

## AccuWeather Forecast

**TODAY** **SUNDAY** **MONDAY** **TUESDAY** **WEDNESDAY**

Cooler with variable cloudiness  
Overcast with a touch of rain  
Cloudy, a shower or two; cool  
Times of clouds and sun  
Partly sunny and pleasant

**PENDELTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST**  
64° 45° 63° 44° 61° 43° 63° 42° 70° 47°

**HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST**  
69° 48° 68° 47° 67° 45° 68° 45° 76° 48°

### ALMANAC

#### PENDELTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	
HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 78°	47°
Normals 66°	41°
Records 95° (1926)	29° (1935)

#### PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.37"
Normal month to date	1.04"
Year to date	5.08"
Last year to date	8.21"
Normal year to date	5.00"

#### HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

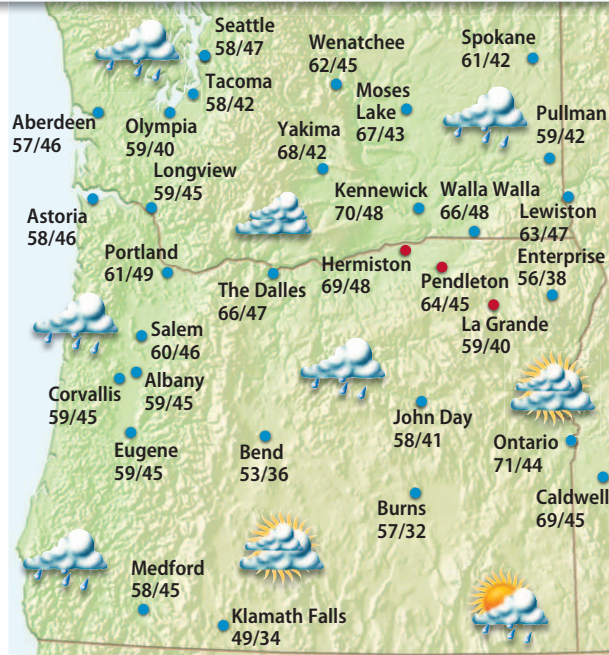
TEMPERATURE	
HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 81°	42°
Normals 68°	42°
Records 88° (1947)	28° (1970)

#### PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.55"
Normal month to date	0.78"
Year to date	3.93"
Last year to date	5.88"
Normal year to date	3.89"

#### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:48 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:58 p.m.
Moonrise today	6:40 p.m.
Moonset today	5:35 a.m.



### REGIONAL FORECAST

**Coastal Oregon:** Mostly cloudy today and tonight with a passing shower or two.

**Eastern and Central Oregon:** A shower in spots today, but a brief shower or two in central parts.

**Western Washington:** Cloudy today with brief showers. Overcast tonight with a shower in places.

**Eastern Washington:** Mostly cloudy today; showers in the north, near the Idaho border and in the mountains.

**Cascades:** Brief showers today, but a bit of snow with little or no accumulation in the south.

**Northern California:** Mostly cloudy today with a shower; unseasonably cold in the interior mountains.

### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	58	46	c	55	45	sh
Baker City	62	39	c	58	37	r
Bend	53	36	sh	54	34	sh
Brookings	54	47	sh	54	43	r
Burns	57	32	c	53	31	c
Enterprise	56	38	c	53	37	r
Eugene	59	45	sh	56	41	r
Heppner	62	44	c	60	41	r
Hermiston	69	48	c	68	47	c
John Day	58	41	sh	54	39	r
Klamath Falls	49	34	c	50	31	c
La Grande	59	40	c	57	40	r
Meacham	57	39	c	54	38	r
Medford	58	45	sh	56	42	r
Newport	55	46	sh	53	43	sh
North Bend	57	47	sh	53	44	r
Ontario	71	44	c	64	43	r
Pasco	70	47	c	70	46	c
Pendleton	64	45	c	63	44	r
Portland	61	49	sh	59	47	sh
Redmond	56	33	c	57	33	sh
Salem	60	46	sh	58	44	r
Spokane	61	42	sh	60	41	sh
Ukiah	56	37	c	53	36	r
Vancouver	61	48	sh	58	46	sh
Walla Walla	66	48	c	64	47	c
Yakima	68	42	c	68	43	c

### WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	86	62	s	88	61	s
Hong Kong	81	75	pc	83	75	pc
Jerusalem	70	55	s	75	58	s
London	53	41	sh	52	41	c
Mexico City	76	55	pc	78	56	pc
Moscow	57	40	sh	60	44	pc
Paris	62	47	sh	62	46	r
Rome	79	59	t	77	56	s
Seoul	70	46	s	72	49	pc
Sydney	68	62	sh	69	59	pc
Tokyo	75	63	s	74	61	s

### WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Sunday
Boardman	WSW 10-20	WSW 10-20
Pendleton	WSW 8-16	W 8-16

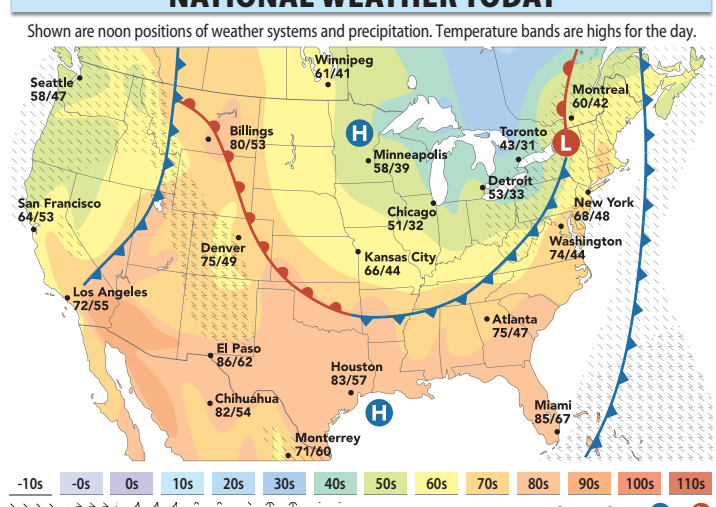
### UV INDEX TODAY

1	3	6	4	2	1
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:** Gusty thundershowers with hail will mark a quick change to chilly weather in the Northeast today. Storms will erupt over the Rockies with showers and cool air to push well inland on the West coast.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High 101° in Needles, Calif. Low 14° in Hohnholz Ranch, Colo.

### NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sun.				Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	78	52	c	81	51	s	Louisville	63	36	s	64	41	s
Atlanta	75	47	s	70	46	s	Memphis	74	46	s	70	47	s
Atlanta City	66	47	pc	56	41	pc	Miami	85	67	s	84	70	pc
Baltimore	73	41	pc	57	38	pc	Milwaukee	48	32	s	56	42	s
Billings	80	53	s	70	42	t	Minneapolis	58	39	s	69	53	s
Birmingham	78	47	s	71	45	s	Nashville	70	39	s	67	41	s
Boise	68	44	pc	60	40	r	New Orleans	81	62	s	82	62	s
Boston	66	49	pc	57	41	sh	New York City	68	48	pc	57	42	pc
Charleston, SC	82	55	s	74	48	s	Oklahoma City	80	55	s	79	59	pc
Charleston, WV	63	37	pc	60	36	pc	Omaha	68	43	s	69	58	pc
Chicago	51	32	s	61	43	s	Philadelphia	74	45	pc	55	41	pc
Cleveland	46	35	c	52	37	pc	Phoenix	96	68	s	92	63	s
Dallas	83	59	s	84	61	pc	Portland, ME	62	45	pc	54	41	r
Denver	75	49	c	78	46	pc	Providence	69	48	pc	60	41	sh
Detroit	53	33	c	58	39	s	Raleigh	77	46	s	66	41	sh
El Paso	86	62	pc	88	63	s	Rapid City	72	50	s	79	50	pc
Fairbanks	49	34	pc	53	38	pc	Reno	62	38	pc	59	38	c
Fargo	61	42	s	74	59	s	Sacramento	67	47	pc	68	46	pc
Honolulu	79	64	pc	79	67	s	St. Louis	63	41	s	66	47	pc
Houston	83	57	pc	82	61	pc	Salt Lake City	82	49	pc	66	44	c
Indianapolis	55	32	s	60	39	s	San Diego	68	58	pc	64	58	pc
Jacksonville	84	57	s	80	55	s	San Francisco	64	53	pc	63	51	pc
Kansas City	66	44	s	71	55	s	Seattle	58	47	sh	58	48	sh
Las Vegas	88	62	s	83	60	s	Tucson	93	61	pc	91	59	s
Little Rock	80	49	s	71	50	s	Washington, DC	74	44	pc	60	44	pc
Los Angeles	72	55	pc	70	55	pc	Wichita	74	51	s	75	61	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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# BLM may offer \$1,000 for wild horse adoption

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RENO, Nev. — U.S. land managers are proposing offering \$1,000 to anyone willing to adopt wild horses gathered from public lands to alleviate a backlog of mustangs in government corals and shrink what they say are badly overpopulated herds across the West.

Overwhelmed by what it characterizes as a \$1 billion problem, the Bureau of Land Management proposed the novel approach to Congress on Thursday and also made requests to sterilize, euthanize or sell for slaughter tens of thousands of animals.

Under any scenario, the agency plans to use short-term fertility control on the horses whose population it expects to grow to 100,000 by 2019. But it also recommends any approach include permanent sterilization, something most horse advocates find as objectionable as lifting current congressional prohibitions on selling the horses for slaughter.

The \$1,000 adoption bonus is included in the four

management alternatives the agency is mulling as it seeks a way to address what it admits is a costly, difficult challenge.

"Conflict levels are often high and the program is controversial and politically sensitive," the agency said.

The head of one of the nation's largest horse protection groups immediately condemned the package of alternatives as "a roadmap for destruction of America's wild free-roaming horses and burros."

"BLM, the agency whose terrible mismanagement of this program has brought us to this place, is now proposing more bad ideas, including mass roundup and slaughter to cover for their incompetence," said Suzanne Roy, executive director of the American Wild Horse Campaign.

