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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Mostly cloudy, a shower; mild	Cloudy with a shower or two	A shower in the afternoon	Cloudy, showers around; mild	Warmer

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

52°	40°	55°	40°	54°	42°	56°	50°	64°	49°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

53°	40°	54°	36°	57°	40°	58°	50°	65°	47°
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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	50°	27°
Normals	45°	29°
Records	69° (1918)	-17° (1929)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.22"
Normal month to date	0.45"
Year to date	1.73"
Last year to date	1.48"
Normal year to date	1.83"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	49°	26°
Normals	46°	29°
Records	67° (1961)	-23° (1929)

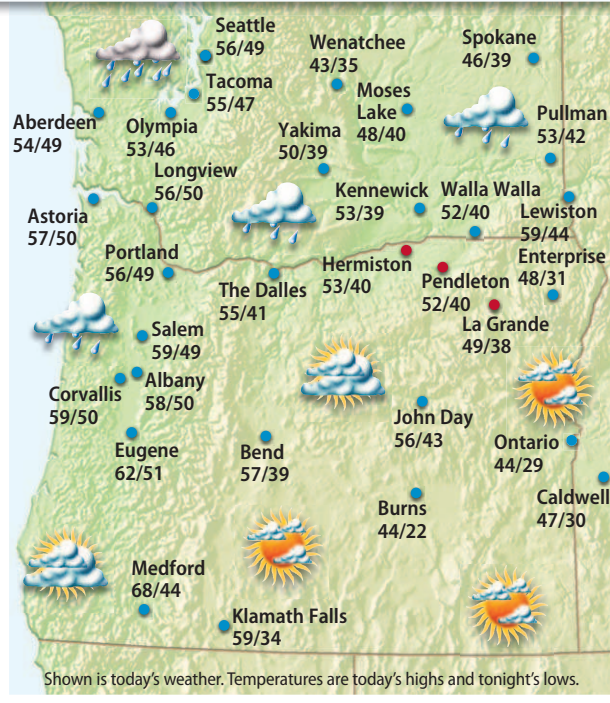
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.05"
Normal month to date	0.34"
Year to date	1.15"
Last year to date	1.05"
Normal year to date	1.62"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:04 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:15 p.m.
Moonrise today	8:46 a.m.
Moonset today	9:27 p.m.

First	Full	Last	New
Feb 14	Feb 22	Mar 1	Mar 8



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today. Periods of rain across the north; a shower in central parts.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly cloudy today. A passing shower across the north; partly sunny in the south.

Western Washington: A shower this morning, then afternoon rain. Periods of rain tonight. Showers tomorrow.

Eastern Washington: Mostly cloudy today and tonight with a shower.

Cascades: Mostly cloudy and mild today; a shower across the north.

Northern California: Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight. A shower or two at the coast tomorrow.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	57	50	r	57	46	sh
Baker City	43	30	c	44	28	sh
Bend	57	39	c	54	31	sh
Brookings	62	51	c	57	44	sh
Burns	44	22	pc	47	22	c
Enterprise	48	31	c	49	32	sh
Eugene	62	51	c	57	44	sh
Heppner	51	39	c	53	35	sh
Hermiston	53	40	c	54	36	sh
John Day	56	43	c	61	40	sh
Klamath Falls	59	34	pc	54	29	c
La Grande	49	38	c	53	36	sh
Meacham	49	39	c	50	36	sh
Medford	68	44	c	59	37	sh
Newport	60	51	r	57	47	sh
North Bend	64	52	c	60	46	sh
Ontario	44	29	pc	45	30	c
Pasco	53	37	c	54	37	c
Pendleton	52	40	c	55	40	sh
Portland	56	49	r	58	46	sh
Redmond	59	37	c	57	30	sh
Salem	59	49	r	59	45	sh
Spokane	46	39	r	47	36	sh
Ukiah	51	34	c	55	34	sh
Vancouver	55	49	r	56	45	sh
Walla Walla	52	40	c	54	41	sh
Yakima	50	39	c	53	33	r

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	50	31	sh	52	36	pc
Hong Kong	70	65	pc	70	66	c
Jerusalem	52	39	pc	58	44	s
London	47	36	sh	47	37	c
Mexico City	67	34	s	70	34	c
Moscow	31	28	pc	33	29	c
Paris	45	33	sh	44	37	sh
Rome	57	43	pc	58	44	sh
Seoul	57	41	pc	52	41	r
Sydney	81	72	pc	80	69	s
Tokyo	50	42	s	57	51	pc

