

# Weather

## Local



Provided by meteorologist Scott Lewis of KDRV

### Possible showers

It's a new month and a new year, but we are stuck with much of the same old, dry weather. There's a chance of showers coming Wednesday evening and early Thursday, but then it's back to the dry pattern with valley fog.



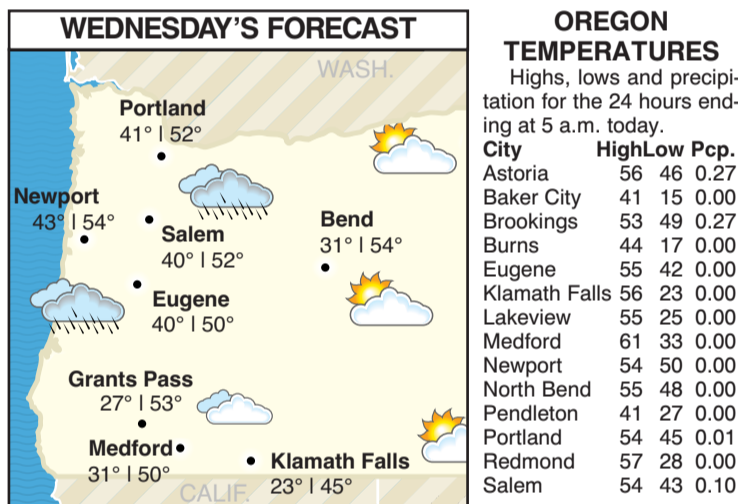
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<b>Temperatures</b>	Turbidity (NTUs) .....	4
High Saturday .....	Temperature .....	40
Low Sunday .....	At Gold Hill (cfs) .....	1,630
High Sunday .....	At Agness (cfs) .....	3,280
Low Monday .....	At Lost Creek Dam (cfs) .....	1,106
High Monday .....	Inflow at Lost Creek (cfs) .....	1,799
Low today .....	Illinois River at Kerby (cfs) .....	1,030
<b>Records</b>	<b>Applegate River</b>	
High for January 1 .....	At Wilderville (cfs) .....	243
Low for January 1 .....	At Applegate Dam (cfs) .....	119
High for January 2 .....	Inflow at Applegate (cfs) .....	248
Low for January 2 .....	<b>Weekly Summary</b>	<b>High Low</b>
High for January 3 .....	Monday .....	44 25
Low for January 3 .....	Tuesday .....	46 34
<b>Precipitation</b>	Wednesday .....	63 33
24 hrs. to 7 a.m. Sunday .....	Thursday .....	57 44
24 hrs. to 7 a.m. Monday .....	Friday .....	52 48
24 hrs. to 7 a.m. today .....	Saturday .....	52 36
Month to date .....	Sunday .....	43 33
January average .....	<b>Sunrise/Sunset</b>	
Wet season to date .....	Sunrise Wednesday .....	7:44
Wet season average to date .....	Sunset Wednesday .....	4:53
Wet season average .....	<b>RESOURCES</b>	
Year to date .....	<b>Road conditions</b>	
Annual average .....	Oregon 511; www.tripcheck.com	
<b>Rogue River</b>	California .....	916-445-7623
Grants Pass	Burning information .....	541-476-9663
Level .....	Weather .....	www.wrh.noaa.gov/Medford/
Flow (cfs) .....		

## Five-day Rogue Valley forecast

<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Showers?	<b>THURSDAY</b> Mostly cloudy	<b>FRIDAY</b> Fog, sunny	<b>SATURDAY</b> Fog, sunny	<b>SUNDAY</b> Fog, sunny
Low: 27 High: 53	Low: mid-30s High: high 40s	Low: near 30 High: mid-40s	Low: mid-30s High: high 40s	Low: mid-20s High: high 40s

