

# Trump pulls out of GOP debate; Sanders to meet with Obama

MARSHALLTOWN, Iowa (AP) — Donald Trump declared Tuesday he would boycott the last Republican debate before the Iowa caucuses, leading Texas Sen. Ted Cruz to challenge him to a one-on-one debate. Adding intrigue to the Democratic race, the White House said President Barack Obama would host Bernie Sanders for an Oval Office meeting.

The dual developments created new ripples of uncertainty six days before voting in the presidential race begins. Both parties were bracing for nail-biting caucuses that will determine which of their two leading candidates will carry the whiff of victory into New Hampshire and beyond.

Trump raised the prospect of skipping the debate as he blasted Fox News Channel for "playing games" and including anchor Megyn Kelly as a debate moderator. Trump's campaign later said he definitely will not participate.

"I said bye bye, ok?" Trump said.

The race among Democrats was no more settled six days from the leadoff Iowa caucuses, with Sanders and Hillary Clinton locked in a close contest and details about their debate plans unclear. But the fireworks Tuesday were on the Republican side.

Trump said he would hold his own event in Iowa during the debate to raise money for wounded veterans. He dismissed Kelly as a "third-rate reporter" who is bad at her job and had been "toying" with him — reprising a squabble that erupted after a debate Kelly co-hosted last year.

Kelly shot back on her nightly show, arguing that Trump is used to getting his way but can't control the media. She said her network and CEO Roger Ailes had made it clear to Trump for months that they wouldn't change their moderator lineup.

"I'll be there," Kelly



AP Photo/Paul Sancya

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during a campaign event at the University of Iowa Field House, Tuesday in Iowa City, Iowa.

said. "The debate will go on with or without Mr. Trump."

Trump's pullout came after Fox News Channel tweaked the GOP front-runner for asking his Twitter followers whether he should debate. The network, in a sarcastically worded statement, said it had learned from a "secret back channel" that the leaders of Iran and Russia planned to treat Trump unfairly if elected.

"A nefarious source tells us that Trump has his own secret plan to replace the Cabinet with his Twitter followers to see if he should even go to those meetings," read the statement from a Fox News Channel representative.

Trump's declaration was an unexpected, if not unpredictable, twist in the final days of the Iowa campaign. The real estate mogul had threatened repeatedly to boycott debates before, only to ultimately acquiesce.

By picking a fight publicly, Trump assured that even if he goes through with his plan not to show up Thursday, his absence will be the center of attention.

Cruz, appearing at an evening rally, offered to face Trump "mano a mano"

anytime. He said Trump was scared of Kelly, telling supporters that skipping the debate was like refusing a job interview.

"If someone did that, didn't show up at the interview, you know what you'd say? You're fired," Cruz said, riffing on Trump's famous rejoinder from the "The Apprentice."

There was drama on the Democratic side as well.

As Sanders left Iowa and Minnesota for his meeting with Obama on Wednesday, the meeting was being watched for signs of the president's leanings. He's sought to avoid showing favoritism, and White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the meeting would be informal, with "no formal agenda."

Just a day earlier, Clinton had been soaking in presidential praise. In a Politico interview, Obama called her "wicked smart" and immensely qualified to run the country, in his most extensive comments to date on the race. Obama has met with Clinton, his former secretary of state and 2008 primary opponent, periodically. Unlike the Sanders meeting, the White House typically hasn't disclosed

those sessions in advance.

Democrats, too, faced fresh uncertainty about their debates — marquee events in the presidential race.

Following criticism that the Democratic Party had limited debates to help Clinton, New Hampshire's largest newspaper and MSNBC said Tuesday they would host an additional debate next week just before the first-in-the-nation primary. But the Democratic National Committee chairwoman said the party had "no plans" to sanction more debates, and Clinton's campaign said she'd only participate if the other candidates agree. So far, only Martin O'Malley has said he'll participate.

Sanders, in an Associated Press interview Tuesday, waxed confident that he had an "excellent chance" to win Iowa. He predicted success in Iowa and New Hampshire would beget more support from party leaders who have firmly backed Clinton as the party's best chance for a general election victory.

"If I'm the candidate best able to do that, you can bet your bottom buck we're going to have a whole lot of establishment Democrats on board," Sanders said.

## BRIEFLY

### Police: 5 shot, 2 dead in shooting near homeless encampment

SEATTLE (AP) — Police say two people have been fatally shot and three others wounded by gunfire at a homeless encampment in Seattle.

The *Seattle Times* reports the shooting happened Tuesday night near Airport Way South and South Atlantic Street south of downtown.

Police are searching for at least one person connected with the incident. Roads in the area are closed.

At a press conference addressing homelessness Tuesday night, Seattle Mayor Ed Murray called the shooting an active crime scene and urged people to stay away from the area.

