

Weather forecast for today through Thursday. Today: High 90°, Very warm with plenty of sunshine. Tonight: Low 54°, A moonlit sky. Saturday: High 95°, Hot with blazing sunshine. Sunday: High 96°, Hot with sunshine. Monday: High 92°, Sun and areas of high clouds and hot. Tuesday: High 89°, Very warm with periods of sun. Wednesday: High 88°, Sunny. Thursday: High 92°, Very warm with a blend of sun and clouds.

ALMANAC: Bend Municipal Airport through 5 p.m. yesterday. TEMPERATURE: Yesterday Normal Record. High 84° 86° 102° in 1905. Low 43° 50° 31° in 1965. PRECIPITATION: 24 hours through 5 p.m. yesterday 0.00". Record 1.28" in 1987. Month to date (normal) 0.00" (0.33"). Year to date (normal) 2.93" (5.87").

OREGON WEATHER: Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows. EAST: Very warm Friday with sunshine dimmed by areas of smoke and haze. CENTRAL: Sunny Friday with a hot afternoon. WEST: Sunny Friday with a warm afternoon. OREGON EXTREMES YESTERDAY: High: 96° at Ontario. Low: 32° at Sunriver.

NATIONAL: Table with columns for City, Yesterday Hi/Lo/Prec., Today Hi/Lo/W, Saturday Hi/Lo/W. Lists major cities and their weather for the previous three days.

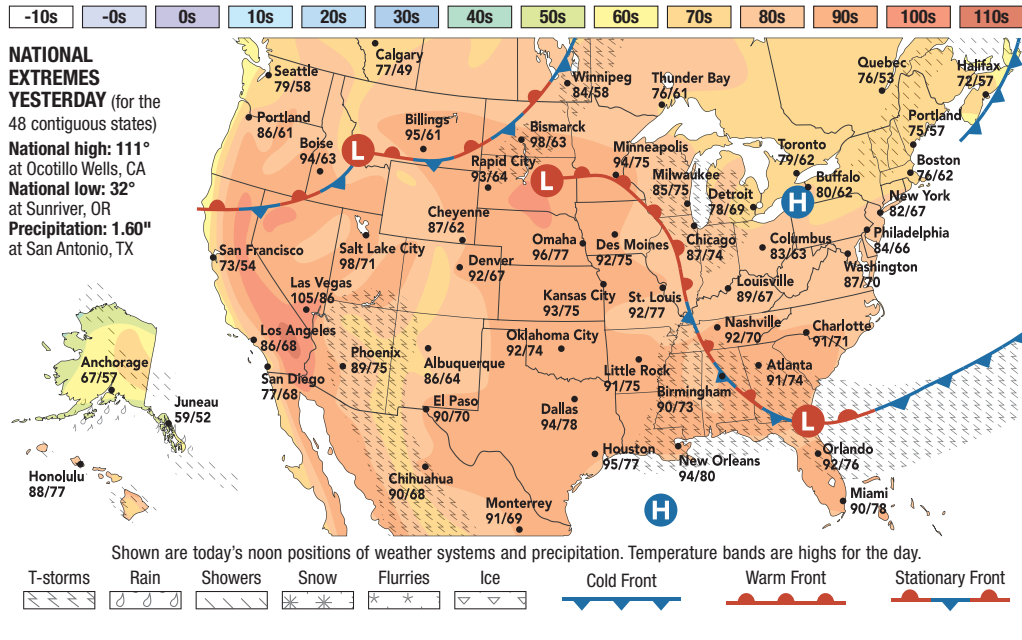
UV INDEX TODAY: 10 a.m. 5, Noon 9, 2 p.m. 9, 4 p.m. 5. The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

POLLEN COUNT: Grasses Moderate, Trees Low, Weeds Absent. Source: Oregon Allergy Associates 541-683-1577

WATER REPORT: As of 7 a.m. yesterday. Reservoir Acre feet Capacity. Crane Prairie 44031 80%, Wickiup 19494 10%, Crescent Lake 19946 23%.