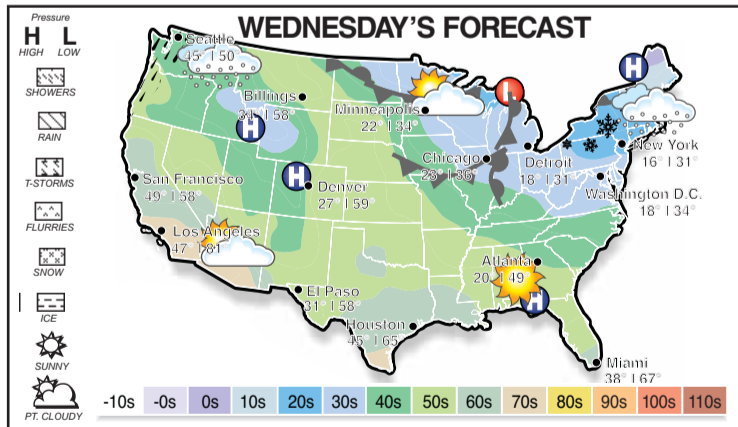
## Oregon



## Regional forecasts

- EUGENE:** Tonight: Cloudy. Lows around 40. Wednesday: Cloudy. Patchy morning fog. Chance of rain. Highs 50 to 55.
- PORTLAND:** Tonight: Cloudy. Lows 40 to 45. Wednesday: Cloudy. Patchy morning fog. Chance of rain. Highs around 50.
- CENTRAL OREGON:** Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows 27 to 32. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy. Highs 46 to 52.
- SOUTH OREGON COAST:** Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid-40s. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy. Patchy fog in the morning. Highs in the mid-50s to lower 60s. South winds 10 to 20 mph.
- CASCADES, SISKIYOU:** Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s to lower 40s. Wednesday: Partly cloudy in the morning then becoming mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower to mid-50s.

## National



## National temperatures

City	High	Low	Pre	Outk	City	High	Low	Pre	Outk
Albuquerque	50	25	cldy		Flagstaff	50	19	cldy	
Anchorage	00	10	B		Helena	41	23	cldy	
Austin	60	25	clr		Honolulu	82	70	clr	
Billings	51	40	clr		Houston	62	33	clr	
Boise	49	27	cldy		Juneau	39	25.06	snow	
Boston	44	28	clr		Key West	77	63	clr	
Buffalo	32	13.04	snow		Las Vegas	66	45	cldy	
Cheyenne	51	39	clr		Los Angeles	80	50	clr	
Chicago	25	13.01	cldy		Miami Beach	78	53	clr	
Dallas-Ft Worth	54	30	clr		Milwaukee	22	10	cldy	
Denver	52	34	cldy		New Orleans	58	40	clr	
Des Moines	28	10	clr		New York City	42	28	snow	
Detroit	30	19	m cldy		Orlando	66	40	clr	
Fairbanks	B2342B	.04	cldy		Philadelphia	42	28	clr	
					Phoenix	79	55	cldy	
					Pittsburgh	30	19.02	snow	
					Portland, Maine	43	25	clr	

# The nation

## November construction spending up 1.2 percent

WASHINGTON — Construction spending jumped in November as builders spent more on single-family homes, apartments and remodeling projects. The Commerce Department said today that spending on construction projects rose 1.2 percent in November, following a revised 0.2 percent drop in October. The increase was the third in four months and the largest since a 2.2 percent rise in August. The November increase pushed spending to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$807.1 billion, still barely half the \$1.5 trillion that economists consider healthy. Analysts say it could be four years before construction returns to health levels.

## Honda mileage lawsuit follows unique road

TORRANCE, Calif. — A woman with a complaint against Honda Motor Co. is taking an unusual route for her lawsuit. Instead of joining a class action involving her 2006 Honda Civic Hybrid, she is going to small claims court. Heather Peters hopes to get \$10,000 in damages, far more than Honda owners would get in a proposed nationwide class-action settlement. Peters says she was promised her car would get 50 miles per gallon, but it didn't come close. Peters is a former lawyer and believes she has a better chance in small claims court, where defendants can't be represented by high-priced lawyers. A hearing is scheduled today in Torrance, where American Honda has its headquarters.

## Manufacturing grows at fastest pace in 6 months

WASHINGTON — Manufacturing grew in December at the fastest pace in six months, the latest sign that the U.S. economy gained momentum at the end of last year. The Institute for Supply Management, a trade group of purchasing managers, says its manufacturing index rose to 53.9 from 52.7 in November. Readings above 50 indicate expansion. Manufacturing has expanded for more than two years. Factories were one of the first areas of the economy to start growing after the recession officially ended in June 2009.