No other details were immediately available.

Infectious Diseases. NIH researchers have begun some initial work, and the agency also plans to boost funding to some Brazilian scientists to accelerate Zika-related research, he said.

The Zika virus, first discovered decades ago in Africa, was long thought to be more of a nuisance illness, with symptoms generally much milder than its cousin dengue. But amid a large Zika outbreak in Brazil, researchers began reporting an increase in a rare birth defect named microcephaly — babies born with abnormally small heads. While scientists try to prove if Zika is the cause, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has advised pregnant women to reconsider travel to Brazil and 21 other countries and territories with outbreaks.

### After setting iPhone record, Apple forecasts rare sales drop

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple is bracing for its first sales decline in 13 years, despite selling a record 74.8 million iPhones in the final three months of 2015, in what may prove to be a turning point for the world's most valuable company.

The tech giant says revenue could fall at least 8.6 percent during the January-March quarter, compared with a year earlier. Analysts say the latest iPhone models aren't providing the boost Apple needs to match the massive sales growth it enjoyed last year.

Apple executives painted the downturn as a momentary hiccup. But they also acknowledged the company is working to broaden its business beyond the iPhone itself, which in recent years has provided the bulk of Apple's revenue.

### Research begins into vaccine for Zika virus

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government is beginning research into a possible vaccine for the mosquito-borne Zika virus that is suspected of causing an unusual birth defect as it spreads in Latin America.

Don't expect protection anytime soon — vaccine development typically takes years.

"This is not going to be overnight," Dr. Anthony Fauci of the National Institutes of Health said in an interview Tuesday.

But there are vaccines in various stages of development for other viruses in the same family — dengue, West Nile and chikungunya — that offer a pattern for creating something similar against Zika, said Fauci, who directs NIH's National Institute of Allergy and

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TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Clouds and breaks of sun	Rain; windy and mild	Breezy and mild with rain	Times of clouds and sun	Partly sunny
<b>52° 41°</b>	<b>55° 42°</b>	<b>51° 36°</b>	<b>48° 31°</b>	<b>42° 29°</b>
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
<b>51° 38°</b>	<b>56° 41°</b>	<b>52° 38°</b>	<b>50° 30°</b>	<b>45° 29°</b>
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				

### ALMANAC

#### PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

#### TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
39°	28°
Yesterday	43°
Normals	43°
Records	67° (1934) -18° (1957)

#### PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	Trace
Month to date	1.13"
Normal month to date	1.21"
Year to date	1.13"
Last year to date	0.72"
Normal year to date	1.21"

#### HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

#### TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
41°	30°
Yesterday	43°
Normals	43°
Records	67° (2003) -31° (1957)

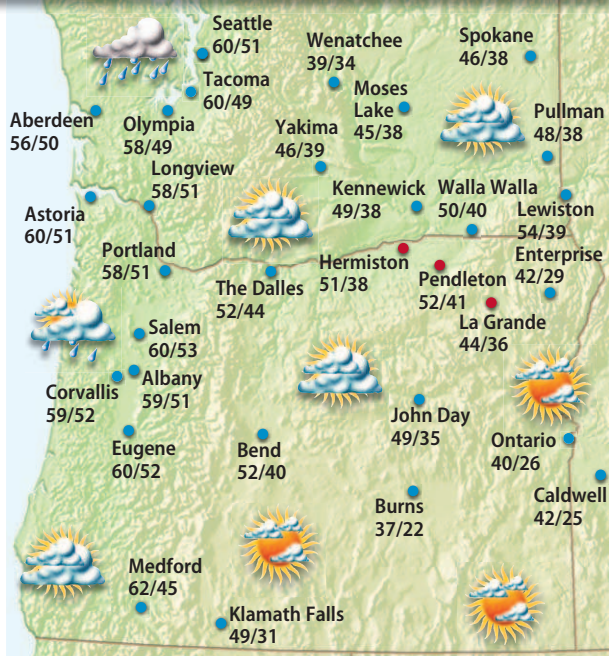
#### PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	Trace
Month to date	0.87"
Normal month to date	1.08"
Year to date	0.87"
Last year to date	0.44"
Normal year to date	1.08"

#### SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:23 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:53 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:01 p.m.
Moonset today	9:05 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
Jan 31	Feb 8	Feb 14	Feb 22



