

AccuWeather.com Forecast

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
A little afternoon rain	Cloudy with spotty showers	Turning cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Cloudy with a bit of rain
55° 38°	51° 38°	49° 33°	50° 33°	52° 43°
57° 39°	53° 39°	53° 32°	52° 33°	53° 42°

ALMANAC

PENDELTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	56°	36°
Normals	50°	33°
Records	72° (1953)	-4° (1955)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.57"
Normal month to date 0.60"
Year to date 14.27"
Last year to date 10.65"
Normal year to date 10.59"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

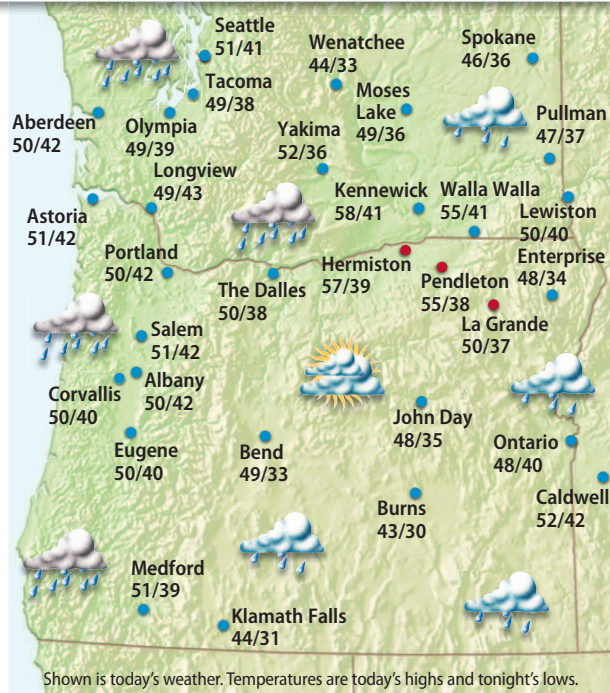
TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	57°	34°
Normals	51°	33°
Records	69° (2001)	6° (1978)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.35"
Normal month to date 0.53"
Year to date 8.15"
Last year to date 7.58"
Normal year to date 7.81"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:55 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:24 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:48 a.m.
Moonset today	3:31 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
	Nov 18	Nov 26	Dec 3	Dec 9



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Rain, heavy at times, across the south today; heavy rain followed by a few showers north.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly cloudy today; some rain will spread in from the west during the afternoon.

Western Washington: Cloudy today with rain tapering to a couple of showers. A couple of showers tonight.

Eastern Washington: Mostly cloudy today; a little rain, mainly during the afternoon. Snow in the mountains.

Cascades: Rain and snow today, heavy at times. Snow level mostly near 5,000 feet with 4-8 inches.

Northern California: Rain, heavy at times today; however, snow in the mountains as low as 4,500 feet.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	51	42	r	49	40	sh
Baker City	48	33	c	49	26	sn
Bend	49	33	r	43	28	sn
Brookings	54	46	r	50	41	sh
Burns	43	30	c	41	22	sn
Enterprise	48	34	c	44	31	sn
Eugene	50	40	r	48	38	sh
Heppner	53	37	r	50	36	sh
Hermiston	57	39	r	53	39	sn
John Day	48	35	c	45	30	sn
Klamath Falls	44	31	r	43	24	c
La Grande	50	37	c	48	33	sn
Meacham	49	35	c	45	32	sn
Medford	51	39	r	47	36	r
Newport	51	44	r	50	41	sh
North Bend	54	44	r	52	41	sh
Ontario	48	40	r	51	33	c
Pasco	58	40	c	54	35	c
Pendleton	55	38	r	51	38	sh
Portland	50	42	r	50	41	sh
Redmond	52	32	r	46	26	c
Salem	51	42	r	51	39	sh
Spokane	46	36	r	44	31	c
Ukiah	48	33	sn	43	30	sn
Vancouver	49	43	r	49	40	sh
Walla Walla	55	41	r	51	39	sh
Yakima	52	36	sh	50	28	c

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	44	21	s	45	28	s
Hong Kong	78	72	pc	79	74	c
Jerusalem	71	52	s	73	54	pc
London	54	46	c	55	37	pc
Mexico City	74	46	pc	73	46	pc
Moscow	34	32	c	38	30	sf
Paris	51	40	pc	52	40	pc
Rome	61	47	c	63	46	s
Seoul	44	23	s	42	28	s
Sydney	76	64	pc	76	67	t
Tokyo	58	50	pc	57	45	pc

WINDS

(in mph)

	Today	Thursday
Boardman	SSW 6-12	WSW 6-12
Pendleton	S 7-14	WSW 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY

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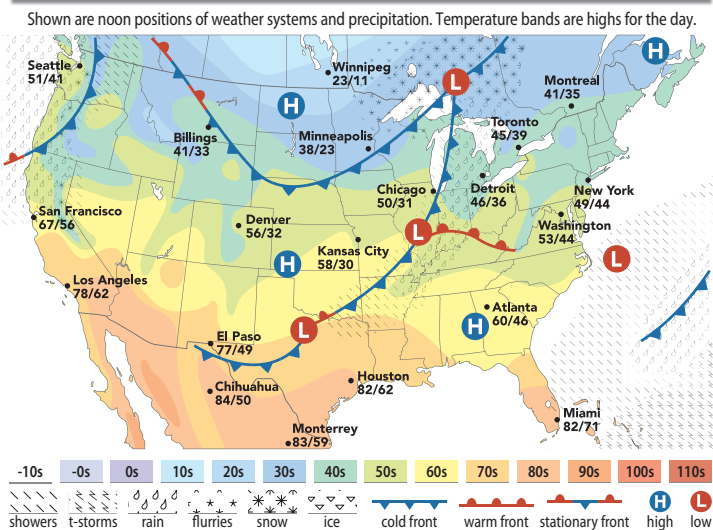
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

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 WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: As a storm swings across the Upper Midwest, rain will extend from the central Great Lakes to northeastern Texas today. Snow will fall on the upper Great Lakes. More rain and mountain snow will hit the Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 89° in Tucson, Ariz. Low 7° in Plentywood, Mont.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	65	41	s	70	47	s
Atlanta	60	46	s	67	43	pc
Baltimore	51	41	pc	50	39	pc
Birmingham	64	49	s	68	40	pc
Boise	51	43	r	51	34	sh
Boston	45	38	pc	49	35	r
Charlotte, SC	63	40	pc	68	43	s
Chicago	50	31	r	40	31	pc
Cleveland	51	38	r	43	31	c
Dallas	73	58	r	69	60	sh
Denver	56	32	pc	72	44	s
Detroit	46	36	r	43	27	c
El Paso	77	49	s	78	52	s
Fairbanks	10	7	pc	16	10	sn
Fargo	30	17	c	36	31	c
Honolulu	85	71	pc	85	71	pc
Houston	82	62	s	81	64	pc
Indianapolis	50	31	r	42	29	pc
Jacksonville	70	46	pc	74	51	s
Kansas City	58	30	pc	52	43	pc
Las Vegas	74	57	s	78	63	pc
Little Rock	63	45	sh	64	48	c
Los Angeles	78	62	pc	75	61	c
Louisville	55	37	r	48	33	s
Memphis	64	45	sh	62	44	pc
Miami	82	71	pc	82	70	sh
Millwaukee	50	31	r	39	33	pc
Minneapolis	38	23	pc	38	33	c
Nashville	62	42	sh	59	34	pc
New Orleans	75	56	pc	76	57	pc
New York City	49	44	pc	55	36	pc
Oklahoma City	64	39	c	64	53	c
Omaha	53	25	s	49	41	pc
Philadelphia	53	46	pc	59	36	pc
Phoenix	85	59	pc	86	62	s
Portland, ME	42	30	pc	47	30	r
Providence	48	35	pc	53	33	r
Raleigh	56	39	s	65	35	s
Rapid City	48	27	pc	67	35	s
Reno	60	43	c	56	32	r
Sacramento	61	53	r	61	43	sh
St. Louis	60	32	r	47	35	s
Salt Lake City	61	49	pc	61	42	c
San Diego	75	61	pc	75	61	pc
San Francisco	67	56	sh	63	51	sh
Seattle	51	41	r	48	39	c
Tucson	87	55	pc	88	55	s
Washington, DC	53	44	pc	60	37	pc
Wichita	61	36	pc	60	51	pc

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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University responds to questions on allegation handling

EUGENE (AP) — University of Oregon President Michael Schill has defended the university's handling of a rape allegation against a former basketball player after U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden sent a letter earlier this month pushing for more information.

The Democratic senator from Oregon had sent a letter to Schill, saying he was troubled by the questions raised in an article published in Sports Illustrated last month. The article casts doubt on whether the university followed its policies on student sexual misconduct when the allegation surfaced in the fall of 2016.

"If these reports are accurate, they raise major ques-



Wyden

"If these reports are accurate, they raise major questions about the university's commitment to creating and maintaining a safe campus environment."

— Sen. Ron Wyden, in a letter to U of O President Michael Schill

tions about the university's commitment to creating and maintaining a safe campus environment," Wyden wrote.

University officials said employees correctly followed policy, which was outlined at length in a response sent to the senator on Monday, *The Register-Guard* reported.

The article pointed to a set of written procedures for sexual misconduct cases, which university officials said in their response "are not strict policies that require absolute adherence." Flexibility on these matters is required so officials can "respond to the totality of the information present and the

unique circumstances that arise in various cases," they said.

The allegation against the player came out of Wyoming, and it never resulted in criminal charges. Schill said the victim requested that no campus action be taken against the player, and police in Wyoming did not provide the university with enough information to go against that request and start a student conduct investigation.

Schill said privacy obligations extend to all students, including athletes.

"More importantly, the right to privacy and agency of the survivor of a sexual assault should not be eroded because the alleged perpetrator is a student athlete," Schill wrote.

