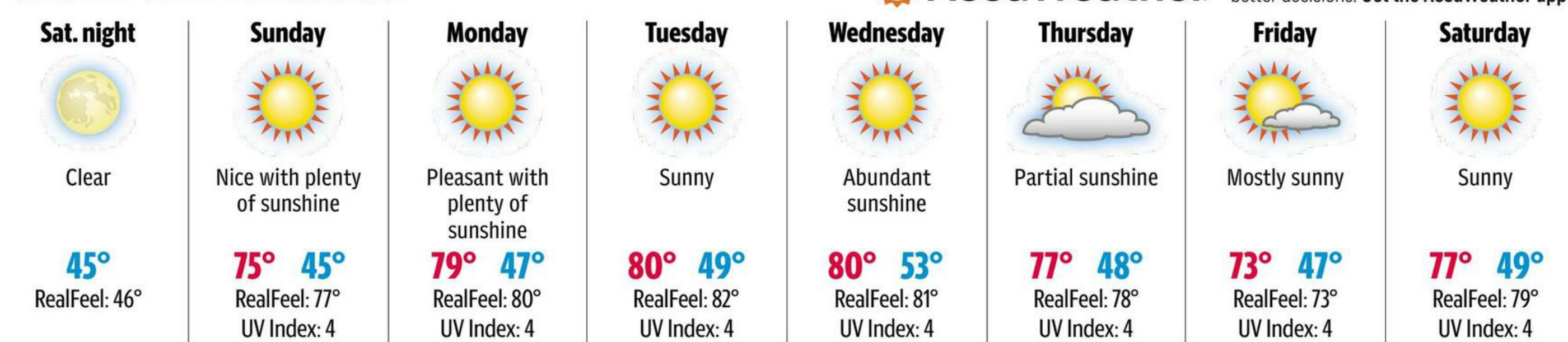


YOUR 7-DAY FORECAST



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Charlotte on Thursday

TEMPERATURE	
High/low	64°/39°
Normal high/low	73°/50°
Last year high/low	70°/44°
Record high	85° (1897)
Record low	35° (2001)
PRECIPITATION	
Thursday	0.00"
Month to date (normal)	0.01" (1.87")
Year to date (normal)	45.55" (35.55")
Last year to date	37.37"
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	0
Month to date (normal)	71 (43)
Year to date (normal)	2094 (1751)
Last year to date	1804
SUN & MOON	
Sunset tonight	6:43 PM
Moonrise today	8:09 PM
Sunrise Sun.	7:35 AM
Moonset today	10:10 AM

Last	New	First	Full
Oct 24	Nov 1	Nov 9	Nov 15

POLLEN INDEX

AS OF 10/17

Grass:	Low
Trees:	Low
Weeds:	Low
Mold:	High

Source: National Allergy Bureau

RIVER LEVELS

	Flood Stage (ft.)	7 a.m. Friday	24-hour change
CATAWBA RIVER			
near Pleasant Gardens	11	1.61	-0.01
above Rock Hill	15	3.70	-1.14
above Catawba	58	5.78	+0.35
STEWART CREEK			
at West Morehead Street	14	1.25	-0.07
at State Street	10	0.90	-0.05
LITTLE SUGAR CREEK			
at Medical Center Drive	13.5	2.05	+0.01

