

AccuWeather Forecast

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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy with a few showers	Mainly cloudy with a shower	Rather cloudy	Sun and some clouds

PENDELTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

53°	33°	49°	36°	49°	35°	51°	31°	53°	33°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

57°	33°	56°	38°	55°	38°	56°	33°	57°	33°
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PENDELTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	53°	43°
Normals	55°	35°
Records	80° (1934)	11° (1906)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.

Month to date	0.23"
Normal month to date	0.75"
Year to date	0.56"
Last year to date	3.08"
Normal year to date	4.84"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	59°	48°
Normals	57°	34°
Records	79° (1934)	10° (1944)

PRECIPITATION

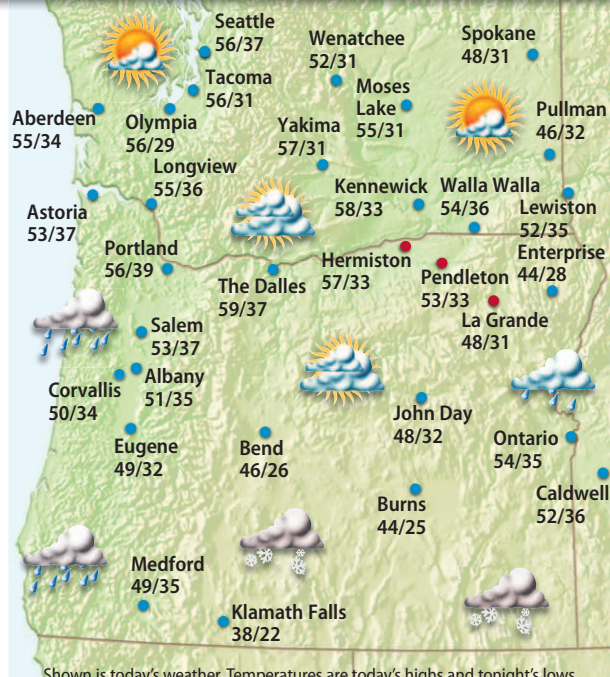
24 hours ending 3 p.m.

Month to date	0.12"
Normal month to date	0.24"
Year to date	0.44"
Last year to date	1.87"
Normal year to date	3.92"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:08 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:01 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:32 a.m.
Moonset today	5:16 p.m.

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



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today; periods of rain, but just a shower or two across the north.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Rather cloudy today with a couple of showers around; snow showers in the mountains.

Western Washington: A couple of showers across the south today; partly sunny elsewhere.

Eastern Washington: Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight, except mostly cloudy in the mountains.

Cascades: Mostly cloudy today with snow showers accumulating up to a few inches.

Northern California: Periods of rain today; snow, accumulating 3-6 inches in the interior mountains.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	53	37	c	53	38	c
Baker City	48	29	sh	47	27	c
Bend	46	26	sh	42	26	sh
Brookings	47	39	r	49	37	sh
Burns	44	25	c	41	21	c
Enterprise	44	28	sh	43	28	c
Eugene	49	32	r	51	36	c
Heppner	52	33	c	46	34	sh
Hermiston	57	33	c	56	38	c
John Day	48	32	c	45	33	c
Klamath Falls	38	22	sn	40	20	sh
La Grande	48	31	c	46	31	c
Meacham	45	28	sh	45	31	c
Medford	49	35	sh	52	35	sh
Newport	48	38	r	49	40	c
North Bend	48	38	r	50	39	c
Ontario	54	35	sh	52	33	sh
Pasco	57	30	pc	57	32	pc
Pendleton	53	33	c	49	36	sh
Portland	56	39	sh	54	38	c
Redmond	51	26	sh	46	25	c
Salem	53	37	sh	52	37	c
Spokane	48	31	pc	49	33	pc
Ukiah	46	27	c	42	30	c
Vancouver	54	39	sh	53	38	c
Walla Walla	54	36	c	52	38	sh
Yakima	57	31	pc	57	32	c

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	53	26	s	48	30	pc
Hong Kong	77	68	c	77	67	pc
Jerusalem	63	47	c	60	43	pc
London	55	44	r	55	36	sh
Mexico City	79	52	pc	80	52	pc
Moscow	29	9	sn	18	1	c
Paris	56	44	c	56	42	sh
Rome	59	54	t	61	48	r
Seoul	57	38	r	53	31	s
Sydney	87	70	s	78	70	r
Tokyo	67	58	pc	62	40	c

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	SW 4-8	NNW 4-8
Pendleton	S 4-8	WNW 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

