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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
A little morning rain; cloudy	Partly sunny	A little snow and sleet	A thick cloud cover	Mostly cloudy with a little snow
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
44°	24°	36°	22°	36°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
46°	24°	37°	22°	35°
24°	25°	37°	25°	31°
24°	20°	32°	27°	21°

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PENDELTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	41°	18°
Normals	39°	25°
Records	62° (1917)	-7° (1984)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.33"
Normal month to date	0.92"
Year to date	12.63"
Last year to date	9.66"
Normal year to date	12.43"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	37°	9°
Normals	39°	27°
Records	60° (1933)	-5° (1984)

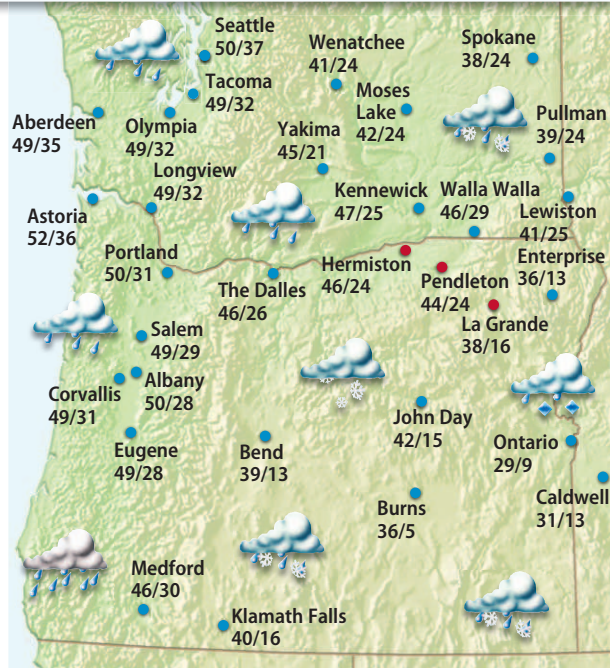
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.87"
Normal month to date	0.94"
Year to date	8.77"
Last year to date	6.68"
Normal year to date	9.44"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:32 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:13 p.m.
Moonrise today	none
Moonset today	11:58 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Dec 20	Dec 28	Jan 5	Jan 12



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Cloudy today with rain tapering off; watch for flooding. Breezy across the north.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Snow today, accumulating 1-2 inches in central parts and the upper Treasure Valley.

Western Washington: Mostly cloudy today with showers, mainly early. Mostly cloudy tonight.

Eastern Washington: A bit of snow in the north and mountains today; a bit of snow and rain near the Idaho border.

Cascades: Showers around today; snow, accumulating 1-3 inches in the south.

Northern California: A little rain today; however, a snow shower in the interior mountains.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	52	36	sh	50	38	pc
Baker City	27	3	sn	17	3	s
Bend	39	13	r	33	18	s
Brookings	52	39	r	52	39	s
Burns	36	5	sn	27	6	s
Enterprise	36	13	r	28	14	s
Eugene	49	28	sh	38	28	pc
Heppner	44	22	r	36	22	pc
Hermiston	46	24	r	37	22	pc
John Day	42	15	sn	36	15	s
Klamath Falls	40	16	c	36	16	s
La Grande	38	16	r	31	20	s
Meacham	36	14	r	31	21	s
Medford	46	30	r	45	28	s
Newport	49	35	sh	49	38	pc
North Bend	53	34	sh	54	38	pc
Ontario	29	9	sn	20	7	s
Pasco	45	25	r	39	19	pc
Pendleton	44	24	r	36	22	pc
Portland	50	31	sh	45	32	pc
Redmond	40	8	r	34	14	s
Salem	49	29	sh	41	29	pc
Spokane	38	24	c	32	19	pc
Ukiah	40	12	r	34	16	s
Vancouver	50	32	sh	45	30	pc
Walla Walla	46	29	r	35	23	pc
Yakima	45	21	r	37	21	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	46	30	c	45	29	pc
Hong Kong	77	68	t	77	68	t
Jerusalem	48	36	s	51	41	pc
London	44	37	pc	51	35	sh
Mexico City	70	47	pc	71	46	pc
Moscow	17	14	pc	35	27	sh
Paris	42	30	c	43	39	pc
Rome	60	46	sh	63	43	c
Seoul	55	37	c	54	46	r
Sydney	88	66	s	77	67	s
Tokyo	58	46	pc	61	52	s

