

AccuWeather Forecast

TODAY **FRIDAY** **SATURDAY** **SUNDAY** **MONDAY**

A t-storm around this afternoon. Not as warm. A thick cloud cover. Nice with variable clouds. Intervals of clouds and sun.

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 84° 57° 80° 53° 72° 50° 78° 55° 83° 57°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
 90° 60° 86° 56° 79° 54° 85° 58° 89° 62°

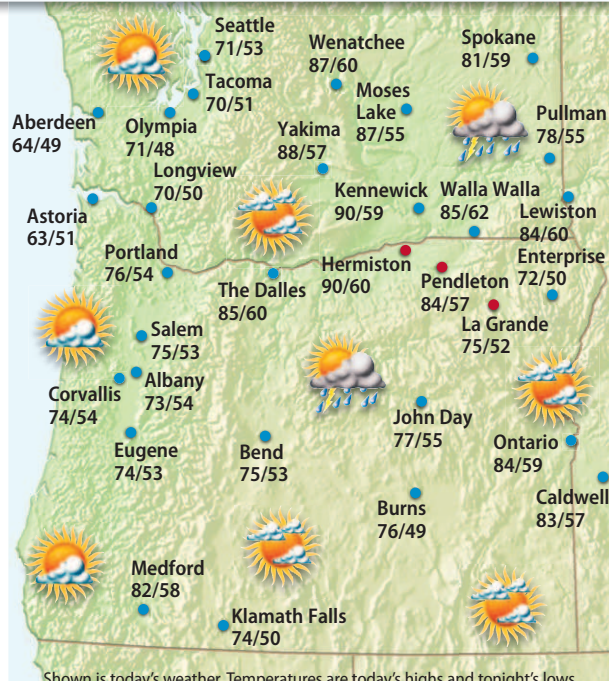
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PENDLETON
 through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
86°	57°
Normals	72° 49°
Records	95° (2001) 23° (1903)

PRECIPITATION
 24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
 Month to date 0.65"
 Normal month to date 0.96"
 Year to date 6.07"
 Last year to date 9.14"
 Normal year to date 6.07"



HERMISTON
 through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
91°	57°
Normals	74° 49°
Records	101° (1951) 30° (1964)

PRECIPITATION
 24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
 Month to date 0.91"
 Normal month to date 0.83"
 Year to date 4.96"
 Last year to date 6.31"
 Normal year to date 4.82"

SUN AND MOON

Full	Last	New	First
May 29	June 6	June 13	June 20

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Times of clouds and sun today. A couple of showers in the south tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Times of sun and clouds today; a thunderstorm in spots.

Western Washington: Partly sunny today.

Eastern Washington: Times of clouds and sun today. Partly cloudy tonight.

Cascades: Clouds and sun today; a thunderstorm in parts of the area, but dry across the north.

Northern California: Mostly cloudy today; however, sunnier in the interior mountains.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	63	51	pc	61	51	s
Baker City	76	51	t	76	50	t
Bend	75	53	t	63	42	t
Brookings	60	50	c	56	47	c
Burns	76	49	pc	70	43	c
Enterprise	72	50	t	72	52	t
Eugene	74	53	pc	68	43	s
Hepner	81	54	t	76	51	t
Hermiston	90	60	pc	86	56	pc
John Day	77	55	t	72	50	t
Klamath Falls	74	50	pc	61	41	t
La Grande	75	52	t	74	52	t
Meacham	73	49	t	72	49	t
Medford	82	58	t	68	47	t
Newport	61	49	pc	58	47	t
North Bend	64	55	pc	60	51	pc
Ontario	84	59	pc	85	60	pc
Pasco	89	58	pc	87	57	pc
Pendleton	84	57	t	80	53	pc
Portland	76	54	pc	71	50	s
Redmond	78	52	t	68	41	t
Salem	75	53	pc	70	45	s
Spokane	81	59	pc	82	54	pc
Ukiah	74	47	t	70	47	t
Vancouver	75	53	pc	70	48	s
Walla Walla	85	62	pc	81	55	pc
Yakima	88	57	pc	87	54	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	91	64	c	90	65	s
Hong Kong	93	84	s	94	85	pc
Jerusalem	82	64	s	83	66	pc
London	73	55	t	71	56	pc
Mexico City	84	53	pc	82	52	pc
Moscow	72	50	pc	64	43	s
Paris	76	56	t	78	62	t
Rome	77	61	pc	78	62	s
Seoul	73	55	s	74	53	pc
Sydney	67	58	pc	67	53	pc
Tokyo	77	67	pc	79	66	pc

