

AccuWeather Forecast
TODAY **WEDNESDAY** **THURSDAY** **FRIDAY** **SATURDAY**

A few afternoon showers
 Cloudy, showers around; cooler
 Mostly cloudy
 Some sun with a few showers
 Times of clouds and sun

PENDELTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 64° 41° 52° 34° 49° 33° 51° 31° 50° 36°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 63° 43° 56° 34° 54° 34° 55° 33° 55° 39°

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PENDELTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 66°	32°
Normals 54°	34°
Records 78° (1934)	14° (1906)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.52"
Normal month to date	0.46"
Year to date	2.85"
Last year to date	4.68"
Normal year to date	2.97"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 64°	28°
Normals 57°	33°
Records 77° (2003)	11° (2009)

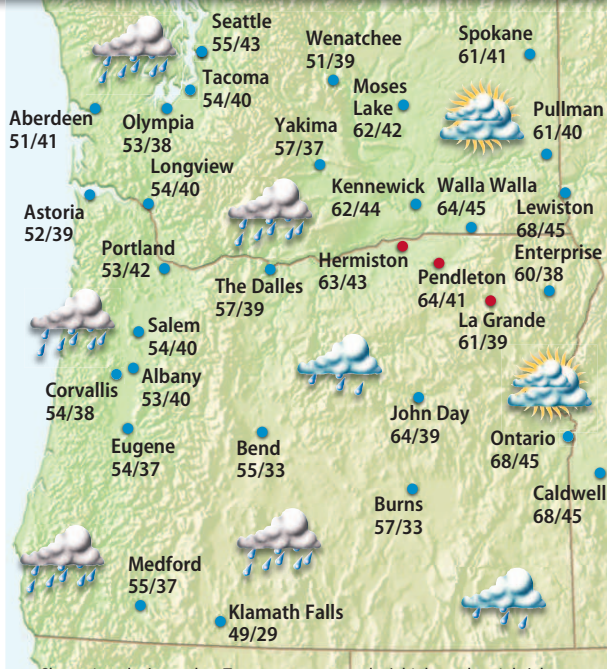
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.12"
Normal month to date	0.38"
Year to date	1.75"
Last year to date	3.81"
Normal year to date	2.62"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:12 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:58 p.m.
Moonrise today	5:25 a.m.
Moonset today	3:13 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
Mar 17	Mar 24	Mar 31	Apr 8



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Periods of rain today into tomorrow. Thursday: periods of rain, some heavy.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Rather cloudy today; showers; however, dry in the south and upper Treasure Valley.

Western Washington: Rain at times today. A little rain tonight, except dry at the coast.

Eastern Washington: Mostly cloudy today. A shower across the south and toward the Cascades; rain and drizzle in central sections.

Cascades: Cloudy today with occasional rain. A little snow at times tonight.

Northern California: Snow today, accumulating 1-3 inches in the interior mountains; rain possible in central parts. Showers around at the coast.

REGIONAL CITIES

Today			Wed.		
Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	52	39 r	51	35 r	
Baker City	61	40 c	51	31 sh	
Bend	55	33 r	44	24 sn	
Brookings	52	41 r	50	39 r	
Burns	57	33 sh	46	27 sh	
Enterprise	60	38 c	47	30 sh	
Eugene	54	37 r	51	33 r	
Heppner	63	40 r	49	32 sh	
Hermiston	63	43 c	56	34 sh	
John Day	64	39 sh	49	31 sh	
Klamath Falls	49	29 r	36	21 sn	
La Grande	61	39 c	49	31 sh	
Meacham	59	38 c	46	31 sh	
Medford	55	37 r	51	32 r	
Newport	52	41 r	50	38 r	
North Bend	54	41 r	51	38 r	
Ontario	68	45 c	55	37 sh	
Pasco	62	42 c	57	36 sh	
Pendleton	64	41 sh	52	34 sh	
Portland	53	42 r	54	36 r	
Redmond	60	32 r	48	25 sn	
Salem	54	40 r	53	36 r	
Spokane	61	41 c	48	34 sh	
Ukiah	60	45 c	45	38 sh	
Vancouver	53	42 r	52	35 r	
Walla Walla	64	45 c	54	39 sh	
Yakima	57	37 r	57	32 c	

WORLD CITIES

Today			Wed.		
Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	71	44 s	71	46 pc	
Hong Kong	76	67 s	75	66 pc	
Jerusalem	66	50 pc	68	47 s	
London	52	40 pc	55	46 pc	
Mexico City	81	52 s	77	53 pc	
Moscow	35	22 pc	30	24 c	
Paris	54	41 r	59	46 pc	
Rome	60	42 pc	60	46 s	
Seoul	62	46 s	65	49 s	
Sydney	72	68 c	77	68 pc	
Tokyo	62	50 s	67	52 s	

