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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Clouds and sun, a shower or two	A shower and t-storm around	Sun and some clouds	Sunshine and patchy clouds	Warm with increasing clouds
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
61°	41°	57°	39°	62°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
64°	42°	62°	41°	66°
71°	41°	77°	47°	

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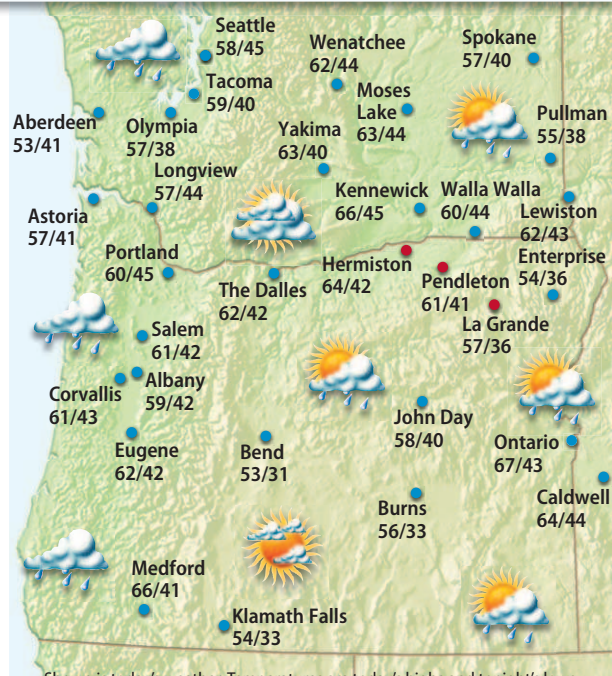
PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	63°	48°
Normals	61°	39°
Records	85° (1934)	23° (1903)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.05"
Month to date	0.13"
Normal month to date	0.51"
Year to date	4.12"
Last year to date	2.97"
Normal year to date	4.51"



HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	66°	51°
Normals	64°	39°
Records	89° (1936)	23° (2011)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.04"
Month to date	0.14"
Normal month to date	0.29"
Year to date	2.84"
Last year to date	1.78"
Normal year to date	3.43"

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Rain today; any time across the north, during the afternoon elsewhere.

Eastern Washington: Times of clouds and sun today with a stray shower.

Western Washington: A shower today; a couple of showers, then a steadier rain at the coast.

Cascades: More clouds than sun today; a shower in spots, but a snow shower in the south.

North Central California: Mostly cloudy today; however, some sun in the interior mountains.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	57	41	sh	58	43	r
Baker City	59	35	sh	50	29	t
Bend	53	31	pc	49	26	r
Brookings	57	46	r	53	43	sh
Burns	56	33	pc	48	30	t
Enterprise	54	36	sh	49	33	t
Eugene	62	42	sh	56	40	r
Heppner	58	38	pc	54	35	t
Hermiston	64	42	pc	62	41	sh
John Day	58	40	sh	51	38	t
Klamath Falls	54	33	pc	45	27	sh
La Grande	57	36	sh	54	35	t
Meacham	54	36	sh	51	34	t
Medford	66	41	c	56	39	r
Newport	58	44	sh	55	43	r
North Bend	61	46	r	57	44	r
Ontario	67	43	pc	60	40	t
Pasco	66	42	pc	64	37	sh
Pendleton	61	41	sh	57	39	t
Portland	60	45	sh	58	44	r
Redmond	58	30	pc	51	23	t
Salem	61	42	sh	58	41	r
Spokane	57	40	pc	54	37	t
Ukiah	55	35	sh	48	33	t
Vancouver	56	43	sh	57	42	r
Walla Walla	60	44	sh	57	43	t
Yakima	63	40	c	64	39	sh

WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	78	47	s	74	43	s
Hong Kong	82	74	t	82	76	c
Jerusalem	56	46	t	60	49	pc
London	62	43	pc	60	48	r
Mexico City	83	53	pc	84	52	pc
Moscow	60	45	pc	64	46	c
Paris	61	44	pc	62	49	t
Rome	72	52	pc	69	47	s
Seoul	68	47	r	68	42	pc
Sydney	72	62	pc	73	62	pc
Tokyo	66	60	c	70	59	r

