

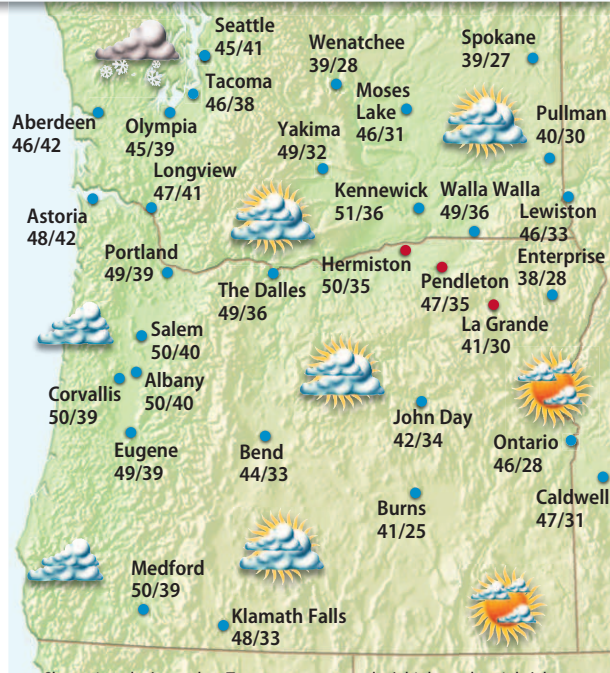
AccuWeather Forecast
 TODAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY
 Mostly cloudy Cloudy Cloudy with a touch of rain Cloudy with a little rain A shower in the morning; cloudy
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 47° 35° 48° 44° 60° 46° 56° 49° 60° 50°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 50° 35° 49° 43° 61° 46° 57° 49° 61° 51°

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PENDLETON
 through 3 p.m. yesterday
TEMPERATURE
 HIGH LOW
 Yesterday 48° 41°
 Normals 43° 28°
 Records 65° (1971) -15° (1950)
PRECIPITATION
 24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace
 Month to date 1.59"
 Normal month to date 1.35"
 Year to date 1.59"
 Last year to date 1.35"
 Normal year to date 1.35"

HERMISTON
 through 3 p.m. yesterday
TEMPERATURE
 HIGH LOW
 Yesterday 50° 45°
 Normals 44° 29°
 Records 64° (1967) -19° (1950)
PRECIPITATION
 24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace
 Month to date 1.10"
 Normal month to date 1.24"
 Year to date 1.10"
 Last year to date 1.40"
 Normal year to date 1.24"

SUN AND MOON
 Sunrise today 7:18 a.m.
 Sunset tonight 5:00 p.m.
 Moonrise today 5:33 p.m.
 Moonset today 7:24 a.m.
 Full Last New First
 Jan 31 Feb 7 Feb 15 Feb 22



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Cloudy today into tomorrow; showers across the north.
Eastern Washington: Mostly cloudy today. Partly cloudy tonight. Cloudy tomorrow.
Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly cloudy today. A couple of snow showers near the Cascades tonight.
Western Washington: Mostly cloudy today with a passing shower. Mostly cloudy tonight.
Cascades: Mostly cloudy today; periods of snow, accumulating 1-3 inches across the north.
Northern California: Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight. Times of clouds and sun tomorrow.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	48	42	sh	51	48	r
Baker City	41	26	sf	43	35	c
Bend	44	33	c	53	43	c
Brookings	55	45	c	58	47	pc
Burns	41	25	c	44	33	pc
Enterprise	38	28	sn	42	37	c
Eugene	49	39	c	51	47	r
Heppner	45	33	c	48	44	c
Hermiston	50	35	c	49	43	c
John Day	42	34	c	48	44	pc
Klamath Falls	48	33	c	54	34	pc
La Grande	41	30	sn	44	39	c
Meacham	38	28	sn	42	38	c
Medford	50	39	c	57	44	c
Newport	49	42	c	51	48	r
North Bend	53	43	c	56	49	c
Ontario	46	28	pc	45	34	c
Pasco	50	33	c	49	41	c
Pendleton	47	35	c	48	44	c
Portland	49	39	c	49	46	r
Redmond	44	29	c	52	39	c
Salem	50	40	c	51	48	r
Spokane	39	27	c	39	34	c
Ukiah	38	28	sn	43	40	c
Vancouver	48	41	c	49	47	r
Walla Walla	49	36	c	49	44	c
Yakima	49	32	pc	48	35	c

