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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly sunny and cool	Sunshine mixing with some clouds	Some sun with a shower; breezy	Intervals of clouds and sunshine	A blend of sun and clouds
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
58°	36°	64°	49°	62°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
65°	38°	68°	51°	68°
				47°
				73°
				46°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	54°	39°
Normals	66°	41°
Records	95° (1926)	29° (1935)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m.

Month to date	0.02"
Normal month to date	1.04"
Year to date	8.20"
Last year to date	4.34"
Normal year to date	5.00"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	59°	43°
Normals	68°	42°
Records	88° (1947)	28° (1970)

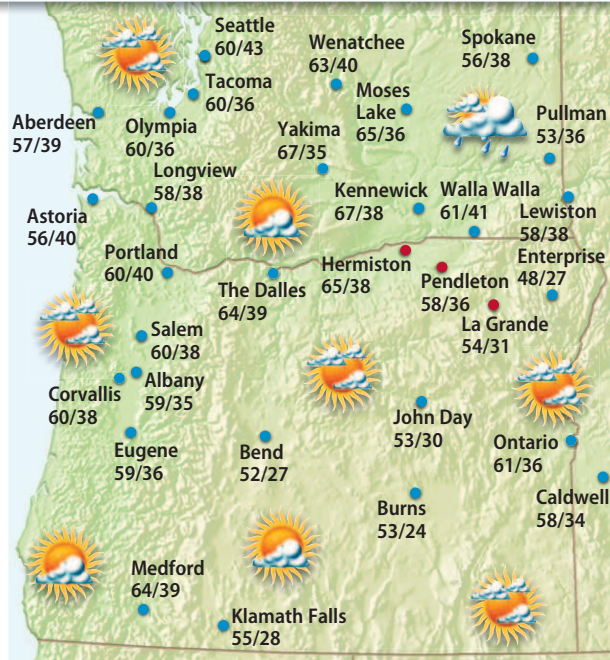
PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m.

Month to date	0.95"
Normal month to date	0.78"
Year to date	5.88"
Last year to date	2.98"
Normal year to date	3.89"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:47 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:59 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:48 a.m.
Moonset today	10:53 p.m.

First Full Last New
May 2 May 10 May 18 May 25



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Cool today with clouds and sun; a shower in spots in the south. Mainly clear tonight.

Western Washington: Periods of clouds and sunshine today. Patchy clouds tonight.

Eastern Washington: A shower today; partly sunny in the north, across the south and toward the Cascades.

Cascades: Clouds and sun today; a shower in spots across the north. Mainly clear tonight; cold.

Northern California: Mostly sunny today; unseasonably cold in the interior mountains. Clear tonight; cold.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	56	40	pc	56	46	pc
Baker City	53	26	pc	61	36	s
Bend	52	27	pc	64	38	s
Brookings	60	44	s	62	47	s
Burns	53	24	pc	61	36	s
Enterprise	48	27	pc	57	37	pc
Eugene	59	36	pc	66	45	pc
Heppner	56	32	pc	64	45	s
Hermiston	65	38	pc	68	51	s
John Day	53	30	pc	63	41	s
Klamath Falls	55	28	pc	65	36	s
La Grande	54	31	pc	63	42	s
Meacham	52	28	pc	60	41	s
Medford	64	39	pc	73	46	s
Newport	55	40	pc	56	46	pc
North Bend	58	42	pc	62	47	pc
Ontario	61	36	pc	67	43	s
Pasco	67	36	pc	69	48	pc
Pendleton	58	36	pc	64	49	s
Portland	60	40	pc	62	47	pc
Redmond	56	25	pc	64	36	s
Salem	60	38	pc	64	45	pc
Spokane	56	38	c	59	43	pc
Ukiah	51	27	pc	60	40	s
Vancouver	58	38	pc	63	47	pc
Walla Walla	61	41	pc	66	50	s
Yakima	67	35	pc	66	44	pc

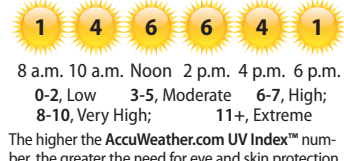
WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	89	56	s	94	59	s
Hong Kong	77	71	pc	80	73	pc
Jerusalem	74	51	s	76	55	s
London	57	44	pc	59	48	pc
Mexico City	82	57	pc	85	53	pc
Moscow	47	43	r	68	48	pc
Paris	57	38	sh	61	47	pc
Rome	62	43	pc	68	44	pc
Seoul	68	47	pc	74	50	s
Sydney	68	54	pc	71	59	s
Tokyo	65	54	pc	71	57	pc

