

### AccuWeather.com Forecast

TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Quite cold; a bit of p.m. snow	Cold with icy mix	A bit of morning snow; cloudy	Rain, ice and snow possible	Snow or flurries possible
<b>PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST</b>				
22° 18°	34° 27°	39° 29°	35° 24°	31° 18°
<b>HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST</b>				
19° 17°	33° 26°	38° 29°	36° 24°	31° 20°

### ALMANAC

#### PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	17°	0°
Normals	40°	26°
Records	70° (1914)	-6° (1942)

**PRECIPITATION**

24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
 Month to date 0.11"  
 Normal month to date 0.35"  
 Year to date 0.11"  
 Last year to date 0.01"  
 Normal year to date 0.35"

#### HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	19°	-2°
Normals	40°	28°
Records	58° (2009)	-8° (1974)

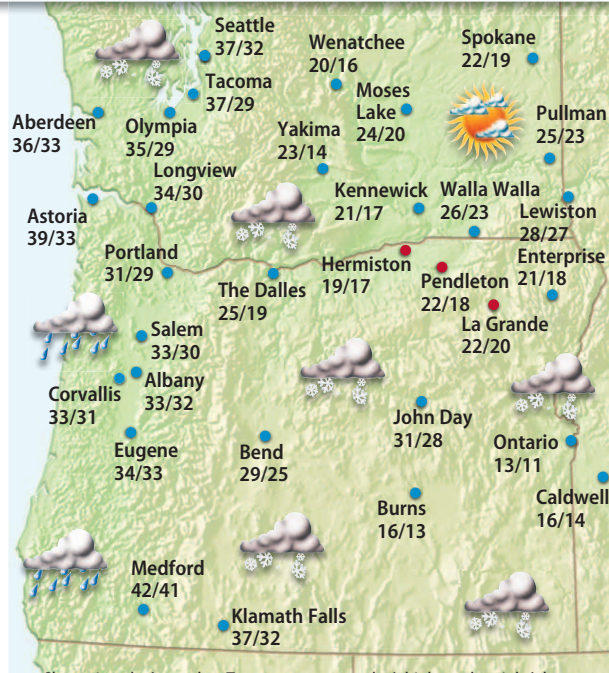
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24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"  
 Month to date 0.10"  
 Normal month to date 0.24"  
 Year to date 0.10"  
 Last year to date 0.01"  
 Normal year to date 0.24"

#### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:35 a.m.  
 Sunset tonight 4:28 p.m.  
 Moonrise today 12:52 p.m.  
 Moonset today 1:56 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Jan 12	Jan 19	Jan 27	Feb 3



### REGIONAL FORECAST

**Coastal Oregon:** Occasional rain today into tomorrow. Monday: periods of rain.

**Eastern and Central Oregon:** Today: snow, accumulating 1-3 inches in the south, central parts and reaching the north today.

**Western Washington:** Snow and sleet will spread from south to north this afternoon; some rain at the coast.

**Eastern Washington:** Mostly cloudy today; a bit of snow toward the Cascades and in the far south late.

**Cascades:** Snow today, accumulating several inches. Snow level rising as high as 5,000 feet south.

**Northern California:** Rain today; snow, accumulating 6-10 inches in the interior mountains.

### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	39	33	r	46	39	r
Baker City	9	6	sn	27	20	sn
Bend	29	25	sn	34	24	i
Brookings	49	49	r	53	42	r
Burns	16	13	sn	35	23	i
Enterprise	21	18	sn	37	27	sn
Eugene	34	33	i	42	36	r
Heppner	20	16	sn	36	25	i
Hermiston	19	17	sn	33	26	sn
John Day	31	28	sn	42	37	sn
Klamath Falls	37	32	sn	40	28	sn
La Grande	22	20	sn	38	32	sn
Meacham	22	19	sn	36	29	sn
Medford	42	41	i	45	36	r
Newport	41	36	r	48	40	r
North Bend	48	43	r	53	42	r
Ontario	13	11	sn	29	28	sn
Pasco	22	14	c	31	22	sn
Pendleton	22	18	sn	34	27	i
Portland	31	29	sn	37	34	i
Redmond	29	26	sn	33	25	i
Salem	33	30	sn	40	36	r
Spokane	22	19	pc	31	26	sn
Ukiah	26	21	sn	38	32	sn
Vancouver	31	28	sn	40	36	i
Walla Walla	26	23	c	32	27	r
Yakima	23	14	sn	28	13	sn

### WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	39	26	sn	45	21	s
Hong Kong	75	67	pc	77	63	s
Jerusalem	55	39	s	49	37	s
London	50	41	c	48	40	c
Mexico City	71	39	pc	68	36	pc
Moscow	-7	-19	c	-8	-14	s
Paris	36	34	i	43	36	c
Rome	40	25	s	44	31	pc
Seoul	49	33	pc	49	32	pc
Sydney	78	68	s	82	72	s
Tokyo	50	39	s	47	43	r

