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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with a few showers	Cool with sun and clouds	Some sun, a shower in the p.m.	Partly sunny	Some sun

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

59°	45°	60°	42°	62°	42°	66°	41°	70°	46°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

64°	48°	65°	45°	67°	42°	71°	41°	72°	44°
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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	55°	47°
Normals	76°	49°
Records	95° (1918)	33° (1944)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.

Month to date	0.13"
Normal month to date	0.30"
Year to date	11.59"
Last year to date	7.83"
Normal year to date	8.68"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	62°	51°
Normals	78°	47°
Records	94° (1951)	31° (1957)

PRECIPITATION

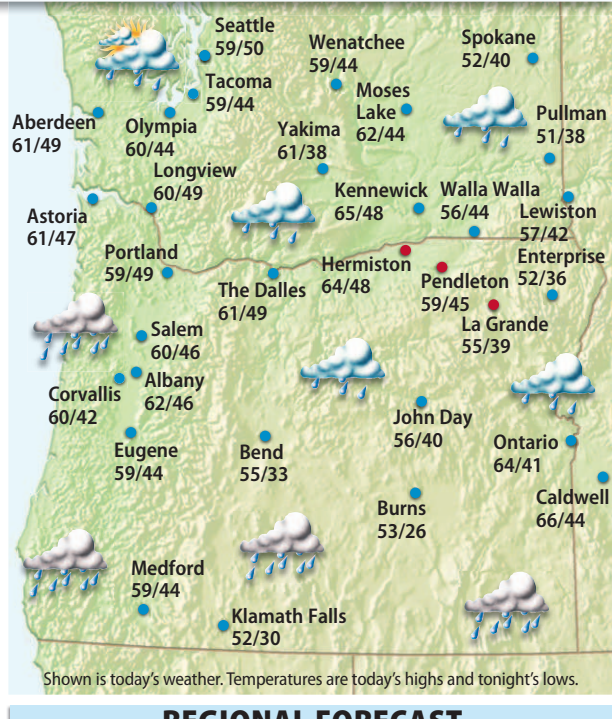
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Month to date	0.16"
Normal month to date	0.24"
Year to date	6.81"
Last year to date	5.44"
Normal year to date	6.36"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:40 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:56 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:00 a.m.
Moonset today	7:31 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Sep 27	Oct 5	Oct 12	Oct 19



REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	61	47	t	64	46	sh
Baker City	57	31	r	54	32	pc
Bend	55	33	r	55	33	pc
Brookings	58	48	r	60	49	sh
Burns	53	26	r	51	27	c
Enterprise	52	36	r	51	34	pc
Eugene	59	44	r	61	44	sh
Hepner	57	44	r	58	41	pc
Hermiston	64	48	sh	65	45	pc
John Day	56	40	r	54	39	c
Klamath Falls	52	30	r	62	38	pc
La Grande	55	39	r	62	38	pc
Meacham	50	37	r	52	36	c
Medford	59	44	r	60	41	sh
Newport	57	47	r	59	46	sh
North Bend	60	48	r	62	47	sh
Ontario	64	41	r	60	41	pc
Pasco	61	43	pc	64	41	pc
Pendleton	59	45	sh	60	42	pc
Portland	59	49	r	62	49	sh
Redmond	56	29	r	56	32	pc
Salem	60	46	r	62	46	sh
Spokane	52	40	sh	54	38	c
Ukiah	50	36	r	51	37	c
Vancouver	61	49	r	62	47	sh
Walla Walla	56	44	sh	59	44	pc
Yakima	61	38	pc	64	40	pc

