

AccuWeather Forecast TODAY FRIDAY SATURDAY SUNDAY MONDAY

Breezy with sunshine Mostly sunny and pleasant Mostly sunny and beautiful Nice with sun mixing with clouds Mostly sunny and seasonably hot

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
91° 59° 81° 55° 83° 58° 89° 58° 94° 60°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
94° 61° 85° 56° 87° 57° 92° 61° 99° 60°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE
HIGH LOW
Yesterday 96° 64°
Normals 90° 60°
Records 108° (2009) 41° (1897)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.01"
Year to date 6.49"
Last year to date 11.30"
Normal year to date 7.96"

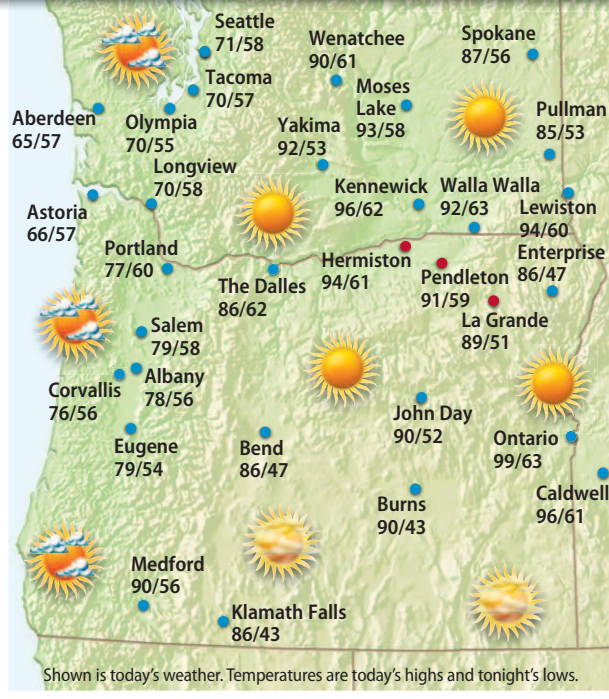
HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE
HIGH LOW
Yesterday 97° 70°
Normals 90° 60°
Records 109° (2009) 41° (2002)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.01"
Year to date 5.10"
Last year to date 6.59"
Normal year to date 5.93"

SUN AND MOON
Sunrise today 5:40 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:23 p.m.
Moonrise today 11:23 p.m.
Moonset today 11:24 a.m.

Last New First Full
Aug 4 Aug 11 Aug 18 Aug 26



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today; a shower across the north. Clouds, then sun in the south.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Sunny today; hot in the south with hazy sun.

Western Washington: Cloudy most of the time today; a passing shower at the coast.

Eastern Washington: Plenty of sunshine today. Clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

Cascades: Pleasant today with plenty of sunshine.

Northern California: Clouds, then sun at the coast today; hot in central parts. Hazy elsewhere.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	66	57	pc	66	56	c
Baker City	91	46	s	82	44	s
Bend	86	47	s	78	45	s
Brookings	65	52	pc	67	52	pc
Burns	90	43	s	83	37	s
Enterprise	86	47	s	78	45	s
Eugene	79	54	s	78	50	s
Heppner	88	57	s	78	53	s
Hermiston	94	61	s	85	56	s
John Day	90	52	s	80	48	s
Klamath Falls	86	43	pc	81	44	pc
La Grande	89	51	s	80	48	s
Meacham	85	47	s	76	44	s
Medford	90	56	pc	85	56	s
Newport	63	55	pc	63	51	pc
North Bend	66	57	c	68	54	pc
Ontario	99	63	s	90	60	s
Pasco	95	60	s	85	54	s
Pendleton	91	59	s	81	55	s
Portland	77	60	pc	74	56	pc
Redmond	88	43	s	80	42	s
Salem	79	58	pc	79	55	pc
Spokane	87	56	s	78	55	pc
Ukiah	85	45	s	75	43	s
Vancouver	75	59	pc	73	55	pc
Walla Walla	92	63	s	83	62	s
Yakima	92	53	s	82	53	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	97	78	s	97	79	s
Hong Kong	92	82	t	92	82	t
Jerusalem	81	70	pc	83	69	s
London	86	64	pc	88	67	pc
Mexico City	75	55	t	73	57	t
Moscow	83	62	s	84	64	pc
Paris	90	67	s	94	69	s
Rome	92	74	s	88	72	pc
Seoul	98	80	pc	95	81	pc
Sydney	66	51	s	72	50	s
Tokyo	96	82	s	95	80	s

