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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny	Partly sunny	A morning shower, then showers	Cloudy with a couple of showers	Mostly cloudy with a shower
PENDELTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
56°	29°	59°	37°	53°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
59°	28°	61°	35°	59°

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PENDELTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	49°	31°
Normals	55°	36°
Records	76° (1900)	10° (1906)

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
 Month to date 0.90"
 Normal month to date 0.71"
 Year to date 3.27"
 Last year to date 2.01"
 Normal year to date 3.26"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

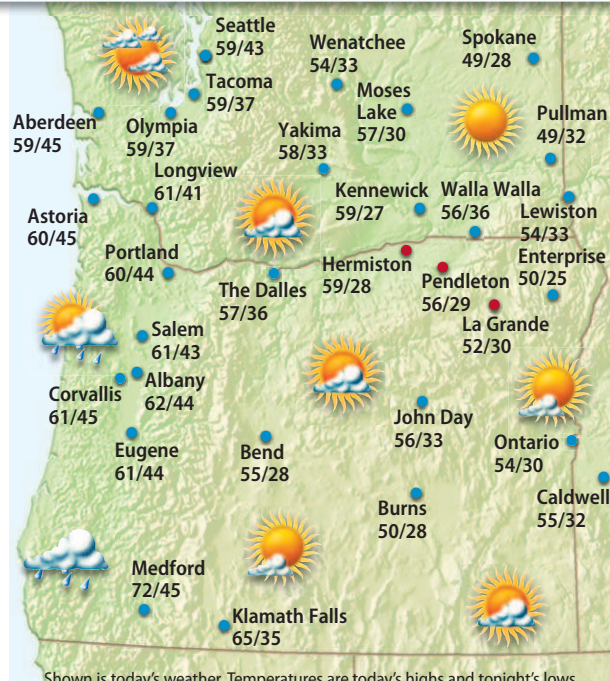
TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	54°	32°
Normals	58°	35°
Records	76° (1972)	19° (2002)

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
 Month to date 0.63"
 Normal month to date 0.53"
 Year to date 2.12"
 Last year to date 1.25"
 Normal year to date 2.80"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:02 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:05 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:41 p.m.
Moonset today	4:29 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Mar 23	Mar 31	Apr 7	Apr 13



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Clouds and sun today. A shower in spots in the south; pleasant across the north.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

Western Washington: Times of clouds and sun today. Mostly cloudy tonight; a passing shower at the coast.

Eastern Washington: Sunny in the north, near the Idaho border and in the mountains today; partly sunny in the south, central and Cascades.

Cascades: Clouds and sun today. Patchy clouds tonight. A blend of sunshine and clouds tomorrow.

Northern California: Partly sunny, a shower this afternoon.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	60	45	pc	55	45	c
Baker City	48	24	s	55	30	pc
Bend	55	28	pc	60	36	pc
Brookings	59	49	pc	56	48	c
Burns	50	28	pc	57	33	pc
Enterprise	50	25	s	56	29	pc
Eugene	61	44	pc	60	47	c
Heppner	53	29	pc	57	34	pc
Hermiston	59	28	pc	61	35	pc
John Day	56	33	pc	62	39	pc
Klamath Falls	65	35	s	61	41	pc
La Grande	52	30	s	58	36	pc
Meacham	49	29	s	56	36	pc
Medford	72	45	pc	66	47	c
Newport	59	48	pc	55	48	c
North Bend	61	49	pc	57	48	c
Ontario	54	30	s	60	36	pc
Pasco	59	31	s	62	38	pc
Pendleton	56	29	pc	59	37	pc
Portland	60	44	pc	62	47	c
Redmond	55	26	pc	60	36	pc
Salem	61	43	pc	60	47	c
Spokane	49	28	s	56	36	pc
Ukiah	52	24	pc	59	31	pc
Vancouver	60	44	pc	60	46	c
Walla Walla	56	36	s	61	41	pc
Yakima	58	33	pc	61	37	pc

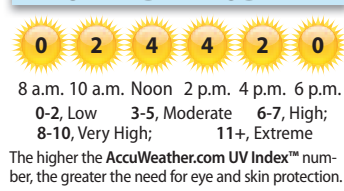
WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	70	35	s	62	33	pc
Hong Kong	73	65	c	73	65	pc
Jerusalem	59	46	s	68	49	pc
London	48	40	c	47	39	c
Mexico City	78	52	pc	78	50	pc
Moscow	31	15	sn	26	15	sn
Paris	54	37	s	49	36	pc
Rome	60	44	pc	62	43	s
Seoul	64	38	pc	59	36	s
Sydney	85	63	t	72	64	s
Tokyo	63	55	pc	64	50	r