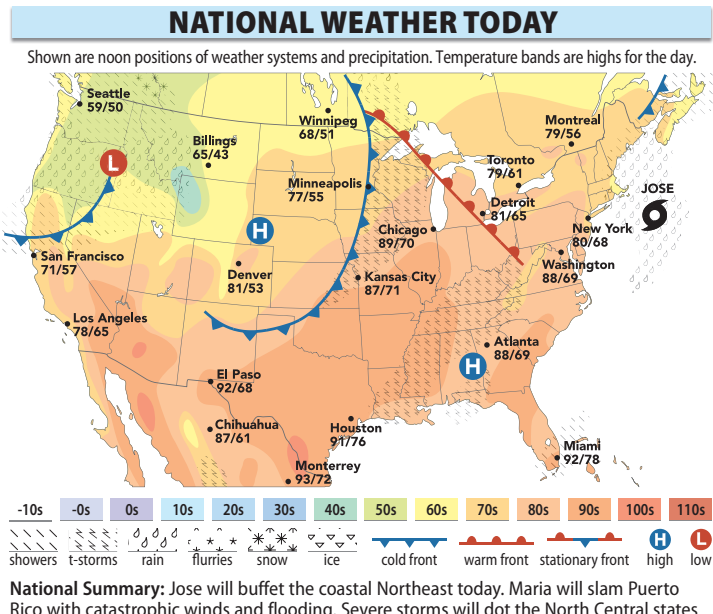
WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	83	57	s	85	60	pc
Hong Kong	90	83	pc	91	82	pc
Jerusalem	80	64	s	82	67	s
London	66	54	pc	67	46	r
Mexico City	76	58	pc	74	59	pc
Moscow	62	48	pc	59	45	sh
Paris	65	47	pc	68	50	pc
Rome	72	51	pc	73	53	s
Seoul	74	56	s	77	57	pc
Sydney	68	52	pc	77	57	pc
Tokyo	80	70	c	82	70	pc

UV INDEX TODAY

(in mph)

Today	Thursday
Boardman WSW 12-25	WSW 6-12
Pendleton W 15-25	WSW 6-12



National Summary: Jose will buffet the coastal Northeast today. Maria will slam Puerto Rico with catastrophic winds and flooding. Severe storms will dot the North Central states as rain and snow affect part of the West.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 102° in Laredo, Texas **Low 26°** in Gunnison, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.			Today			Thur.			
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	
Albuquerque	84	58	s	86	62	s	Louisville	89	71	pc	89	70	pc
Atlanta	88	69	pc	88	70	pc	Memphis	90	73	t	90	74	pc
Atlanta City	81	69	pc	82	66	pc	Miami	92	78	pc	91	78	t
Baltimore	86	65	s	85	64	s	Milwaukee	83	66	pc	80	69	pc
Billings	65	43	pc	55	38	c	Minneapolis	77	55	t	79	70	pc
Birmingham	88	70	pc	89	70	pc	New Orleans	89	74	pc	89	68	pc
Boise	60	40	sh	56	38	pc	New York City	80	68	pc	82	66	pc
Boston	69	65	r	73	58	pc	Oklahoma City	92	73	s	90	70	c
Charleston, SC	90	71	s	89	70	t	Omaha	80	63	s	90	74	s
Charleston, WV	82	63	pc	85	63	pc	Philadelphia	84	69	pc	86	67	pc
Chicago	89	70	pc	89	72	s	Phoenix	100	74	s	98	72	s
Cleveland	83	64	pc	86	64	s	Portland, ME	74	60	sh	76	52	pc
Dallas	97	77	s	95	75	t	Providence	71	66	r	75	58	pc
Denver	81	53	s	88	56	t	Raleigh	89	65	t	88	65	t
Detroit	81	65	pc	84	65	pc	Rapid City	74	47	t	77	45	pc
El Paso	92	68	s	94	71	s	Reno	68	41	pc	73	49	pc
Fairbanks	48	35	r	52	39	pc	Sacramento	76	51	pc	78	56	pc
Fargo	70	53	s	80	59	pc	St. Louis	95	73	s	95	72	pc
Honolulu	89	75	pc	89	75	s	Salt Lake City	75	51	pc	57	43	c
Houston	91	76	pc	90	73	pc	San Diego	74	67	pc	72	65	sh
Indianapolis	88	69	pc	91	70	s	San Francisco	71	57	pc	73	60	sh
Jacksonville	90	71	pc	88	71	pc	Seattle	59	50	sh	62	48	sh
Kansas City	87	71	s	88	71	pc	Tucson	98	70	s	97	70	s
Las Vegas	92	69	s	84	58	s	Washington, DC	88	69	s	86	69	s
Little Rock	92	72	c	90	71	pc	Wichita	91	71	s	93	71	s
Los Angeles	78	65	pc	73	60	pc							

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Periods of rain today, except a couple of showers and a thunderstorm across the north.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly cloudy and breezy today with a couple of showers.

Western Washington: Periods of rain and a thunderstorm today. Partly cloudy tonight with a shower.

Eastern Washington: A couple of showers today, periods of snow, accumulating 1-3 inches in the mountains.

Cascades: A little rain today, except snow and rain in the south.

Northern California: Rather cloudy today with a shower or two. Cold; breezy in the interior mountains.

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Volunteers practice fighting car fires

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Through the light rain Tuesday morning, firefighters battled a blaze.

