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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Morning fog; mostly sunny	Partly sunny	Sunshine	Sunshine	Plenty of sunshine

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
63°	41°	68°	47°	62°
37°	39°	61°	41°	63°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
63°	37°	68°	46°	64°
37°	38°	62°	41°	63°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	63°	41°
Normals	60°	38°
Records	82° (1933)	19° (1916)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 1.41"
Normal month to date 0.75"
Year to date 13.70"
Last year to date 9.48"
Normal year to date 9.69"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

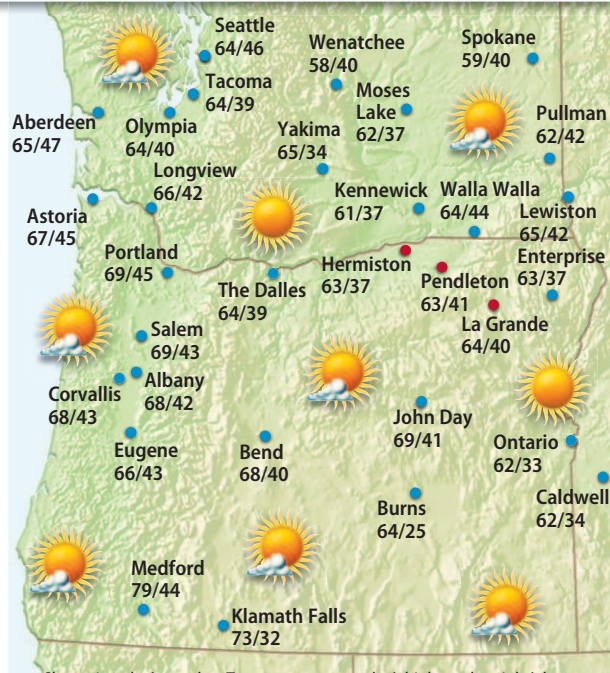
TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	65°	40°
Normals	62°	37°
Records	80° (1933)	20° (1935)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.79"
Normal month to date 0.46"
Year to date 7.80"
Last year to date 6.65"
Normal year to date 7.02"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today 7:24 a.m.
Sunset tonight 5:54 p.m.
Moonrise today 11:55 a.m.
Moonset today 9:22 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Oct 27	Nov 3	Nov 10	Nov 18



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly sunny and pleasant today. Clear tonight, but partly cloudy in the south.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Patchy fog in the morning; otherwise, mostly sunny today.

Western Washington: Mostly sunny today. Increasing cloudiness tonight. A shower tomorrow.

Eastern Washington: Areas of fog during the morning; otherwise, mostly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight.

Cascades: Warm today with plenty of sunshine; pleasant in central parts. Clear tonight.

Northern California: Sunny today. Very warm in central parts; pleasant at the coast. Mainly clear tonight.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	67	45	s	59	43	c
Baker City	65	28	s	67	40	pc
Bend	68	40	s	71	44	pc
Brookings	71	53	s	70	53	pc
Burns	64	25	s	66	33	pc
Enterprise	63	37	s	65	41	pc
Eugene	66	43	s	67	46	pc
Heppner	62	41	s	66	44	pc
Hermiston	63	37	s	68	46	pc
John Day	69	41	s	69	49	pc
Klamath Falls	73	32	s	73	34	s
La Grande	64	40	s	67	43	pc
Meacham	63	39	s	66	41	pc
Medford	79	44	s	74	43	pc
Newport	66	47	s	60	46	c
North Bend	70	48	s	64	49	c
Ontario	62	33	s	62	40	pc
Pasco	62	37	s	67	43	pc
Pendleton	63	41	s	68	47	pc
Portland	69	45	s	63	47	pc
Redmond	69	34	s	71	44	pc
Salem	69	43	s	67	47	pc
Spokane	59	40	s	58	38	pc
Ukiah	67	37	s	67	41	pc
Vancouver	67	43	s	62	46	pc
Walla Walla	64	44	s	66	49	pc
Yakima	65	34	s	67	41	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	65	44	s	61	48	c
Hong Kong	81	73	s	82	72	s
Jerusalem	73	56	s	74	55	s
London	66	56	c	65	54	c
Mexico City	68	48	pc	64	44	pc
Moscow	34	24	pc	33	25	c
Moscow	66	51	pc	69	49	pc
Rome	70	52	s	73	49	s
Seoul	66	45	s	66	45	s
Sydney	78	63	pc	81	63	c
Tokyo	63	56	pc	62	54	r