### WINDS

(in mph)

City	Today	Sunday
Boardman	NNE 4-8	N 4-8
Pendleton	NNE 4-8	WNW 4-8

### UV INDEX TODAY

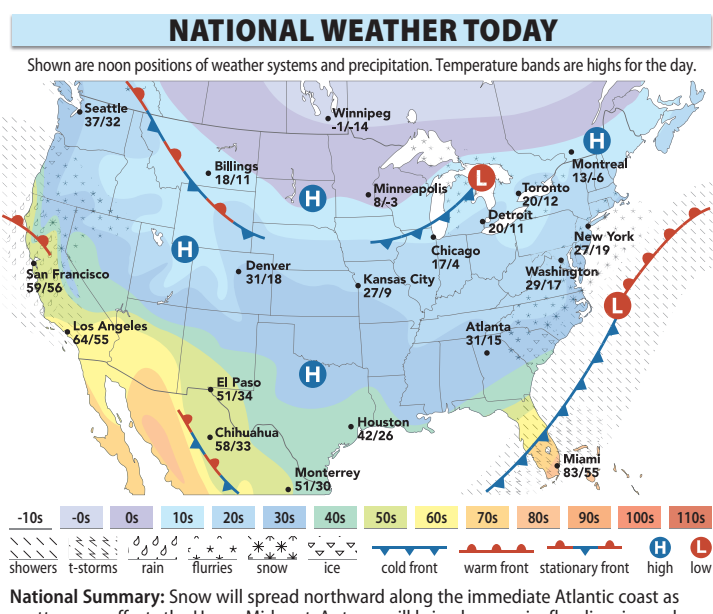
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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

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

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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### NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	42	28	pc	54	34	s
Atlanta	31	15	pc	37	22	s
Atlanta City	29	19	sn	30	17	s
Baltimore	29	14	sn	26	14	pc
Birmingham	30	15	pc	36	24	s
Boise	19	18	sn	38	34	sn
Boston	27	15	sn	26	11	sf
Charleston, SC	44	21	sn	42	23	s
Charleston, WV	20	9	pc	20	10	s
Chicago	17	4	s	21	16	s
Cleveland	18	12	pc	20	13	pc
Dallas	38	24	s	47	36	s
Denver	31	18	s	47	36	pc
Detroit	20	11	pc	22	15	s
El Paso	51	34	s	61	41	s
Fairbanks	-8	-18	pc	-6	-14	s
Fargo	3	-10	s	14	-2	pc
Honolulu	78	65	pc	79	64	pc
Houston	42	26	s	50	39	s
Indianapolis	16	5	s	21	15	s
Jacksonville	55	27	r	47	31	s
Kansas City	27	9	s	34	22	pc
Las Vegas	48	41	pc	60	48	pc
Little Rock	32	17	s	37	24	s
Los Angeles	64	55	r	72	57	pc
Louisville	20	9	s	27	19	s
Memphis	28	17	s	37	26	s
Miami	83	55	t	70	60	pc
Milwaukee	15	3	s	22	18	s
Minneapolis	8	-3	s	16	12	pc
Nashville	27	13	s	33	24	s
New Orleans	39	30	pc	48	38	s
New York City	27	19	sn	28	15	pc
Oklahoma City	37	16	s	41	26	s
Omaha	21	9	s	30	17	pc
Philadelphia	29	17	sn	27	14	pc
Phoenix	67	49	pc	74	54	s
Portland, ME	23	6	sn	21	3	c
Providence	27	13	sn	25	8	sf
Raleigh	28	7	sn	30	-3	s
Rapid City	12	3	s	28	9	pc
Reno	42	41	sn	52	41	r
Sacramento	54	52	r	61	51	r
St. Louis	25	12	s	31	24	pc
Salt Lake City	25	24	pc	43	39	i
San Diego	69	54	c	73	58	pc
San Francisco	59	56	r	61	52	r
Seattle	37	32	c	41	36	r
Tucson	70	47	pc	77	53	s
Washington, DC	29	17	sn	28	15	s
Wichita	37	15	s	40	23	s

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## Richardson presses for audits of 'controversial' topics

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE  
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SALEM — Secretary of State Dennis Richardson said this week he wants his office to pursue audits on controversial topics.

Although the Republican has claimed he will run the office in a nonpartisan manner, his office's audit choices may be under wider scrutiny than usual in a state with a heavily Democratic government.

Richardson said he asked the head of the audits division why there hadn't been an audit of programs such as Cover Oregon, the state's failed health insurance exchange.

"The answer was that the process from the previous audit division director was, that if it is controversial, then that means that the Legislature is already aware of it and is looking at it and so we don't need to be involved, we'll go audit something that's not controversial or where there's no publicity," Richardson said.