In the parking lot of the Hermiston Conference Center, 11 new volunteer firefighters were busy practicing how to extinguish car fires — one part of a two-week academy all students must attend.

The students, from the Umatilla County Fire Department and Pendleton Fire Department's volunteer programs, were clad in heavy turnout gear. They took turns hosing down a practice vehicle that was hooked to a propane tank and repeatedly lit on fire. On each try, it took several students to maneuver the hose and attack the flames.

"For many, it's the first time actually handling a fully charged hose," said Matt Fisher, a UCFD shift lieutenant and training coordinator. "So far, it's a lot of dealing with hose-nozzle reactions. It's 100 psi (pounds per square inch), and it's flowing at 150 gallons per minute. If you're not used to it, that's a lot to handle."

The entire experience is new for most students, all but two of whom are completely "green."

Fisher said the people



UCFD volunteer firefighter trainees put out a car fire on a practice run in the Hermiston Conference Center Parking lot Tuesday morning.

who sign up for the volunteer program often have no prior firefighting experience, and the department is always looking for more volunteers. Last week, he said, students spent time in the classroom. This week's training will be hands-on, with students learning how to perform CPR, throw ladders and handle the hose — as well as other entry-level firefighting tasks.

Once the students are finished with this training,

they will enter a term of firefighter classes at Blue Mountain Community College. After that, many students continue their studies to become paramedics.

Jenna O'Brien said the most challenging part of training has been preparing for the physical toll.

"It's hard work," she said. "You go home exhausted."

O'Brien, an Irrigon native, said she has had wildland fire training, but this is her first official firefighter training.

Cooperation is a big part of fighting fires successfully, she said.

"You have to practice, and get to know each others' movements," she said. "We've been working on this all last and this week. It's nice to be able to apply it to a real fire. It's a little different seeing it up close."

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Restrictions lifted on Umatilla National Forest

East Oregonian

The Umatilla National Forest will lift all restrictions on chainsaws, smoking and off-road travel beginning Wednesday as rain and cooler weather help to ease the local fire danger.

Seasonal campfire restrictions, however, will remain in effect through Oct. 31. Visitors are required to build their campfires in a fire pit surrounded by dirt, rock or commercial rings, in areas cleared of all flammable material within a three-foot radius from the edge of the pit.

Campfires must be attended at all times with a shovel and one gallon of water. The restrictions do not apply to designated wilderness areas and developed recreation sites. Portable cooking stoves using bottled gas and wood burning stoves are also allowed.

"The intent is to allow recreational users to enjoy campfires on their public lands in a responsible way, which means practicing safe campfire techniques that, in the long run, will protect lives, property and our natural landscapes," said Brian Ebert, deputy fire management officer for the forest.

Since Monday, nearly 1.5 inches of rain has fallen in Tollgate, .83 inches in Meacham and .85 inches in Ukiah, according to the

National Weather Service in Pendleton. More rain is expected Wednesday before gradually drying out into the weekend.

In addition, a new record low temperature was set Tuesday morning in Meacham at 23 degrees. The previous record was 26 degrees, set in 1973.

The Wallowa-Whitman National Forest is also easing up on its public use restrictions, dropping down to Phase A on Wednesday. Under Phase A restrictions, off-road vehicle travel remains prohibited, chainsaw use is not allowed between 1-8 p.m. and smoking is allowed only in enclosed vehicles, buildings or cleared areas.

The U.S. Forest Service has spent more than \$2 billion battling forest fires around the country, according to an Associated Press report, setting a new record for the agency. However, fire season has been relatively calm in the Blue Mountains, with just 3,950 acres burned across all agencies including the Forest Service, Oregon Department of Forestry, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Washington Department of Natural Resources.

Of those acres burned, only 829 were caused by humans. By comparison, the human-caused Eagle Creek fire in the Columbia River Gorge has burned 48,665 acres alone.

PENDLETON Downtown shoppers wanted for focus group

East Oregonian

In conjunction with the urban renewal district, the Pendleton Downtown Association is convening focus groups to better understand

local shopping habits.

According to a city newsletter, the association is offering a \$50 stipend and refreshments for people willing to discuss topics such as where they shop and

how often.

The association is looking to bring in two focus groups of at least 10-12 people on Oct. 11 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.

Molly Turner, the asso-

ciation's executive director, said the comments and data collected from these focus groups will be used in material to help attract businesses.

Readers who are interested can call 541-966-0233.

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