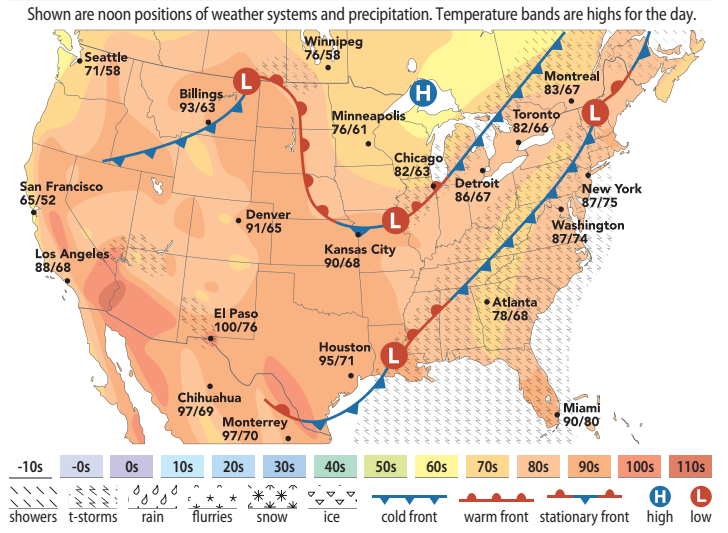
WINDS
(in mph) Today Friday
Boardman WSW 10-20 WSW 10-20
Pendleton W 10-20 WSW 8-16

UV INDEX TODAY

2 4 8 8 4 2
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: The risk of flooding downpours will extend from the Gulf coast to upstate New York and New England today. Storms are forecast for parts of the Midwest, Rockies and deserts. The rest of the West will be dry.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 113° in Needles, Calif. Low 31° in Gothic, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.				Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	93	69	t	91	68	t	Louisville	86	68	t	89	71	pc
Atlanta	78	68	t	81	67	t	Memphis	89	69	s	91	72	pc
Baltimore	85	72	t	83	71	t	Miami	90	80	t	89	79	t
Birmingham	82	70	t	84	71	t	Minneapolis	76	61	pc	88	71	s
Boise	98	62	s	89	57	s	Nashville	86	69	t	90	70	pc
Boston	90	75	pc	87	73	c	New Orleans	90	73	t	89	73	pc
Charleston, SC	84	74	t	84	74	c	New York City	87	75	t	85	74	pc
Charleston, WV	76	65	t	81	65	r	Oklahoma City	92	68	pc	93	70	s
Chicago	82	63	t	83	68	s	Omaha	87	70	s	96	74	s
Cleveland	82	68	t	86	68	pc	Philadelphia	88	74	t	87	71	pc
Dallas	96	73	pc	98	74	s	Phoenix	109	87	pc	107	87	pc
Denver	91	65	s	88	62	pc	Portland, ME	88	71	pc	80	69	r
Detroit	86	67	pc	86	65	pc	Providence	89	73	pc	86	71	pc
El Paso	100	76	pc	97	76	t	Raleigh	84	72	t	84	72	t
Fairbanks	70	54	c	68	54	c	Rapid City	92	63	s	88	60	t
Fargo	78	65	s	86	68	t	Reno	98	61	pc	95	60	pc
Honolulu	88	78	pc	88	77	sh	Sacramento	92	56	pc	94	59	pc
Houston	95	71	s	94	73	pc	St. Louis	91	70	s	92	72	pc
Indianapolis	85	66	s	86	68	pc	Salt Lake City	93	71	pc	94	67	s
Jacksonville	87	74	t	87	74	c	San Diego	81	71	t	80	69	pc
Kansas City	90	68	s	94	70	s	San Francisco	65	52	pc	69	54	pc
Las Vegas	105	84	t	107	85	s	Seattle	71	58	pc	73	58	c
Little Rock	90	66	s	92	67	s	Tucson	101	78	t	99	76	pc
Los Angeles	88	68	s	87	66	pc	Washington, DC	87	74	t	83	73	s
							Wichita	94	69	s	96	73	s

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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— Tina Kotek, Speaker of the House



AP Photo/Rick Bowmer, File
Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian speaks during an interview on August 23, 2011, in Portland.



AP Photo/Timothy J. Gonzalez, File
Oregon Senate President Peter Courtney, left, and Speaker of the House Tina Kotek confer.

Avakian claims statehouse leaders allowed hostile environment

BOLI commissioner levels complaint for failure to act against Courtney, Kotek

By **ANDREW SELSKY**
Associated Press

SALEM — Oregon's labor commissioner on Wednesday accused political leaders in the Legislature and officials in the state Capitol of permitting "a generally hostile environment based upon sex."

The complaint is among the latest in the #MeToo wave of sexual misconduct allegations against men in power to hit Oregon's Legislature and many other statehouses nationwide. It started with an expose last year of movie mogul Harvey Weinstein.

