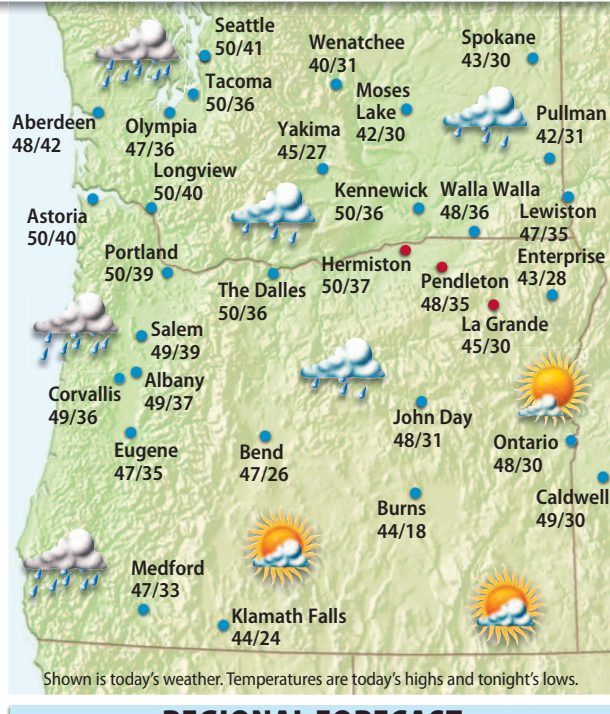


AccuWeather Forecast
TODAY **WEDNESDAY** **THURSDAY** **FRIDAY** **SATURDAY**
 Rain and drizzle this afternoon | Partly sunny | An afternoon shower in spots | Cloudy | Cloudy with a bit of snow
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 48° 35° 47° 31° 47° 38° 49° 37° 46° 34°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 50° 37° 50° 30° 46° 36° 51° 36° 46° 37°

ALMANAC
PENDLETON
 through 3 p.m. yesterday
TEMPERATURE
 HIGH LOW
 Yesterday 48° 34°
 Normals 43° 30°
 Records 69° (1892) -11° (1896)
PRECIPITATION
 24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.33"
 Month to date 1.47"
 Normal month to date 1.30"
 Year to date 15.17"
 Last year to date 11.21"
 Normal year to date 11.29"

HERMISTON
 through 3 p.m. yesterday
TEMPERATURE
 HIGH LOW
 Yesterday 52° 37°
 Normals 45° 30°
 Records 68° (1949) 0° (1993)
PRECIPITATION
 24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.08"
 Month to date 0.87"
 Normal month to date 1.06"
 Year to date 8.67"
 Last year to date 7.87"
 Normal year to date 8.34"

SUN AND MOON
 Sunrise today 7:12 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 4:14 p.m.
 Moonrise today 1:49 p.m.
 Moonset today 12:55 a.m.
 Full Dec 3 | Last Dec 9 | New Dec 17 | First Dec 26



REGIONAL FORECAST
Coastal Oregon: Periods of rain today; arriving during the afternoon in the south.
Eastern and Central Oregon: Occasional rain and drizzle today; mostly sunny in the south and upper Treasure Valley.
Western Washington: Mostly cloudy today; rain tapering off; however, periods of rain at the coast.
Eastern Washington: Showers around today; however, snow and rain in the north and a bit of snow in the mountains.
Cascades: Rain, then snow late across the north today; rain in central parts. A little snow in the south.
Northern California: Partial sunshine today. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