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	38	17	s	39	18	s
Hong Kong	53	45	r	59	51	s
Jerusalem	56	40	s	58	42	s
London	48	37	pc	45	35	pc
Mexico City	69	45	pc	72	46	pc
Moscow	30	9	c	17	12	c
Paris	49	36	r	45	35	sh
Rome	57	48	pc	60	52	c
Seoul	32	13	c	32	13	s
Sydney	72	64	pc	71	64	sh
Tokyo	48	38	pc	47	36	r

WINDS

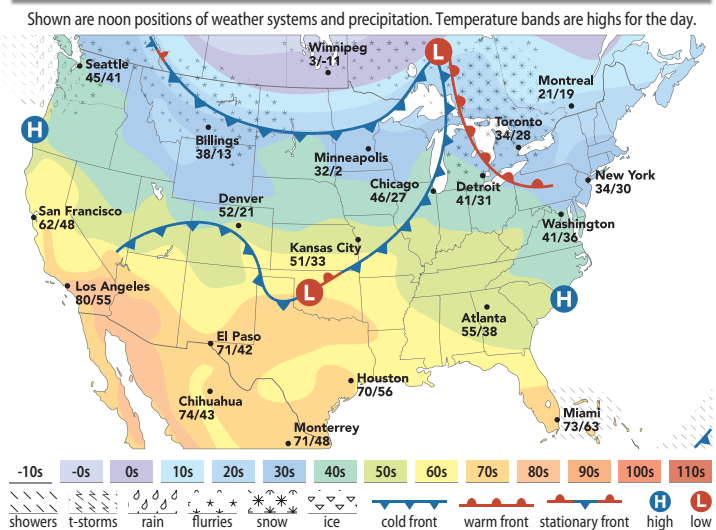
(in mph) **Today** **Thursday**
Boardman WSW 6-12 SSW 3-6
Pendleton WSW 6-12 SSW 4-8

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 WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Snow and flurries are in store for the Great Lakes and northern Rockies today, while snow falls on the northern Cascades. Rain will soak the coastal Northwest as showers dot southeastern Florida.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 86° in Thermal, Calif. **Low** -36° in Ely, Minn.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.				Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	62	34	pc	62	35	s	Louisville	55	45	pc	48	18	r
Atlanta	55	38	s	57	38	sh	Memphis	59	48	s	54	23	r
Atlanta City	36	32	s	49	35	c	Miami	73	63	pc	78	65	pc
Baltimore	38	30	c	50	32	c	Milwaukee	43	23	c	25	4	pc
Billings	38	13	c	31	25	c	Minneapolis	32	2	pc	7	4	s
Birmingham	58	44	s	59	32	c	Nashville	58	45	s	53	19	r
Boise	45	30	c	46	37	pc	New Orleans	66	54	pc	70	52	c
Boston	32	28	s	43	33	c	New York City	34	30	s	46	34	c
Charleston, SC	53	37	s	67	51	pc	Oklahoma City	69	37	s	54	25	pc
Charleston, WV	54	37	pc	48	19	r	Omaha	46	21	c	22	9	s
Chicago	46	27	c	28	4	pc	Philadelphia	36	31	s	49	34	c
Cleveland	45	37	c	41	14	sn	Phoenix	81	52	s	81	53	pc
Dallas	73	52	pc	64	38	pc	Portland, ME	27	24	s	37	31	sf
Denver	52	21	pc	39	23	c	Providence	33	28	s	45	33	c
Detroit	41	31	c	37	9	c	Raleigh	46	30	s	59	40	pc
El Paso	71	42	pc	72	39	s	Rapid City	41	7	c	26	13	pc
Fairbanks	-9	-26	s	-14	-25	s	Reno	62	38	pc	63	35	pc
Fargo	23	-4	pc	4	-5	pc	Sacramento	65	44	pc	69	46	pc
Honolulu	81	73	r	82	73	sh	St. Louis	57	35	c	40	13	pc
Houston	70	56	pc	75	54	c	Salt Lake City	51	37	pc	51	39	pc
Indianapolis	47	33	c	38	7	sn	San Diego	75	52	s	72	51	pc
Jacksonville	60	41	s	69	49	pc	San Francisco	62	48	pc	65	49	pc
Kansas City	51	33	pc	33	10	s	Seattle	45	41	r	47	46	r
Las Vegas	73	50	pc	74	51	pc	Tucson	81	48	s	80	47	s
Little Rock	63	45	s	56	27	r	Washington, DC	41	36	s	54	35	pc
Los Angeles	80	55	s	79	56	pc	Wichita	60	34	pc	44	19	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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Coast Guard digging toward source of Columbia oil sheen