WINDS

City	Today	Thursday
Boardman	SW 6-12	WSW 7-14
Pendleton	WNW 6-12	W 7-14

UV INDEX TODAY

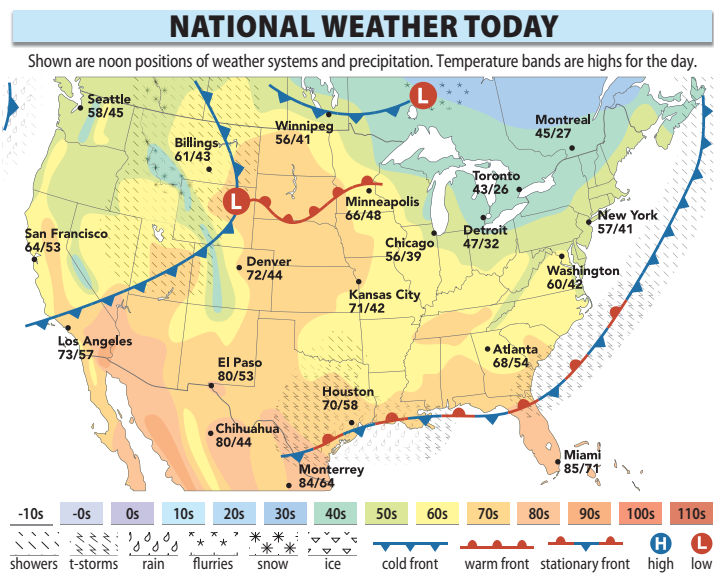
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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

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

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	72	48	s	76	50	s
Atlanta	68	54	c	65	49	c
Atlantic City	50	41	s	51	42	s
Baltimore	58	36	s	62	38	s
Birmingham	71	56	sh	68	52	sh
Boise	62	44	pc	55	38	t
Boston	50	38	s	51	38	s
Charleston, SC	72	50	pc	69	51	c
Charleston, WV	67	39	s	72	45	s
Chicago	56	39	pc	61	40	s
Cleveland	49	32	pc	56	40	s
Dallas	70	53	c	76	56	pc
Denver	72	44	s	76	46	pc
Detroit	47	32	c	56	36	s
El Paso	80	53	s	87	58	s
Fairbanks	45	22	pc	44	26	c
Fargo	67	45	pc	77	53	pc
Honolulu	84	72	sh	85	71	sh
Houston	70	58	r	78	56	pc
Indianapolis	60	37	s	65	42	pc
Jacksonville	74	62	t	70	61	t
Kansas City	71	42	pc	71	50	s
Las Vegas	81	60	s	78	55	pc
Little Rock	67	51	c	69	55	c
Los Angeles	73	57	pc	74	55	pc
Louisville	67	42	s	72	49	pc
Memphis	70	56	c	69	56	pc
Miami	85	71	s	85	71	pc
Millwaukee	49	38	pc	52	39	pc
Minneapolis	66	48	s	71	49	pc
Nashville	72	53	pc	70	53	c
New Orleans	73	65	r	74	64	r
New York City	57	41	s	58	42	s
Oklahoma City	66	47	c	73	51	pc
Omaha	76	47	s	75	49	s
Philadelphia	59	41	s	62	42	s
Phoenix	85	63	s	88	63	s
Portland, ME	52	32	s	53	33	s
Providence	55	36	s	56	37	s
Raleigh	65	42	pc	66	43	pc
Rapid City	78	45	s	74	46	pc
Reno	65	40	pc	54	35	pc
Sacramento	69	50	pc	67	46	pc
St. Louis	65	43	s	71	53	pc
Salt Lake City	67	49	t	51	40	sh
San Diego	68	59	pc	69	58	pc
San Francisco	64	53	pc	62	51	pc
Seattle	58	45	c	57	45	sh
Tucson	83	56	s	88	58	s
Washington, DC	60	42	s	64	44	s
Wichita	73	45	pc	74	51	pc

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Sheriff intends to sue city

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Grant County Sheriff Glenn Palmer has given notice he intends to sue the city of John Day and its employees for a list of allegations stemming from actions related to the occupation of the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

Palmer's attorney, Benjamin Boyd from Hostetter Law Group in Enterprise, sent a tort claim notice received by the city April 4 that states Palmer will assert claims for damages against the city, John Day dispatch employees, City Manager Peggy Gray and Police Chief Richard Gray. The notice is required before filing a lawsuit against a public body.

In the notice, Boyd contends that as Palmer was traveling to a roadblock near Seneca after the law enforcement action Jan. 26 that led to the arrest of most of the occupation leaders and the death of one, city dispatchers falsely determined a passenger with Palmer was a militia member. He said the passenger was actually Grant

County District Attorney Jim Carpenter.

