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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
HOT				
Very hot	Sunny, breezy and not as hot	Sunshine and cooler	Sunny to partly cloudy	Mostly sunny
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
110° 70°	99° 62°	83° 54°	86° 54°	92° 60°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
111° 73°	102° 65°	87° 54°	90° 53°	96° 54°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	105°	61°
Normals	89°	59°
Records	111° (1972)	40° (1893)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.09"
Year to date	6.49"
Last year to date	11.30"
Normal year to date	8.04"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	102°	58°
Normals	89°	59°
Records	108° (1972)	40° (1934)

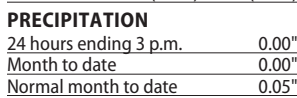
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.05"
Year to date	5.10"
Last year to date	6.59"
Normal year to date	5.97"

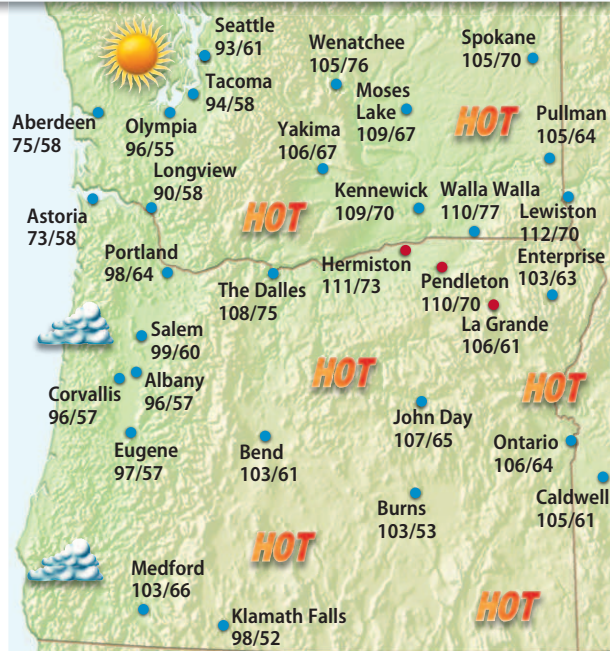
SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:48 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:13 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:34 a.m.
Moonset today	7:08 p.m.

MOON PHASES



Aug 11 Aug 18 Aug 26 Sep 2



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Low clouds, then perhaps some sun today. Low clouds tonight. Mostly cloudy tomorrow.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Very hot today with blazing sunshine. Clear tonight. Very hot tomorrow.

Western Washington: Sunny today, except low clouds followed by sunshine at the coast.

Eastern Washington: Hazy sunshine today, but sunnier across the south. A star-studded sky tonight.

Cascades: Hot today with plenty of sunshine. Hazy tonight. Sunny to partly cloudy tomorrow.

Northern California: Partly sunny at the coast today; hazy elsewhere.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	73	58	c	69	60	c
Baker City	106	54	s	105	54	s
Bend	103	61	s	92	47	s
Brookings	64	53	c	64	53	c
Burns	103	53	s	99	46	s
Enterprise	103	63	s	101	57	s
Eugene	97	57	s	80	57	pc
Heppner	107	70	s	97	59	s
Hermiston	111	73	s	102	65	s
John Day	107	65	s	101	55	s
Klamath Falls	98	52	pc	90	45	pc
La Grande	106	61	s	102	57	s
Meacham	104	58	s	98	53	s
Medford	103	66	s	92	59	s
Newport	65	57	c	65	57	c
North Bend	68	58	c	68	59	c
Ontario	106	64	s	106	70	s
Pasco	109	65	s	104	64	s
Pendleton	110	70	s	99	62	s
Portland	98	64	s	85	62	s
Redmond	107	60	s	96	46	s
Salem	99	60	s	81	58	s
Spokane	105	70	pc	101	62	s
Ukiah	105	55	s	96	49	s
Vancouver	96	61	s	83	60	s
Walla Walla	110	77	s	102	67	s
Yakima	106	67	pc	102	58	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	93	76	pc	94	77	pc
Hong Kong	91	81	pc	88	81	t
Jerusalem	86	69	s	88	70	s
London	66	52	c	69	54	pc
Mexico City	74	55	t	74	55	t
Moscow	75	55	pc	80	57	s
Paris	72	52	r	75	56	pc
Rome	89	72	s	89	72	s
Seoul	90	78	t	94	77	pc
Sydney	65	46	s	72	53	s
Tokyo	86	79	r	89	79	pc