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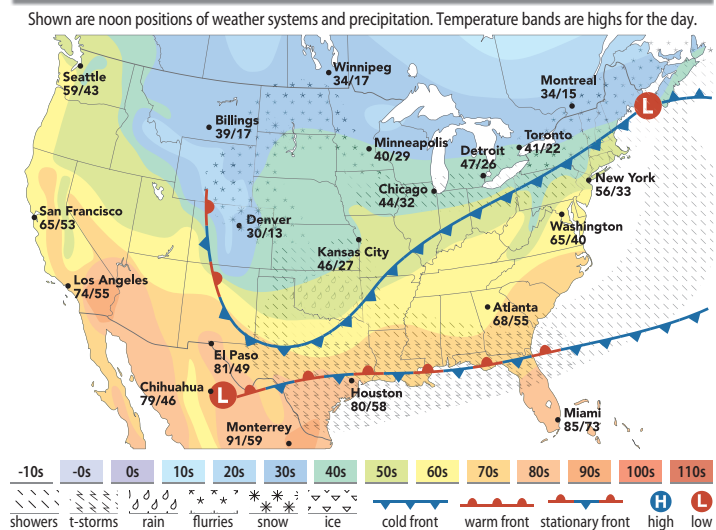
(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	NE 6-12	NE 4-8
Pendleton	ENE 4-8	NE 4-8

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Drenching rain and thunderstorms will affect the Gulf Coast states today. Showers of rain, ice and snow will extend from the Northeast to the lower Great Lakes. Snow will blanket part of Colorado.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High 92° in Imperial, Calif. Low -5° in Lake Yellowstone, Wyo.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	69	36	s	65	36	s
Atlanta	68	55	c	64	42	r
Atlantic City	60	38	pc	44	36	s
Baltimore	63	36	pc	48	33	s
Billings	39	17	c	47	24	s
Birmingham	69	55	c	64	41	r
Boise	52	33	s	60	39	s
Boston	52	28	sh	41	26	s
Charleston, SC	74	58	c	71	55	r
Charleston, WV	64	39	pc	47	33	r
Chicago	44	32	c	41	31	c
Cleveland	47	28	c	38	28	s
Dallas	69	43	r	60	38	pc
Denver	30	13	sn	36	15	s
Detroit	47	26	c	40	27	s
El Paso	81	49	s	68	43	s
Fairbanks	17	4	c	21	19	sn
Fargo	39	28	sf	38	25	sf
Honolulu	77	70	pc	79	69	pc
Houston	80	58	r	65	47	pc
Indianapolis	56	37	pc	46	28	c
Jacksonville	76	61	t	77	58	t
Kansas City	46	27	c	47	29	pc
Las Vegas	80	56	s	81	58	s
Little Rock	64	44	pc	60	36	pc
Los Angeles	74	55	pc	74	55	pc
Louisville	64	42	pc	48	35	r
Memphis	67	45	pc	56	37	c
Miami	85	73	pc	82	72	sh
Milwaukee	40	29	c	37	27	c
Minneapolis	40	29	sf	41	27	sf
Nashville	69	46	pc	57	37	c
New Orleans	78	64	r	69	51	t
New York City	56	33	c	46	30	s
Oklahoma City	52	31	r	56	30	s
Omaha	48	29	c	45	28	sn
Philadelphia	62	35	pc	46	33	s
Phoenix	88	59	s	89	60	s
Portland, ME	48	21	pc	38	20	s
Providence	54	28	c	44	26	s
Raleigh	72	47	s	56	40	r
Rapid City	38	14	sf	39	13	s
Reno	70	37	s	70	43	pc
Sacramento	74	49	s	71	51	pc
St. Louis	53	38	pc	51	35	r
Salt Lake City	51	31	s	58	38	s
San Diego	70	57	pc	69	58	pc
San Francisco	65	53	pc	65	53	pc
Seattle	59	43	pc	58	46	c
Tucson	84	51	s	85	53	s
Washington, DC	65	40	pc	49	35	pc
Wichita	43	23	r	51	26	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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DOJ opens investigation of Grant County Sheriff Palmer

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Glenn Palmer

When Oregon State Police stopped Robert "LaVoy" Fincum along a remote stretch of Highway 395, the militant was desperate to reach one man.

"I'm going over to meet with the sheriff in Grant County," Fincum yelled to troopers during the Jan. 26 fatal traffic stop, moments before his death. "You can come along with us, and talk with us over there."