REGIONAL CITIES

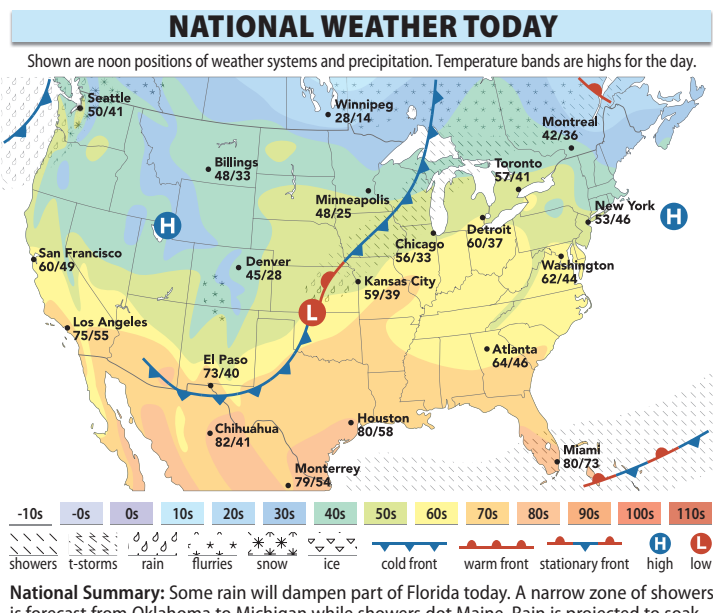
	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	50	40	r	52	41	pc
Baker City	47	27	pc	45	24	pc
Bend	47	26	r	44	27	pc
Brookings	53	41	r	56	41	pc
Burns	44	18	c	39	14	pc
Enterprise	43	28	pc	39	24	pc
Eugene	47	35	r	49	33	pc
Hepner	49	35	r	46	31	pc
Hermiston	50	37	r	50	30	pc
John Day	48	31	r	41	28	pc
Klamath Falls	44	24	pc	44	23	pc
La Grande	45	30	c	42	28	pc
Meacham	44	29	r	40	27	pc
Medford	47	33	r	48	30	pc
Newport	50	39	r	52	41	pc
North Bend	52	39	r	55	39	pc
Ontario	48	30	s	46	24	pc
Pasco	50	34	sh	51	30	pc
Pendleton	48	35	r	47	31	pc
Portland	50	39	r	50	36	pc
Redmond	49	22	r	46	24	pc
Salem	49	29	r	51	36	pc
Spokane	43	30	r	41	29	pc
Ukiah	44	27	sh	39	24	pc
Vancouver	50	39	r	49	36	pc
Walla Walla	48	36	r	48	34	pc
Yakima	45	27	c	49	29	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	44	18	s	34	19	pc
Hong Kong	78	71	pc	80	71	pc
Jerusalem	63	47	s	62	47	pc
London	45	35	pc	44	30	pc
Mexico City	72	42	s	73	42	s
Moscow	28	19	sn	24	21	c
Paris	48	31	sh	42	33	sh
Rome	54	48	pc	60	47	r
Seoul	50	25	pc	36	19	pc
Sydney	78	69	pc	78	69	pc
Tokyo	59	51	pc	64	50	pc

WINDS
 (in mph) Today Wednesday
Boardman WSW 4-8 WSW 6-12
Pendleton S 6-12 SW 7-14

UV INDEX TODAY
 0 1 1 1 0 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 CITIES

	Today			Wed.				Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	58	33	s	57	38	pc	Louisville	64	45	s	58	45	pc
Atlanta	64	46	s	68	51	s	Memphis	68	45	s	69	53	pc
Atlantic City	58	49	s	62	39	s	Miami	80	73	t	82	73	t
Baltimore	60	39	s	62	33	s	Milwaukee	54	32	sh	44	36	s
Billings	48	33	s	46	28	sf	Minneapolis	48	25	s	45	32	s
Birmingham	68	47	s	70	52	pc	Nashville	67	43	s	64	47	pc
Boise	49	30	pc	45	28	s	New Orleans	75	61	s	76	62	pc
Boston	42	40	s	54	30	s	New York City	53	46	s	51	32	s
Charleston, SC	71	48	pc	73	46	s	Oklahoma City	68	44	pc	56	39	pc
Charleston, WV	66	39	s	58	38	pc	Omaha	56	26	pc	51	32	s
Chicago	56	33	pc	47	38	s	Philadelphia	59	44	s	60	37	s
Cleveland	62	42	s	47	35	s	Phoenix	77	55	s	79	59	pc
Dallas	77	50	s	67	47	pc	Portland, ME	36	32	pc	52	22	s
Denver	45	28	sf	58	25	pc	Providence	44	40	s	57	28	s
Detroit	60	37	s	47	34	s	Raleigh	64	40	s	67	38	s
El Paso	73	40	s	67	42	pc	Rapid City	50	30	s	52	23	pc
Fairbanks	0	-3	pc	11	1	c	Reno	55	29	pc	51	26	pc
Fargo	45	22	s	47	31	c	Sacramento	60	44	pc	62	39	s
Honolulu	84	74	sh	85	74	sh	St. Louis	71	43	s	56	47	pc
Houston	80	58	s	79	52	pc	Salt Lake City	48	31	pc	46	28	pc
Indianapolis	62	39	s	53	41	pc	San Diego	71	55	s	71	55	pc
Jacksonville	76	58	s	76	56	s	San Francisco	60	49	pc	62	48	s
Kansas City	59	39	pc	52	39	pc	Seattle	50	41	r	50	41	pc
Las Vegas	65	44	s	66	48	pc	Tucson	79	52	pc	81	54	pc
Little Rock	70	44	s	64	50	sh	Washington, DC	62	44	s	63	41	pc
Los Angeles	75	55	pc	76	54	pc	Wichita	60	40	pc	54	36	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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Washington Senate order bans all firearms from public gallery

