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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Cooler with a heavy thunderstorm	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny and warmer	Mostly sunny	Nice with partial sunshine

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

63°	43°	57°	39°	61°	39°	67°	45°	74°	48°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

69°	46°	63°	41°	68°	41°	73°	46°	78°	52°
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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
85°	53°
Yesterday	68°
Normals	43°
Records	92° (1966) 22° (1897)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	Trace
Normal month to date	0.13"
Year to date	8.21"
Last year to date	4.50"
Normal year to date	5.24"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
86°	49°
Normals	70°
Records	90° (1966) 29° (2011)

PRECIPITATION

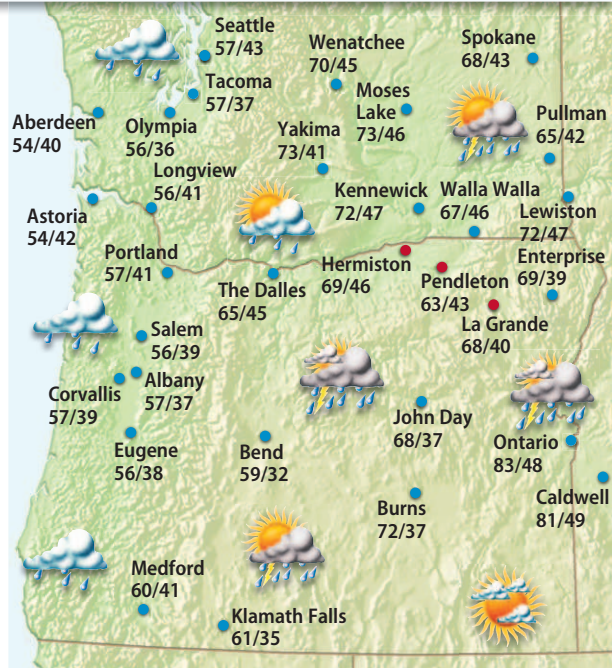
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	Trace
Normal month to date	0.16"
Year to date	5.88"
Last year to date	3.57"
Normal year to date	4.15"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:37 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:07 p.m.
Moonrise today	3:00 p.m.
Moonset today	3:32 a.m.

Full Last New First

May 10 May 18 May 25 June 1



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Cloudy and cooler today with a passing shower; breezy across the north.

Eastern Washington: Clouds and sun today with a shower or thunderstorm.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Variable clouds today with a heavy thunderstorm; cooler. A couple of showers tonight.

Cascades: Cooler today; showers around, except showers of rain and snow in the south.

Western Washington: Overcast today and tonight with a couple of showers. A shower in spots tomorrow.

Northern California: Mostly cloudy and cooler today; a thunderstorm in spots, but a shower at the coast.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	54	42	c	56	42	pc
Baker City	73	39	t	49	36	c
Bend	59	32	t	50	26	c
Brookings	55	44	sh	57	44	c
Burns	72	37	t	54	32	pc
Enterprise	69	39	t	46	35	c
Eugene	56	38	sh	59	36	pc
Heppner	63	39	t	55	35	pc
Hermiston	69	46	t	63	41	c
John Day	68	37	t	50	33	c
Klamath Falls	61	35	t	52	29	c
La Grande	68	40	t	49	37	c
Meacham	64	37	t	47	35	c
Medford	60	41	sh	61	38	c
Newport	54	41	c	53	40	pc
North Bend	55	43	c	55	42	pc
Ontario	83	48	t	61	45	c
Pasco	73	46	t	66	40	pc
Pendleton	63	43	t	57	39	c
Portland	57	41	sh	60	41	pc
Redmond	61	30	t	54	24	c
Salem	56	39	sh	59	38	pc
Spokane	68	43	t	57	41	c
Ukiah	63	36	t	49	31	c
Vancouver	56	40	sh	59	40	pc
Walla Walla	67	46	t	59	43	c
Yakima	73	41	t	65	36	c