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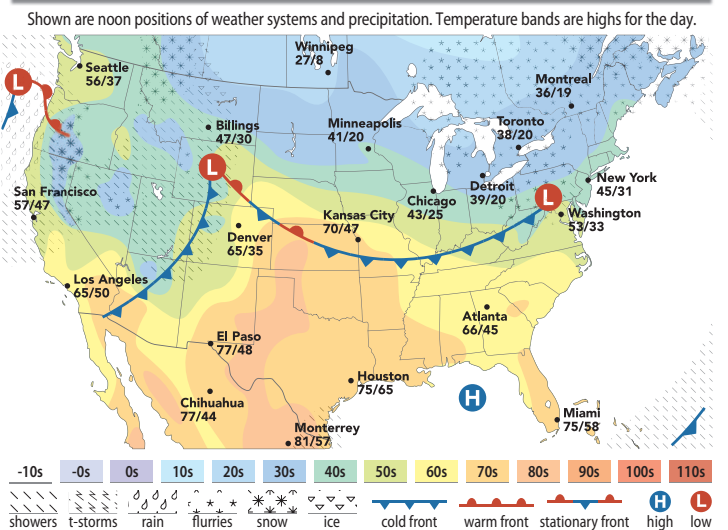
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0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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: More cold air, gusty winds and snow showers are in store for the Northeast today. A series of storms will bring areas of rain and mountain snow to the West. Showers will erupt in eastern Texas.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 84° in Phoenix, Ariz. **Low** -12° in Champion, Mich.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.				Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	61	34	s	62	39	s	Louisville	59	32	s	47	41	c
Atlanta	66	45	s	70	56	pc	Memphis	69	51	s	67	60	t
Atlanta City	48	32	pc	43	29	s	Miami	75	58	s	78	61	s
Baltimore	50	28	pc	45	25	pc	Milwaukee	40	24	s	37	29	pc
Birmingham	67	45	s	70	57	c	Minneapolis	41	20	s	44	25	pc
Boise	51	38	sh	51	33	c	Nashville	69	46	s	62	55	r
Boston	43	29	pc	39	24	pc	New Orleans	71	59	pc	73	63	t
Charleston, SC	69	46	s	75	49	s	New York City	45	31	pc	39	28	pc
Charleston, WV	52	26	pc	46	29	pc	Oklahoma City	73	54	s	76	43	s
Chicago	43	25	s	40	31	pc	Omaha	57	38	pc	47	32	r
Cleveland	36	23	sf	33	21	pc	Philadelphia	46	29	pc	42	26	pc
Dallas	76	64	pc	86	60	pc	Phoenix	70	52	s	73	52	pc
Denver	65	35	pc	61	30	pc	Portland, ME	41	25	c	38	17	c
Detroit	39	20	pc	38	24	s	Providence	44	28	pc	40	24	pc
El Paso	77	48	pc	71	53	c	Raleigh	61	40	s	60	36	pc
Fairbanks	25	12	c	32	19	sn	Rapid City	48	20	pc	29	16	sn
Fargo	36	13	s	39	15	pc	San Antonio	46	33	c	43	28	sn
Honolulu	83	71	sh	85	72	pc	Salt Lake City	48	35	sh	54	41	pc
Houston	75	65	sh	83	68	c	San Diego	63	54	c	64	55	c
Indianapolis	49	24	s	45	33	c	San Francisco	57	47	c	56	45	sh
Jacksonville	70	39	s	75	46	c	Seattle	56	37	pc	56	38	pc
Kansas City	70	47	pc	58	37	t	Tucson	69	46	s	74	46	pc
Las Vegas	62	46	pc	64	47	pc	Washington, DC	53	33	pc	47	31	pc
Little Rock	72	52	s	73	54	t	Wichita	76	53	s	73	35	s
Los Angeles	65	50	pc	60	47	c							

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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SUNSHINE WEEK

Digital ads, social media hide political campaign messaging

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The main events in a political campaign used to happen in the open: a debate, the release of a major TV ad or a public event where candidates tried to earn a spot on the evening news or the next day's front page.

That was before the explosion of Facebook, Twitter and YouTube as political platforms. Now some of a campaign's most pivotal efforts happen in the often-murky world of social media, where ads can be targeted to ever-narrower slices of the electorate and run continuously with no disclosure of who is paying for them. Reporters cannot easily discern what voters are seeing, and hoaxes and forgeries spread instantaneously.

Journalists trying to hold candidates accountable have a hard time keeping up.

"There's a whole dark area of campaigns out there when, if you're not part of the target group, you don't know anything about them," said Larry Noble of the Campaign Legal Center in Washington, which seeks greater transparency in political spending. "And if reporters don't know about it, they can't ask questions about it."