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP) — All firearms will be banned from the public galleries above the Washington Senate floor once the legislative session begins in January, under an order issued Monday by Lt. Gov. Cyrus Habib.

Habib, a Democrat who serves as the presiding officer of the chamber, told The Associated Press and Northwest News Network that his goal is to create a safer environment for all working in the Senate. The move comes nearly three years after officials decided to ban openly carried weapons in the House and Senate public viewing areas, as well as the public hearing rooms at the Capitol's legislative office buildings.

Habib's order expands that rule to include those carrying concealed weapons with permits. For now, the rule is limited just to the public galleries in the Senate and doesn't include the committee rooms.

"I don't want us to be implementing this type of order the day after some type of tragedy," Habib said. "I want to be doing it preemptively and in a way that's respectful."

The rule also doesn't cover the House, which would need to take its own action if officials there wanted to follow suit. House officials said Monday that there are currently no discussions on changing that chamber's policy.

Habib said that at this point there's no plan for



In this June 30 photo, the public gallery is visible above the Senate floor at upper right in the Capitol in Olympia, Wash.

metal detectors outside of the galleries or storage lockers for people to store their gun, though in a letter sent Monday to the chamber's sergeant at arms, he asked for logistical and costs factors related to metal detectors by the start of the next session. Currently, visitors to the Capitol do not need to go through any screening to enter the building.

Under the order, which will be enforced starting on Jan. 8, overcoats or large bags that could be used to conceal firearms into the galleries will also be prohibited in the public viewing area, and there will be increased vigilance by security prior to and during Senate floor sessions. Habib said that while his main concern is about assault weapons being hidden and brought into the galleries, the order applies to all firearms.

"The message to members of the public is that — as in the case in countless government buildings around the country, including most statehouses,

courthouses all over the place — this is a particular setting where it's not deemed safe to have weapons," he said. "This is in no way a statement about those individuals' lawful ability to bear arms."

Dave Workman, spokesman for the Bellevue-based Citizens Committee for the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, disagreed, saying that Habib's statements were "disingenuous at best because this absolutely is a statement about those individuals' lawful ability to bear arms."

"We're not talking about guns really, we're talking about the public's right to access to watch their government in action," he said. "Whether they're armed or disarmed, I'm not too sure that's really the point here. This looks like an attempt to keep some people out of the senate galleries that never caused a problem before."

In a statement, Democratic Senate Majority Leader Sharon Nelson said these kinds of steps "are needed to

keep the public safe."

"Mass shootings are preventable, yet occur seemingly weekly in our country," she wrote. "People come to the Legislature every day just like they go to movie theaters, churches, concerts, malls, night clubs, offices and schools every day. There should be a reasonable expectation they can go about their lives without fear of violence."

According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, 10 states — including Washington — are "open carry" and allow guns in their statehouse buildings, 13 allow guns with a permit, and three permit only legislators to carry guns in the building.

"I understand that public safety is the driving concern behind banning guns in the public galleries of the Senate, but I trust that the lieutenant governor will seek legal advice to ensure that the order also respects the public's constitutional rights," Republican Minority Leader Mark Schoesler said in a written statement.

Openly carried weapons are still allowed in the main public areas of the Washington Capitol and on the grounds of the Capitol campus.

Corrections
 In the "Home for the Holidays" special section published Nov. 22, incorrect dates were given for the Hermiston Christmas Market. It will be Saturday, Dec. 16 from 2-6 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The East Oregonian works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

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