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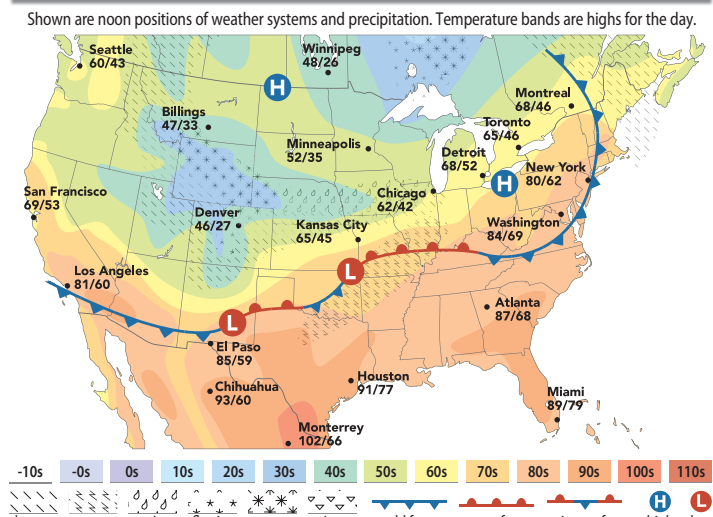
(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	WSW 7-14	SW 6-12
Pendleton	W 7-14	W 4-8

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Showers will depart New England today. Severe storms and flooding rain will commence from the central and southern Plains to the middle part of the Mississippi Valley as snow falls on the central Rockies.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 96° in Fort Stockton, Texas Low 14° in Hazen, N.D.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.				Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	53	35	sh	46	31	c	Louisville	80	68	pc	88	71	c
Atlanta	87	68	pc	86	69	t	Memphis	82	70	pc	87	71	c
Atlanta City	71	58	pc	76	60	pc	Miami	89	79	pc	86	78	pc
Baltimore	81	63	pc	88	65	pc	Milwaukee	56	39	c	46	40	r
Billings	47	33	r	56	38	pc	Minneapolis	52	35	pc	56	39	c
Birmingham	89	70	pc	89	72	t	Nashville	83	67	pc	88	70	pc
Boise	56	35	c	62	45	pc	New Orleans	86	74	pc	86	71	pc
Boston	75	58	pc	80	50	pc	New York City	80	62	pc	82	58	pc
Charleston, SC	89	71	s	87	70	pc	Oklahoma City	78	56	t	57	40	t
Charleston, WV	82	62	pc	90	65	pc	Omaha	46	38	r	46	38	r
Chicago	62	42	r	48	42	r	Philadelphia	82	63	pc	87	63	pc
Cleveland	72	59	c	65	52	r	Phoenix	87	58	s	83	60	s
Dallas	87	74	c	80	50	t	Portland, ME	68	50	pc	72	42	pc
Denver	46	27	c	39	20	sn	Providence	75	57	pc	77	52	pc
Detroit	68	52	pc	66	43	r	Raleigh	86	69	pc	91	68	pc
El Paso	85	59	pc	67	41	c	Rapid City	44	25	sn	52	25	c
Fairbanks	52	32	pc	54	33	pc	Reno	58	36	s	68	43	r
Fargo	49	23	pc	56	32	pc	Sacramento	74	51	s	80	50	s
Honolulu	83	70	pc	79	66	sh	St. Louis	72	62	t	73	67	r
Houston	91	77	pc	87	61	pc	Salt Lake City	47	36	sh	55	39	pc
Indianapolis	69	61	t	77	66	t	San Diego	74	62	s	85	59	s
Jacksonville	94	67	c	90	66	pc	San Francisco	69	53	s	73	53	s
Kansas City	65	45	c	51	43	r	Seattle	60	43	pc	57	47	sh
Las Vegas	72	56	s	76	57	s	Tucson	85	52	s	76	49	s
Little Rock	80	71	t	81	65	t	Washington, DC	84	69	pc	92	71	pc
Los Angeles	81	60	s	89	59	s	Wichita	72	46	sh	50	40	t

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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Oregon cider business bill progresses

Proposal allows on-site production, marketing

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SALEM — A proposal to expand allowable activities for cider businesses on farmland is sailing through the Oregon legislature with minimal opposition.

Imitating rules established for wineries, Senate Bill 677 would permit cider businesses to produce and sell their beverages, serve food and conduct other agritourism activities on-site in farm zones.

Companies generating less than 100,000 gallons of cider a year would have to be within or next to an orchard of at least 15 acres to take advantage of the provisions.

The orchard size requirement would increase to 40 acres for those businesses producing more than 100,000 gallons annually, under the bill.

The Senate has unanimously approved SB 677, and it's now being considered by the House Committee on Economic Development and Trade, which is expected to vote on it on May 3.

Cider businesses are similar to wineries in terms of government regulation and the process of crushing fruit to make juice that's then fermented into alcohol, said Dan Lawrence, founder of Stone Circle Cider near Estacada.

The goal of SB 677 is to provide cider companies with the same opportunity to process and sell their product, while educating consumers about how it's made, said Lawrence.

"Oregon is in a strong position to be a leader, if not the leader, in this industry nationwide," he said. "It helps bring dollars and jobs to the countryside."

U.S. sales of cider surged more than 300 percent between 2010 and 2015, to about \$870 million, with Northwest consumers being particularly keen for the beverage, according to testimony from the Northwest Cider Association, which has 25 members in Oregon.