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Wednesday
Boardman	NNE 6-12	SSW 6-12
Pendleton	SSE 7-14	WSW 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY



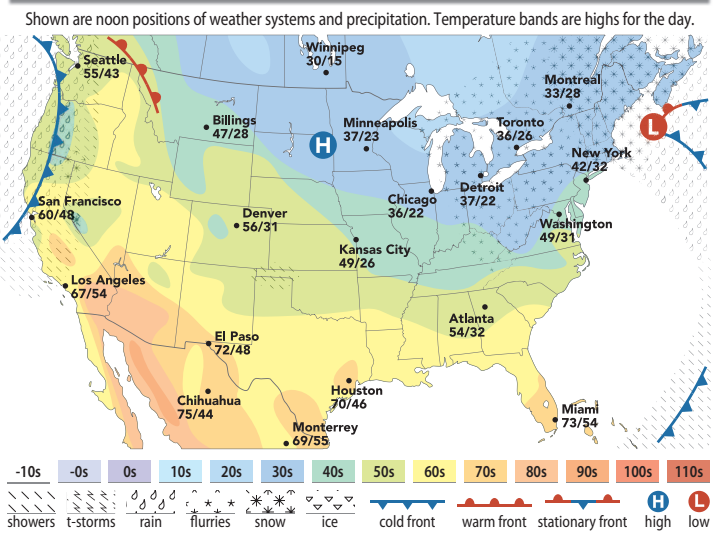
8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: A nor'easter will deliver blizzard conditions to eastern New England as flurries and squalls riddle areas farther west to the Great Lakes. A storm will bring rain and mountain snow to the Pacific coast.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 88° in Thermal, Calif. **Low -4°** in Dunkirk, Mont.

NATIONAL CITIES

Today			Wed.			Today			Wed.		
Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	64	42 pc	67	43 pc		Louisville	43	25 c	43	36 s	
Atlanta	54	32 pc	51	34 s		Memphis	54	31 pc	55	40 s	
Atlantic City	45	31 pc	43	31 pc		Miami	73	54 pc	74	51 s	
Baltimore	46	27 pc	42	28 pc		Milwaukee	34	23 pc	46	29 pc	
Billings	47	28 s	49	30 pc		Minneapolis	37	23 s	44	25 pc	
Birmingham	55	31 pc	54	34 sh		Nashville	49	28 c	50	37 s	
Boise	68	44 c	53	38 sh		New Orleans	64	46 s	65	44 s	
Boston	33	30 sn	41	32 sf		New York City	42	32 sn	41	30 pc	
Charleston, SC	61	36 s	56	33 s		Oklahoma City	57	32 s	64	46 s	
Charleston, WV	39	24 sf	37	28 sf		Omaha	44	26 pc	65	31 s	
Chicago	36	22 pc	46	29 pc		Philadelphia	44	29 pc	41	29 pc	
Cleveland	35	24 sf	35	29 sf		Phoenix	84	62 pc	82	57 pc	
Dallas	65	42 pc	69	50 s		Portland, ME	33	30 sn	39	29 sf	
Denver	56	31 s	69	40 pc		Providence	34	29 sn	40	31 pc	
Detroit	37	22 sf	40	28 pc		Raleigh	47	27 s	44	27 pc	
El Paso	72	48 s	73	57 pc		Rapid City	52	28 pc	57	25 s	
Fairbanks	35	19 pc	30	15 c		reno	61	37 r	47	32 sn	
Fargo	32	19 pc	36	13 s		Sacramento	60	44 r	57	41 sh	
Honolulu	78	73 sh	80	72 sh		Salt Lake City	44	25 pc	52	40 s	
Houston	70	46 s	71	51 pc		Salt Lake City	67	51 pc	67	41 c	
Indianapolis	37	22 sf	42	31 pc		San Diego	69	60 c	66	55 c	
Jacksonville	64	36 s	63	32 s		San Francisco	60	48 r	56	46 sh	
Kansas City	49	26 s	63	42 s		Seattle	55	43 r	51	36 r	
Las Vegas	78	57 pc	69	51 pc		Tucson	82	47 pc	82	55 pc	
Little Rock	59	31 s	61	39 s		Washington, DC	49	31 pc	44	31 pc	
Los Angeles	67	54 sh	64	51 c		Wichita	56	30 s	67	46 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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'Fake news' smear takes hold among politicians at all levels

As Sunshine Week begins, politicians levy attacks on unflattering stories

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An Idaho state lawmaker urges her constituents to submit entries for her "fake news awards." The Kentucky governor tweets #FAKENEWS to dismiss questions about his purchase of a home from a supporter. An aide to the Texas land commissioner uses the phrase to downplay the significance of his boss receiving donations from employees of a company that landed a multimillion-dollar contract.

President Donald Trump's campaign to discredit the news media has spread to officials at all levels of government, who are echoing his use of the term "fake news" as a weapon against unflattering stories.