UV INDEX TODAY

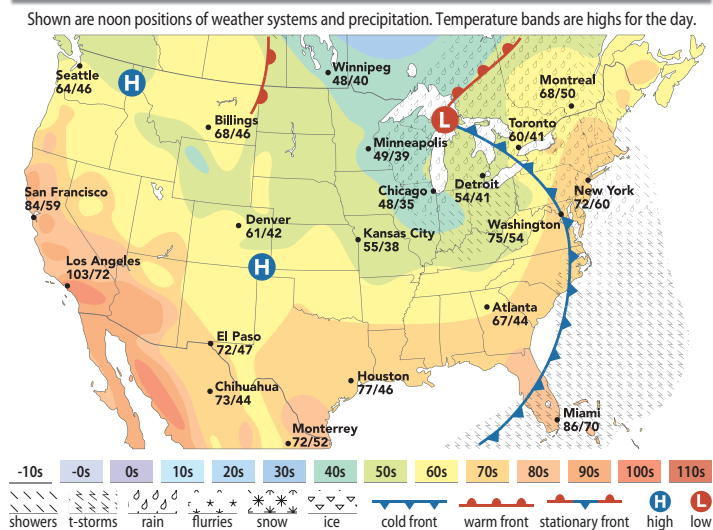
(in mph) Today Wednesday
Boardman NE 3-6 WSW 6-12
Pendleton N 4-8 WSW 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY

0 2 3 3 2 0
 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



National Summary: Areas from the Great Lakes to the Northeast and part of the Florida Peninsula can expect stormy and unsettled conditions with wind and rain today. Gusty winds and heat will roast much of California.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 107° in Fullerton, Calif. **Low** 14° in Gothic, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.				Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	64	44	s	69	44	s	Louisville	56	41	c	53	40	c
Atlanta	67	44	s	60	42	s	Memphis	63	40	pc	63	46	s
Baltimore	75	48	t	63	41	pc	Miami	86	70	r	74	61	sh
Birmingham	66	42	s	61	42	s	Millwaukee	52	37	r	51	40	pc
Boise	62	38	s	64	41	pc	Minneapolis	49	39	pc	60	42	pc
Boston	72	64	sh	68	53	r	Nashville	63	39	pc	57	40	pc
Charlotte, SC	77	51	pc	69	45	s	New Orleans	73	52	s	68	49	s
Charleston, WV	62	37	c	52	34	c	New York City	72	60	r	69	48	r
Chicago	48	35	r	51	39	pc	Oklahoma City	65	38	s	72	49	s
Cleveland	59	43	sh	51	37	sh	Omaha	56	39	s	72	45	s
Dallas	72	46	s	77	53	s	Philadelphia	74	54	r	66	46	pc
Denver	61	42	s	77	42	s	Phoenix	96	70	s	94	65	s
Detroit	54	41	sh	50	37	sh	Portland, ME	67	60	sh	65	50	r
El Paso	72	47	s	75	51	s	Providence	73	64	r	69	50	r
Fairbanks	24	17	pc	33	24	c	Raleigh	75	46	pc	64	40	s
Fargo	51	41	pc	63	41	pc	Rapid City	62	41	s	78	35	s
Honolulu	83	68	pc	83	71	pc	Reno	73	42	s	78	41	s
Houston	77	46	s	74	48	s	Sacramento	86	53	s	87	51	s
Indianapolis	49	38	sh	50	39	c	Salt Lake City	63	42	s	88	66	s
Jacksonville	79	52	pc	72	46	s	San Diego	93	70	s	88	66	s
Kansas City	55	38	pc	69	49	s	San Francisco	84	59	s	80	57	s
Las Vegas	87	62	s	85	59	s	Seattle	64	46	s	59	48	r
Little Rock	66	39	s	67	45	s	Tucson	91	64	s	91	60	s
Los Angeles	103	72	s	100	69	s	Washington, DC	75	54	pc	64	47	pc
							Wichita	63	38	s	74	49	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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Highway reopens after heavy flooding in Tillamook

TILLAMOOK (AP) — Highway 101 through Tillamook has reopened after 5 inches of rain shut down part of the road and caused flooding that damaged cars and forced at least one business to close.

KGW-TV reports that the Tillamook County Sheriff's Office says the mountains got 10 inches of rain and the Wilson River rose 5 feet above flood stage at the storm's height.

Flooding is common in the area during heavy winter rains, but authorities say events like these typically don't happen this early in the season.

Solar energy company makes \$1 billion bet on Oregon

JONATHAN BACH
Statesman Journal

SALEM — A national solar energy company is betting nearly \$1 billion on an Oregon development spree, including five new solar farms in Marion and Polk counties.

Cypress Creek Renewables, a developer that sells electricity to utility companies and already operates seven solar sites in Oregon, is building farms near Salem, Silverton, Gervais, Turner and Grand Ronde.

Cypress Creek, which operates in 15 states, has its largest group of farms in North Carolina, where more than 100 are either operating or under construction, company officials say.

The Marion and Polk county farms will cover about 12 acres each,

producing enough energy to power some 450 homes. They should be churning out electricity by year's end or shortly afterward, company officials said. The farms will sell energy to Portland General Electric, which will send it to its utility ratepayers.

