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In this photo provided by incweb.nwcg.gov, a plane drops fire retardant near the northwest side of Owyhee Canyon south of Vale Wednesday. The nearly 50-square-mile fire in eastern Oregon near the Idaho state line is now threatening Succor Creek State Park.

Crews battling 35 uncontained wildfires

BOISE, Idaho (AP) — Thirty-five large, uncontained wildfires were burning Wednesday in the West, and firefighters were making initial attacks on another 112 new blazes to prevent them from spreading.

entire town on Sunday. But that order has since been lifted, Sijohn said.

Meanwhile, a fire near the town of Davenport in Lincoln County covered 6.5 square miles, and was 20 percent contained.

Another fire south of Spokane, in the Valleyford area, was 50 percent contained. It had burned more than 10 square miles and destroyed at least five homes, officials said. Mandatory evacuations ended on that fire on Tuesday night.

IDAHO

A fast-moving rangeland wildfire in eastern Idaho expanded to nearly 70 square miles Wednesday, forcing evacuations, threatening a windfarm and burning habitat needed by sage grouse, a federally protected bird.

The Bonneville County Sheriff's Office says evacuations are in place, with up to 70 buildings along U.S. Highway 26 threatened.

Officials say the human-caused fire reported Sunday about 7 miles east of Idaho Falls is making wind-driven runs to the north and east.

Officials say high winds are again predicted Wednesday along with low humidity.

In central Idaho, a 160-square-mile wildfire in a remote, mountainous area continues to defy containment and burn through timbered slopes that are difficult for firefighters to reach.

CALIFORNIA

Authorities say a wildfire that

destroyed 45 homes on California's central coast was not intentionally set but they were still trying to determine the cause.

Cal Fire says arson has been ruled out in the 10-day blaze that has charred 64 square miles of dry brush and timber.

The fire was 39 percent surrounded and at least 2,400 people were under evacuation orders in San Luis Obispo and Monterey counties. Additional warnings for people to be ready to flee were issued Wednesday and one arm of Lake Nacimiento was closed to boaters. Cal Fire's Rich Eagan says flames were more than two miles from Hearst Castle, which remains closed but was no longer at immediate risk.

A fire burning for a month north of Big Sur grew again to 135 square miles. Hundreds of homes remain threatened by the fire in rugged wilderness coast along Highway 1. The blaze was sparked by an illegal campfire. It is 60 percent contained.

MONTANA

Cooler weather has slowed Montana's largest wildfire, though 45 homes are still evacuated and 130 more are on alert.

The fire northeast of Thompson Falls had burned 33 square miles as of Wednesday morning.

Fire officials say crews have made progress in securing fire lines and protecting structures. The weather was cooperating again Wednesday.

BRIEFLY

Judge: Ryan Bundy unfit to serve as his own lawyer

PORTLAND (AP) — Federal Judge Anna J. Brown is set to strip Oregon standoff defendant Ryan Bundy of his ability to represent himself in court.

The Oregonian/

OregonLive reports the judge wrote in an order filed Wednesday that Bundy has been unwilling to follow her orders and has shown an "open defiance" of the court's authority.

Brown gave Bundy until Monday to "show cause" why she shouldn't reinstate an attorney to represent him.

She wrote that by repeatedly raising "frivolous issues and matters" that the court has previously ruled on or resolved, Bundy has engaged in "serious and obstructionist misconduct," "abused the dignity of the courtroom" and used his pro se status as a "license not to comply with relevant rules of procedural and substantive law."

Bundy is one of eight defendants charged with conspiring to impede federal employees at the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge.

Man sentenced for groping children at nudist resort

EUGENE (AP) — A 68-year-old man has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for sexually abusing two children at a nudist resort northeast of Eugene.

Lane County authorities say Michael Lee Hochgreve groped the children in a pool at the Willamettans Family Nudist Resort. He pleaded guilty to first-degree sexual abuse and received the maximum sentence.

The Register-Guard reports the victims and their parents did not attend Wednesday's hearing.

Hochgreve lived at the resort for more than a year before his arrest. The resort

website says the place was established in 1953 and is located on 40 acres. It has cabins for rent and space for more than 100 RVs..

Dept. of Energy seeks dismissal of Hanford lawsuit

RICHLAND, Wash. (AP) — The Department of Energy has asked a federal judge to dismiss the state's lawsuit seeking increased protection for Hanford workers against chemical vapors.

The Tri-City Herald reports the Justice Department argues in a motion filed this week that the state is overstepping its authority and has no legal standing to bring the case against the federal government.

Washington state Attorney General Bob Ferguson said in a statement his office strongly opposes the motion and expects to prevail.

Approximately 57 workers at the Hanford Nuclear Reservation have received medical evaluations for possible exposure to chemical vapors this spring and summer.

The Department of Justice, arguing for the Energy Department, says if the "very small subset of the state's population working at Hanford may themselves file suit if they believe they have a basis to do so."

Sales of hunting, fishing licenses temporarily halted

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — State officials say the sale of hunting and fishing licenses has been suspended due to a cybersecurity breach.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife said Wednesday it halted the sale of fishing and hunting licenses while it works with the state Office of Cyber Security to investigate a vulnerability in an outside vendor's license sale system.