WINDS

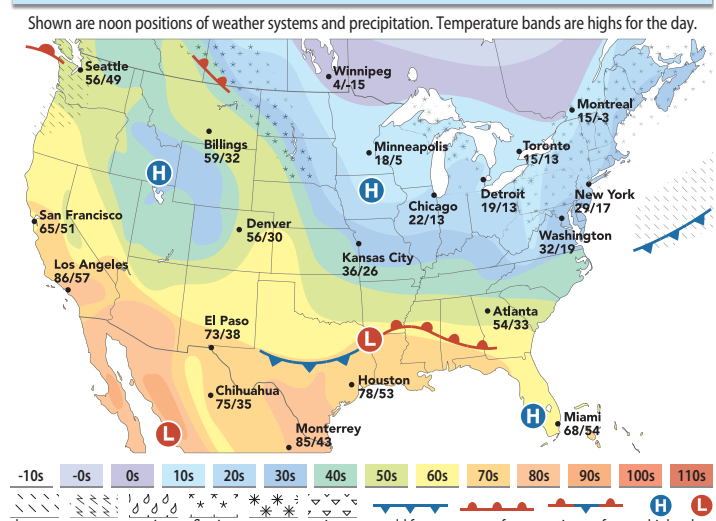
(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	NNE 4-8	W 4-8
Pendleton	ESE 4-8	SW 4-8

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Flurries and locally heavy snow squalls will accompany arctic air flowing from the northern Plains to the Great Lakes and Northeast today. Warmth and sunshine will hold over much of the West.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
 High 90° in Corona, Calif. Low -33° in Cotton, Minn.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.				Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	65	33	s	68	34	s	Louisville	33	19	s	37	15	sf
Atlanta	54	33	s	58	31	pc	Memphis	50	29	s	55	27	pc
Atlanta City	31	19	sf	31	22	pc	Miami	68	54	s	75	56	s
Baltimore	30	13	pc	33	20	pc	Milwaukee	19	10	s	20	2	pc
Billings	59	32	pc	47	33	pc	Minneapolis	18	5	pc	13	-8	pc
Birmingham	57	33	s	61	32	pc	Nashville	40	24	s	44	19	pc
Boise	50	32	pc	52	33	c	New Orleans	75	55	s	74	53	pc
Boston	31	11	sf	26	17	pc	New York City	29	17	sf	29	16	pc
Charleston, SC	53	39	s	62	39	c	Oklahoma City	56	33	s	65	28	s
Charleston, WV	23	12	c	33	16	sf	Omaha	29	25	c	26	2	pc
Chicago	22	13	s	23	2	pc	Philadelphia	31	18	sf	33	21	pc
Cleveland	18	11	sf	25	7	sn	Phoenix	85	53	s	86	54	s
Dallas	69	39	s	70	41	s	Portland, ME	30	4	sf	23	14	pc
Denver	56	30	s	50	28	pc	Providence	30	9	sf	26	16	pc
Detroit	19	13	pc	26	7	sn	Raleigh	41	23	s	41	26	pc
El Paso	73	38	s	74	42	s	Rapid City	53	29	pc	34	21	c
Fairbanks	10	1	pc	21	3	pc	Reno	64	34	pc	66	34	pc
Fargo	18	-2	c	-11	pc	pc	Sacramento	73	47	pc	71	47	pc
Honolulu	80	69	s	82	69	s	St. Louis	30	22	pc	37	11	pc
Houston	78	53	s	78	53	pc	Salt Lake City	45	27	s	49	30	s
Indianapolis	22	11	s	28	6	sf	San Diego	79	54	s	78	55	s
Jacksonville	63	45	s	75	46	pc	San Francisco	65	51	pc	63	50	pc
Kansas City	36	26	pc	38	9	pc	Seattle	56	49	r	56	45	sh
Las Vegas	73	47	s	74	47	pc	Tucson	84	45	s	86	46	s
Little Rock	53	29	s	62	32	s	Washington, DC	32	19	pc	35	21	pc
Los Angeles	86	57	s	84	56	s	Wichita	49	32	pc	52	21	s

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

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Slow rebound in Oregon economy plays out in small revenue growth

Current revenues \$61 million ahead of projections

By HILLARY BORRUD
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SALEM — Oregon's economists told lawmakers Wednesday the state's economy and government revenues continue to grow at a strong pace as the state rebounds from the recession.