The Willamette Valley's population density is such "that solar's needed in this area as part of the renewable energy mix," said Cypress Creek spokeswoman Amy Berg Pickett. "So it's good to site solar where the energy is going to be used."

Company officials say they try their best to hire local workers to build the farms and believe the projects will create "hundreds of good-paying jobs" in Marion and Polk counties.

In 2016, slightly more than 4,500 people worked in solar energy jobs in Oregon,

up 50 percent from 2,999 in 2015, according to the Solar Foundation, a Washington, D.C., nonprofit.

Cypress Creek started working in Oregon in 2014. Six farms are generating electricity in Malheur County and one in Deschutes County. At some of those sites, the company took advantage of a taxpayer-funded effort by state officials to increase renewable energy supplies.

During the 2016 session, Oregon lawmakers approved the formation of a Solar Development Incentive program to stimulate solar energy construction. It works by paying companies half a cent each month for every kilowatt-hour of electricity they produce. Payments expire after five years.

Under the program, Business Oregon, the state's

economic development agency, plans to pay Cypress Creek \$2,035,225 for four of the solar projects in Deschutes and Malheur counties. About \$246,000 has already been paid.

Otherwise, the agency isn't giving the company any loans or incentives, spokesman Nathan Buehler said in an email.

Cypress Creek is also taking advantage of federal solar investment tax credits, which allow the company to deduct 30 percent from the amount it's invested in a solar project, according to the Solar Energy Industries Association.

In September, while writing to two U.S. congressmen chairing a subcommittee on energy and power, Cypress Creek Chief Executive Matt McGovern said, "In Oregon we have 17

projects either operational or in construction totaling just shy of \$500 million in investment, with another \$346 million worth in development."

The company also is building two new projects in southern Oregon, as well as two more in other parts of the Willamette Valley.

"We will not be blanketting the state with solar. No solar company will, because there's no avenue for that," Berg Pickett said.

At the Cypress Creek farm just outside of Silverton, mid-October clouds blanket the sky — not ideal weather for a solar harvest.

"Typically, solar farms generate energy on all daylight hours, even if there's some clouds or some snow," Berg Pickett explained. "The production would just be less."

Oregon rafters may get a break on permits

MEDFORD (AP) — The Oregon State Marine Board is considering a plan that would no longer require people who rent commercial rafts and kayaks to carry Aquatic Invasive Species permits.

The Mail Tribune reports while raft-rental companies still would be required to buy the same permits to outfit their fleets, their customers would not have to physically carry proof while on waterways. Just the company name on the raft would suffice, thereby saving the Marine Board printing costs and reducing water authorities' need to check for permits.

Tribes seek reparations over sacred site destroyed by highway expansion

By STEVEN DUBOIS
Associated Press

PORTLAND — Government lawyers asked a federal judge Monday to dismiss a lawsuit filed by tribal elders who say a sacred site was destroyed to expand a highway near Oregon's Mount Hood.

U.S. Justice Department attorney Ben Schifman said in a telephone hearing that the elders were not substantially burdened by the expansion of U.S. 26 and lacked standing to sue.

The elders from Yakama Nation and the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde claim the Federal Highway Administration violated the Religious Freedom Restoration Act. Their attorney

Stephanie Barclay said the government in 2008 could have widened the road without bulldozing a site that included a stone altar and medicinal plants.

Rather than money, the Native Americans are asking for a historical marker, a rebuilt altar and for the planting of new trees and plants.

"Even more importantly, one of the things the plaintiffs are asking for in this case is simply for the judge to say what the federal government did was against the law," Barclay said after the hearing. "The federal government does not get to destroy sacred sites of Native Americans with impunity."

Judge Youlee Yim You

will decide whether the case filed nine years ago moves forward. She did not indicate when she will rule.

The Oregon Department of Transportation widened the highway after receiving complaints about a dangerous stretch east of Portland. Residents believed the addition of a center-turn lane would increase safety.

Schifman said the Religious Freedom Restoration Act does not apply in this case because the elders have not been denied a public benefit or forced to violate their religion. He said if every individual were to have a religious veto over the use of public land, nearly all projects would grind to a halt.

Schifman noted that the

plaintiffs have access to visit the roadside area.

"No one has been threatened by federal law enforcement officers with any kind of trespass or any criminal penalty for visiting the site," he said.

Barclay said access is useless when the elements that made it special are gone: "It would be like telling Christians that they can still access a church when the walls have been knocked down and the remainder has been covered in a mound of dirt."

Though the hearing was conducted by telephone, a sizable group of Native Americans listened in at the federal courthouse in downtown Portland.

Plaintiff Carol Logan, from the Confederated Tribes of Grande Ronde, said she worshipped for decades at the site known as Ana Kwna Nchi nchi Patat, or the "Place of Big Big Trees."

"This is where our ancestors rest, and yet they rip the soil apart like an open wound," she said.

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