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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Partly sunny	Mostly cloudy with a shower	Cloudy	Mostly cloudy and mild	Mostly cloudy with a shower

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
57°	42°	58°	39°	58°
42°	39°	48°	47°	41°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
59°	41°	61°	35°	61°
41°	35°	44°	46°	41°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
60°	39°
Normals	51° 32°
Records	74° (1925) 1° (1993)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.24"
Month to date 0.24"
Normal month to date 0.03"
Year to date 2.61"
Last year to date 1.55"
Normal year to date 2.58"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

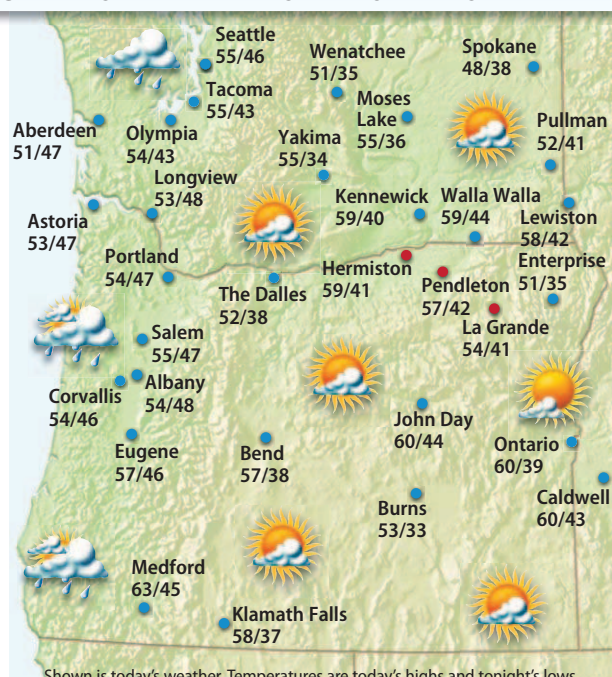
HIGH	LOW
53°	41°
Normals	53° 31°
Records	69° (1959) 10° (1993)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.09"
Month to date 0.09"
Normal month to date 0.04"
Year to date 1.58"
Last year to date 1.06"
Normal year to date 2.31"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:31 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:44 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:36 a.m.
Moonset today	11:21 a.m.

New First Full Last
Mar 8 Mar 15 Mar 23 Mar 31



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Rain today; any time in central parts, during the afternoon elsewhere.

Eastern Washington: Partly sunny today.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Partly sunny today; a shower in spots near the Cascades during the afternoon.

Western Washington: Variable cloudiness today with a shower in spots.

Cascades: Rather cloudy today; a couple of afternoon showers, but dry in central parts.

Northern California: Mostly cloudy today; rain at the coast.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	53	47	r	56	48	sh
Baker City	51	34	pc	55	28	c
Bend	57	38	pc	55	37	pc
Brookings	59	49	r	58	48	pc
Burns	53	33	s	51	25	c
Enterprise	51	35	pc	53	30	r
Eugene	57	46	sh	62	44	sh
Heppner	56	41	pc	58	33	pc
Hermiston	59	41	pc	61	35	c
John Day	60	44	pc	59	38	sh
Klamath Falls	58	37	pc	56	34	sn
La Grande	54	41	pc	56	35	r
Meacham	52	39	pc	52	34	r
Medford	63	45	pc	63	40	pc
Newport	55	49	r	58	49	sh
North Bend	60	49	r	62	49	sh
Ontario	60	39	s	62	36	c
Pasco	59	38	pc	62	35	c
Pendleton	57	42	pc	58	39	c
Portland	54	47	sh	59	46	sh
Redmond	59	36	pc	59	32	pc
Salem	55	47	sh	61	45	pc
Spokane	48	38	pc	50	34	c
Ukiah	53	40	pc	54	32	r
Vancouver	53	47	sh	56	46	sh
Walla Walla	59	44	pc	59	40	c
Yakima	55	34	pc	60	34	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	66	30	s	62	33	pc
Hong Kong	67	60	s	69	62	s
Jerusalem	75	54	pc	57	44	sh
London	46	38	sh	48	37	c
Mexico City	65	48	pc	66	49	pc
Moscow	39	31	i	36	29	c
Paris	49	38	sh	48	39	sh
Rome	60	46	pc	57	38	sh
Seoul	47	32	s	54	39	c
Sydney	86	71	pc	85	71	s
Tokyo	50	41	s	59	43	s