## Powerball officials hope \$2 won't scare off players

DES MOINES, Iowa — Powerball lottery organizers are betting that bigger jackpots will entice more people to play, but gamblers are going to have to dig deeper into their wallets to try their luck. Tickets for the multi-state game are doubling in price to \$2 beginning Jan 15. While the odds of winning one of the game's giant jackpots also are improving, those in charge of the lottery are gambling that people are willing to pay more for the hope of becoming a millionaire in a down economy. Powerball's move follows the model of scratch ticket games, which once were all \$1 but now are offered at higher prices with the chance for bigger prizes.

# People

## Grammy winner seeks to be elected Senegal president

DAKAR, Senegal — World music icon Youssou N'dour says he plans to run in Senegal's presidential election next month, challenging an 85-year-old incumbent whose plans to seek a third term have sparked violent protests. N'dour, who made the announcement late Monday on his private radio and TV stations, joins some 20 other candidates already running against President Abdoulaye Wade. While the Grammy-winning artist sells out concert venues worldwide and is the West African country's most famous cultural export, his prospects with Senegalese voters remain unclear. N'dour, 52, is well known in Senegal for his scathing critique of the country's ruling party. He already owns a hugely popular private radio station that holds regular debates featuring government critics.

## Aretha Franklin, 69, plans to marry longtime friend

NEW YORK — Aretha Franklin is engaged to longtime friend William "Willie" Wilkerson. The Grammy-winning singer told The Associated Press in a statement Monday that she and Wilkerson are considering a summer wedding, perhaps in Miami Beach, Fla. The Queen of Soul wants to follow the ceremony with a reception on a private yacht. The 69-year-old jokes: "No, I'm not pregnant." Franklin and Wilkerson became engaged over the holidays. Franklin has been married twice before.

# Today in history

- HIGHLIGHT IN HISTORY:** On Jan. 3, 1959, Alaska became the 49th state as President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed a proclamation.
- ON THIS DATE:** In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was organized. In 1990, ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, 10 days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission.
- BIRTHDAYS:** Actor Dabney Coleman is 80. Musician Stephen Stills is 67. Actress Victoria Principal is 62. Actor-director Mel Gibson is 56. Actor Jason Marsden is 37. Actress Danica McKellar is 37. Singer Kimberley Locke ("American Idol") is 34. Pop-rock musician Nash Overstreet (Hot Chelle (shel) Rae) is 26.

# Clinic

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"It's almost impossible to do without an electronic medical health record," said Dr. Lyle Jackson, medical director at Mid Rogue IPA. He added that the electronic health records are also used to track data and ensure patients are receiving preventive care such as mammograms, or eye tests for people with diabetes. "The fact that Mid Rogue eHealth is based here locally makes it easier to get immediate assistance when we have questions about the electronic health records," Williams said. Electronic health records allow health care providers to store and retrieve large volumes of information, track lab orders

and other diagnostic tests, coordinate referrals and analyze how care is being delivered. "Better communication between multiple providers allows for more consistent care," said Kris Keith, clinical coordinator at Mountainview. "It allows us to stay in the loop as far as what care patients are receiving elsewhere." Mountainview has been providing care in Grants Pass for more than 18 years and takes care of more than 16,000 patients. "(Mountainview) really hit all of the standards," said Dr. Jeanene Smith, administrator for the Office of Oregon Health Policy and Research, which handles certification for medical homes. "That's truly integrating the care and that's really what the whole transformation effort is, thinking about patient needs and then making it happen." Smith said medical homes are a "building block" in the foundation of coordinated care organizations introduced in House Bill 3650, which was approved during the 2011 session of the Oregon Legislature. The bill calls for an integrated and coordinated health care system for recipients of medical assistance such as the Oregon Health Plan, the state's Medicaid program. Medical homes are considered the fundamental delivery method for the system.