WINDS

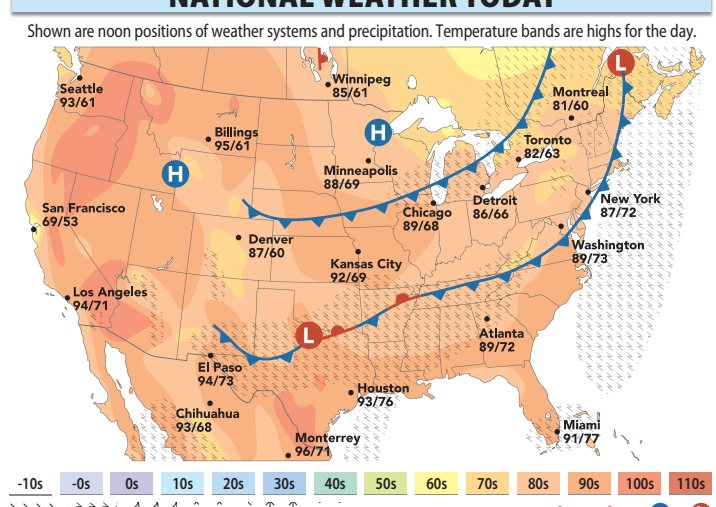
(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	NNW 3-6	WSW 10-20
Pendleton	NNW 4-8	W 8-16

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Drenching thunderstorms will focus over the South Central states where there is a risk of flash flooding today. Storms will be scattered about the Northeast and Upper Midwest. Much of the West will stay dry.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 108° in Needles, Calif. **Low** 27° in West Yellowstone, Mont.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	90	65	pc	82	62	pc
Atlanta	89	72	t	87	72	t
Atlantic City	87	71	pc	87	73	pc
Baltimore	89	68	pc	89	70	pc
Birmingham	89	71	t	88	71	t
Boise	106	73	s	107	68	s
Boston	86	72	t	86	68	s
Charleston, SC	93	75	t	92	76	t
Charleston, WV	83	66	pc	83	67	pc
Chicago	89	68	t	82	66	pc
Cleveland	85	67	s	82	63	t
Dallas	91	76	c	93	75	t
Denver	87	60	pc	85	59	pc
Detroit	86	66	pc	83	63	pc
El Paso	94	73	pc	88	69	pc
Fairbanks	63	44	c	65	48	pc
Fargo	88	61	s	92	63	s
Honolulu	87	77	t	87	78	r
Houston	93	76	t	92	76	t
Indianapolis	87	68	s	86	66	pc
Jacksonville	93	74	t	93	73	t
Kansas City	92	69	s	91	67	t
Las Vegas	106	83	s	104	82	s
Little Rock	81	70	t	87	70	t
Los Angeles	94	71	s	89	69	s
Louisville	89	71	pc	89	72	pc
Memphis	85	72	t	85	70	t
Miami	91	77	pc	90	77	t
Milwaukee	85	68	t	78	66	pc
Minneapolis	88	69	s	88	69	s
Nashville	89	69	c	87	68	t
New Orleans	90	78	t	88	78	pc
New York City	87	72	pc	88	71	pc
Oklahoma City	87	68	t	90	68	s
Omaha	94	69	s	90	66	s
Philadelphia	90	72	pc	89	72	pc
Phoenix	101	83	t	100	83	pc
Portland, ME	83	66	t	82	59	s
Providence	87	69	t	89	67	s
Raleigh	92	69	pc	93	69	pc
Rapid City	87	59	s	91	62	s
Reno	103	63	pc	99	64	pc
Sacramento	97	61	pc	97	62	pc
St. Louis	93	70	s	92	69	s
Salt Lake City	96	67	pc	98	69	pc
San Diego	89	77	pc	88	75	pc
San Francisco	69	53	pc	69	53	pc
Seattle	93	61	s	81	60	c
Tucson	92	74	t	92	73	c
Washington, DC	89	73	pc	90	73	pc
Wichita	91	67	s	93	67	t

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With strong economy, state jobs go unfilled

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SALEM — Amid a strong economy and a tightening labor market, private employers across Oregon are struggling to fill job openings.

And while state officials say there's no definitive data on the subject, anecdotal evidence suggests that state government is having similar problems.

"We are definitely seeing the same thing as the private sector," said Steve Cox, workforce planning administrator at the Oregon Department of Corrections.

Using data reported by the state's businesses, the Oregon Employment Department says about 64 percent of vacant positions in the private sector are "difficult to fill."

About 30 percent of difficult-to-fill vacancies were hard to fill due to a lack of applicants. About 17 percent did not attract qualified applicants, and 14 percent were hard to fill, employers said, because of unfavorable working conditions.