WINDS

	Today	Thursday
Boardman	WNW 3-6	SW 4-8
Pendleton	S 4-8	WSW 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

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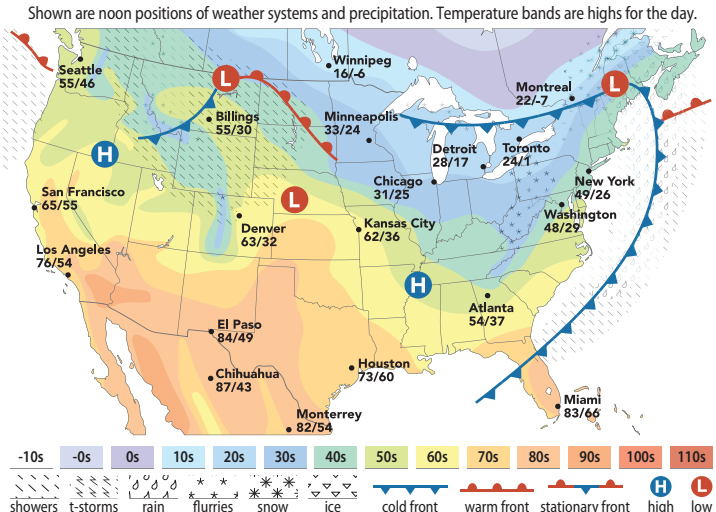
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: As colder air invades the East, showers will push southward through Florida today as snow showers occur downwind of the Great Lakes. Rain and mountain snow will fall over the northern Rockies and High Plains.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 92° in Zapata, Texas Low -20° in Crane Lake, Minn.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	74	40	s	74	41	pc
Atlanta	54	37	s	61	45	r
Atlantic City	49	28	pc	38	31	pc
Baltimore	45	26	pc	40	28	pc
Billings	55	30	pc	62	36	pc
Birmingham	58	40	s	59	45	r
Boise	60	44	s	62	40	c
Boston	49	21	r	34	22	s
Charleston, SC	67	41	pc	65	48	s
Charleston, WV	38	27	sf	53	34	r
Chicago	31	25	pc	34	21	sn
Cleveland	29	22	sf	35	23	sn
Dallas	71	60	s	74	43	s
Denver	63	32	pc	68	36	pc
Detroit	28	17	c	32	15	sn
El Paso	84	49	s	87	47	pc
Fairbanks	23	3	s	22	5	s
Fargo	36	22	pc	32	23	pc
Honolulu	79	65	s	80	66	pc
Houston	73	60	pc	81	52	pc
Indianapolis	39	31	pc	37	26	sn
Jacksonville	75	43	pc	76	53	pc
Kansas City	62	36	pc	53	31	c
Las Vegas	82	55	pc	82	56	pc
Little Rock	61	47	s	70	39	pc
Los Angeles	76	54	pc	72	54	pc
Louisville	44	35	pc	50	34	sn
Memphis	57	47	pc	62	40	r
Miami	83	66	pc	82	65	pc
Millwaukee	27	20	pc	31	20	sn
Minneapolis	33	24	pc	36	25	sf
Nashville	49	38	pc	54	38	r
New Orleans	69	53	s	77	56	t
New York City	49	26	r	38	30	pc
Oklahoma City	72	44	s	70	39	s
Omaha	53	31	pc	46	31	c
Philadelphia	47	27	pc	40	31	pc
Phoenix	90	60	s	90	58	pc
Portland, ME	49	14	r	29	12	s
Providence	53	21	r	36	23	s
Raleigh	54	30	pc	53	39	pc
Rapid City	55	29	sh	53	32	pc
Reno	70	42	pc	62	37	c
Sacramento	72	51	pc	65	51	c
St. Louis	51	44	pc	51	33	r
Salt Lake City	62	38	s	63	40	pc
San Diego	71	57	pc	69	55	pc
San Francisco	65	55	pc	64	57	c
Seattle	55	46	c	56	45	sh
Tucson	88	51	s	89	50	pc
Washington, DC	48	29	pc	43	35	pc
Wichita	74	41	pc	64	35	s

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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ENERGY: Senate Bill 1547 expands incentives for biomass power plants

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The House vote sets up a possible duel in the Senate with a nearly identical bill, which would also double the renewable energy mandate and force PacifiCorp and Portland General Electric to stop paying for coal power. Both are scheduled for Senate votes on Wednesday.