# The world



Associated Press

## A woman holds a lamppost in strong winds at South Shields, England, today.

## Unusually strong winds buffet United Kingdom

LONDON — Winds surpassing 100 miles per hour are tormenting parts of Britain, wreaking havoc with travel. The Met Office today reported extremely high winds in several parts of the country, leading to power outages, seaport closings and extremely hazardous driving conditions. Many companies suspended ferry traffic across the English Channel until high winds subside. The Met Office says winds were particularly high in Scotland and Northern Ireland, with Edinburgh reporting gusts of 102 miles per hour. Air travel has been slowed, and falling trees have caused widespread power outages along with numerous road closures.

## Nuclear rod-owning Iran to US: Stay out of gulf

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's army chief today warned an American aircraft carrier not to return to the Persian Gulf in Tehran's latest rhetoric over the strategic waterway. Gen. Ataollah Salehi spoke as a 10-day Iranian naval exercise ended near the Strait of Hormuz at the mouth of the Gulf. The drill was a show of strength at a time when Iranian officials have warned they could try to shut down the vital oil passage if the United States enacts tough new sanctions over Iran's nuclear program. Iran announced Sunday it has produced the nation's first nuclear fuel rod. "We recommend to the American warship that passed through the Strait of Hormuz and went to Gulf of Oman not to return to the Persian Gulf," Salehi said.

# The West

## Body of alleged killer of ranger found on Rainier

MOUNT RAINIER NATIONAL PARK, Wash. — Authorities have confirmed Monday afternoon that a body found on the slopes of Mount Rainier National Park was that of an Iraq War veteran suspected in the slaying of a park ranger. Benjamin Colton Barnes, 24, is believed to have fled to the remote park to hide after an earlier shooting at a New Year's house party near Seattle that wounded four, two critically. Authorities believe he shot ranger Margaret Anderson later Sunday. She had set up a vehicle as a roadblock on a park road just before the shooting, which happened at about 11 a.m. near the Longmire Ranger Station in the southwestern part of the park, Taylor said. Fear that tourists could be caught in the crossfire in a shootout with Barnes, who had survivalist training, prompted officials to hold more than a 100 people at the visitors' center before evacuating them in the middle of the night.

## Man who has 'Railroad' tattoo hit by train ladder

HOOD RIVER — A homeless man with the word "Railroad" tattooed on his chest is expected to survive being struck by a ladder attached to the side of a moving train hours after he was released from an Oregon prison and began drinking alcohol. Paul Lloyd, a 47-year-old transient, was released from a prison in The Dalles on Friday morning. While walking on railroad tracks east of Hood River, a train operator spotted him and sounded a horn. That's when police say Lloyd lifted his shirt to reveal his tattoo as the train bore down on him. Lloyd slid out of the way but was struck by the ladder. Police spent 90 minutes searching for him after a driver reported a man staggering near Interstate Highway 84. He faces trespass and disorderly-conduct charges.

# Lotteries

- MEGABUCKS.** Nobody won Monday, pushing the estimated jackpot to \$15.7 million for Wednesday's drawing. Monday's winning numbers: 31-2-5-18-21-47. Nobody won Saturday. The winning numbers: 6-15-23-25-39-43.
- POWERBALL.** Nobody won Saturday, pushing the estimated jackpot to \$30 million for Wednesday's drawing. Saturday's winning numbers: 5-23-25-28-40; Powerball: 34; Power Play: 4.
- WIN FOR LIFE.** Monday's winning numbers: 1-14-21-69. Saturday's winning numbers: 12-46-50-64.
- PICK 4.** Monday's winning numbers — 1 p.m.: 3-9-2-1; 4 p.m.: 4-9-2-5; 7 p.m.: 4-2-1-6; 10 p.m.: 2-5-7-7. Sunday's winning numbers — 1 p.m.: 7-6-3-8; 4 p.m.: 9-6-2-4; 7 p.m.: 1-5-3-5; 10 p.m.: 7-8-9-0. Saturday's winning numbers — 1 p.m.: 6-3-0-2; 4 p.m.: 5-6-4-4; 7 p.m.: 2-1-3-4; 10 p.m.: 8-3-0-3.

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