

AccuWeather Forecast

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Cold with increasing cloudiness	Snow and rain	Cloudy, a shower in the p.m.	Partly sunny and chilly	Chilly with clouds and sun

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

37°	30°	42°	33°	43°	25°	40°	25°	42°	30°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

39°	32°	49°	35°	49°	28°	46°	28°	48°	32°
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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
28°	21°
Normals	49° 30°
Records	68° (2002) 5° (1894)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.04"
Month to date	0.66"
Normal month to date	0.90"
Year to date	2.25"
Last year to date	3.53"
Normal year to date	2.28"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
35°	17°
Normals	50° 30°
Records	71° (1988) 13° (1993)

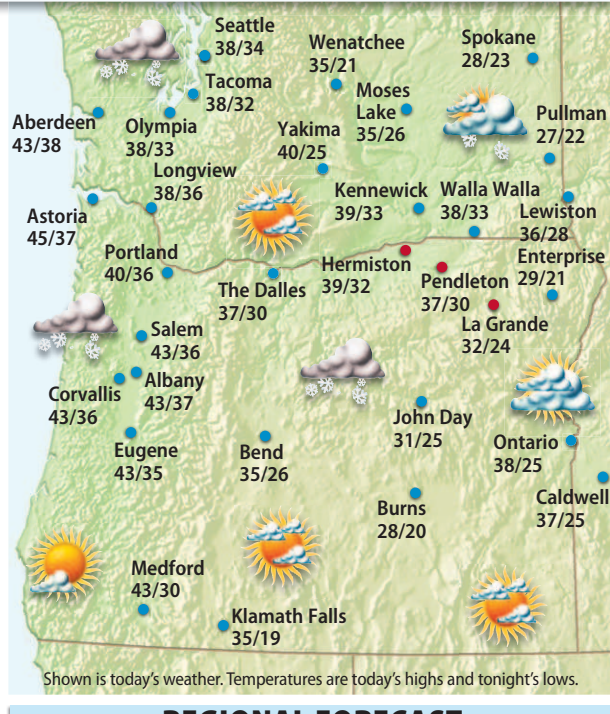
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24 hours ending 3 p.m.	Trace
Month to date	0.51"
Normal month to date	0.75"
Year to date	1.61"
Last year to date	3.26"
Normal year to date	2.03"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:45 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:33 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:08 a.m.
Moonset today	1:09 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
Mar 1	Mar 9	Mar 17	Mar 24



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: A few showers in the north today; sunshine in central parts. Clouds and sun in the south.

Eastern and Central Oregon: A flurry across the north and in central parts today; not as cold near the Cascades.

Western Washington: A little snow today; however, snow and rain at the coast.

Eastern Washington: Mostly cloudy today. A bit of snow in the north, near the Idaho border and in the mountains.

Cascades: A flurry today; periods of snow, accumulating 1-3 inches across the north.

Northern California: Mostly sunny today; frigid in the interior mountains. Partly cloudy and cold tonight.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	45	37	sh	47	38	c
Baker City	32	20	pc	35	22	sn
Bend	35	26	pc	37	27	sn
Brookings	48	38	pc	48	39	sh
Burns	28	20	pc	33	19	sn
Enterprise	29	21	pc	33	25	sn
Eugene	43	35	pc	47	37	sn
Heppner	35	29	sf	39	32	sn
Hermiston	39	32	pc	49	35	sn
John Day	31	25	sn	34	27	sf
Klamath Falls	35	19	pc	37	19	sf
La Grande	32	24	pc	35	27	sn
Meacham	29	23	sn	32	26	sn
Medford	43	30	pc	45	32	c
Newport	43	38	sn	46	39	r
North Bend	47	40	s	48	40	sh
Ontario	38	25	pc	41	23	sn
Pasco	39	30	pc	48	32	sn
Pendleton	37	30	pc	42	33	sn
Portland	40	36	sn	48	39	sn
Redmond	36	25	pc	40	25	sn
Salem	43	36	pc	49	39	sn
Spokane	28	23	sn	34	23	sn
Ukiah	28	23	sn	32	25	sn
Vancouver	39	37	pc	46	39	sn
Walla Walla	38	33	pc	42	35	sn
Yakima	40	25	pc	48	29	c

WORLD CITIES

City	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	54	22	pc	39	19	s
Hong Kong	67	63	c	71	65	c
Jerusalem	58	45	sh	59	44	s
London	42	30	s	42	30	s
Mexico City	74	53	pc	77	53	pc
Moscow	13	-2	s	11	-6	pc
Paris	39	28	s	41	26	s
Rome	53	44	r	54	40	r
Seoul	48	25	s	43	26	c
Sydney	82	71	pc	89	70	pc
Tokyo	48	39	pc	56	40	s