However, the economists warned that growth will slow going into the next two-year budget that begins in mid-2017.

"Oregon's economy continues to grow at a healthy pace, as do our primary sources of tax revenue, keeping up every bit with our expectations we've laid over the last year or two," said state economist Mark McMullen.

Economists expect the government will receive nearly \$61 million more in general fund and lottery revenues in the current two-year budget than they had projected in the last forecast in December, according to a document from the Legislative Revenue Office. The latest forecast is for \$19.5 billion in total state revenues.

At the same time, McMullen said, Oregon is getting close to what economists would consider "full employment" and "that's when we're going to start to see things slow."

McMullen also reiterated a warning from previous forecasts that Oregon is vulnerable to national problems in the manufacturing sector. "It's obvious manufacturing is weak," McMullen said.

McMullen said problems in the stock market that cut into Oregonians' investment income, combined with the stronger exchange rate for the

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— Peter Courtney, Senate President, D-Salem

U.S. dollar, will likely weaken state revenue from personal and corporate income taxes in upcoming budgets. Oregon's exports from non-technology sectors are slowing, with export growth in the first quarter expected to be nearly 20 percent lower than a year ago, according to a presentation by the state Office of Economic Analysis.

"This is the most depressing number that's out there now, which is the growth in our exports of non-technology products," said McMullen, who added that this particularly impacted agricultural and food product exports.

Gov. Kate Brown struck a similarly cautious tone in her statement on the forecast.

"I am pleased to see that job growth is steady and Oregon's economy is likely to remain stable through the remainder of the biennium," Brown said. "Although state revenues are on track to fulfill important commitments in education and other critical services, my optimism is tempered by longer-term dynamics in the forecast that call for caution. I will work with legislative leadership to build reserves for future needs."

Democratic leaders in the Legislature also pledged to maintain state budget reserves and handle the budget prudently.

"The Legislature will continue budgeting wisely — making needed investments that will help Oregon families

and communities thrive, while also maintaining a strong reserve fund," House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, said in a written statement.

"The forecast has given us a few extra pennies for this biennium," Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, said in a written statement. "We're OK for now. We need to keep working. We can address our budget priorities and finish the session on time."

Republicans were more pessimistic.

"Years of one-party rule plagued by overspending and government waste and an assault on small businesses has left us with a bleak economic outlook that needs to be addressed now," Senate Republican Leader Ted Ferrioli, R-John Day, said in a written statement.

House Republican Leader Mike McLane, R-Powell Butte, said in a written statement there were "storm clouds on the horizon."

"For the moment, the sun is still shining in Oregon," McLane said. "Now it's up to the Democrats in the Legislature to decide if they are going to put our long-term economic health at risk through the reckless pursuit of a partisan agenda and fundamentally flawed policies."

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House passes bill to raise cap on wrongful death awards

By PARIS ACHEN
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SALEM — The House passed a bill Wednesday that raises the cap on noneconomic jury awards for wrongful death claims from \$500,000 to \$1.5 million.

Rep. Joe Gallegos, D-Hillsboro, said he proposed the measure to give victims who have lost loved ones the same opportunities for justice as victims in injury cases for which there is no jury award limit.

After passing the House 33-to-26 Wednesday, the measure now proceeds to the Senate.

The legislation stirred up partisan passions on the House floor Wednesday. Republicans accused Democrats of railroading the legislation without giving full consideration of the consequences to rural physicians and others who might have to pay higher liability insurance under the measure.

During floor debate, House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, ordered Rep. Bill Post, R-Keizer, to remove from the floor a poster portraying a \$350,000 check written out to "Trial Lawyers."

A yes vote would be "signing the check," Post said.

Post said he used the visual aid to make a point that the House Committee on Consumer Protection and Government Effectiveness had rejected an amendment to the bill by Rep. Mike McLane, R-Powell Butte, that would have capped attorneys' fees to \$500,000.

The \$350,000 figure was a reflection of how much an attorney would be paid on average on a \$1.5 million jury award, Post said.

Post said the Oregon Trial Lawyers Association regularly contributes thousands of dollars to Democratic candidate campaigns. The Secretary of State's database reflects that to be true.