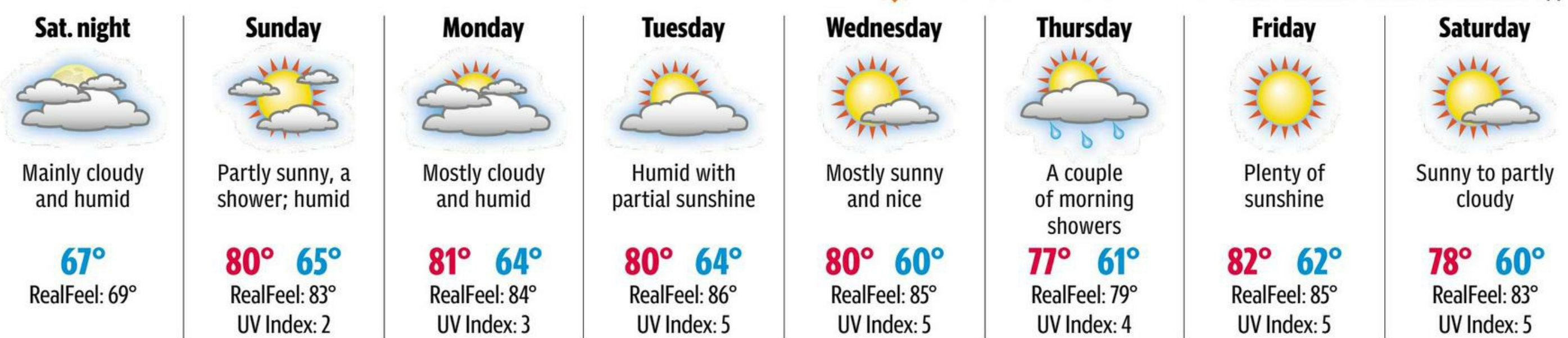


YOUR 7-DAY FORECAST







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Charlotte on Thursday	
TEMPERATURE	
High/low	75°/70°
Normal high/low	80°/59°
Last year high/low	78°/64°
Record high	95° (2019)
Record low	42° (2001)

PRECIPITATION	
Thursday	4.26"
Month to date (normal)	8.24" (3.16")
Year to date (normal)	44.29" (33.13")
Last year to date	36.39"

COOLING DEGREE DAYS	
Degree days are an indicator of energy needs. The more the total degree days, the more energy is necessary to cool.	
Thursday	8
Month to date (normal)	238 (227)
Year to date (normal)	1984 (1688)
Last year to date	1741

SUN & MOON			
Sunset tonight	7:11 PM	Moonrise today	3:17 AM
Sunrise Sun.	7:17 AM	Moonset today	5:30 PM
New	First	Full	Last
			
Oct 2	Oct 10	Oct 17	Oct 24

POLLEN INDEX

AS OF 9/26	
Grass:	Low
Trees:	Low
Weeds:	Moderate
Mold:	High
Source: National Allergy Bureau	