Fincum had reason to try and reach Sheriff Glenn Palmer. Over his four terms in office, Palmer has been outspoken about what he sees as government overreach. Palmer met with some of the key figures of the occupation over lunch in John Day in January along with a small group of local residents, but said he didn't know three of the occupiers would be there.

"It was unbeknownst to me," Palmer told the *Blue Mountain Eagle*. "I was asked to go to a meeting and when I got there realized who they were."

"He showed up just to find out what was going on," said Jim Sproul, a friend and supporter of Palmer's. "As a public servant, I really respect that, because the man goes to the source instead of taking things second hand." But the fact that Palmer even met with some of the occupiers has drawn criticism.

"His law enforcement leadership is lacking," said Gordon Larson, retired area commander for Oregon State Police. "You need to be careful of who you associate yourself with. You're always going to be viewed with the company you keep," Larson said. Larson believes that kind of association with a law enforcement official, explicit or not, can lend credence to a group. "When you lend credence to somebody, that emboldens them."

The state DOJ said Wednesday that the agency has opened an investigation into one of the complaints about Palmer, although the agency won't describe the complaint while the investi-

gation is ongoing. Evidence of wrongdoing could lead to criminal charges and revocation of Palmer's law enforcement certification.

Palmer's approach to the occupiers was very different from other law enforcement, but his approach to his role as sheriff is, too. Most Oregon county sheriffs sent deputies to assist with law enforcement patrols during the occupation. Palmer did not, although he did house Harney County inmates at the Grant County jail for about a week to help free up space and staff in Burns.

The Oregon State Sheriff's Association made a public statement opposing the actions of the "militia men and women" at the refuge, and called their behavior criminal. In contrast, in an interview with the *Blue Mountain Eagle*, Palmer referred to the occupiers as "Americans" and "Patriots."

Law enforcement officials in charge of the fatal traffic stop were wary of Palmer's approach to the occupiers. The report detailing the investigation into Fincum's death revealed that the roadblock was originally planned for Grant County, but was moved to avoid involving Palmer.

Beyond the DOJ investigation, Palmer's statements about the occupation have some Grant County residents worrying that the next anti-government action might happen in their community. Palmer has become a focal point of the "what's next?" now that the refuge occupation is over. Some in Grant County see him as a rogue activist more interested in advancing an anti-federal government agenda than protecting public safety.

"Sheriff Palmer's blatant disregard for the potential consequences of pushing his personal agenda over the welfare and safety of the general public that he is sworn to protect is at the very least an ethical transgression," Valerie Luttrell, John Day's emergency dispatch manager, wrote in a complaint to state regulators.

But to many in the growing "patriot" movement, Palmer is the lone elected hero standing up to federal agencies and fighting to protect individual liberties. In addition to the complaints, state regulators have received three letters in support of Palmer. Facebook pages and groups in support of Palmer have more than 2,000 members and likes.

Even Ammon Bundy, the leader of the refuge occupation, has voiced his support of Palmer from jail.

"He has been an exemplary sheriff," Melvin and Harriet Crum wrote state regulators. "As an elected official he represents all of Grant County fairly and is not beholden to any other county officer, which is how it should be."

Mailers list primary options for unaffiliated Oregon voters

EUGENE (AP) — Unaffiliated voters in Oregon still have time to register with a political party and vote in the May primary election, and the state will be mailing reminders to those voters explaining their options.

There are 540,000 unaffiliated voters statewide, according to Secretary of State Jeanne Atkins. Her office announced Wednesday that it will send mailers to voters this year laying out their options, which is atypical, reported *The Register-Guard*.

Atkins' office says they are sending out the one-page sheets because the Independ-

ent Party has decided to open its primary voting to unaffiliated voters during its first election as a major party in Oregon.

The Oregon Democratic and Republican parties will still have closed primaries, meaning only people registered as members of that party can participate.

The mailer tells nonaffiliated voters that they can do nothing and vote only in nonpartisan races in May, join a major party and vote in its primary or opt to participate in the Independent Party primary by requesting a ballot by April 26.

Unaffiliated voters make

up 24 percent of registered voters in Oregon, up from 22 percent in 2001, and fewer voters are registering as Democrats or Republicans.

That trend is growing larger because of an automatic voter registration law known as "Motor Voter." It has the state automatically register new voters as unaffiliated unless they choose a party or opt out of registration.

The law kicked in this year and so far, 86 percent of the new voters it registered are unaffiliated. Motor Voter is expected to cause Oregon's voter rolls to swell by 400,000, an 18 percent increase.

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