

AccuWeather.com Forecast

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
A snow shower this morning	Mostly cloudy and very cold	Cold with intermittent snow	Not as cold; a bit of a.m. snow	Mostly cloudy
31° 15°	28° 17°	28° 25°	40° 32°	39° 29°
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
31° 15°	28° 17°	28° 25°	40° 32°	39° 29°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
36° 18°	31° 20°	26° 22°	36° 29°	42° 31°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	
HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 40°	25°
Normals 41°	28°
Records 66° (1944)	1° (1972)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	Trace
Month to date	0.01"
Normal month to date	0.23"
Year to date	11.31"
Last year to date	7.95"
Normal year to date	11.74"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	
HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 41°	22°
Normals 41°	29°
Records 63° (1946)	1° (2013)

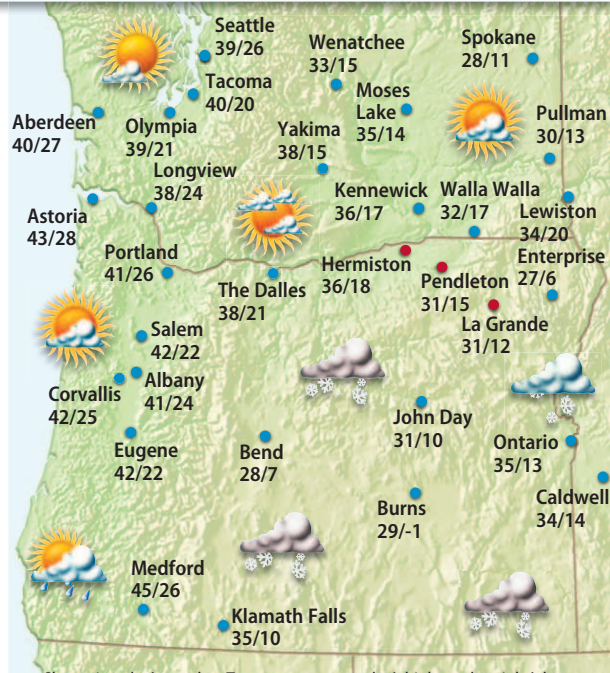
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.27"
Year to date	7.90"
Last year to date	5.57"
Normal year to date	8.77"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:21 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:11 p.m.
Moonrise today	12:07 p.m.
Moonset today	11:26 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Dec 7	Dec 13	Dec 20	Dec 28



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Partly sunny today; some showers central and southern spots, mainly during the morning.

Eastern and Central Oregon: A snow shower today, but a bit of snow in the south and near the Cascades.

Western Washington: Sunshine and patchy clouds today. Mainly clear tonight. Clouds and sun tomorrow.

Eastern Washington: Partly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight.

Cascades: Additional snow today, mainly during the morning; a few more inches in the south.

Northern California: Snow showers in the interior mountains today; partly sunny elsewhere. Cold tonight.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	43	28	s	42	35	c
Baker City	30	6	sf	25	15	pc
Bend	28	7	sn	26	18	pc
Brookings	47	35	pc	47	43	c
Burns	29	-1	sn	24	16	pc
Enterprise	27	6	sn	23	12	pc
Eugene	42	22	pc	37	33	c
Heppner	29	11	sn	26	16	c
Hermiston	36	18	pc	31	20	c
John Day	31	10	sn	29	21	pc
Klamath Falls	35	10	sn	33	27	sn
La Grande	31	12	sn	27	18	pc
Meacham	28	9	sn	25	16	pc
Medford	45	26	sn	42	36	c
Newport	45	30	pc	42	37	c
North Bend	48	32	sh	48	43	c
Ontario	35	13	sf	30	16	pc
Pasco	39	15	sf	33	19	pc
Pendleton	31	15	sf	28	17	c
Portland	41	26	pc	38	32	pc
Redmond	32	3	sn	30	19	pc
Salem	42	22	pc	38	32	c
Spokane	28	11	pc	22	11	pc
Ukiah	27	6	sn	25	14	pc
Vancouver	40	26	pc	37	31	pc
Walla Walla	32	17	sf	29	20	pc
Yakima	38	15	pc	33	20	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	43	25	s	48	27	s
Hong Kong	73	63	pc	73	62	s
Jerusalem	59	44	s	60	44	s
London	53	47	c	57	49	pc
Mexico City	75	47	pc	76	47	pc
Moscow	23	8	sf	17	14	c
Paris	49	36	pc	51	37	pc
Rome	57	41	c	60	40	s
Seoul	38	28	s	47	25	sh
Sydney	78	68	t	76	67	pc
Tokyo	60	42	s	50	43	c

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Wednesday
Boardman	N 6-12	NNE 6-12
Pendleton	WNW 7-14	NNE 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY



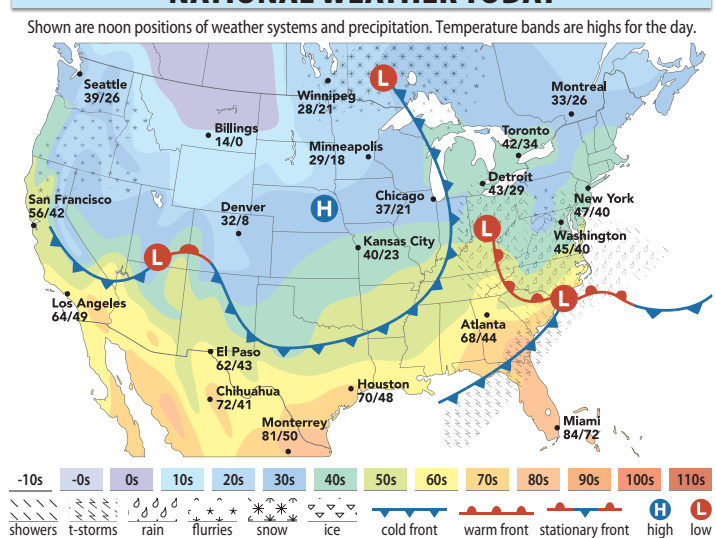
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

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

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Rain will affect the Ohio Valley to the Southeast and wind-swept snow will fall in the Upper Midwest and the central Appalachians today. Arctic air will expand over the Central states.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 88° in Plant City, Fla. **Low -9°** in Stanley, Idaho

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.				Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	50	32	s	45	22	s	Louisville	50	30	r	46	27	c
Atlanta	68	44	t	60	41	pc	Memphis	54	35	c	48	30	c
Atlanta City	50	46	r	53	38	r	Miami	84	72	pc	83	71	pc
Baltimore	45	39	r	53	31	pc	Milwaukee	40	22	c	32	19	c
Billings	14	0	c	11	-3	pc	Minneapolis	29	18	pc	23	16	c
Birmingham	63	39	c	58	40	pc	Nashville	55	33	r	49	30	c
Boise	33	15	c	30	19	pc	New Orleans	64	50	s	67	52	pc
Boston	44	38	pc	45	35	c	New York City	47	40	r	49	37	c
Charleston, SC	75	52	r	67	48	pc	Oklahoma City	49	27	pc	46	19	c
Charleston, WV	49	34	r	45	29	c	Omaha	35	17	pc	26	10	c
Chicago	37	21	c	31	16	c	Philadelphia	47	43	r	51	35	c
Cleveland	44	31	r	41	26	c	Phoenix	67	50	pc	66	46	pc
Dallas	56	40	pc	56	33	c	Portland, ME	40	26	s	39	29	c
Denver	32	8	sn	17	-1	sn	Providence	46	36	pc	48	34	c
Detroit	43	29	r	38	26	c	Raleigh	51	38	r	60	40	pc
El Paso	62	43	s	61	34	pc	Rapid City	23	-1	pc	13	-2	pc
Fairbanks	-14	-21	s	-12	-20	s	Reno	44	16	pc	40	29	pc
Fargo	26	12	sn	19	11	sn	Sacramento	55	33	pc	50	42	sh
Honolulu	81	68	pc	81	70	r	St. Louis	45	27	pc	40	20	c
Houston	70	48	s	67	51	c	Salt Lake City	34	19	sn	29	15	pc
Indianapolis	44	25	r	37	21	c	San Diego	64	53	pc	66	49	pc
Jacksonville	82	49	r	73	46	pc	San Francisco	56	42	pc	53	48	pc
Kansas City	40	23	pc	31	14	sn	Seattle	39	26	s	37	30	pc
Las Vegas	63	39	pc	54	35	s	Tucson	71	47	s	65	42	pc
Little Rock	53	33	c	44	29	c	Washington, DC	45	40	r	53	37	pc
Los Angeles	64	49	pc	66	49	pc	Wichita	44	27	pc	37	15	sf

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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Appeals court affirms conviction in car-bomb plot

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 Associated Press

PORTLAND — A federal appeals court Monday upheld the conviction of Mohamed Mohamud, the Somali American sentenced to 30 years in prison for plotting to bomb downtown Portland during the annual lighting of a Christmas tree.

Mohamud pressed a cellphone button in November 2010, believing it would set off explosives in a van. The bomb, however, was a fake provided by FBI agents posing as terrorists.

Mohamud's attorneys claimed the teenager was victim of entrapment, that he had neither the means nor the intent to commit domestic terrorism until he was persuaded in

that direction by undercover agents. Prosecutors said at Mohamud's trial that the college student was on the path to radicalization, and it was only the FBI's intervention that prevented him from committing terrorism in the U.S. or abroad.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals acknowledged in its 50-page opinion that the government's conduct was quite aggressive at times, but the court said the sting operation fell short of a violation of the right to due process.