LAKE LEVELS

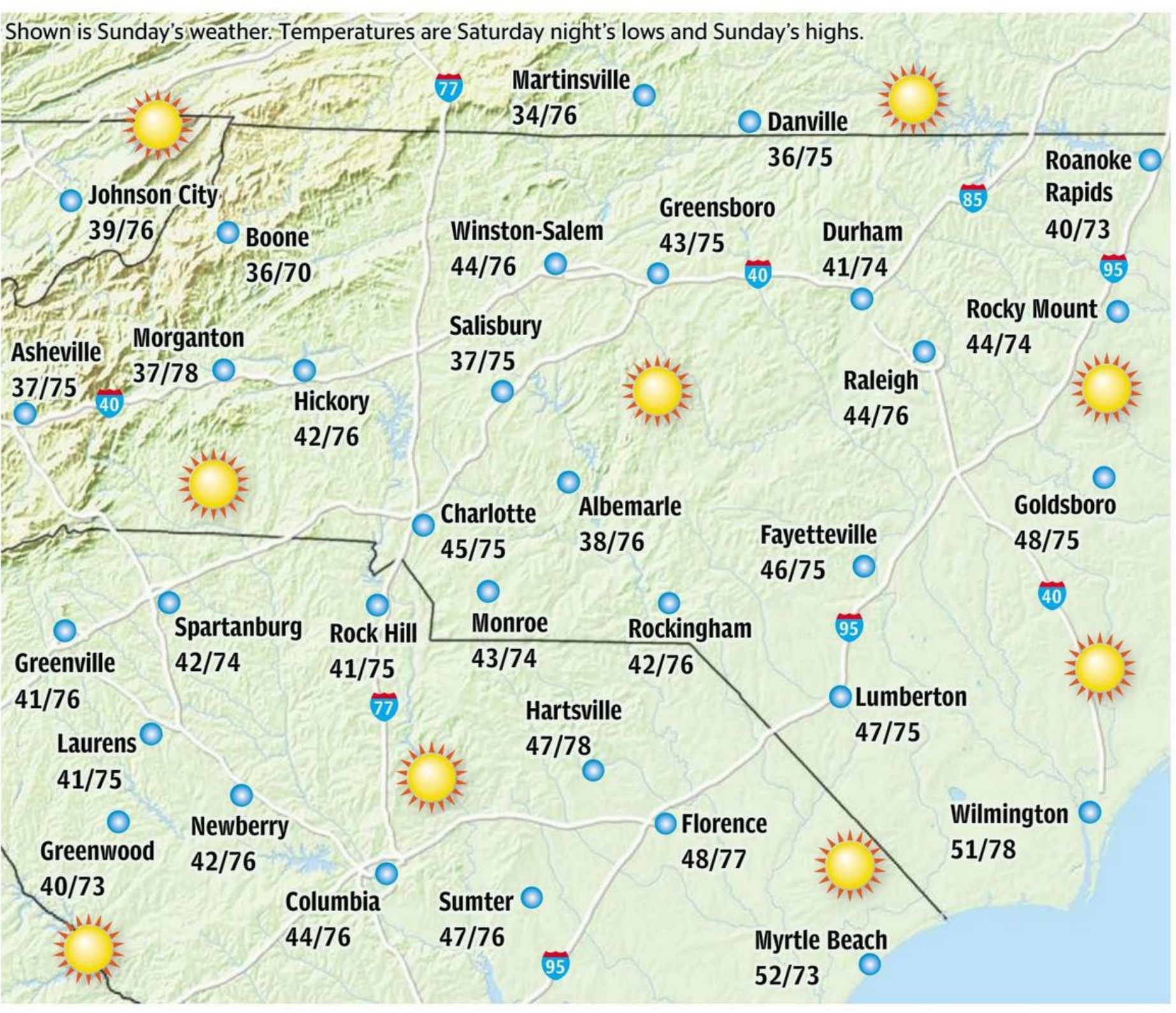
	Normal Pool (ft.)	Elevation Friday	24-hour change
Lake Wylie	100	96.97	-0.04
Lake Norman	100	97.07	-0.03
High Rock Lake	655	N.A.	N.A.