### REGIONAL FORECAST

**Coastal Oregon:** Clouds and breaks of sun today; a shower across the north. Rain at times tonight.

**Eastern and Central Oregon:** Rather cloudy today. A couple of showers near the Cascades tonight.

**Western Washington:** A thick cloud cover today with a stray shower. Rain, heavy at times tonight.

**Eastern Washington:** Mostly cloudy today; a shower in spots in the north.

**Cascades:** Mild today with clouds and breaks of sun.

**Northern California:** Partly sunny today. A passing shower at the coast tonight. Periods of rain tomorrow.

### REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	60	51	c	56	45	sh
Baker City	39	28	c	37	32	r
Bend	52	40	c	49	39	r
Brookings	59	51	pc	55	49	r
Burns	37	22	c	40	36	r
Enterprise	42	29	c	40	31	r
Eugene	60	52	c	55	47	sh
Heppner	50	36	pc	51	40	r
Hermiston	51	38	c	56	41	r
John Day	49	35	c	47	42	r
Klamath Falls	49	31	pc	46	40	r
La Grande	44	36	c	44	37	r
Meacham	44	35	c	42	36	r
Medford	62	45	pc	56	47	r
Newport	59	50	c	55	46	sh
North Bend	63	53	c	58	49	r
Ontario	40	26	pc	38	34	sh
Pasco	50	39	c	57	39	r
Pendleton	52	41	c	55	42	r
Portland	58	51	c	56	46	sh
Redmond	54	41	pc	54	43	r
Salem	60	53	c	57	47	sh
Spokane	46	38	c	46	36	r
Ukiah	47	31	c	46	37	r
Vancouver	57	50	c	55	44	sh
Walla Walla	50	40	c	54	43	r
Yakima	46	39	c	53	37	r

### WORLD CITIES

	Today			Thu.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	38	14	s	40	13	pc
Hong Kong	60	39	r	68	60	r
Jerusalem	40	25	pc	44	28	c
London	56	37	r	49	46	pc
Mexico City	69	39	pc	63	37	pc
Moscow	32	30	sf	38	33	sn
Paris	53	46	sh	49	35	sh
Rome	59	44	pc	59	42	s
Seoul	38	19	pc	39	26	pc
Sydney	80	70	c	81	69	t
Tokyo	52	39	s	53	41	s

### WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Thursday
Boardman	NE 3-6	SW 10-20
Pendleton	SSE 4-8	SSW 10-20

### UV INDEX TODAY

0	1	1	1	0	0
8 a.m.	10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.	6 p.m.

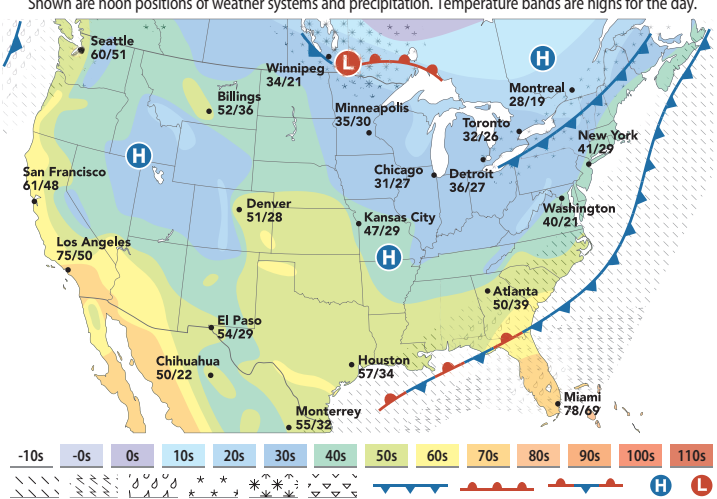
0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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### NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



**National Summary:** Showers will affect the Southeast states with thunderstorms in Florida today. Showers will brush the Northwest. Snow showers will occur from the central and northern Appalachians to the Upper Midwest.

**Yesterday's National Extremes:** (for the 48 contiguous states)  
High 82° in Naples, Fla. Low -11° in Stanley, Idaho

### NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Thur.				Today			Thur.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	51	27	s	54	29	s	Louisville	38	26	pc	44	28	pc
Atlanta	50	39	r	56	37	pc	Memphis	44	29	s	55	34	s
Atlanta City	41	24	pc	42	30	c	Miami	78	69	t	79	60	t
Baltimore	42	15	pc	38	28	pc	Milwaukee	30	29	pc	36	20	c
Billings	52	36	pc	53	39	pc	Minneapolis	35	30	c	35	23	c
Birmingham	50	29	pc	54	35	pc	Nashville	42	24	pc	51	28	s
Boise	43	29	pc	45	38	sh	New Orleans	54	41	r	59	43	s
Boston	43	26	pc	41	30	pc	New York City	41	29	pc	40	31	pc
Charleston, SC	63	43	r	48	36	r	Oklahoma City	57	32	s	61	37	s
Charleston, WV	35	18	pc	43	29	pc	Omaha	39	28	pc	40	28	s
Chicago													