Rep. Ken Helm, D-Beaverton,

commended SB 677's supporters for emulating existing land use provisions for Oregon wineries, rather than trying to create a whole new system for their industry.

"There's fewer unknowns here," Helm said.

Nobody spoke against the bill during the committee hearing, but written testimony submitted by the Oregon Farm Bureau was unenthusiastic.

The organization wants to encourage Oregon's cider industry but is concerned "about the breadth of activities authorized" under SB 677, much as it was concerned about previously enacted rules for wineries, said Mary Anne Nash, OFB's public policy counsel.

The proposal allows bed-and-breakfast operations and other activities "seemingly unrelated" to agriculture in farm zones, without requiring cider businesses to own the orchards, she said.

"This could result in the development of a production facility and business center that is not actually part of the farm use on the property," Nash said.

Oregon PERS panel debates expected investment returns

PORTLAND (AP) — The citizen's panel tasked with overseeing Oregon's public pension fund investments began a much-anticipated debate Wednesday on how much it can expect to earn from those investments over the next decade.

Sounds wonky. And it was. But bureaucrats and politicians throughout the state are keeping tabs on the outcome, as it could have a major impact on their budgets, on top of the painful increase in pension costs they are already facing.

As the system's actuary is fond of saying, the assumed earnings rate is the Swiss Army knife of the Public Employees Retirement System. It's the lynchpin assumption used to calculate the present value of its liabilities, older members' benefits and, by association, the contributions that government employers must make to the system. If you assume pension investments will earn less, employers need to sock away more money now to pay for future benefits.

PERS' \$71 billion investment portfolio is set up to deliver that rate of return — currently 7.5 percent — while limiting risk to the extent possible. And investment

earnings have traditionally covered about 70 percent of the system's costs.

And therein lies the problem.

Of late, the portfolio has not been delivering that number. And some members of the Oregon Investment Council and the PERS Board think it's unrealistically high. Interest rates on bonds are persistently low. Returns from private equity funds, historically the portfolio's turbocharger, have been trending lower. And the stock market is already at record levels.

Over the past decade, PERS returns have averaged only 5.5 percent. Meanwhile, public pension systems around the country have been lowering their return expectations.

The PERS Board will vote on a new assumed earnings rate in July, and that decision will be based, in large part, on the guidance they receive from the Oregon Investment Council.

The potential implications are substantial. If Oregon follows in the footsteps of California's behemoth pension fund, which recently announced plans to lower its assumed interest rate from 7.5 percent to 7 percent,

the system's funding deficit would grow from \$22 billion today to about \$26.5 billion.

The required increase in employers' contributions to dig out of the deficit is limited in any one biennium. But that increase in liabilities would push many employers' individual pension funded status below an important trigger point — 70 cents in assets for every dollar in liabilities — where bigger rate increases are allowed to protect the system's financial stability.

Rukaiyah Adams, the chair of the council whose day job is chief investment officer of the Meyer Memorial Trust, says she doesn't want to get into the business of prescribing the number that the PERS Board should use, other than to say it

should come down.

"The question is how much," she said.

Wednesday's meeting turned quite technical, with extended discussions of things like alpha, beta, selection risk, persistence of returns, geometric versus arithmetic means, observed volatility, efficient frontiers, and the covariance of asset classes. But for all the sophisticated vocabulary, predicting market returns is not a science.

Indeed, each one of the council's outside consultants develops a forecast of future returns in various asset classes — stocks, bonds, real estate private equity — based on their assumptions about economic growth, corporate earnings, inflation, current market conditions, etc.

Corrections

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BRIEFLY

East Portland parade canceled after threat

PORTLAND (AP) — A parade in a Portland neighborhood has been canceled because of an anonymous threatening e-mail.

Organizers of the 82nd Avenue of the Roses Parade earlier this week canceled the parade out of safety concerns.

The event was to include marchers from the Multnomah County Republican Party. Two groups, Oregon Students Empowered and Direct Action Alliance, had planned protests for Saturday.

The groups say they did not send the threatening e-mail.

The Direct Action Alliance nonetheless says it's disappointed the local GOP party had planned to allow "a neo-Nazi hate group march" with them in the event.

The Multnomah County Republican Party Chairman James Buchal says protesters are "delusional" if they think party members would march with "folks carrying swastikas."

The cancellation will not impact the famous Rose Parade in June.

Oregon youth shelter apologizes for rejecting donation

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — Representatives from a Grants Pass youth shelter have apologized for their decision to turn down proceeds from a concert that featured a performance by the Portland Gay Men's Chorus.

Hearts With A Mission, which bills itself as a faith-based organization, was to receive nearly \$3,000 from the sold-out concert. But its board rejected the donation, saying it wanted to avoid the controversy that might arise from accepting the money.

The Grants Pass Daily Courier reports three board members resigned after the ensuing community uproar. Remaining board members issued a formal apology Tuesday at the church where the concert was held last month.

Some city officials questioned the shelter's decision to reject the money at a time when they've been asking for extra funding at taxpayer expense.

The proceeds ended up going to another nonprofit that works with at-risk youths.

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