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YOUR ACTIVITIES FORECAST

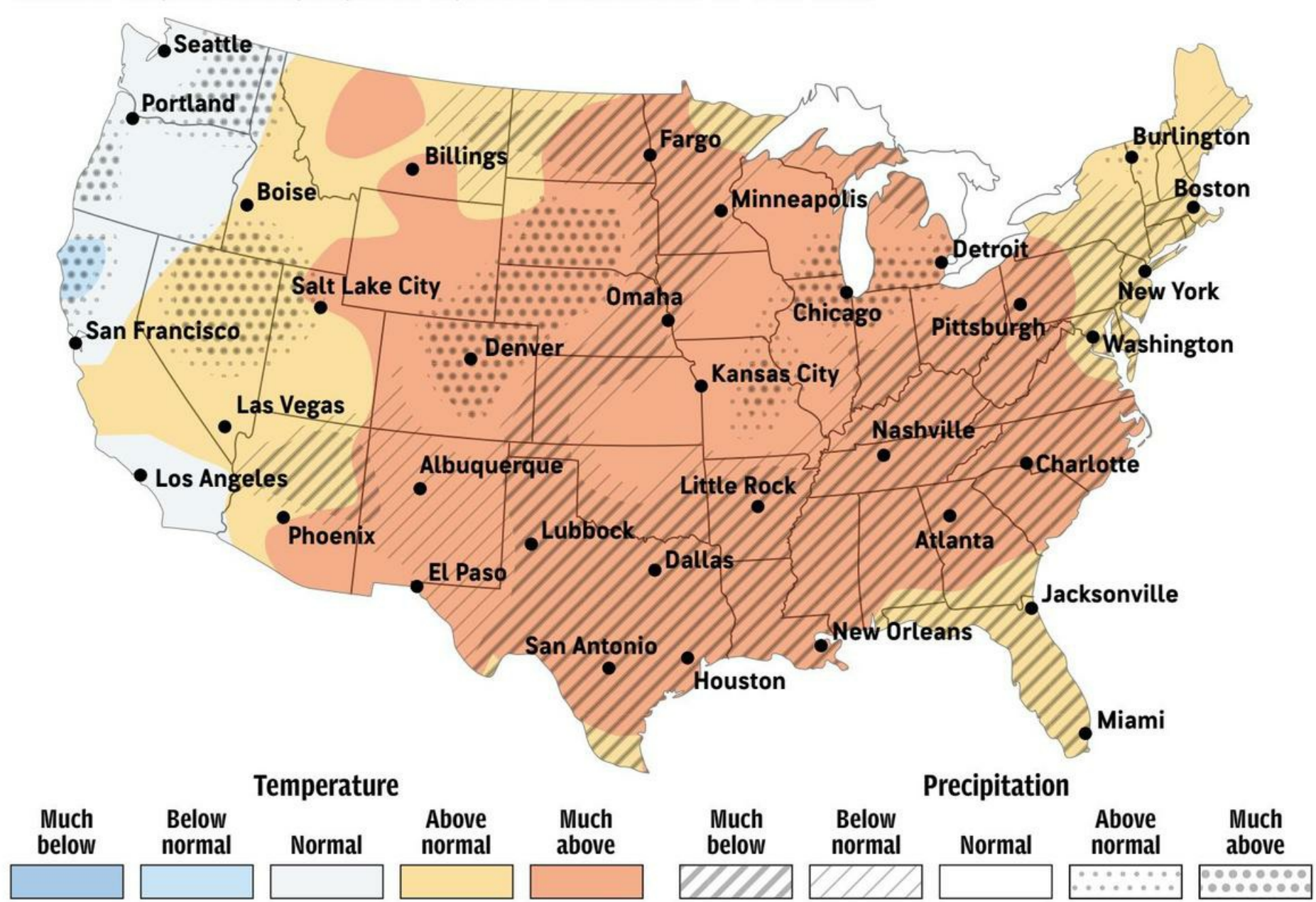
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
FISHING INDEX						
6	6	9	7	8	8	8
OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES INDEX						
6	6	9	9	9	9	9
HIKING INDEX						
6	6	10	10	10	10	10
GOLFING INDEX						
6	6	10	10	10	10	10

0-2: Poor; 3-4: Fair; 5-6: Good; 7-8: Very Good; 9-10: Excellent.



THE WEEK AHEAD

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



AROUND THE NATION

City	Sunday			Monday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Anchorage	37	28	s	43	42	r
Atlanta	76	53	s	79	54	s
Boston	72	54	s	77	53	s
Chicago	76	52	s	80	55	s
Dallas	80	58	s	85	65	s
Denver	72	47	r	73	47	pc
Detroit	74	48	s	78	48	s
Honolulu	87	74	s	86	74	c
Indianapolis	75	47	s	77	49	s
Kansas City	80	49	s	74	57	pc
Las Vegas	78	56	s	81	58	s
Los Angeles	84	60	s	84	58	pc
Miami	86	74	pc	87	75	sh
Nashville	76	46	s	80	48	s
New Orleans	79	61	s	81	63	s
New York City	75	55	s	79	58	s
Orlando	85	68	pc	86	70	sh
Philadelphia	77	50	s	81	56	s
Phoenix	83	60	s	91	62	s
St. Louis	77	49	s	80	56	s
Salt Lake City	65	46	c	70	48	s
San Francisco	75	53	s	69	52	pc
Seattle	63	46	r	55	43	sh
Washington, DC	77	52	s	81	55	s