Richardson said he understood that position, but that having been a legislator, he knows legislators have limited staff. His goal is to assemble a team within the audit division to audit agencies or programs when problems become public.

"I think we need to have a small group of the auditors whose workload allows them to be utilized to go toward the fire if there's a fire burning somewhere," Richardson said.

He cited the Columbia River Crossing and the Business Energy Tax Credit (BETC) program administered by the Oregon Department of Energy as other examples.

The BETC program was audited by an outside firm last year, and the Legislature convened a joint committee to review the energy department.

Richardson also said he wanted to conduct audits on government projects as they unfold — although he did not yet have details Thursday about projects that would fit the bill. Ideally, he said, such audits would look both at finances and processes.

There are detailed procedures in place for deciding which programs to audit every year, according to documents provided by the Secretary of State's Office.

Audits are divided into three types — information technology, performance and financial audits.

Some financial audits are required every year. The statewide single audit, for example, is required so the state can receive funding from the federal government.

Performance audits often make news. Typically they are more digestible, containing written recommendations for agency or program improvements.

Auditors keep notes of potential audit topics while they are conducting other audits and keeping track of current events. Those ideas are kept in a database that describes the agency

or program, the issue, and potential questions to ask as part of an audit.

Requests for audits can also come from legislators, agency directors, or the state's hotline for complaints of fraud and waste.

Every year, the auditing team reviews the database of ideas — ranging in the hundreds — and whittle it down to 30 to 40 "priority topics," which in turn are reviewed by managers.

The audit division director, the deputy director and performance audit managers vote on the topics and then the team discusses the most popular ideas to determine about a dozen topics for the upcoming year.

Then the secretary of state and deputy secretary review the list and give feedback, which might prompt further discussion or adjustments to the audit schedule.

The criteria used in evaluating program choices are varied, but can be summarized in three ways: The complexity of the audit, potential public benefit — including public safety issues, cost savings and "key challenges" for the state as a whole — and risk.

"We are on the lookout for topics that are high risk, where we suspect the controls in place over a program are weak and where the resulting effects would be large," according to documentation from the Secretary of State's Office.

The office also, according to internal documents, prefers to "focus our performance audits on program improvement rather than identification of past wrongdoing."

## Drone engine maker to set up facility in Columbia Gorge

SEATTLE (AP) — An Australian company that makes engines for aerial drones is planning to set up a facility in the Columbia Gorge, following a \$90 million agreement to supply engines for a Boeing subsidiary.

The Seattle Times reports that Orbital, based in Perth, signed a three-year deal to supply Insitu, a major drone manufacturer, with a new unmanned aerial engine.

Orbital plans to move into an existing facility within six months, probably in the Washington town of Bingen where Insitu is headquartered.

Orbital will initially bring about 15 jobs to the area, with more expected later.

Orbital has been working with Insitu for four years on a new propulsion system for Insitu's ScanEagle UAV, a long-endurance drone that features a sophisticated digital imaging system. It's used extensively by the U.S. military for surveillance in combat zones such as Afghanistan and Iraq.

## Authorities: Victims appear to be part of murder-suicide

HUBBARD (AP) — Five people, including three children, found dead in a fire in western Oregon appear to have been part of a murder-suicide, authorities said Friday.

Investigators picking through the burned home near rural Hubbard found the remains of a man, woman and the children.

## BRIEFLY



Kris Holland/Yakima Herald-Republic via AP, File  
**In this 2009 file photo, Insitu demo team specialist Brian Jones displays a drone aircraft in Bingen, Wash. Australian company Orbital, that makes engines for aerial drones, is planning to set up a facility in the Columbia Gorge following a \$90 million agreement to supply engines for a Boeing subsidiary.**

Autopsies show the children were shot to death; the woman died of blunt-force trauma to the head; and the man died from a gunshot wound to the head, the Marion County Sheriff's Office said.

The sheriff's office did not identify the bodies, but records show the residence belonged to Erin Kroeker, 39, and Keith Kroeker, 42, and that they had three children.

Authorities said they do not believe there is any immediate danger to the public.

Firefighters called to the property early Tuesday near Interstate 5 between Portland and Salem found the home, a shop and a detached garage ablaze. Each structure was apparently ignited separately.

The sheriff's office said it won't comment on evidence or give more details as the investigation continues.

## Police find missing Oregon woman in trunk of her car

MILWAUKIE (AP) — The body of an Oregon woman who had been missing for more than a week was found in the trunk of her car, authorities said.

The Kia Optima belonging to 68-year-old Merrilee Cooley was spotted by police Thursday night at an apartment complex in the Portland suburb of Milwaukie, Clackamas County sheriff's office said.

Detectives responded and found the body in the trunk. Police have not released additional details.

"We're trying to piece together if we have a suspect," Jensen said. Cooley lived alone at a mobile home and needed a walker to get around.

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