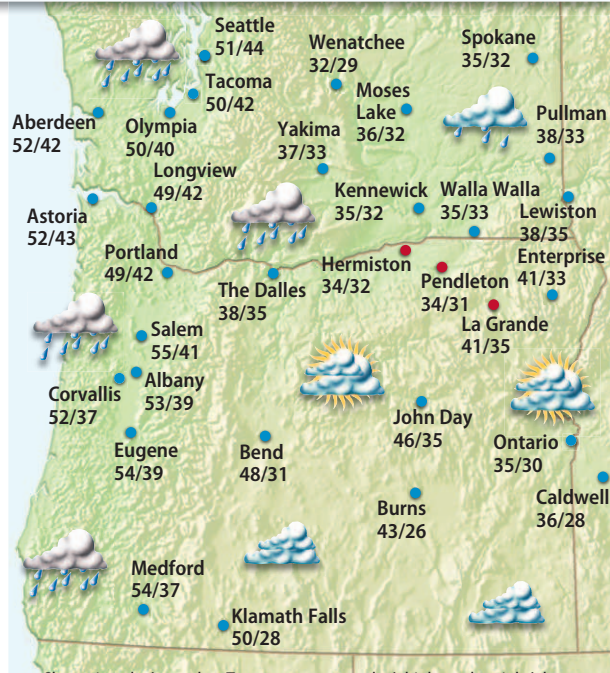


AccuWeather Forecast
 TODAY SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY
 Freezing rain at times Mostly cloudy Mostly cloudy Times of clouds and sun Cloudy
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 34° 31° 45° 31° 42° 32° 43° 34° 43° 37°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 34° 32° 46° 31° 41° 31° 42° 33° 41° 35°

ALMANAC
PENDLETON
 through 3 p.m. yesterday
TEMPERATURE
 HIGH LOW
 Yesterday 30° 27°
 Normals 40° 26°
 Records 69° (2012) -9° (2004)
PRECIPITATION
 24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace
 Month to date Trace
 Normal month to date 0.24"
 Year to date Trace
 Last year to date 0.11"
 Normal year to date 0.24"
HERMISTON
 through 3 p.m. yesterday
TEMPERATURE
 HIGH LOW
 Yesterday 33° 27°
 Normals 40° 27°
 Records 64° (1989) -4° (1942)
PRECIPITATION
 24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace
 Month to date Trace
 Normal month to date 0.16"
 Year to date Trace
 Last year to date 0.10"
 Normal year to date 0.16"
SUN AND MOON
 Sunrise today 7:36 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 4:26 p.m.
 Moonrise today 9:14 p.m.
 Moonset today 10:13 a.m.



REGIONAL FORECAST
Coastal Oregon: Periods of rain today. A shower tonight. A shower in places tomorrow. Sunday, rain.
Eastern and Central Oregon: Rather cloudy today. A bit of ice, then rain across the north; a shower or two near the Cascades.
Western Washington: Occasional rain today and tonight. Mostly cloudy tomorrow with a shower in places.
Eastern Washington: A bit of ice in the north and toward the Cascades today; a little rain across the south.
Cascades: Periods of rain today. Periods of rain, then snow tonight.
Northern California: Mostly cloudy today; periods of rain, except dry in the interior mountains.

REGIONAL CITIES

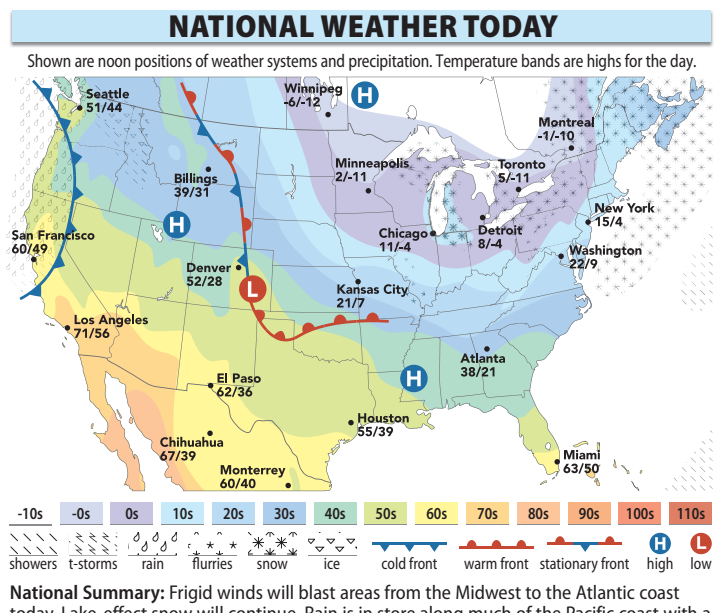
	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	52	43	r	48	41	c
Baker City	38	26	i	41	20	c
Bend	48	31	sh	43	27	c
Brookings	53	43	r	52	41	c
Burns	43	26	c	41	19	c
Enterprise	41	33	r	40	27	c
Eugene	54	39	r	48	35	c
Heppner	38	34	c	45	32	c
Hermiston	34	32	i	46	31	c
John Day	46	35	c	42	29	c
Klamath Falls	50	28	c	44	20	c
La Grande	41	35	sh	42	28	c
Meacham	40	34	sh	40	27	c
Medford	54	37	r	49	31	c
Newport	53	42	r	50	40	c
North Bend	55	43	r	53	40	c
Ontario	35	30	c	39	25	sn
Pasco	34	30	r	43	31	c
Pendleton	34	31	i	45	31	c
Portland	49	42	r	48	37	c
Redmond	49	28	c	43	23	c
Salem	55	41	r	50	37	c
Spokane	35	32	r	35	30	c
Ukiah	44	32	c	40	26	c
Vancouver	50	43	r	48	37	c
Walla Walla	35	33	i	43	33	c
Yakima	37	33	i	44	32	c