WINDS

(in mph)

	Today	Friday
Boardman	WSW 7-14	WSW 7-14
Pendleton	W 6-12	W 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY

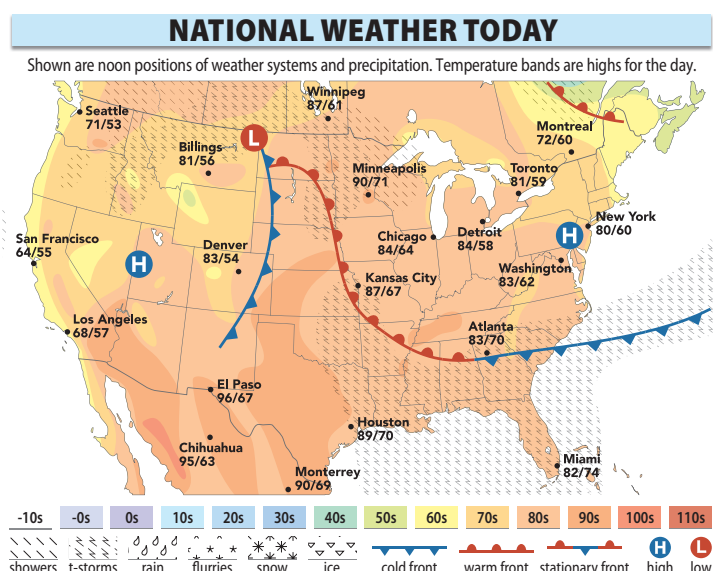
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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

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 CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	88	59	s	90	60	s
Atlanta	83	70	t	78	68	t
Atlantic City	73	58	s	76	62	s
Baltimore	82	58	s	85	67	s
Birmingham	81	56	pc	84	57	pc
Boise	82	59	pc	84	57	pc
Boston	66	56	s	87	66	s
Charleston, SC	83	70	t	83	71	c
Charleston, WV	87	61	s	88	65	pc
Chicago	84	64	pc	88	69	pc
Cleveland	80	57	s	85	65	s
Dallas	91	72	pc	94	73	s
Denver	83	54	s	85	57	pc
Detroit	84	58	s	88	65	s
El Paso	96	67	s	98	67	s
Fairbanks	54	41	sh	60	42	c
Fargo	90	64	t	90	63	c
Honolulu	85	74	pc	85	74	t
Houston	89	70	pc	91	72	s
Indianapolis	84	61	s	88	67	s
Jacksonville	85	70	t	83	71	t
Kansas City	87	67	pc	86	66	t
Las Vegas	94	71	s	90	64	s
Little Rock	87	69	t	88	69	t
Los Angeles	68	57	pc	68	57	sh
Louisville	87	65	s	89	71	pc
Memphis	90	72	pc	89	72	pc
Miami	82	74	t	82	74	c
Milwaukee	79	61	pc	85	63	t
Minneapolis	90	71	pc	89	69	pc
Nashville	90	70	pc	87	68	pc
New Orleans	88	75	t	86	74	t
New York City	80	60	s	86	67	s
Oklahoma City	87	67	pc	90	68	s
Omaha	88	69	pc	92	68	pc
Philadelphia	82	59	s	85	66	s
Phoenix	99	74	s	99	70	s
Portland, ME	62	51	s	83	62	pc
Providence	73	53	s	83	64	s
Raleigh	84	63	pc	84	67	pc
Rapid City	81	55	pc	84	55	s
Reno	76	52	pc	60	46	t
Sacramento	72	53	pc	66	53	t
St. Louis	88	69	s	87	71	pc
Salt Lake City	85	59	s	87	59	s
San Diego	66	60	pc	69	61	sh
San Francisco	64	55	c	65	54	t
Seattle	71	53	pc	70	50	s
Tucson	98	64	s	98	64	s
Washington, DC	83	62	s	85	67	t
Wichita	88	68	pc	93	66	t

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Amazon urged not to sell facial recognition tool to police

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SEATTLE — Amazon's decision to market a powerful face recognition tool to police is alarming privacy advocates, who say the tech giant's reach could vastly accelerate a dystopian future in which camera-equipped officers can identify and track people in real time, whether they're involved in crimes or not.