Corrections

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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Pleasant with plenty of sunshine	Sunshine	Mostly sunny and breezy	Sunny and beautiful	Mostly sunny and pleasant
87° 52°	89° 59°	91° 59°	85° 56°	80° 53°
91° 47°	93° 57°	94° 62°	88° 55°	85° 58°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	83°	54°
Normals	85°	56°
Records	105° (1898)	32° (1904)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.07"
Normal month to date 0.32"
Year to date 7.39"
Last year to date 5.00"
Normal year to date 8.31"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	89°	48°
Normals	86°	56°
Records	101° (1970)	40° (2010)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.05"
Normal month to date 0.15"
Year to date 4.99"
Last year to date 3.25"
Normal year to date 6.10"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 6:08 a.m.
Sunset tonight 7:45 p.m.
Moonrise today none
Moonset today 2:38 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
	Sep 1	Sep 9	Sep 16	Sep 23

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Sunny today; however, partly sunny in the south.

Eastern Washington: Plenty of sunshine today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Pleasant today with plenty of sun. Clear to partly cloudy tonight.

Western Washington: Sunshine today. Clear tonight. Sunny tomorrow.

Cascades: Plenty of sunshine today; pleasant. Clear tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow.

Northern California: Partly sunny at the coast today; hot in central parts. Sunny elsewhere.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today	Fri.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Astoria	81 58 s	81 55 s
Baker City	81 37 s	83 38 s
Bend	81 46 s	84 53 s
Brookings	71 51 pc	66 50 s
Burns	82 41 s	84 42 s
Enterprise	80 46 s	82 49 s
Eugene	96 52 s	98 53 s
Heppner	85 45 s	87 52 s
Hermiston	91 47 s	93 57 s
John Day	86 53 s	89 56 s
Klamath Falls	83 44 s	87 44 s
La Grande	84 47 s	86 46 s
Meacham	81 42 s	83 46 s
Medford	99 58 s	102 60 s
Newport	75 54 s	72 50 s
North Bend	78 51 s	70 50 s
Ontario	86 52 s	87 52 s
Pasco	91 50 s	91 56 s
Pendleton	87 52 s	89 59 s
Portland	93 61 s	97 62 s
Redmond	84 43 s	87 46 s
Salem	96 58 s	99 57 s
Spokane	83 58 s	84 59 s
Ukiah	80 38 s	83 43 s
Vancouver	91 62 s	95 60 s
Walla Walla	88 57 s	89 63 s
Yakima	90 55 s	92 57 s

WORLD CITIES

	Today	Fri.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Beijing	85 60 pc	85 58 s
Hong Kong	92 81 pc	92 79 pc
Jerusalem	87 71 s	87 71 s
London	83 62 t	79 61 pc
Mexico City	73 51 t	73 54 t
Moscow	70 50 pc	73 57 c
Paris	97 69 s	94 69 s
Rome	87 66 s	87 67 s
Seoul	91 74 pc	82 67 sh
Sydney	62 47 sh	59 48 pc
Tokyo	86 75 t	88 75 pc

WINDS

(in mph)

	Today	Friday
Boardman	NE 4-8	NE 3-6
Pendleton	N 6-12	NNW 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

1 3 6 6 3 1
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

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.

National Summary: Thunderstorms will dot Florida, the lower Mississippi Valley and the Four Corners region today. Drenching showers and heavy thunderstorms are forecast from northwestern Texas to northern New England.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 109° in Imperial, Calif. Low 27° in West Yellowstone, Mont.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today	Fri.
	Hi Lo W	Hi Lo W
Albuquerque	83 58 pc	82 59 pc
Atlanta	91 73 s	93 73 t
Atlantic City	83 74 pc	87 73 s
Baltimore	90 72 pc	94 69 pc
Billings	70 49 pc	71 48 s
Birmingham	92 74 pc	92 75 t
Boise	83 55 s	84 58 s
Boston	86 72 pc	89 70 pc
Charleston, SC	91 72 s	93 73 s
Charleston, WV	92 72 pc	90 67 pc
Chicago	83 63 t	79 64 pc
Cleveland	88 68 t	84 65 s
Dallas	94 75 pc	88 74 t
Denver	78 53 t	77 51 c
Detroit	86 62 t	83 65 pc
El Paso	90 67 pc	89 67 t
Fairbanks	62 54 sh	65 52 c
Fargo	70 49 pc	75 58 pc
Honolulu	86 76 pc	85 74 sh
Houston	91 74 t	86 73 t
Indianapolis	89 70 t	85 71 pc
Jacksonville	90 72 s	91 72 pc
Kansas City	78 65 t	79 66 t
Las Vegas	101 78 s	99 78 s
Little Rock	93 77 t	89 75 t
Los Angeles	81 62 pc	78 60 pc
Louisville	93 75 pc	91 74 pc
Memphis	94 79 c	92 76 t
Miami	91 79 pc	90 78 t
Midwaukee	84 62 pc	77 64 pc
Minneapolis	74 55 pc	73 59 pc
Nashville	94 75 pc	93 74 c
New Orleans	91 79 t	93 79 pc
New York City	86 74 pc	92 72 pc
Oklahoma City	94 70 pc	89 68 t
Omaha	81 60 pc	71 64 r
Philadelphia	90 75 pc	91 74 pc
Phoenix	102 80 s	98 78 pc
Portland, ME	86 67 pc	87 63 pc
Providence	84 72 pc	89 69 pc
Raleigh	91 72 c	96 74 s
Rapid City	66 49 c	65 47 t
Reno	87 54 s	90 56 s
Sacramento	90 56 s	88 57 s
St. Louis	91 73 pc	84 73 c
Salt Lake City	85 60 s	85 62 pc
San Diego	75 65 pc	73 65 pc
San Francisco	70 57 pc	72 58 pc
Seattle	88 61 s	90 62 s
Tucson	96 74 c	93 72 t
Washington, DC	91 76 pc	96 74 pc
Wichita	83 67 t	83 69 t

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