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The Coast Guard began chipping away Monday at a dilapidated pier that likely holds the source of an oil sheen on the Columbia River near Astoria.

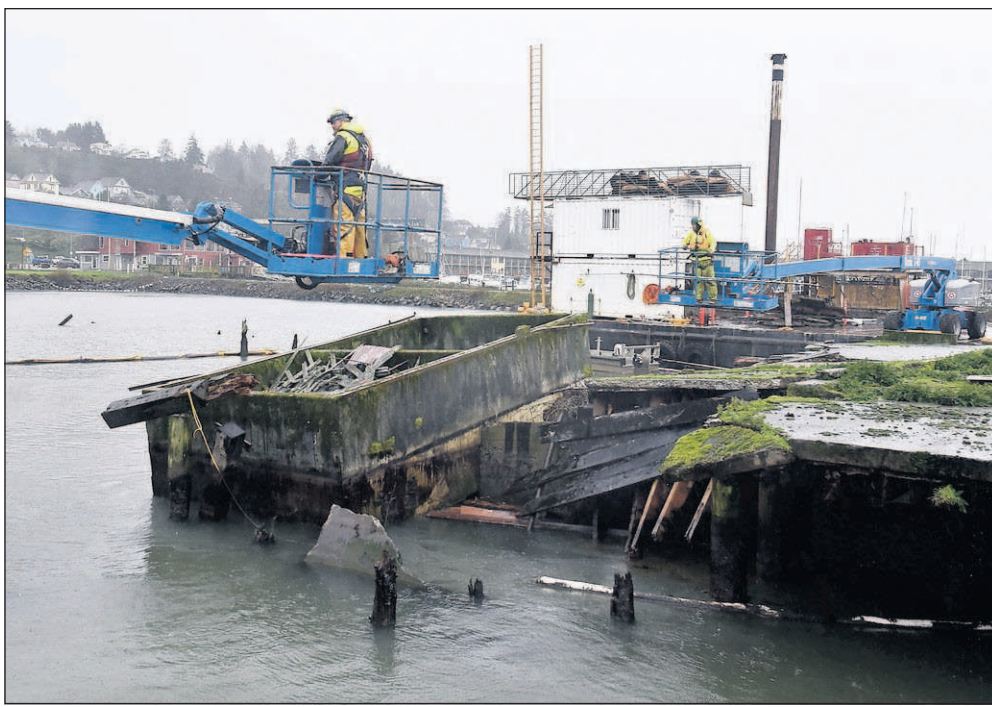
After the first of what will likely be a multiday effort, officials offered more detail about what may have caused the spill.

The sheen was first reported Jan. 18 near the Cannery Pier Hotel. It has been concentrated near the hotel but was visible about 5 miles along the river at its peak.

Other affected areas — including the Hammond Mooring Basin — have been cleaned up, while a containment boom has been placed near the hotel. Oil has also been spotted on boats in the area.

A Coast Guard diver discovered the tank a couple of days after the sheen was reported. The pier is located on the same property as the hotel, though hotel management maintains it did not have prior knowledge of the tank until the sheen appeared.