House Bill 4036, which is already in the Senate, had stalled there in the face of a Republican maneuver to delay a vote. In response, Democrats stuffed a modified version of the bill into Senate Bill 1547, which received the House vote Tuesday.

Since an earlier version of that bill already passed the Senate, it only needs a final up or down vote in the Senate before it would go to Gov. Kate Brown for a signature. If the Senate votes to pass House Bill 4036, it would still have to go back to the House for a final up or

down vote.

There are some differences between the two bills.

Senate Bill 1547 expands incentives for biomass power plants and power plants that burn garbage, and it allows the utilities to seek rate increases to pay for renewable energy that is up to 4 percent more expensive than traditional sources such as natural gas.

House Bill 4036 contains a 3 percent cost cap and calls for the Oregon Public Utility Commission to adopt regulations that encourage competitive bidding and diverse ownership of renewable energy facilities.

The legislation ran into controversy before the legislative session began, when The Oregonian reported that Brown's administration had instructed public utility commissioners not to go public with their concerns that the bill would be expensive for consumers yet do little to reduce greenhouse

gas emissions from coal plants.

The House vote on Senate Bill 1547 on Tuesday largely followed party lines with support from Democrats, although several Republicans also voted for the bill. Two lawmakers were excused from the vote.

Rep. Jessica Vega Pederson, D-Portland, said it was important to pass Senate Bill 1547 because it will impact the type of power sources the utilities choose to replace coal. A representative of Portland General Electric told lawmakers last month the legislation could determine how much the utility relies on natural gas, as opposed to variable sources such as wind and solar, as it phases out coal power.

Rep. Cliff Bentz, R-Ontario, said the legislation had improved after a series of modifications by lawmakers and other interested parties but still needed more work.

Corrections

The article "Workforce needs study underway for Umatilla County" gave the incorrect website for the online survey. The correct address is www.surveymonkey.com/r/umatilla-countyworkforceneeds. An article in Tuesday's *East Oregonian* provided an incorrect name for one of three members reappointed to the state forestry board. Her name is Cindy Deacon Williams. 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.

WOLF: Number of attacks on livestock confirmed by ODFW decreased for the second year in a row

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of the Mount Emily pack was killed on public land near the boundary of the Umatilla Indian Reservation. By then, wolves had been taken off the state endangered species list.

Sgt. Tim Brown, with the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division in Pendleton, is investigating the two open cases. He said they are not related, and both happened in remote areas with limited access.

"We're trying to investigate as thoroughly as we can, and protect any clues we have," Brown said. "We have leads we're following. Some of that stuff just takes time."

Brown said OSP typically doesn't issue releases on these cases unless they feel the public can provide additional information. Since these two wolves were found in such isolated country, he said they didn't feel it was necessary. By no means were they trying to deceive the public, he said.

"As isolated as they were, the individuals who shot

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— Steve Pedery, conservation director with Oregon Wild

those wolves in both these cases are likely the only ones who know about it," Brown said.

Pedery, though, said it sends the wrong message to keep quiet about poaching cases while publicizing every incident of livestock predation — especially as the legislature is considering whether to affirm the state's decision to delist wolves.

"I think for anyone looking at how the last few months have gone down, it should be disturbing that these two poachings were buried down in this report," he said.

The 2015 wolf report highlighted a 34 percent population increase in Oregon, reaching a minimum of 110 wolves by the end of the year. The number of wolf attacks on livestock

confirmed by ODFW actually decreased for the second year in a row.

ODFW also found a new pack of wolves in southern Umatilla and Morrow counties, located in the Heppner unit. Morgan said they made the discovery on Jan. 18, and biologists will try to catch and collar at least one of the five wolves to learn more about them.

"They're in some pretty remote area," Morgan said. "Undoubtedly, the adults dispersed from other packs. That's how this works."

The pack hasn't yet been named. Morgan said they were spotted west of Battle Mountain.

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