WINDS

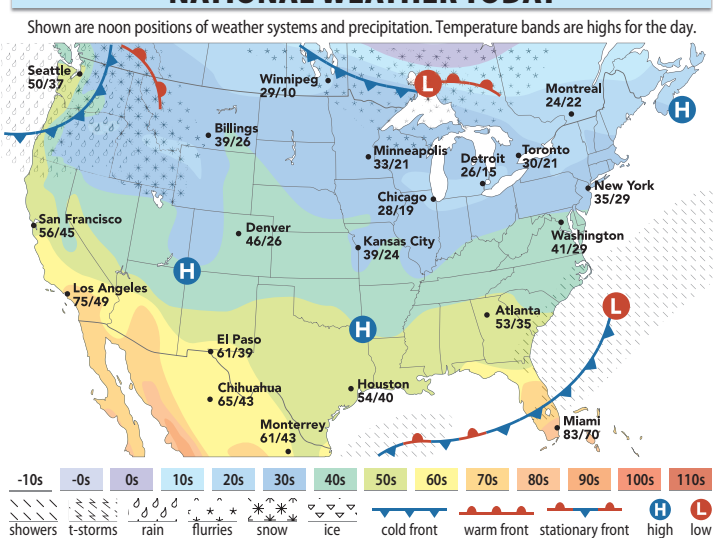
(in mph)	Today	Wednesday
Boardman	WSW 10-20	N 3-6
Pendleton	WSW 10-20	SSE 4-8

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: A storm will bring drenching rain to the Northwest coast with snow and rain inland to the Rockies today. Snow showers will dot the Upper Midwest with rain showers along the southern Atlantic coast.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High 91° in Fort Myers, Fla. Low -29° in Antero Reservoir, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.				Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	48	28	s	53	29	s	Louisville	42	24	s	48	31	pc
Atlanta	53	35	pc	61	44	s	Memphis	44	30	pc	53	34	pc
Atlanta City	42	31	s	47	32	s	Miami	83	70	pc	81	69	pc
Baltimore	39	24	s	47	30	s	Milwaukee	29	22	pc	34	29	sn
Billings	39	26	sn	33	19	s	Minneapolis	33	21	pc	34	19	sn
Birmingham	54	32	pc	60	43	pc	Nashville	46	27	pc	53	37	pc
Boise	34	17	i	27	10	s	New Orleans	53	44	pc	64	52	pc
Boston	33	29	pc	41	31	pc	New York City	35	29	s	44	35	pc
Charleston, SC	51	34	c	61	38	pc	Oklahoma City	49	24	s	54	27	s
Charleston, WV	43	27	s	49	39	pc	Omaha	39	25	pc	42	21	pc
Chicago	28	19	pc	33	26	c	Philadelphia	37	27	s	43	30	pc
Cleveland	35	21	s	36	30	c	Phoenix	74	54	pc	73	55	pc
Dallas	50	34	pc	62	38	pc	Portland, ME	29	19	pc	37	24	s
Denver	46	26	pc	38	17	s	Providence	36	26	pc	43	28	pc
Detroit	26	15	s	29	28	c	Raleigh	46	27	pc	56	32	s
El Paso	61	39	c	67	39	pc	Rapid City	40	27	pc	36	13	pc
Fairbanks	3	0	pc	4	-17	sn	Reno	52	27	pc	45	27	s
Fargo	33	18	c	34	19	sn	Sacramento	54	35	pc	58	34	s
Honolulu	81	69	s	81	69	pc	St. Louis	39	23	s	46	28	pc
Houston	54	40	pc	66	48	pc	St. Paul	43	26	pc	35	19	s
Indianapolis	33	18	s	37	25	pc	San Diego	73	55	s	71	56	pc
Jacksonville	57	44	c	64	43	pc	San Francisco	56	45	pc	59	43	s
Kansas City	39	24	pc	42	22	pc	Seattle	50	37	sh	45	35	pc
Las Vegas	55	38	s	58	42	c	Tucson	75	53	pc	73	55	pc
Little Rock	45	28	pc	54	32	pc	Washington, DC	41	29	s	48	35	s
Los Angeles	75	49	s	76	54	s	Wichita	40	20	s	47	20	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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AG proposes collecting traffic stop race data

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SALEM — Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum has proposed legislation for 2017 that requires law enforcement officers to collect information on race during all traffic and pedestrian stops, expand bias training for officers and reduce sentences for certain drug crimes.

The proposal came out of recommendations by a task force on preventing racial profiling, chaired by the attorney general.

"It is only in the aggregation of data that we are able to observe patterns of profiling behavior," Rosenblum said Wednesday, Dec. 14, during a joint hearing of the House and Senate judiciary committees.

Any traffic stop for speeding "can be justified in isolation as a fair exercise of officer discretion, but across hundreds, or even thousands of stops, patterns can become visible governing who is stopped, who is searched and who is let off without a warning, or with."

The proposal would require officers to record the race of the person stopped and when a citation or warning are issued, a search is conducted or a person is arrested. The data would be sent to the Oregon Criminal Justice Commission for analysis

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 — Ken Barone, Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy

of enforcement disparities and published in an annual report. The requirement would take effect in 2018 for law enforcement agencies with 100 or more officers and later for smaller agencies.