It's become ubiquitous as a signal to a politician's supporters to ignore legitimate reporting and hard questions, as a smear of the beleaguered and dwindling local press corps, and as a way for conservatives to push back against what they call biased stories.

"When Trump announced he was going to do his fake news awards, a group of us conservative legislators said, 'We need to do that, too,'" said Idaho state Rep. Priscilla Giddings, who has urged supporters to send examples of "biased, misleading and fake news" and plans to announce her awards March 18. "We need people to wake up to the fact that just because it's on the front page of the Boise newspaper doesn't mean it's 100 percent true."

The winners of the contest, it turns out, will be announced at the end of Sunshine Week, an annual focus by the nation's news media



In this Feb. 13 file photo, Gov. Paul LePage delivers the State of the State address to the Legislature at the State House in Augusta, Maine. President Trump's campaign to discredit the news media has spread to state and local officials, who are echoing his use of the term "fake news" as a weapon against unflattering stories and information that can tarnish their images.

on government transparency and the importance of a free press.

Rhonda Prast, editor of the Idaho Statesman in Boise, said it was ridiculous for anyone to assert that it would publish a story it knew contained falsehoods.

"The Statesman has a long-standing reputation as a reliable paper of record — going back 154 years — and our standards for accuracy and fairness have never changed," she said in a statement. "The allegations of 'fake news' are unjust attacks on a free press."

Giddings used the term herself last year to dismiss a report from another newspaper suggesting she may have been unqualified to run for office because she was claiming a homeowner's exemption outside of her district. She said she's submitting paperwork to prove the break was legitimate.

Experts on the press and democracy say the cries of "fake news" could do long-term damage by sowing confusion and contempt for journalists and by undermining the media's role as a watchdog on government and politicians. They say it's already exacerbated the



In this March 1 photo, Idaho Republican state Rep. Priscilla Giddings sits at the Capitol in Boise.

lack of trust in media by conservatives and contributed to hostility that sometimes turns violent.

In the last year, at least three political figures have been implicated in physical assaults on reporters asking questions, while journalists have been attacked

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— Brendan Nyhan,
Professor of government at Dartmouth College

in dozens of other incidents by protesters, according to the U.S. Press Freedom Tracker.

"I worry about the ongoing attack on the legitimacy of the media by President Trump and some of his supporters. The press is hardly perfect, of course, but it is also an important mechanism of accountability for people in power," said Brendan Nyhan, a professor of government at Dartmouth College. "This kind of rhetoric is potentially corrosive to trust in the media and to people's willingness to accept information that is critical of politicians they support."

Nyhan was among the authors of a recent study for the Poynter Institute that found partisan divisions in the public's attitudes toward the press. More Democrats now have more faith in the press, while Republicans have far more negative views and are "more likely to endorse extreme claims about media fabrication, to describe journalists as an enemy of the people, and to support restrictions on press freedom," the study found.

The routine labeling of factual reporting as "fake news" comes as actual fake news proliferates on the internet.

Media researcher Craig Silverman helped popularize the term in 2014 as a label for completely fabricated stories written and spread by individuals seeking profit. Now the news media editor at BuzzFeed, he wrote recently that he cringes when he hears anyone use the term, which he said became a partisan weapon

after Trump's election in 2016.

Silverman wrote that political figures are manipulating social media to "literally brand real things as fake" and manufacture reality for their followers.

Politicians who have used the term in recent months in response to news reporting include the governor of Maine, a New Mexico congressional candidate, the Georgia secretary of state and the vice chairman of Trump's now-disbanded voter fraud commission. A California school board president repeatedly used the term to attack a journalist investigating the area's high rate of teenage pregnancy and its sex education policies.

The cries of "fake news" create a quandary for reporters, who want to defend their stories while also not giving credence to the charge.

"Our members, many of whom work for small news outlets, are bearing the brunt of these unwarranted attacks, and it's completely unfair. These are people who are serving the community," said Rebecca Baker, president of the Society of Professional Journalists. "Some are just ignoring it, and some are fighting back."

Baker suggests that journalists respond to the attacks by showing their work as much as possible — by sharing the audio, video and documents that back up their stories. She wonders whether the term is starting to lose its clout from overuse, but also worries that whichever party controls the White House, Congress and state governments in the future will continue to use the tactic.

"This is part and parcel of the polarization of our politics right now," she said.

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.

Large fire torches Portland scrap yard

PORTLAND (AP) — A massive fire ignited Monday at a Portland auto-wrecking yard and spread to an apartment building and a duplex.

No injuries were reported in the eight to 10 units that were destroyed, but firefighters said more than a dozen cats died.

The blaze started at about 9 a.m. on a breezy, unseasonably warm day. Portland Fire & Rescue said piles of scrap cars caught fire, and the blaze was difficult to fight because of the wind, flammable materials and an inadequate water supply in that part of northeast Portland.

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