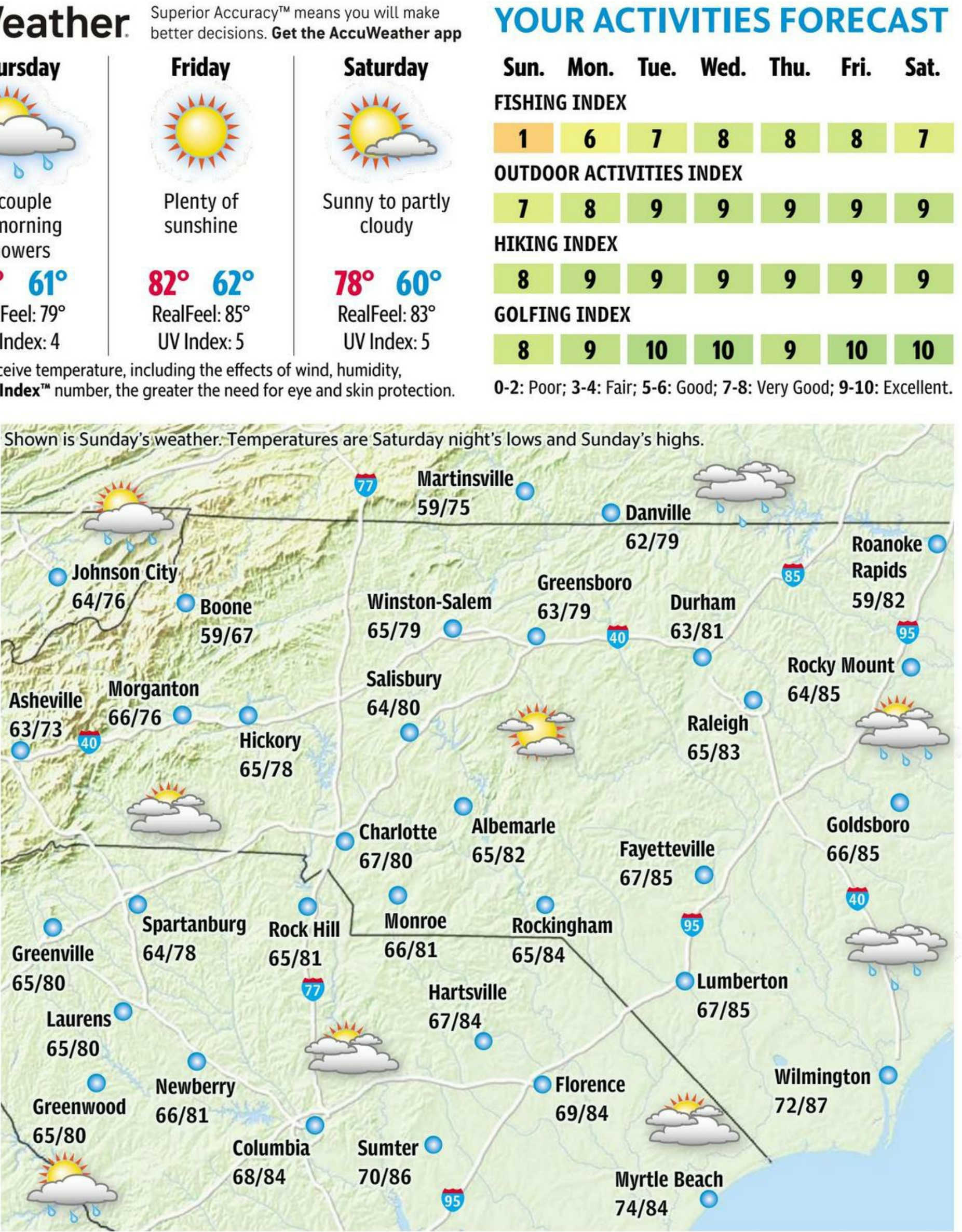
RIVER LEVELS

	Flood Stage (ft.)	7 a.m. Friday	24-hour change
CATAWBA RIVER			
near Pleasant Gardens	11	10.39	+7.89
above Rock Hill	15	8.95	+1.72
above Catawba	58	15.36	+4.62
STEWART CREEK			
at West Morehead Street	14	2.85	+1.48
at State Street	10	2.23	+1.23
LITTLE SUGAR CREEK			
at Medical Center Drive	13.5	4.83	+2.77