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

City	Sunday			Monday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	91	76	c	89	75	t
Amsterdam	63	57	c	61	51	c
Baghdad	84	54	pc	80	56	pc
Berlin	64	52	pc	67	49	c
Bogota	68	49	r	68	50	r
Cairo	85	69	s	85	68	s
Calgary	59	33	c	36	25	c
Dublin	60	47	s	57	49	pc
Geneva	65	47	c	69	52	pc
Havana	86	72	c	86	71	c
Hong Kong	88	78	s	89	78	pc
Jerusalem	79	58	s	75	56	s
Johannesburg	80	57	s	75	56	c
Lisbon	72	60	pc	74	59	c
London	64	53	sh	60	47	r
Madrid	69	50	c	73	55	c
Mexico City	69	56	sh	69	56	r
Moscow	47	38	s	52	37	pc
New Delhi	93	71	pc	92	70	pc
Paris	63	58	c	70	50	pc
Rome	76	58	sh	76	60	s
Stockholm	57	50	pc	59	45	c
Sydney	71	61	s	68	60	r
Tokyo	65	56	pc	69	62	c

# US wrestles with aiding allies, maintaining weapons supply

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Nearly every week for months, the Biden administration has announced that it is sending another shipment of arms to Ukraine or the Middle East.

And nearly every week, Pentagon officials discuss whether the flow of weapons could be hurting the U.S. military's ability to respond to a new conflict, particularly one in the Pacific.

That dynamic resurfaced in recent days after the Biden administration announced that it was sending an advanced missile defense system to Israel, along with 100 U.S. troops to operate it.

The THAAD system, short for the Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, is an advanced mobile defensive apparatus that can knock short- and intermediate-range ballistic missiles out of the sky. Israel needed one because it may be planning to attack Iran in retaliation for an Iranian assault last



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A launcher for a Terminal High Altitude Area Defense, or THAAD, antiballistic missile system in Guam. Pentagon officials have discussed whether the flow of assistance to U.S. allies could be hurting the military's ability to respond to a new conflict.

month, which was itself retaliation for an Israeli attack. The Iranian barrage of nearly 200 ballistic missiles, which did little damage, prompted American officials to send more defenses to Israel.

But the United States is believed to have seven of these THAAD batteries, including the one delivered

to Israel and another that was sent to the region earlier this year to protect U.S. troops from possible attack by Iranian-backed militias. The Pentagon does not usually disclose where the batteries have been moved, for operational security reasons, but South Korea is believed to have one as well.

What is certain: The deployments have made a dent in the U.S. supply. "Everybody wants U.S. Army air defense forces," Gen. Randy George, the Army chief of staff, said at the Association of the U.S. Army's annual conference. "This is our most deployed formation."

Christine E. Wormuth,

the Army secretary, was more blunt: "The air defense, artillery community is the most stressed," she said at the same event. She cautioned that the Army must be careful about overextending itself and its weaponry but added that "in a world this volatile, you know, sometimes we have to do what we have to do."

A bristling array of U.S. weaponry has made its way across the Atlantic over the past 2 1/2 years. The United States has sent more than \$61 billion in military assistance to Ukraine since Russia launched its full-scale invasion in February 2022. This has included Patriots and other air defense systems, long-range missile systems like ATACMS and HIMARS, tactical Army vehicles, Javelin antitank weapons, Stinger antiaircraft missiles and ammunition.

After Hamas attacked Israel a year ago, the Pentagon increased defenses for Israel, a few other Middle East allies and U.S. troops and bases in the region.

The United States has an amphibious assault ship and three guided-missile destroyers in the eastern Mediterranean. The aircraft carrier Harry S. Truman left Virginia in late September for a previously scheduled exercise in northern Europe. But U.S. officials warn that they may need to divert the warship if fighting in the

region boils over.

The Navy has several guided missile destroyers in the Red Sea, according to the U.S. Naval Institute. The aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln is in the Gulf of Oman monitoring Iran, with its attendant strike group of guided missile destroyers and fighter squadrons. Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III recently extended its deployment by two months.



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