The problem came to widespread attention during the 2016 presidential race, when Donald Trump's campaign invested heavily in digital advertising, and the term "fake news" emerged to describe pro-Trump propa-



AP Photo/Brynn Anderson, File
Journalists follow U.S. Senate candidate Roy Moore as he arrives to cast his vote in December in Gallant, Ala. December's U.S. Senate election in Alabama was rife with fake online reports in support of Moore, who lost the race to Democrat Doug Jones amid allegations that Moore had sexual and romantic contact with teens when he was a prosecutor in his 30s.

ganda masquerading as online news. Russian interference in the campaign included covert ads on social media and phony Facebook groups pumping out falsehoods.

The misinformation shows no sign of abating. The U.S. Senate election in Alabama in December was rife with fake online reports in support of Republican Roy Moore, who eventually lost to Democrat Doug Jones amid allegations that Moore had sexual contact with teenagers when he was a prosecutor in his 30s. Moore denied the accusations.

Politicians also try to create their own news operations. U.S. Rep. Devin Nunes' campaign funded a purported news site called The California Republican, and the executive director of Maine's Republican party last month acknowledged that he runs an anonymous website that is critical of Democrats.

Phony allegations are nothing new in politics. But they used to circulate in automated phone calls, mailers that were often tossed in the trash or, as far back as the 1800s, in partisan newspapers that published just once a day, noted Garlin Gilchrist, executive director of the Center for Social Media Responsibility at the University of Michigan.

The difference now is how quickly false information spreads.

"The problem is something that's always existed ... but social media is a different animal than news distribution in the past," Gilchrist said.

A study released this past week found that false information spreads faster and wider on Twitter than real news stories. Researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology traced the path of more than 126,000 stories on Twitter and found that the

average false story takes about 10 hours to reach 1,500 users compared with about 60 hours for real ones. On average, false information reaches 35 percent more people than true news.

A data analysis by BuzzFeed's news site after the 2016 election found that the most popular fake stories generated greater engagement on Facebook than the top real stories in the three months before Election Day.

Because it's increasingly easy to fabricate videos, which are viewed as the most reliable evidence available online, reporters "need stronger tools" to weed out frauds, Gilchrist said.

Social media also upends campaign advertising practices. Federal regulations require a record of every political advertisement that is broadcast on television and radio. But online ads have no comparable requirements.

Earlier this month, Twitter Chief Executive Officer Jack Dorsey announced that the platform would take new steps to try to stop harassment and false information. Facebook has partnered with media organizations, including The Associated Press, to flag false information on its platform. It recently announced plans to reform its political advertising, including making all ads on a page visible to all viewers, regardless of whether they were intended to see the spots. It also will require a line identifying the buyer on every political ad and create a four-year archive.

NORTHWEST BRIEFLY

Woman sent to jail for violating no-contact order

EUGENE (AP) — A western Oregon woman twice convicted of having sex with a teenage boy was arrested on a parole violation.

Jessica Jane Bennett was arrested Monday after authorities said she had contact with the victim, who is now 18 years old, *The Register-Guard* reported.

Bennett, 28, has been ordered to serve three months in jail for violating the no-contact order, according to court documents.

Bennett, a registered sex offender, was ordered to stay 2 miles away from the victim following her convictions. She was also barred from living within 5 miles of the victim until 2022.

Bennett pleaded guilty in October 2016 to sexual delinquency of a minor. She was sentenced to 10 days in jail and two years of probation.

Authorities began investigating Bennett the prior summer after the father of her 16-year-old neighbor in Cottage Grove contacted the Lane County Sheriff's Office to report that she was naked in the boy's bed.

She was arrested again in April 2017 after another encounter with the same boy. She pleaded guilty to an identical charge and was sentenced to 30 days in jail and five years of probation.

Before Bennett's latest arrest, the victim sent two handwritten letters to Judge Debra Vogt. The letters, dated Feb. 21 and March 1, demanded a court hearing to end Bennett's probation, so he could legally see her again. He wrote that he wanted to prove that Bennett is not a threat.

The Associated Press is not identifying the boy because it generally does not name sexual assault victims.

Fish evacuated from Gorge fire leaving Northwest hatcheries

LEABURG (AP) — More than 1.5 million juvenile fish evacuated from a hatchery after last year's Columbia Gorge wildfire are being released into rivers for their journey to the Pacific Ocean.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife says a half-million coho evacuated from a hatchery in Cascade Locks were released last week in the Lostine River in northeastern Oregon. Another half-million will soon be released in the Umatilla River.

Also this spring, 650,000 coho will be released into the Methow and Wenatchee rivers in Washington state. And spring chinook evacuated last September will go into a tributary of Oregon's Sandy River.