Gov. Kate Brown signed House Bill 2002 in mid-2015, making Oregon the 31st state to prohibit profiling by law enforcement. The law requires law enforcement agencies to report racial profiling complaints to the Law Enforcement Contacts Policy and Data Review Committee (LECC). The LECC will make its first report as intended to be annual reports on the complaints in January. That committee also analyzes police stop data voluntarily submitted by the Corvallis Police Department.

The data collection is based on a profiling project in Connecticut, which has a population and law enforcement force of similar size to Oregon's.

Lawmakers are eyeing the Connecticut project as a potential model for Oregon.

Ken Barone, policy and research specialist at Institute for Municipal and Regional Policy at Central Connecticut State University, manages the

law enforcement racial profiling project in that state.

The five-year-old project started when the Connecticut General Assembly passed a law requiring the electronic collection of information on all traffic stops in the state and an annual analysis of the data.

"If you want to try to understand the patterns that are occurring and basic interactions between the community and law enforcement it's a good window into understanding if disparities exist and then being able to drill down to understand why those disparities exist," Barone told Oregon lawmakers Dec. 14.

Collecting the data takes less than 60 seconds of a stop and captures 26 data points, he said. Since the law took effect, the number of annual racial profiling complaints in the state has dwindled from 25 to six in 2015, he said.

Oregon had about 28 racial profiling complaints in the past year, according to the LECC.

In Connecticut, researcher analyze stop data on six indicators. Agencies that show disparities in three to six of those indicators

are given further scrutiny, Barone said.

"One of the things I don't think we anticipated is the degree to which this data is helping us, not only understand racial disparities and the factors that are contributing to those disparities, but they're providing us a really great window into law enforcement practices in general," he said.

For instance, in Waterbury, Conn., researchers noticed there was a significant number of registration-related motor vehicle enforcement in predominantly Hispanic neighborhoods.

The police chief told researchers that officers targeted those neighborhoods because they were socioeconomically disadvantaged and as such, were more likely to have residents who couldn't afford to register their vehicles. In fact, in Connecticut, whites are 6 percent more likely to not register their vehicles, Barone said.

"This wasn't law enforcement officers going out there and deciding they didn't like particular people and therefore they are going to enforce a certain law against them as a result of that," he said. "This was anytime as an officer I've been told to go look for unregistered vehicles I go into the area that I have always believed to be the most fruitful to find unregistered vehicles."

CTUIR awarded \$375k to ensure safe transport of radioactive waste

By ANNETTE CAREY
 Tri-City Herald

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation has been awarded \$375,000 to spend under a five-year cooperative agreement to coordinate activities ensuring safe transportation of radioactive waste across its lands.

The money was awarded by the Department of Energy's Carlsbad Field Office for shipments of waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant in New Mexico. The repository has accepted boxes and drums of Hanford waste contaminated with plutonium in the past.

The national repository has been shut down since February 2014 after a truck caught fire underground and then, in an unrelated incident, a drum of waste burst and spread contamination. When the repository reopens, it is expected to take waste from several other DOE sites before more Hanford waste is shipped.

The cooperative agreement focuses on training and exercises for the Umatillas to prepare emergency responders and emergency management for safe transportation of waste across Umatilla lands.

Activities include transportation monitoring, emergency response planning, emergency response training and exercises, and public participation in safety program activities. Some equipment may be purchased.

Freezing weather shuts down nuclear power plant

RICHLAND, WASH. — The nuclear power plant near Richland shut down unexpectedly Sunday morning due to freezing temperatures.

Equipment malfunction at the Bonneville Power Administration's Ashe Substation near the Columbia Generating Station, which is operated by Energy Northwest.

Cold weather caused the loss of the 500 kilovolt line connecting the nuclear plant's main output transformers to the substation, according to Energy Northwest.

The nuclear plant's output breakers responded as they are designed to perform and separated the plant from any potential grid transients. Columbia's operating crew then successfully stabilized the plant.

"It's unfortunate that this happened while we were on our

way to closing out what still may be a record generation year," said Bob Schuetz, plant general manager at Columbia.

"The plant remains safe, and we anticipate being back on the grid once we have more thoroughly reviewed what caused the BPA transmission event," he said.

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Undercover sex trafficking sting in Oregon nets 15 arrests

VALE (AP) — Authorities in southeast Oregon say 15 people have been arrested in connection with an undercover sex trafficking operation.

Malheur County Sheriff Brian Wolfe said in a statement Saturday that the Malheur County Sheriff's Office and police departments in Oregon and Idaho conducted the operation within the past week.

Investigators posted online ads to known sex trafficking websites.

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People who contacted undercover officers and arranged payment for sexual acts were arrested at a hotel in the Ontario area.

Those arrested were from Oregon, Idaho, Nevada and Pennsylvania. Most were charged with misdemeanor commercial sexual solicitation. They were booked into the Malheur County Jail.

Rogue Valley population grows, but housing doesn't

MEDFORD (AP) — Figures from the U.S. Census Bureau show that Oregon's Jackson County has experienced a population boom, but the housing market hasn