FIRE INDEX: Bend High, Redmond/Madras Extreme, Sisters Very high, Prineville Extreme, La Pine/Gilchrist High.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Could potential Texas/Oklahoma move tip realignment dominos?

BY RALPH D. RUSSO, AP College Football Writer. INDIANAPOLIS — Barry Alvarez lived through the tidal wave of conference realignment that swept over college sports in the early 2010s as Wisconsin's athletic director, watching the Big Ten grow to 14 teams from the Midwest to the East Coast.

presidents and chancellors to be briefed on what's going on with Texas and Oklahoma, a person familiar with the meeting told The Associated Press. It was not clear if Texas and Oklahoma officials would participate, said the person who spoke on condition of anonymity because the Big 12 was not making its actions public. Leaders from other conferences were hesitant to speculate on what's next, but some observers were concerned about the potential consequences.



Oklahoma head football coach Lincoln Riley speaks from the stage with mannequins in the background during Big 12 media days July 14 in Arlington, Texas.

"I think a move like this would be to the detriment of the sport overall," Former Oklahoma quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Baker Mayfield put it more starkly: "It would ruin the Big 12. It would be done," Mayfield said during a break in shooting TV commercials in Cleveland.

Five conference after it added TCU and West Virginia. Back when that was playing out, conferences were reacting to one another. The Big Ten pushed over the first domino when it announced in 2009 it was going to explore expansion. Eventually, it lured Nebraska away from the Big 12. "We often talk about how uncomfortable this time is," new Nebraska AD Trev Alberts said. "It is. It's a changing environment. There's a lot of stress. Now's the time you want to be part of some stability."

Big 12 schools — as he opened football media days at Lucas Oil Stadium. Warren stayed away from speculating, calling the news just another example of the volatility sweeping through college sports at the moment. "That's the world that we live in right now," he said. "From where we sit, we're always constantly evaluating what's in the best interest of the conference."

Protest

Continued from B3. "The report provides no information on racial/ethnic demographics or insights into the research instrument used and steps taken to strengthen the validity and trustworthiness of the data," the letter said. The largest cross-section of the 3,547 athletes surveyed came from China (14%), where protests were overwhelmingly frowned upon by those who answered the questions. U.S. athletes were the second-largest contingent to answer (7%), followed by athletes from Japan (6%).

"We do not believe the changes made (to the Olympic protest rule) reflect a commitment to freedom of expression as a fundamental human right nor to racial and social justice in global sports. Staying neutral means staying silent, and staying silent means supporting ongoing injustice." — Excerpt from letter urging the IOC not to punish participants who demonstrate at the Tokyo Games



John Carlos, left, and Tommie Smith in front of a statue that honors their iconic, black-and-gloved protest at the 1968 Olympic Games on the campus of San Jose State University in 2018.

Sounds

Continued from B3. Solomon noted that during breaststroke races in swimming, fans whistle during the races. Layering that in would be over the top. Most venues will run some sort of sound tracks to simulate crowd murmur or presence, but only to prevent total silence and for competitive reasons. "We've pivoted to know that we've got access to all of these fields-of-play microphones. So, we really feel like we can enhance the sounds of the Games. But you will also hear any crowd presence that is actually being injected into the venue. You'll hear it as the athletes hear it," she said.

With friends and family unable to watch in the venues, NBC is deploying production teams throughout the country to catch their reactions. The U.S. Olympic and Paralympic Committee has set up a base at Universal Resorts in Orlando, Florida. Other broadcasters are taking a different approach. Australia's Seven Network says it plans to layer in crowd noise because it gives fans a level of familiarity. "We will be using crowd effects in our Olympic Games coverage purely to enhance the viewer experience, said Lewis Martin, Seven's head of network sport. "These effects have been successfully refined in our coverage of the AFL (Australian Rules Football) over the past 18 months, when we have worked tirelessly to meet the feedback of our viewers, whose primary expectation is simply that the contest they're watching sounds and looks like the sport they know and love."