In his complaint, Labor Commissioner Brad Avakian said Senate President Peter Courtney, House Speaker Tina Kotek and others failed to act quickly on complaints that then-Sen. Jeff Kruse was sexually harassing women. Kruse resigned in February after an investigation.

Avakian said that as early as March 2016, the leg-

islative leaders "knew or should have known of Senator Kruse's conduct and the broader sexually hostile environment in the Capitol, but did not take immediate and appropriate action to correct his conduct or otherwise protect individuals from the hostile environment."

Avakian, Courtney and Kotek are all Democrats.

In response, Courtney and Kotek said in a joint statement: "We welcome additional scrutiny and a thorough investigation related to the Commissioner's Complaint."

Oregon Public Broadcasting earlier reported on Avakian's complaint, which he sent to the civil rights division of the Bureau of Labor and Industries that he heads.

Avakian blamed Courtney and Kotek for allowing Kruse's office to employ two student interns, in late 2016 and early 2017, after complaints had already been made about the senator's behavior by two female senators. Courtney and Kotek are co-chairs of a committee that controls Capitol facilities and performs administrative functions, including personnel.

Kotek, in an email to The Associated Press,

responded: "As a woman and person in a position of leadership, I have absolutely taken every complaint that was brought to my attention seriously."

Ironically, also named in the complaint is Dian Rubanoff, a private lawyer who conducted an independent investigation of Kruse that determined he had harassed women in the Capitol building with prolonged hugging, groping and other unwelcome physical contact. Kruse, a Republican from the former timber town of Roseburg, announced his resignation two days after Rubanoff's report was released.

Both interns said they had been sexually harassed by Kruse and subjected to unwanted touching.

Avakian claimed that Rubanoff told the two student interns, whom he identified only as Student A and Student B, there was no legal definition of their status and no way for them to file a lawsuit. Avakian noted the Legislature in 2013 passed

a bill that extends protection against sexual harassment to student interns.

Rubanoff, in an email to the AP, said "those allegations are false."

"I did not tell Student A or Student B that there was no legal definition of their status, and I did not tell them that there was no way for them to file a suit," Rubanoff said.

A review of laws and policies about workplace harassment at the Capitol is being conducted by the Oregon Law Commission at Kotek's and Courtney's request.

In order to provide recommendations by year's end, a commission workgroup has been receiving testimony and is holding a meeting on Aug. 21 at the Oregon State Bar in the Portland suburb of Tigard.

Kotek and Courtney also announced Wednesday they have established a new option to report unwanted behavior, to Rubanoff, in addition to other existing avenues.

BRIEFLY

State legislators ask Congress to legalize marijuana

SALEM (AP) — Lawmakers from Oregon say state legislators from across the nation are urging Congress to legalize marijuana.

In a joint statement, they said a directive they crafted was approved Wednesday by the National Conference of State Legislators at its annual meeting in Los Angeles. It calls on Congress to help legal cannabis businesses access banking services.

Oregon Senate Republican Leader Jackie Winters said the cannabis industry is making big contributions to her state's economy, and giving it access to secure banking is critical to their success.

Marijuana remains illegal under federal law, so financial institutions are reluctant to provide it with banking services.

Oregon Senate Majority Leader Ginny Burdick, a Portland Democrat, said operating as a cash-only business invites crime.

This policy directive will help guide NCSL's advocacy efforts in Washington.

Jefferson County Sheriff Jim Adkins tells KTVZ the boys admitted setting a fire with lighters, and it "got away from them."

The boys were issued citations in lieu of custody for reckless burning and illegal burning. They were released to their parents.

Adkins says 17 people living in three mobile homes have been displaced by Tuesday's fire. The other place was unoccupied. There were no injuries.

The boys, who are friends, live several homes down from the ones that burned at Tops Trailer Court.

It was the fifth fire at the trailer park in the past five years.

Appeals court: Sale of Elliott State Forest parcel illegal

PORTLAND (AP) — The Oregon Court of Appeals has ruled that the sale of a tract of the Elliott State Forest to a private timber company was illegal.

The ruling Wednesday overturns the sale of 788 acres to the Seneca Jones Timber Company and is a victory for environmental groups who had sued to stop it.

The Elliott State Forest was intended to be managed to generate money for public education.

But logging on the land was curtailed by environmental lawsuits.

The state backed away last year from a plan to sell the forest to timber interests.

Madras boys charged in fire that destroyed 4 mobile homes

MADRAS (AP) — A central Oregon sheriff says two boys, ages 10 and 7, started a fire that destroyed four mobile homes in Madras.

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