Boyd said Palmer asked an unidentified dispatcher for an update, who "knowingly and/or recklessly" withheld information from Palmer that had been relayed previously to a variety of other law enforcement agencies. Palmer and Carpenter's lives were in danger, Boyd argued, as they proceeded to the police roadblock with officers believing Palmer was traveling with a militia member.

Boyd also alleges the dispatchers breached the contract to "provide appropriate information to authorized personnel."

The notice goes on to list complaints against John Day's dispatch manager, police chief and city manager.

Dispatch manager Valerie Luttrell and Richard Gray both filed complaints against Palmer with the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training after the Jan.



Palmer

26 incident. The state police licensing agency recommended the complaints be investigated by the Oregon Department of Justice, which has opened an investigation.

Boyd said Luttrell's complaints that Palmer "openly shows his support" for the occupiers and "their cause on social media" are false, as is the allegation he was "consorting with" the occupiers. Similarly, he said Richard Gray's complaints that Palmer shows "involvement and support" for the occupiers is false.

Boyd said both city employees consulted with City Manager Peggy Gray before filing the complaints on city letterhead and using their official email accounts.

Peggy Gray said the city does not comment on pending litigation.

"This will eventually be resolved in the courtroom — and until there is public resolution, this statement will stand on its own," Gray said.

Oregon jobless rate drops to 4.5 percent

PORTLAND (AP) — Oregon's unemployment rate tumbled to 4.5 percent in March — the lowest mark since comparable record-keeping began in 1976, figures released Tuesday show.

A total of 1.94 million Oregonians were employed in March, an increase from 1.84 million at this time last year when the jobless rate was 5.7 percent, the State Employment Department statistics indicate.

Meanwhile, the job gains led to rising wages, with the average pay rate for private

sector payroll employees jumping to \$24.45 an hour last month, an increase of more than a dollar from a year ago.

"Businesses are raising wages to attract the help they need, and it's working because people are flocking to Oregon's labor force," said Nick Beleiciks, state employment economist.

The jobless rate has steadily dropped since reaching a peak of nearly 12 percent in 2009. It's now a half-percentage point below the U.S. unemployment rate, a distinction Oregon

last saw in 1995.

Oregon added 3,900 jobs last month, led by the health care and wholesale trade sectors, after a revised gain of 7,400 jobs in February.

Another measure of unemployment that includes discouraged workers who stopped looking as well as part-time workers who can't get full-time jobs fell to 9.5 percent — down from 12.2 percent in March 2015.

Still, Gov. Kate Brown noted that rural areas are not keeping pace with the booming Portland metropolitan area.

Report: DOJ needs training to prevent profiling

PORTLAND (AP) — A new report says Oregon Department of Justice employees don't receive enough training on preventing racial profiling.

Portland attorney Carolyn Walker performed a four-month independent investigation of the department's surveillance of Black Lives Matter supporters last fall, *The Bend Bulletin* reported. Her findings were released Monday.

Civil rights groups called for the independent investigation after a Criminal Justice Division employee created a report on a fellow DOJ employee who expressed support for the racial equality movement on his public Twitter page. The investigator told his supervisors he believed the tweets posed a potential threat to police and was given permission to compile a written report on his colleague.

The investigator who compiled the report worked for a part of the Criminal Justice Division called the TITAN Fusion Center, which works with federal agencies primarily on counterterrorism and drug-related offenses. The employee has since been placed on paid administrative leave.

His actions violated First Amendment protections, Walker's report concluded. She also wrote that some investigators she interviewed didn't know about laws and guidelines that protect free speech online.

"There has been no training on racial bias in the context of determining threats, and no training on racial profiling issues," Walker went on. "They have received no training on cultural competency or hidden biases."

Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum convened the

independent investigation in November. She had heard in October that that head of the DOJ's Department of Justice's Civil Rights Unit Erion Johnson was the subject of a search that was social and political in nature, and "expressed her extreme displeasure ... because she believed (the investigator) had engaged in racial profiling," according to Walker's report.

The investigator came across Johnson's Twitter profile by searching for the hashtag "(hash)BlackLivesMatter." Johnson had shared cartoons and other commentary on the recent high-profile police killings of black Americans on his Twitter page.

The name of the investigator was redacted in Walker's report and the DOJ has declined to name him.

The department declined to comment on personnel issues Monday.

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