State government had more than 5,800 job vacancies as of July 18, according to data provided by the state's Department of Administrative Services.

For context, as of June, there were 40,285 paid state workers, including full-time, part-time, seasonal and temporary workers.

However, there are a number of circumstances that would cause a state job to remain vacant, says DAS spokeswoman Liz Craig.

Vacancies may mean that the agency is holding the position unfilled to save money, or that it's recruiting for the position but haven't hired yet. Alternatively, the position may be being re-classified, or another employee is doing some of the position's work as a rotation or development assignment.



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A robust economy is tightening the labor pool. Oregon is actively trying to fill nearly 400 of the 5,800 authorized state government positions that are vacant.

It may be more useful to look at open positions the state is actively recruiting for: as of July 18, the state had nearly 400 active job postings, and about 60 internal job openings, according to DAS.

Recruitment is top of mind for the Oregon Department of Corrections: the agency has created a recruiting team, increased its social media presence and held special one-day recruiting events in an effort to shepherd job applicants through the process more quickly.

The state's corrections department has about 200 vacancies, says Steve Cox, the agency's workforce planning administrator.

"With Department of Corrections, we have 14 institutions in the state, and each of those is like a small little city, so we're hiring everybody from administrative personnel to doctors, dentists and nurses," Cox said Tuesday.

Cox says it's hardest to fill openings for nurses, doctors and correctional officers, especially when the agency has to deal with negative public perceptions about

working in corrections. It's also competing against county-level law enforcement agencies and private sector employers, such as Amazon, which is opening several new centers in the state this year and plans to hire thousands of workers.

The Oregon Department of Transportation is also working to attract employees, setting up a specific ODOT jobs account on Twitter, sending postcards to recent graduates, attending job fairs and advertising online.

It's hardest to fill positions for engineers, land surveyors and electricians, says Kevin Beckstrom, a public information officer for the department. He says it's especially challenging to hire for licensed professions in the midst of a construction boom.

"We're competing against other (departments of transportation), and against consultants, so it's just difficult to grab that top talent," Beckstrom said. He said that "compensation and location" are usually significant factors in causing applicants to choose other opportunities.

Corrections

Wednesday's story "National Night Out block parties spread out" reported Shauna Altman and Lisa Bork work for the Pendleton School District. They each work for different neighboring districts. The EO sincerely regrets the error.

FBI agent denies firing shots

PORTLAND (AP) — An FBI agent who is on trial on obstruction and other charges denied Wednesday he fired any shots at a militia leader who participated in the armed takeover of an Oregon wildlife refuge.

W. Joseph Astarita, who began testifying in his own defense late Tuesday, said he has never fired his weapon in the line of duty and did not remove shell casings from the scene. The Oregonian/OregonLive reports Astarita also described his background and detailed his training.

Astarita has pleaded not guilty to charges of making false statements and obstruction of justice after telling investigators he did not fire two shots that missed Robert "LaVoy" Finicum, a key figure in a group that seized the refuge for several weeks in early 2016 while protesting the imprisonment of two ranchers.

The errant shots came as Finicum left his pickup while authorities tried to arrest him at a roadblock on Jan. 26, 2016. Oregon State Police fatally shot Finicum seconds later — a killing deemed legally justified.

Investigators looking into the shooting were able to quickly identify those responsible for six of the eight rounds fired that day. No one owned up to the other two. After an investigation into the mystery shots, Astarita was indicted in June 2017.

During Wednesday's testimony, Astarita said he didn't fire his rifle when Finicum stepped from his truck because he was concerned about a potential crossfire situation.

Astarita said his initial role was to "man

the roadblock," standing on a small ladder behind the front hood of an FBI rental truck that formed part of a V formation in the northbound lane of U.S. 395.

Agent John Neidert was on a ladder behind the hood of another FBI truck in the southbound lane.

Astarita said he saw Finicum's truck speeding toward them. He said he got onto the hood of the truck in front of him, and tried to get a sight on the driver's side of Finicum's pickup to see if he "could apply effective fire on that driver."

But he couldn't see inside the cab of Finicum's truck. Soon, the pickup veered into a snowbank and he heard a supervisor command, "Bail out! Bail out! Bail out!"

"I saw the truck come through the snow. I saw John disappear," Astarita testified. "At that point, I thought John was dead."

Astarita testified that he started moving to help Neidert, and felt tremendous relief when he realized the agent had not been hit by the pickup.

Astarita said he saw Finicum exit the truck, but noticed an Oregon State Police officer in his backdrop.