Coast Guard crews on Monday cut a hole in the tank — located on the south side of the pier and encapsulated



Workers use heavy equipment to access a pier in Astoria that is thought to be the source of an oil leak.

by concrete — to survey it. The tank likely has a capacity of 10,000 gallons — a larger size than previously believed — and contains about 2,000 gallons of heavy, sludge-like oil, said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Andrew Madjeska. A storm earlier in the month may have shifted the pier and the tank, which already had holes on its side.

“That does explain why we’re seeing product in

the water,” Madjeska said. “It probably shifted once the river was able to make contact and come in through those holes and then exit with the tide.”

The exact amount of oil discharged is still unknown, but the Coast Guard considers the spill minor. Wildlife has not been affected.

Tide cycles of up to 9 feet, inclement weather, crumbling concrete surrounding

the tank and the risk of disrupting the containment boom have presented challenges for crews hoping to excavate the tank. A crane barge was placed in the area Friday before work began Monday.

Madjeska said crews hope to fully access the tank by the end of the week. Crews will then be able to determine how heavy it is and how, if possible, to lift it from the

pier — oil and all.

Oil from the tank was likely used for boilers at the Union Fishermen’s Cooperative, which was located at the pier and closed down more than 70 years ago, Madjeska said. Since then, the pier has had a handful of owners, and knowledge of the tank likely was lost somewhere in the turnover.

“Did people know years ago that this tank was there? Possibly. Maybe not,” hotel spokeswoman Donna Quinn said. “We wish it had been disclosed, but it wasn’t. We don’t know who knew or who didn’t know.”

Quinn said the hotel is researching options for how to pay for the cleanup and equipment, which Madjeska

estimates will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The sheen has prompted questions about other piers in Astoria. Companies that moved out of the town, which once hosted a booming cannery industry, left behind dilapidated docks.

“This generated some excellent conversation among stakeholders and partners about canneries in general, but at this time there is no information of additional tanks,” Madjeska said.

Large environmental and economic ramifications appear to have been avoided in this spill. “But I would say it’s a big event in a small city,” Coast Guard Capt. William Timmons said.

UMATILLA Muslim inmate at TRCI sues state for lack of halal meals

State told inmate vegetarian ‘best option for a Muslim’

By NOELLE CROMBIE
 The Oregonian/OregonLive

An inmate at Two Rivers Correctional Institution in Umatilla has sued Oregon Department of Corrections staff for failing to serve meals that observe his Muslim faith.

Rashid Kambarov, 29, who is serving a sentence for rape, filed a complaint this week in U.S. District Court in Pendleton.

He is a legal permanent

resident from Turkey and is suing TRCI superintendent Troy Bowser and other administrators at the prison.

The Department of Corrections did not immediately respond to a request for comment Tuesday.

Kambarov claims he is not served halal meat and that vegetarian alternatives have been cross-contaminated with pork, a forbidden food for Muslims. Halal refers to food and drink prepared in accordance with Islamic dietary laws.

He claims the state’s failure to accommodate his religion violates the First and 14th Amendments and the Religious Land Use and

Institutionalized Person Act of 2000, which bars state and local jails and prisons from imposing arbitrary limits on inmates’ religious practices.

According to the suit, Kambarov asked for and was denied a special diet to accommodate his faith when he was sent to prison in 2015.

He says he was told that the department offers Muslim inmates a “pork-free meat alternative diet” that includes fresh and cooked fruits and vegetables.

He says he was told that the food would not come into contact with pork or alcohol, halal requirements.

Kambarov said he was

also told the vegetarian option “is the best option for a Muslim.” However, Kambarov said he witnessed kitchen staff handling vegetarian meals as well as salami.

In other instances, he said he was served soup he later learned contained pork and watched staff use the same knife to cut vegetables and ham.

He said his requests for kosher meals, which are prepared in accordance with Jewish law, were rejected by prison staff. Kosher requirements satisfy Muslim dietary restrictions, he said.

The suit doesn’t list a dollar amount in damages.

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