Laura Leigh, president of the Wild Horse Education horse protection advocacy group, said the report ignores the impact of cattle and sheep grazing on public rangeland and relies heavily on recommendations made at a meeting in Salt Lake City last year organized by livestock



AP Photo/Scott Sonner, File

**Wild horses that were captured from U.S. rangeland stand in a holding pen, at the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Wild Horse and Burro Center in Palomino Valley about 20 miles north of Reno, Nev.**

interests.

"The agency repeatedly scapegoats" the horses while "ignoring extreme deficits within the much larger livestock grazing program, diverting personnel from the (horse program) to placate other concerns, prioritizing existing funding based on political pressure not rangeland needs," she said Friday.

The federal agency estimates 83,000 wild horses and burros were roaming public rangelands in 10 western states last year — more than three times the 26,715 animals the agency says the land can sustain.

"As currently managed, by the summer of 2019, there will likely be well over 100,000 wild horses on BLM-man-

aged land, with up to 20,000 more the year after," said the agency, which says it has the capability to round up about 20,000 animals annually.

Last year, the agency spent nearly 60 percent of its \$81 million budget on animals that have been removed from the range and estimates "the cost of caring for the 46,000 un-adopted and unsold animals currently in holding will top \$1 billion over their lifetime."

Free adoptions to qualified owners often topped 9,000 annually in the early 1990s, but have fallen to 3,000 or fewer in recent years.

A new incentive program offering providers \$1,000 at the point of adoption "would save money for the taxpayer and the BLM program in the first year of implementation alone," the agency said. "Over a period of 25 years, holding that same animal in an off-range corral would have cost the taxpayers nearly \$46,000."

Ranchers whose livestock compete with the horses for forage praised the agency for developing a range of options to save taxpayers money and

better protect rangeland for wildlife, including the imperiled sage grouse.

"We have been in a stalemate on this issue for years in Congress and the result of that stalemate is unhealthy horses, degraded resources on the range and program costs that are spiraling out of control," said Ethan Lane, the National Cattlemen's Beef Association's executive director for federal lands.

His group believes lifting current congressional prohibitions on the sale of horses for slaughter "would be the quickest route to a healthy population on the range," Lane said.

He said paying people to adopt horses also would be "money well spent."

The federal agency said it will continue to use short-term fertility control vaccines to slow population growth but that "permanent sterilization techniques would be a more effective long-term solution."

"Under all options, the BLM will utilize permanent sterilization techniques to take advantage of this fact."

# Wife of Oregon lawmaker files suit against union

By TOM JAMES  
Associated Press

SALEM — The wife of an Oregon lawmaker has filed a lawsuit against the state's largest union, joining a national push by an anti-union group to let workers avoid paying fees to unions where they work.

Debra Nearman, wife of Rep. Mike Nearman, a Republican from Independence, filed suit late Wednesday against the state branch of Service Employees International Union, claiming fee-payment requirements violate her First Amendment rights.

"She feels that she should not be forced to pay any money to an organization that campaigned against her husband," said Jill Gibson, an attorney for Nearman.

The National Right

To Work Foundation is assisting Nearman, part of a broader effort involving parallel lawsuits in the U.S. Supreme Court and other states to create "right-to-work" policies.

Under federal law, government employees such as teachers and administrative workers can be required to pay partial dues to unions at their workplaces even if they choose not to become members. The partial dues can usually only be used by unions for bargaining and workplace organizing, not political campaigns or other outside activities, said Vanessa Williamson, a researcher at the Brookings Institution.

Nearman is an employee at the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Melissa Unger, director of SEIU 503, the group

targeted in Nearman's suit, said through a spokesman Thursday afternoon that she couldn't comment on the lawsuit because the group hadn't been served with a copy.

The case comes as the latest in a broader legal battle over right to work policies. On one side, said Williamson, workers and anti-union groups have argued against paying dues to unions which may hold views or support politicians they don't personally agree with.

That's the heart of a U.S. Supreme Court case, Janus v. American Federation of

State, County and Municipal Employees, which Right to Work Foundation lawyers are also working on, said Patrick Semmens, a spokesman for the group.

In that case and others like it the group is pursuing in lower courts, Semmens said, the group has claimed that even bargaining over mundane workplace details like restroom accommodations amounts to lobbying. That makes it a form of political speech that members shouldn't be forced to support, he added.

"Anytime the union is speaking to the government, whether it's lobbying

at the state legislature or bargaining, they're really all lobbying," Semmens said.

Supporting an organization that takes positions contrary to Nearman's religious beliefs, and which fought her husband's election, is a violation of her rights to free speech and association, the organization said in a release.

On the other side, Williamson said, unions have argued that when they negotiate a contract, all the employees in a government agency benefit, and that they should be allowed to charge nonmembers a limited fee to cover the cost of that work.

"There's the argument that you're getting benefits for free," Williamson said.

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### Corrections

The April 25, 9A article "Fighting for soil in arid Eastern Oregon" incorrectly noted who created prescription maps of the property. Infrared Baron took photos, but farmer Bill Jepsen created the maps based