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	38	16	s	37	21	pc
Hong Kong	71	64	c	67	65	sh
Jerusalem	48	45	sh	52	41	sh
London	47	38	c	44	36	c
Mexico City	72	43	pc	69	40	pc
Moscow	33	31	sh	37	33	sn
Mexico City	51	41	sh	46	41	r
Rome	62	49	s	61	51	pc
Seoul	34	19	s	35	20	s
Sydney	82	68	s	87	74	s
Tokyo	43	36	c	48	40	s

WINDS
 (in mph) Today Saturday
Boardman NE 4-8 SW 7-14
Pendleton N 4-8 WSW 7-14

UV INDEX TODAY
 0 0 1 0 0 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 Summary: Frigid winds will blast areas from the Midwest to the Atlantic coast today. Lake-effect snow will continue. Rain is in store along much of the Pacific coast with a pocket of ice over interior Washington.
Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 80° in Thermal, Calif. **Low** -44° in Embarrass, Minn.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	56	31	s	58	37	c
Atlanta	38	21	s	39	23	s
Miami	20	9	s	19	5	s
Atlanta City	20	9	s	19	4	s
Baltimore	19	4	s	19	4	s
Billings	39	31	c	41	28	c
Birmingham	40	19	s	41	24	s
Boise	38	29	c	37	24	sn
Boston	15	1	pc	9	-4	s
Charleston, SC	40	20	s	38	18	s
Charleston, WV	18	4	pc	18	8	s
Chicago	11	-4	s	14	5	s
Cleveland	4	-1	sf	7	2	s
Dallas	59	36	s	59	48	s
Denver	52	28	pc	55	30	c
Detroit	8	-4	pc	12	3	s
El Paso	62	36	s	67	44	pc
Fairbanks	10	3	s	8	-4	s
Fargo	0	-11	s	17	14	c
Honolulu	82	71	pc	82	70	pc
Houston	55	39	s	62	49	s
Indianapolis	9	-7	s	11	2	s
Jacksonville	47	27	s	48	34	s
Kansas City	21	7	c	28	25	s
Las Vegas	66	47	pc	67	47	c
Little Rock	46	22	pc	40	28	s
Los Angeles	71	56	pc	72	56	c
Louisville	22	4	pc	22	10	s
Memphis	40	20	s	37	27	s
Miami	63	50	pc	69	55	pc
Milwaukee	11	-3	s	14	6	pc
Minneapolis	2	-11	s	10	9	pc
Nashville	29	10	pc	29	17	s
New Orleans	50	35	s	55	46	s
New York City	15	4	s	12	2	s
Oklahoma City	50	23	s	49	40	pc
Omaha	15	0	c	20	16	pc
Philadelphia	17	7	s	14	3	s
Phoenix	76	50	s	74	50	c
Portland, ME	12	-8	sf	5	-14	c
Providence	15	2	s	10	-5	s
Raleigh	31	10	s	30	8	s
Rapid City	25	14	pc	47	29	pc
Reno	58	37	c	53	24	c
Sacramento	62	45	sh	59	38	c
St. Louis	21	3	pc	21	17	s
Salt Lake City	43	30	pc	43	29	sh
San Diego	71	55	pc	70	54	c
San Francisco	60	49	r	56	45	c
Seattle	51	44	r	49	41	c
Tucson	77	46	r	77	51	c
Washington, DC	22	9	s	22	8	s
Wichita	39	15	pc	41	32	pc

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Oregon sues Monsanto over pollution

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PORTLAND — The state of Oregon sued the agrochemical company Monsanto on Thursday over pervasive pollution from PCBs, the toxic industrial chemicals that have accumulated in plants, fish and people around the globe for decades. The company called the lawsuit baseless.

The lawsuit seeks \$100 million to use to mitigate pollution, particularly along a 10-mile stretch of the Willamette River in Portland that will be the target of a \$1 billion cleanup announced by federal authorities in 2016.

Oregon's lawsuit cites internal memos and correspondence indicating that Monsanto knew early on about the toxic effects of PCBs.

A 1937 internal company memo said that exposure to vapors at high temperatures or ingestion of the substances by animals produced "systemic toxic effects" and prolonged skin contact could lead to an acne-like rash, the lawsuit alleged.