Identity theft scam netted Nigerians \$11M, and prison

SALEM (AP) — A Nigerian man has been sentenced to seven years in federal prison for his role in the bilking of over \$11 million via an identity-theft scheme from the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Attorney's office for Oregon said Tuesday.

An IRS agent has said this is one of the largest tax fraud cases in the United States in which stolen personal identification information was used to defraud the IRS, First Assistant U.S. Attorney for Oregon Scott Erik Asphaug told The Associated Press in an email.

Its scope is staggering.

An IRS criminal investigation determined the co-conspirators obtained personal identifying information of more than 259,000 people, and used it to acquire over 19,500 electronic filing PINs from the IRS, the U.S. Attorney's office said in a statement. The co-conspirators obtained and used pre-paid debit cards with the stolen identities

to receive direct electronic tax refund deposits. They eventually filed over 10,000 fraudulent federal tax returns, attempting to obtain over \$91 million in refunds, with actual losses amounting to over \$11 million.

Refunds were withdrawn from the debit cards and at least 2,000 wire transfers totaling over \$2.1 million were sent to Nigeria.

For his role, Michael Oluwasegun Kazeem, 24, who came to the United States on a student visa, was sentenced in federal court in Medford on Nov. 8 for conspiracy to commit mail fraud, aggravated identity theft and mail fraud, the U.S. Attorney's office said Tuesday. U.S. District Court Judge Ann Aiken also ordered Kazeem to pay \$4.3 million in restitution.

The authorities got wind of the case when a Medford victim told the IRS in 2013 that false federal and Oregon state tax returns were filed electronically using her and

her husband's names. The returns included personally identifiable information, including their social security numbers and dates of birth. The federal refund was deposited into an account via a prepaid debit card in a suburb of Chicago while the state refund was directed to a bank account in Texas.

In 2014, the co-conspirators also gained access to the IRS "Get Transcript" system where they obtained sensitive taxpayer information and used it to file additional fraudulent returns. In 2015, because of these and other security breaches, the IRS discontinued the program, the statement from the U.S. Attorney's office said.

Last August, Kazeem's brother, Emmanuel Kazeem, was convicted in Medford of mail and wire fraud, aggravated identity theft and conspiracy to commit mail and wire fraud. Evidence presented at his trial showed Emmanuel Kazeem purchased

over 91,000 taxpayer identities from a Vietnamese hacker.

The Mail Tribune, a newspaper in Medford, reported that tax returns were filed using 13,203 accounts stolen from CICS Employment Services, a company that performs pre-employment background checks and is based in Lincoln City, on the Oregon Coast. The owner of CICS said he lost \$420,000 worth of business, and handled hundreds of calls from distressed victims, many with limited means, the newspaper reported.

Asphaug said no taxpayer was out monetarily as a result of the crimes, but that they caused a multitude of issues for taxpayers.

Michael Kazeem joined the conspiracy in 2013 to help his brother, who lived in Bowie, Maryland and Nigeria.

Emmanuel Kazeem's sentencing is scheduled for March 22, 2018.

Michael Kazeem apologized in court.

BRIEFLY

Drug bust on reservation nets five

MISSION — A drug bust early Tuesday on the Umatilla Indian Reservation resulted in five arrests and the seizure of methamphetamine and marijuana.

The Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation in a written statement reported police at about 5 a.m. raided 1 Easy St. and arrested the following: Timothy Burns, 38; Brianna Gillette, 32; Lyndi McKenzie, 73; Christina Jones, 26; and Ashley Sampson, 31.

All five are in the Umatilla County Jail, Pendleton, under CTUIR crimes of dangerous drugs, criminal activity in drugs or criminal drug promotion, according to the statement. State charges also apply, including possession of methamphetamine and frequenting or maintaining a place where drugs are kept or sold.

Police had a search warrant to conduct the raid, according to the statement, and seized about 8 grams of meth, 8 ounces of marijuana, marijuana oil and dabs, scales and packaging material, one firearm, and U.S. currency.

The CTUIR reported a Umatilla Tribal Police Department officer who works with the Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team led the investigation. BENT, tribal police, the FBI and the regional SWAT team participated in the take down.

Man accused of shipping marijuana in fake boulders

EUGENE (AP) — Police say an Oregon man shipped more than \$1 million worth of marijuana to another state via UPS last week, packing the drugs inside of artificial boulders he made himself.

The Eugene Register-Guard reports that Curran Millican Manzer, 36, of Waterville, Oregon, made shipments to another state where marijuana is illegal. Springfield Police Lt. Scott McKee declined to identify the state and said the number of shipments is still being determined as part of an ongoing investigation.

Marijuana is legal in Oregon, but it remains illegal at the federal level, and shipping it across state lines is considered drug trafficking.

Manzer faces charges of felony laundering a monetary instrument, felony unlawful manufacturing of marijuana, and misdemeanor charges of unlawful delivery of marijuana and unlawful possession of marijuana. It wasn't immediately clear if he had an attorney.

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