LAKE LEVELS

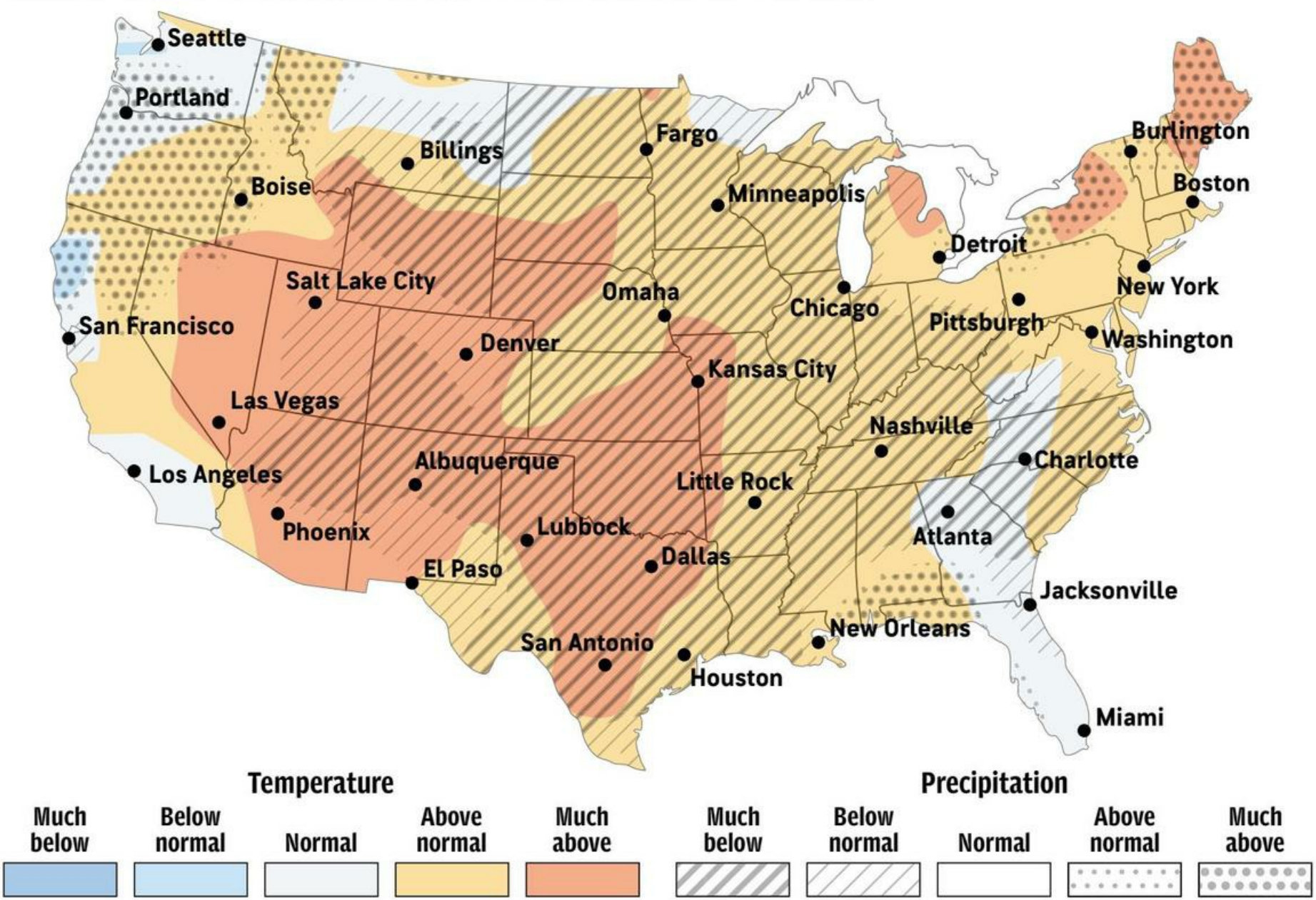
	Normal Pool (ft.)	Elevation Friday	24-hour change
Lake Wylie	100	97.97	+1.64
Lake Norman	100	97.48	+0.40
High Rock Lake	655	N.A.	N.A.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Shown are temperature and precipitation departures from normal for the week ahead.



AROUND THE NATION

	Sunday			Monday		
City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Anchorage	51	41	c	52	39	pc
Atlanta	81	64	pc	79	65	r
Boston	64	55	pc	68	56	pc
Chicago	72	62	pc	74	61	pc
Dallas	89	66	pc	92	66	s
Denver	91	61	s	84	43	s
Detroit	72	61	sh	72	63	sh
Honolulu	89	73	sh	88	75	sh
Indianapolis	73	63	sh	77	61	pc
Kansas City	83	57	s	86	57	s
Las Vegas	101	77	s	102	78	s
Los Angeles	81	58	s	84	62	s
Miami	92	81	pc	94	80	s
Nashville	72	63	sh	73	64	pc
New Orleans	91	72	s	89	71	s
New York City	69	60	pc	71	59	c
Orlando	89	77	t	90	76	pc
Philadelphia	70	61	c	72	60	pc
Phoenix	111	83	s	109	82	pc
St. Louis	75	65	sh	80	63	pc
Salt Lake City	94	61	s	84	59	s
San Francisco	70	55	pc	82	62	s
Seattle	62	46	s	66	49	c
Washington, DC	77	65	c	72	64	r

Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, l-ice

AROUND THE WORLD

	Sunday			Monday		
City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	82	76	t	82	76	r
Amsterdam	59	50	pc	60	54	sh
Baghdad	101	71	pc	102	76	pc
Berlin	59	42	pc	60	50	pc
Bogota	64	50	sh	66	50	sh
Cairo	89	73	s	88	74	s
Calgary	58	35	sh	55	37	c
Dublin	54	48	r	56	46	r
Geneva	58	51	c	69	52	r
Havana	92	75	t	90	74	sh
Hong Kong	88	78	s	88	80	s
Jerusalem	82	61	s	82	63	s
Johannesburg	84	46	t	70	36	pc
Lisbon	80	60	s	81	62	s
London	59	52	c	63	50	sh
Madrid	78	48	pc	83	52	s
Mexico City	70	55	r	74	53	c
Moscow	66	50	r	54	43	r
New Delhi	88	76	pc	93	77	pc
Paris	59	52	c	63	54	r
Rome	77	52	s	73	53	s
Stockholm	51	32	s	53	41	pc
Sydney	69	61	r	68	55	pc
Tokyo	76	69	c	77	72	pc

Helene slams Florida coast, brings rain, winds to Southeast

BY UPI STAFF
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Helene, a “catastrophic” and lethal Category 4 hurricane, slammed into the Big Bend area of the Florida coast Thursday night, packing 140 mph winds, torrential rain, and the threat of life-threatening damage region-wide, the National Hurricane Center reported.

“This is an extremely dangerous and life-threatening situation,” the NHC said. “Persons should not leave their shelters and remain in place through the passage of these life-threatening conditions.”

The hurricane made landfall just after 11 p.m. EDT when the center of the eye reached the shore.

“People are reminded to not venture out in the relative calm, as hazardous winds will increase very quickly when the eye passes,” the NHC cautioned.

Such a powerful storm will bring widespread destruction and could result in the loss of life, weather officials said.

Forecasters warned that a potentially deadly storm surge will occur along



STEPHEN M. DOWELL, Orlando Sentinel/TNS

Charles Starling, a lineman with Team Fishel, is pelted with rain as he walks by a row of electrical line trucks staged in a field in The Villages, Florida, on Thursday. Thousands of trucks were staged by Duke Energy in preparation for damage from Hurricane Helene.

portions of the Florida Big Bend coast, where inundation could reach as high as 20 feet above ground level. They also warned of destruction from waves, too.

At least a million people regionwide are without power.

Damaging wind gusts will penetrate well inland over portions of Georgia and the Carolinas, they said while warning residents in these regions that they could experience extended power

outages. Additionally, they said, “considerable to locally catastrophic flash and urban flooding is likely for northwestern and northern Florida and the southeast through Friday.”

Forecasters also said widespread river flooding is anticipated in a large area affected by the fast-moving storm.

“Weakening is expected after Helene moves inland, but the fast forward speed will allow strong,

damaging winds, especially in gusts, to penetrate well inland across the southeastern United States, including over the higher terrain of the southern Appalachians,” the forecasters said in a Thursday evening update.

Forecasters also said hurricane-force winds extended outward as far as 60 miles from the center of the storm, while tropical-storm-force winds could be felt as far as 310 miles away. Rain totals could reach 6 inches as far north as Louisville, Ky., the NHC predicted.

Storm surge warnings were in effect for Mexico Beach eastward and southward to Flamingo, Tampa Bay and Charlotte Harbor.

The storm surge warning means life-threatening danger from rising water inundation as Helene pushes water inland from the Florida coast.

“This is a life-threatening situation,” the NHC said. “Persons located within these areas should take all necessary actions to protect life and property from rising water and the potential for other dangerous conditions.”

Promptly follow evacuation and other instructions from local officials.”

The NHC said the storm’s speed and intensity “will allow strong, damaging winds, especially in gusts, to penetrate well inland across the southeastern United States, including over the higher terrain of the southern Appalachians.”

The NHC said Helen is a very large hurricane. The deepest water will occur along the immediate coast near and to the east of landfall location and that surge will be accompanied by large and dangerous waves.

The NHC said surge-related flooding will depend on “the relative timing of the surge and the tidal cycle, and can vary greatly over short distances.”

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis issued a state of emergency for 61 of Florida’s 67 counties ahead of the storm’s landfall.

“Florida is preparing for widespread impacts from Hurricane Helene,” he said.

Normally dry areas near the coast are expected to flood due to the combination of tides and the deadly storm surge, which from Carrabelle to the Suwannee River could reach as high as 20 feet.

The storm was expected to bring heavy rainfall amounts to the Tennessee Valley on Friday and

Saturday with strong, damaging winds – especially in gusts – that will penetrate well inland over the southeastern United States, including over higher terrain in the southern Appalachian mountains.

Total rain accumulations into the Appalachians are expected to be 6 to 12 inches, with isolated totals around 20 inches.

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