Judge John B. Owens, who wrote the opinion, pointed out that Mohamud picked the target —

Pioneer Courthouse Square — and planned where the van would be parked. "Despite being provided numerous opportunities to deviate from or terminate the plan, Mohamud never displayed any reluctance in going through with a horrific attack that would have killed and maimed countless people, including young children," Owens wrote.

In the same opinion, the court also rejected an assertion that the warrantless surveillance of Mohamud's foreign communications violated his constitutional rights.

The surveillance was authorized by the Foreign Intelligence

Surveillance Court. The law that created the secretive court allows warrantless physical and electronic surveillance of suspected terrorists.

Mohamud's attorney challenged the trial judge's decision not to suppress, based on tardy disclosure, information collected through the act. The Appeals Court found that Mohamud could not demonstrate prejudice, and the late disclosure was not because of prosecutorial misconduct.

The panel noted there were likely several errors regarding what evidence was allowed at trial, but determined they were "cumulatively harmless."

Federal public defender Lisa Hay expressed disappointment with the opinion and said she expects to continue fighting on Mohamud's

behalf. "The 9th Circuit recognized that Mr. Mohamud presented a solid case for entrapment at trial. Those were their words," Hay said.

The appeals court's decision was also criticized by the American Civil Liberties Union. "Contrary to the court's ruling, this sweeping surveillance violates the constitutional safeguards intended to protect Americans' privacy," ACLU staff attorney Patrick Toomey said.

Mohamud arrived in the United States at 3 years old. Owens wrote that Mohamud was like any other American teenager, but something changed after believing he was racially profiled by security at a London airport in December 2008. He's serving his sentence at a California prison.



Couple, water district sued over fatal mudslide

Lawsuit alleges district failed to maintain water line

EUGENE (AP) — Two sons of an Oregon woman killed when a mudslide plowed through her home last winter are seeking nearly \$10 million in a lawsuit filed against a couple and a utility district.

Delores Miller, 70, died Dec. 18, 2015, after part of a private road on her neighbor's property north of Florence collapsed, causing debris to flow into her home during a rainstorm along the Oregon Coast, according to the lawsuit filed in Lane County last week by her sons, Stephen Miller and Keith Eldien.

The men assert the Heceta Water People's Utility District failed to properly maintain a water line that runs beneath the road. The improper maintenance resulted in leakage that contributed to hazardous conditions, according to the lawsuit.

Moreover, the plaintiffs allege the neighbors,

William and Gail Munzer, failed to install, maintain or repair drainage ditches, or take other steps to prevent landslide dangers on that section of property.

The Register-Guard reports the couple and the water district have yet to file a response to the lawsuit. Gail Munzer declined comment when reached by telephone by the newspaper and the water district did not return a phone message.

According to minutes from an emergency water district board meeting held five days after the slide, district officials acknowledged that the water line was compromised in the incident and that a leak existed somewhere above the slide area.

Delores Miller's husband, Gary Miller, suffered minor injuries. He escaped the home with one of the couple's two dogs. Firefighters recovered the body of the other dog.

The lawsuit says the home near Mercer Lake sustained "catastrophic physical damage."

Senators ask for quick action on Hanford vapors

By ANNETTE CAREY
 Tri-City Herald

Three key senators are pressing the energy secretary to move quickly and definitively to take action on new recommendations to protect workers from chemical vapors at the Hanford nuclear reservation.

The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, or NIOSH, released a review with multiple recommendations last week following a June request by the Department of Energy.

"We request that DOE develop an implementation plan which includes a clear schedule and the funding necessary to carry them out successfully," said a letter sent Monday to Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz by Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell, both D-Wash., and Ron Wyden, D-Ore.

"Nothing less than a complete commitment to safety at Hanford is acceptable," the letter said.

Since the report was completed on Nov. 28, a dozen more workers have been given medical exams after smelling suspicious, ammonia-like odors. All were cleared to return to work, but workers are concerned that chemical

exposure associated with waste held in underground tanks could lead to serious neurological or respiratory illnesses.

The report noted that few, if any, of thousands of air samples collected have shown exposures above limits set to protect workers from key chemicals in the vapors. It also acknowledged that the health effects of mixtures of chemicals in the vapors are not clear.

DOE has spent more than \$50 million to improve safety with new monitoring and detecting technologies in the past year, and its contractor has hired more than 100 additional industrial hygiene staff and technicians.

Recommendations in the report covered four areas, ranging from ways to control worker exposures to ways to restore worker trust in management.

They included:

- Leadership of DOE and its tank farm contractor, Washington River Protection Solutions, should acknowledge health and exposure concerns as legitimate.
- DOE and its contractor may need to turn to professional mediation or arbitration to find points of agreement and establish a path forward on tank farm worker safety and health issues that is acceptable to all.