It's not clear how many law enforcement agencies have purchased the tool, called Rekognition, since its launch in late 2016 or since its update last fall, when Amazon added capabilities that allow it to identify people in videos and follow their movements almost instantly.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office in Oregon has used it to quickly compare unidentified suspects in surveillance images to a database of more than 300,000 booking photos from the county jail — a common use of such technology around the country — while the Orlando Police Department in Florida is testing whether it can be used to single out persons-of-interest in public spaces and alert officers to their presence.

The American Civil Liberties Union and other privacy advocates on Tuesday asked Amazon to stop marketing Rekognition to government agencies, saying they could use the technology to "easily build a system to automate the identification and tracking of anyone."

That could have potentially dire consequences for minorities who are already arrested at disproportionate



In this 2015 file photo, Seattle police officer Debra Pelich, right, wears a video camera on her eyeglasses as she talks with Alex Legesse before a small community gathering in Seattle. While the Seattle Police Department bars officers from using real-time facial recognition in body camera video, privacy activists are concerned that a proliferation of the technology could turn the cameras into tools of mass surveillance. The ACLU and other organizations on Tuesday asked Amazon to stop selling its facial-recognition tool, called Rekognition, to law enforcement agencies.

rates, immigrants who may be in the country illegally or political protesters, they said.

"People should be free to walk down the street without being watched by the government," the groups wrote in a letter to Amazon on Tuesday. "Facial recognition in American communities threatens this freedom."

In an emailed statement, Amazon Web Services stressed that it requires all of its customers to comply with the law and to be responsible in the use of its products.

The statement said some agencies have used the program to find abducted people, and amusement parks have used it to find lost children. British broadcaster

Sky News used Rekognition to help viewers identify celebrities at the royal wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle last weekend.

Amazon's technology isn't that different from what face recognition companies are already selling to law enforcement agencies. But its vast reach and its interest in recruiting more police departments — at extremely low cost — are troubling, said Clare Garvie, an associate at the Center on Privacy and Technology at Georgetown University Law Center.

"This raises very real questions about the ability to remain anonymous in public spaces," Garvie said.

While police might be able to videotape public demonstrations, face recognition is not merely an extension of photography but a biometric measurement — more akin to police walking through a demonstration and demanding identification from everyone there, she said.

Some police departments, including Seattle, have policies that bar the use of real-time facial recognition in body camera videos.

Amazon released Rekognition in late 2016, and the sheriff's office in Washington County, west of Portland, became one of its first law enforcement agency customers.

A year later, deputies

were using it about 20 times a day — for example, to identify burglary suspects in store surveillance footage. Last month, the agency adopted policies governing its use, noting that officers in the field can use real-time face recognition to identify suspects who are unwilling or unable to provide their own ID, or if someone's life is in danger.

"We are not mass-collecting. We are not putting a camera out on a street corner," said Deputy Jeff Talbot, a spokesman for the sheriff's office. "We want our local community to be aware of what we're doing, how we're using it to solve crimes — what it is and, just as importantly, what it is not."

It cost the sheriff's office just \$400 to load 305,000 booking photos — which are already public records — into the system and \$6 a month in fees to continue the service, according to an email obtained by the ACLU under a public records request.

Last year, the Orlando, Florida, Police Department announced it would begin a pilot program relying on Amazon's technology to "use existing city resources to provide real-time detection and notification of persons-of-interest, further increasing public safety."

Orlando has a network of public safety cameras, and in a presentation posted to

YouTube this month, Ranju Das, who leads Amazon Rekognition, said the company would receive feeds from the cameras, search them against photos of people being sought by law enforcement and notify police of any hits.

"It's about recognizing people, it's about tracking people, and then it's about doing this in real time, so that the law enforcement officers ... can be then alerted in real time to events that are happening," he said.

The Orlando Police Department said in an email that it "is not using the technology in an investigative capacity or in any public spaces at this time."

The testing has been limited to eight city-owned cameras and a handful of officers who volunteered to have their images used to see if the technology works, Sgt. Eduardo Bernal wrote in an email Tuesday.

"As this is a pilot and not being actively used by OPD as a surveillance tool, there is no policy or procedure regarding its use as it is not deployed in that manner," Bernal wrote.

The privacy advocates' letter to Amazon followed public records requests from ACLU chapters in California, Oregon and Florida. More than two dozen organizations signed it, including the Electronic Frontier Foundation and Human Rights Watch.

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