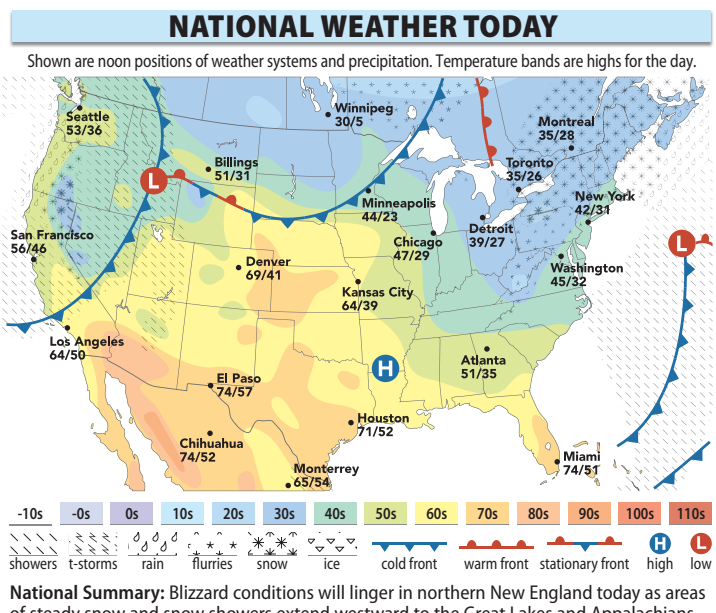
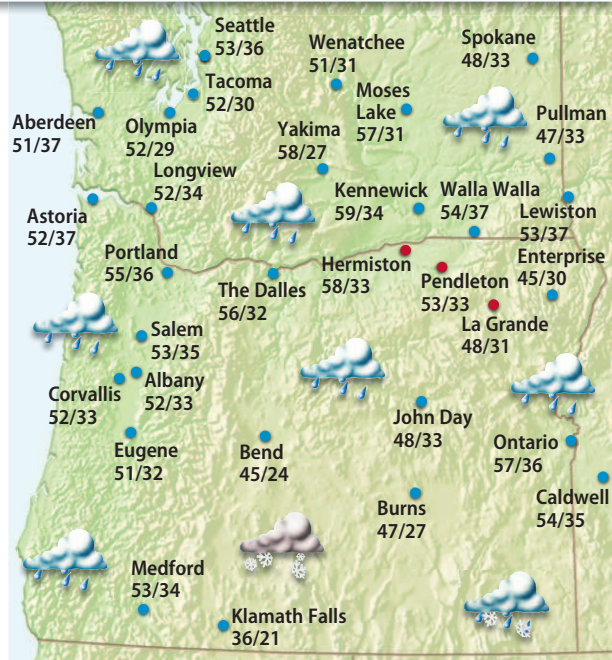


AccuWeather Forecast. TODAY: Cloudy, showers around; cooler. THURSDAY: Mostly cloudy. FRIDAY: Mostly cloudy with a few showers. SATURDAY: Mainly cloudy, showers around. SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy with a shower.

REGIONAL CITIES. Table listing temperatures for cities like Astoria, Baker City, Bend, Brookings, Burns, etc., for Today and Thu.



ALMANAC. PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST: 53° 33° 49° 32° 50° 35° 50° 35° 52° 31°. HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST: 58° 33° 54° 32° 55° 37° 56° 38° 57° 32°.



WORLD CITIES. Table listing temperatures for cities like Beijing, Hong Kong, Jerusalem, London, Mexico City, etc., for Today and Thu.

National Summary: Blizzard conditions will linger in northern New England today as areas of steady snow and snow showers extend westward to the Great Lakes and Appalachians.

NATIONAL CITIES. Table listing temperatures for cities like Albuquerque, Atlanta, Austin, Baltimore, etc., for Today and Thu.

UV INDEX TODAY. Scale from 0 to 6+ with corresponding weather icons and protection advice.

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST. Yesterdays through 3 p.m. yesterday. TEMPERATURE: HIGH 59°, LOW 46°. PRECIPITATION: 24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace.

REGIONAL FORECAST. Coastal Oregon: Overcast today into tomorrow with a little rain. Eastern Washington: Cloudy today with a couple of showers.

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SUNSHINE WEEK

U.S. sets new record for censoring and withholding government files

By TED BRIDIS, Associated Press



WASHINGTON — The federal government censored, withheld or said it couldn't find records sought by citizens, journalists and others more often last year than at any point in the past decade, according to an Associated Press analysis of new data.

In this 2013 file photo, the Department of Justice headquarters building in Washington is photographed early in the morning. The federal government censored, withheld or said it couldn't find records sought by citizens, journalists and others more often last year than at any point in the past decade, according to an Associated Press analysis of new data.

The calculations cover eight months under President Donald Trump, the first hints about how his administration complies with the Freedom of Information Act.

The surge of people who sought records but ended up empty-handed was driven by the government saying more than ever it could not find a single page of requested files and asserting in other cases that it would be illegal under U.S. laws to release the information.

nearly two-thirds of cases when it turned over anything. The federal government also spent \$40.6 million last year in legal fees defending its decisions to withhold federal files, also a record.

government's own accounting, to determine whether researchers, journalists and others asked for records that did not actually exist or whether federal employees did not search hard enough before giving up.

should try to precisely describe how they want filings cabinets, hard drives or email accounts searched, but "you shouldn't have to be an expert in records management just to submit a FOIA."

In other cases, the times the government said it would be illegal under other U.S. laws to release requested information nearly doubled to 63,749.

Many of those requests probably involved files related to the U.S. investigation into how Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election or the related grand jury investigations or about Trump's personal or business tax returns.

Washington Legislature fails to pass bill to let patrol destroy guns

SEATTLE (AP) — The Washington state Legislature ended its latest session without passing a bill that would allow the State Patrol to destroy firearms confiscated during criminal investigations.

a new crime, and an Associated Press investigation that has happened more than once. "It's disappointing the bill failed to pass," said Kyle Moore, spokesman for the agency.

State Patrol. Any forfeited guns that are not needed as evidence or kept for agency use must be auctioned or traded with licensed dealers, who then sell them.

Senn said. "I'm still in a little bit of shock that we didn't pass the bill," she said. "It certainly wasn't for a lack of trying."

NORTHWEST BRIEFLY

Groups seek protection for unique Oregon salamander

SALEM (AP) — Four conservation groups are seeking federal protection for a unique species of salamander that lives in the Klamath-Siskiyou region of southern Oregon and northern California.

Pilot killed in crash was fixture in Oregon aviation

PORTLAND (AP) — An Oregon pilot who died in a plane crash in Washington was a passionate advocate for pilots and airports and played a significant role in Oregon aviation, according to the Oregon Department of Aviation.

Correction

Hermiston Parks & Recreation is not currently taking registrations for Film Kids or Mini Filmmakers. A community brief in the March 10-11 East Oregonian was based on outdated information.