WINDS

	Today	Saturday
(in mph)		
Boardman	SW 7-14	WNW 8-16
Pendleton	SW 7-14	W 10-20

UV INDEX TODAY

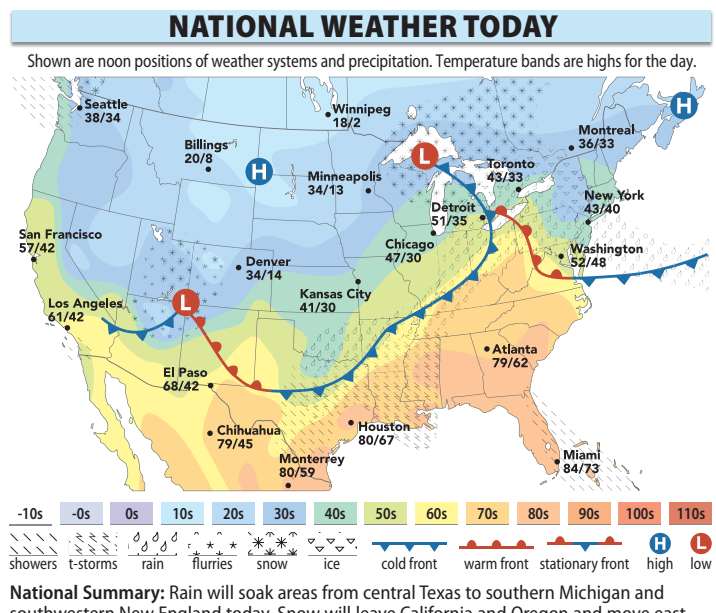
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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

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 Summary: Rain will soak areas from central Texas to southern Michigan and southwestern New England today. Snow will leave California and Oregon and move eastward from Utah and northern Arizona to Colorado.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 88° in Venice, Fla. **Low -33°** in Malta, Mont.

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	53	26	s	43	26	s
Atlanta	79	62	c	79	64	c
Atlantic City	47	44	r	56	47	r
Baltimore	49	45	r	59	48	sh
Billings	20	8	s	29	13	pc
Birmingham	80	64	c	78	60	c
Boise	33	23	c	37	19	sn
Boston	42	38	r	55	36	c
Charleston, SC	81	60	pc	80	63	s
Charleston, WV	76	59	c	69	61	r
Chicago	47	30	r	42	34	r
Cleveland	58	37	r	45	43	r
Dallas	55	50	r	69	38	r
Denver	34	14	c	33	15	pc
Detroit	51	35	r	41	35	r
El Paso	68	42	s	56	31	s
Fairbanks	21	1	sn	13	0	pc
Fargo	23	0	pc	24	12	sn
Honolulu	82	72	sh	82	72	sh
Houston	80	67	sh	78	57	c
Indianapolis	57	43	r	56	41	s
Jacksonville	80	62	pc	83	65	s
Kansas City	41	30	c	47	26	r
Las Vegas	52	33	pc	56	39	s
Little Rock	60	56	r	72	40	r
Los Angeles	61	42	pc	63	44	s
Louisville	70	55	r	68	51	r
Memphis	69	60	r	74	48	t
Miami	84	73	pc	84	72	pc
Millwaukee	45	30	sh	39	32	r
Minneapolis	34	13	c	35	21	sn
Nashville	78	61	r	75	57	t
New Orleans	80	69	sh	84	66	pc
New York City	43	40	r	56	44	r
Oklahoma City	48	36	r	58	25	r
Omaha	34	20	pc	33	17	sn
Philadelphia	47	44	r	60	47	r
Phoenix	59	37	pc	59	38	s
Portland, ME	37	32	r	49	27	pc
Providence	44	38	r	58	37	c
Raleigh	72	59	c	77	64	pc
Rapid City	17	8	pc	25	9	pc
Reno	55	17	pc	44	21	pc
Sacramento	56	28	s	58	32	pc
St. Louis	54	40	c	56	34	pc
Salt Lake City	33	19	sn	33	25	pc
San Diego	59	45	pc	65	48	s
San Francisco	57	42	pc	57	42	pc
Seattle	38	34	sn	45	38	c
Tucson	62	32	pc	56	32	s
Washington, DC	52	48	c	61	54	sh
Wichita	43	32	c	49	22	r

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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Brown wants to beef up DHS

Plans to hire 185 Child Welfare employees

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SALEM — Oregon Gov. Kate Brown says she wants to hire 185 more Child Welfare workers at the Department of Human Services, to the tune of \$14.5 million.

That's in addition to 184 budgeted field positions that remain unfilled.

