. "This is an important bill to preserve and protect public and environmental health."

The bill cleared Dembrow's Environment and Natural Resources Committee last week.

Republican Sen. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, spoke against the bill Tuesday, arguing it mandated blind adherence to rules in place before Trump was in office.

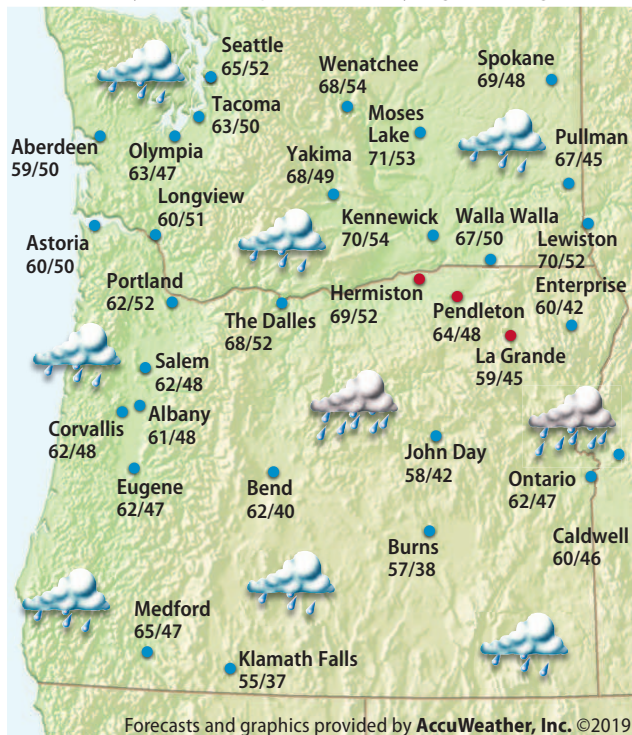
"That date is not the date for the end-all-be-all most wonderful federal standards in the history of the world," said Bentz. "No, that date has to do with the end of one political administration and the beginning of another."

## Forecast for Pendleton Area



## OREGON FORECAST

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



## ALMANAC

**PENDLETON** through 3 p.m. yest.

TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	66°	41°
Normals	71°	47°
Records	94° (1924)	32° (1905)

**PRECIPITATION**

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.04"
Month to date	0.04"
Normal month to date	0.58"
Year to date	7.80"
Last year to date	6.00"
Normal year to date	5.69"

**HERMISTON** through 3 p.m. yest.

TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	66°	42°
Normals	73°	46°
Records	97° (1939)	31° (1932)

**PRECIPITATION**

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	Trace
Month to date	Trace
Normal month to date	0.56"
Year to date	3.88"
Last year to date	4.91"
Normal year to date	4.55"

**WINDS** (in mph)

	Today	Fri.
Boardman	NW 6-12	WSW 12-25
Pendleton	NW 6-12	WSW 15-25

**SUN AND MOON**

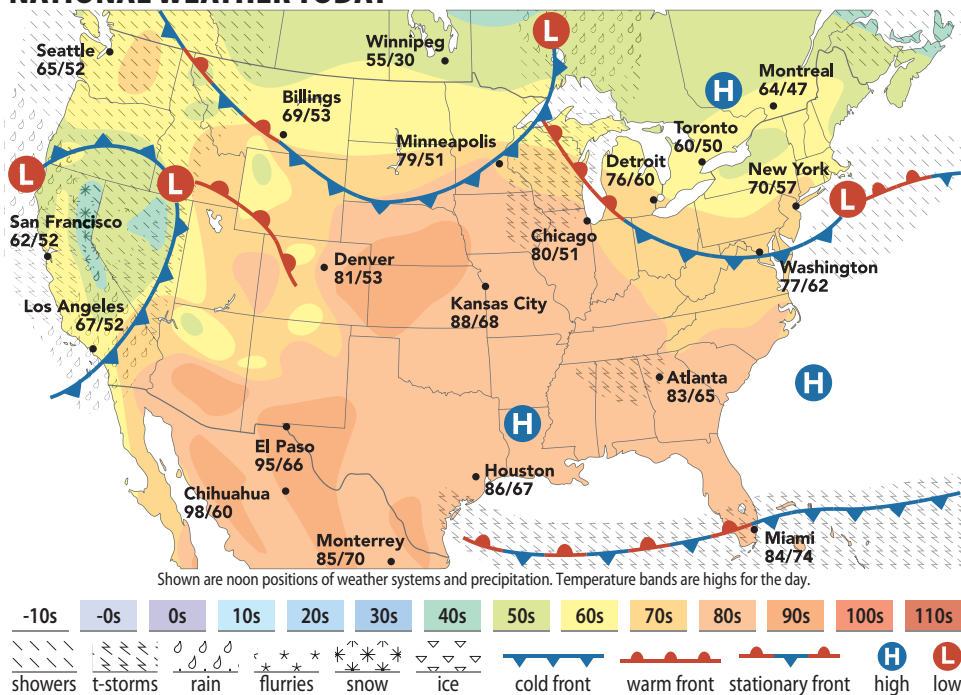
Sunrise today	5:23 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:20 p.m.
Moonrise today	5:56 p.m.
Moonset today	4:37 a.m.

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High 100° in Gila Bend, Ariz. Low 26° in Leadville, Colo.

## NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



# Oregon lawmakers still hold out hope for gun control legislation

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Oregon Gov. Kate Brown sacrificed a package of gun control legislation and a bill tightening vaccination requirements in order to pass an education funding bill this week. But lawmakers aren't giving up and hope to get gun control back on the table soon.

K-12 education funding has been a major legislative priority for Rep. Barbara Smith Warner, D-Portland, who is elated about the mul-

tibillion-dollar tax plan that will boost schools in Oregon.

"If I do nothing else in my legislative career," she said, "having been involved with that is really spectacular."

But gun control is also one of Smith Warner's priorities. And she didn't find out the political cost of education funding until she showed up at her office this week. "I was enraged," she said. "It's hard to say which is worse, the gun safety or vaccinations."

Republicans staged a walkout last week, which denied the Senate a quorum and prevented the tax bill from coming up for a vote.

Brown helped negotiate an end to the walkout by getting Democrats to ditch the guns and vaccine bills.

Smith Warner said her push for stricter gun laws in the state is far from over. She hopes to revive a bill on gun control this session or in the February short session.

**CORRECTIONS:** The starting time for the P.E.O. golf tournament on June 1 in Milton-Freewater was listed incorrectly. The tournament begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Milton-Freewater Golf Course. The *EO* regrets the error. 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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