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Northwest heat wave builds, records fall



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Raegan Sack, 4, cools off at Max Patterson Park in Gladstone, in Clackamas County, on Sunday.

Associated Press

Intense. Prolonged. Record-breaking. Unprecedented. Abnormal. Dangerous.

That's how the National Weather Service described the historic heat wave hitting the Pacific Northwest, pushing daytime temperatures into the triple digits, disrupting Olympic qualifying events and breaking all-time high temperature records in places unaccustomed to such extreme heat.

Portland reached 112 degrees Fahrenheit on Sunday, breaking the all-time temperature record of 108 F, which was set just a day earlier.

In Eugene, the U.S. track and field trials were halted Sunday afternoon and fans were asked

to evacuate the stadium due to extreme heat. The weather service said it hit 110 in Eugene, breaking the all-time record of 108. Salem also recorded the highest temperature in its history Sunday: 112, breaking the old mark by 4 degrees.

According to AccuWeather, whose numbers may differ from the National Weather Service, Bend reached a high of 105 on Sunday. AccuWeather provides The Bulletin's daily weather map, which forecasts a high of 107 on Monday.

Farther north, the temperature hit 103 at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, according to the National Weather Service.

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A sign displays the temperature at the time in Eugene, where Olympic track and field trials were delayed Sunday due to high heat. Story on A5.

PRIDE IN PRINEVILLE



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A crowd gathers to watch as Jasmine Powers, of Bend, lip-syncs to a song while performing a drag show during the Prineville Pride Festival on Sunday. Hundreds of participants filled Pioneer Park in downtown Prineville throughout the afternoon to celebrate Pride Month and show their support for the LGBTQ community.

2021 OREGON LEGISLATURE

Session concludes in a crush of bills — and undone work

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Oregon lawmakers put a bow on an unprecedented five-month legislative session Saturday, passing major bills on clean energy, wildfire prevention and police reform before adjourning their chambers for a final time.

After breaking early Friday to some legislators' dismay, the Legislature spent Saturday hustling more than 50 bills in quick succession. In a session that had sometimes been marked by rancor, lawmakers closed out in collegial and lighthearted fashion — some of them notably dressed down for the affair in shorts and novelty T-shirts.

Carrying on a Capitol tradition, legislators

in the House and Senate opened their chamber doors shortly after 5:30 p.m., waving at each other across a Capitol rotunda that has remained eerily empty for more than a year as a final resolution adjourning the session "sine die" passed in the House.

The flurry of bills passed Friday and Saturday, characteristic of late-session chaos, capped five months that were remarkable not only for the policies enacted, but the manner in which they were passed.

A session that House Speaker Tina Kotek said early on would be "about crisis response and helping people" certainly retained some of that character, with lawmakers extending policies to

protect renters from eviction and homeowners from foreclosure, while pouring money into relief for victims of 2020's historic wildfires.

But legislators did far more, too. A package of police reforms that passed with bipartisan support did not go as far as some advocates would have liked, but still included serious changes to the way law enforcement officers can respond to protests and how they face discipline.

Meanwhile, Democrats needed the buffer granted by their supermajorities to pass sweeping environmental bills that set some of the nation's most ambitious goals for cleaning up the power grid and ensuring producers have a stake in whether their products are recycled.

And lawmakers passed a record state budget, marshalling shockingly strong revenue projections and billions in federal aid to outline a \$29.4 billion spending plan that sent money to every corner of the state, increased school spending and made historic investments into housing and mental health.

All that, by the way, occurred in an unprecedented virtual session where partisan tensions and high-profile incidents of lawmaker misconduct threatened to distract from policy and budget work — and led to Oregon's first-ever expulsion of a lawmaker, former state Rep. Mike Nearman.

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