The governor announced her plan three weeks after state auditors found DHS' Child Welfare program was chronically understaffed, among other persistent problems.

On any given day, about 7,600 kids are in Oregon's foster care system.

The secretary of state's audit found that caseloads are three to four times "higher than what is optimal, contributing to staff burnout, increased turnover and difficulty recruiting new workers."

Due in part to high turnover, the state's caseworkers are also fairly inexperienced. About one-third of caseworkers have started within the past 18 months, according to the audit.

Brown, a Democrat up for reelection in November, wants to hire 75 social workers, 75 case workers, 25 office support staff and 10 managers. The move would require legislative approval.

"I urge our elected representatives to take advantage of this session to make sure that more Oregonian children have access to a brighter future," Brown said in a prepared statement Thursday.

The boost would go part of the way



Gov. Kate Brown wants the Legislature to authorize money to hire an additional 185 Child Welfare workers.

to what auditors say is a dire shortage of workers. In order to adequately meet the needs of the thousands of kids in its care, DHS would need to hire about 769 more field staff, auditors said.

Although DHS already has the money to hire 184 field positions — that's the difference between the number of field positions DHS has budgeted for in the 2017-19 biennium and the actual staffing average as reported by state auditors — the governor's plan would call for 185 separate positions, according to DHS.

It's not yet clear what exactly the agency will do differently to onboard employees expeditiously, though.

A spokeswoman for the governor said that Brown has been working with DHS Director Fariborz Pakseresht and Child Welfare Director Marilyn Jones "to understand which changes would bring the most tangible impact most

quickly."

The state allocates about \$500 million to the Child Welfare program every year.

Secretary of State Dennis Richardson, a Republican whose office oversaw the audit, said in a written statement Thursday that he was "delighted to see appropriate action taken to immediately address the staffing shortage in our foster care system."

The audit, released Jan. 31., was far from the first time that the Child Welfare program has been under scrutiny.

Brown commissioned an outside review of child safety in the foster care program amid the fallout from a scandal at a Portland-area foster care provider, Give Us This Day.

That review was published in 2016, but auditors found that the agency hadn't corrected foundational problems identified in that review.

Man who died in Iranian prison had strong Oregon ties

EUGENE (AP)—Kavous Seyed-Emami, an environmentalist whose death this month in a notorious Iranian prison has drawn worldwide media attention, is being mourned by his friends in Eugene, where he earned a doctorate in 1991.

Iranian authorities have said that Seyed-Emami committed suicide; critics and his family dismiss that as improbable and are calling for an investigation.

Seyed-Emami decided to return to Iran more than 25 years ago. He did so because of how much he cared about

the country's environment and wildlife, particularly the rare Asiatic cheetah, said longtime friend Mohammad Maleki, a computer engineer at the UO.

"He basically gave his life for serving his country," said Maleki, who became friends with Seyed-Emami in the late 1980s. "He loved Iran, he loved (Iranian) culture. He could have chosen to live outside of Iran and had a very comfortable life either in the U.S. or Canada, but he chose the hard path, to go back to Iran (and) make a difference."

Friends plan to hold a private memorial service for Seyed-Emami, a dual Iranian and Canadian citizen, this weekend on the UO campus.

Seyed-Emami, 64, was the founder of the Persian Wildlife Heritage Foundation and a sociology professor at Imam Sadiq University in Tehran, Iran's capital. He was arrested late last month on suspicion of spying, with Iranian officials saying he used wildlife study as a cover to collect information about Iranian missile bases for the United States and Israel, according to media reports

from the Middle East.

Friends and family dispute the claims and question the circumstances of Seyed-Emami's death. Iranian officials say he committed suicide by hanging himself, but his family is calling for more investigation.

Kavous Seyed-Emami was born in Tehran on Dec. 24, 1953, and came to the United States for college. He earned a master's in development studies from Ohio University. He then moved to Eugene and earned a master's degree in sociology.

BRIEFLY

Legislative leaders ask for harassment policy review

SALEM (AP) — The leaders of the Oregon House and Senate are asking for a review of laws and policies about workplace harassment at the Capitol.

House Speaker Tina Kotek and Senate President Peter Courtney, both Democrats, on Thursday said they had made the request to the Oregon Law Commission. In a joint statement they said the review "will give us an

outside perspective on how we can do better."

Earlier this month state Sen. Jeff Kruse said he was resigning after an investigation determined he had harassed women in the Capitol building with prolonged hugging, groping and other unwelcome physical contact.

The investigation was one of many in statehouses nationwide following a wave of sexual misconduct allegations against men in power since an October expose of movie mogul Harvey Weinstein by the *New York Times*.

Corrections

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