Monsanto said in an emailed statement that the litigation undermined decontamination efforts in the Portland Harbor overseen by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The agency declared the area a "superfund site" in



In this Aug. 1, 2012 file photo, the downtown skyline is shown on the west bank of the Willamette River in Portland.

those fish, that contamination is passed on, the lawsuit alleged.

In some cases, dead orca whales that washed up on shore have been treated as hazardous waste, the lawsuit said.

"PCBs cause a wide range of systemic toxic effects in humans and animals and can seriously impair the endocrine, neurologic, and reproductive systems," according to the lawsuit.

Portland's harbor suffered the most pollution because it was lined for a century with businesses that relied heavily on PCBs for manufacturing, metal recycling, fuel storage, railways and other industrial uses.

PCBs, or polychlorinated biphenyls, were used in many industrial and commercial applications — including paint, coolants, sealants and hydraulic fluids. Monsanto,

based in Missouri, produced them from 1935 until Congress banned them in 1979.

According to the EPA, PCBs have been shown to cause a variety of health problems, including cancer in animals as well as effects on the immune, nervous and reproductive systems.

Several cities — including Portland and the California cities of Oakland, Berkeley, San Jose, Long Beach and San Diego — have also sued Monsanto over PCB pollution. Washington became the first state to sue Monsanto over PCBs in 2016.

The new lawsuit said that a study included in a 1955 Monsanto internal report that said "the toxicity of these compounds has been repeatedly demonstrated" and that prolonged skin exposure could cause a "serious and disfiguring dermatitis."

A 1968 study of a waterway near a Monsanto plant characterized the creek as a "potential source of future legal problems," the lawsuit said.

Yet Monsanto told officials around the country the contrary, the lawsuit alleged. In a letter to New Jersey's Department of Conservation that year, Monsanto wrote, "Based on available data, manufacturing and use experience, we do not believe PCBs to be seriously toxic."

Longview Schools cleared in \$17.6M isolation booth trial

By ZACH HALE
 (Longview) Daily News

A jury Wednesday found in favor of the Longview School District in a federal civil rights lawsuit brought by five former Mint Valley Elementary School students who claimed they were illegally placed inside an isolation booth between 2009 and 2012.

The plaintiffs had accused Stein of violating the students' right to freedom from unreasonable seizure under the Fourth Amendment by placing the children inside a 4-by-4-foot windowless isolation booth for non-emergency reasons.

The district denied all of the plaintiffs' allegations but did admit one of the students was legally placed inside the booth on a single occasion for emergency reasons.

The district's defense attorneys also argued that the children suffered from pre-existing mental disabilities that persisted throughout childhood, and that it was impossible to confirm whether their alleged experiences inside

the booth aggravated their conditions.

During closing arguments, plaintiffs' lawyers asked the jury for \$17.6 million in damages to compensate for the value of lost wages and medical costs.

"I think the verdict speaks for itself," Francis Floyd, one of the district's defense attorneys, told *The Daily News*. "I hope the district can now get back to doing what it does best."

In a prepared statement, Longview School District Superintendent Dan Zorn echoed Floyd's comments.

"This decision to deny the claims validates the district's tradition of commitment to its students, families, and the staff members who work hard to help students learn and grow. The district will continue to work to best serve each of our students," he said.

Pendleton Superintendent Chris Fritsch was the assistant superintendent in the Longview School District from 2011-2017 and testified in the trial. He told the *East Oregonian* this week he felt district staff had acted appropriately.

SAIF hack exposes personal employee data

By PARIS ACHEN
 Capital Bureau

A cyber-security breach at Oregon's State Accident Insurance Fund Corp. may have exposed confidential information of more than 1,750 people.

The information, including the individuals' names and Social Security numbers, was compromised on Nov. 3 when a hacker gained access to a SAIF auditor's email account. That account contained emails which included personal information on employees for six companies that get their workers' compensation insurance through the quasi-public agency.

Among those affected are some substitute teachers and school classified workers in the Portland metropolitan area.

As of late Jan. 3, there had been no reports of identity theft as a result of the attack, said Lauren Casier, a SAIF spokeswoman.

"SAIF is diligent about protecting the confidential information that is shared with us," Bruce Hoffman, the company's vice president of underwriting, wrote in a letter to affected employees. "We deeply regret that this incident has occurred. We are reviewing what needs to be done to avoid any recurrence." Employees were notified

in late December that their confidential information may have been exposed. The seven-week delay resulted from the time needed to manually review email folders and attachments to identify what personal information was contained and to compose a letter to employees, Casier said.

The affected employees work at six companies that buy insurance from SAIF, including EMS SubDesk, a Beaverton company that provides substitute teachers and classified workers to several charter schools in Multnomah and Washington counties. Katy Thomas, EMS SubDesk's registered

Corrections
 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.

Join us for this year's MLK National Day of Service, Monday, Jan. 15.

We'll have volunteers helping out with cleaning and painting from 10:00 AM till noon, then enjoy a pizza lunch for the helpers.

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