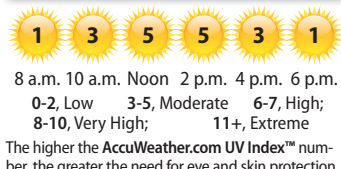
WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	68	47	pc	83	51	s
Hong Kong	83	76	c	84	75	pc
Jerusalem	72	55	s	73	55	s
London	57	48	c	63	47	c
Mexico City	75	51	pc	78	55	pc
Moscow	56	43	pc	60	32	sh
Paris	66	51	pc	60	51	r
Rome	69	52	s	73	54	t
Seoul	80	50	sh	69	50	s
Sydney	72	58	s	77	59	pc
Tokyo	74	63	pc	77	63	pc

WINDS

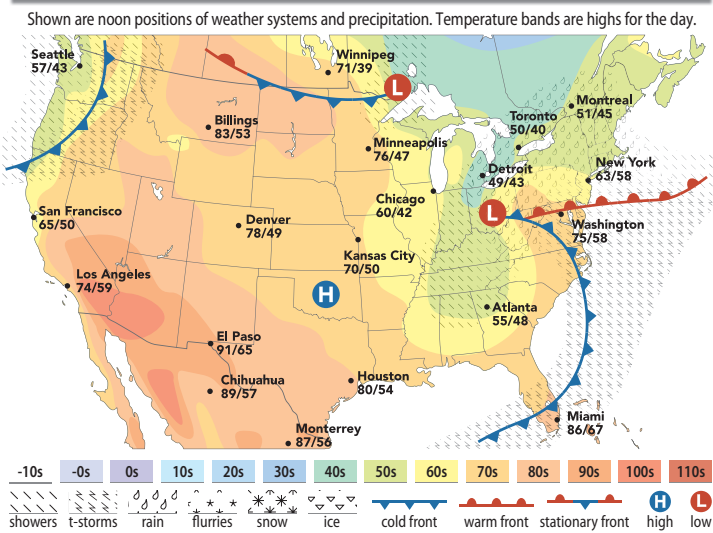
(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	WSW 10-20	WSW 6-12
Pendleton	WSW 8-16	W 7-14

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: A rainstorm with gusty winds will soak areas from the Midwest to the Northeast today. Storms will sweep across southern Florida. Gusty storms will precede rain and cool conditions in the Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 106° in Palm Springs, Calif. Low 20° in Dillon, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	85	57	s	84	54	pc
Atlanta	55	48	c	70	50	s
Atlantic City	64	58	t	64	52	pc
Baltimore	72	54	t	62	46	sh
Billings	83	53	t	86	57	pc
Birmingham	58	47	sh	74	52	s
Boise	81	49	c	60	42	c
Boston	51	50	r	63	51	sh
Charleston, SC	74	52	pc	75	57	pc
Charleston, WV	67	46	sh	56	42	sh
Chicago	60	42	pc	55	37	s
Cleveland	58	44	r	51	42	sh
Dallas	78	55	s	83	60	s
Denver	78	49	s	83	52	s
Detroit	49	43	r	51	37	sh
El Paso	91	65	s	91	62	pc
Fairbanks	60	36	pc	67	40	pc
Fargo	80	41	s	71	43	pc
Honolulu	86	72	pc	85	73	s
Houston	80	54	s	84	58	pc
Indianapolis	53	40	r	58	36	pc
Jacksonville	76	50	s	77	52	s
Kansas City	70	50	s	77	48	s
Las Vegas	98	73	s	88	57	pc
Little Rock	71	50	s	78	52	s
Los Angeles	74	59	pc	65	51	sh
Louisville	55	44	sh	61	41	sh
Memphis	67	49	pc	76	51	s
Miami	86	67	t	83	65	s
Milwaukee	56	42	pc	54	38	pc
Minneapolis	76	47	s	63	43	s
Nashville	54	44	sh	69	43	c
New Orleans	73	55	r	78	58	s
New York City	63	58	r	66	51	c
Oklahoma City	73	49	s	80	54	s
Omaha	75	50	s	76	47	s
Philadelphia	70	57	r	65	49	pc
Phoenix	105	75	s	95	64	s
Portland, ME	51	45	r	58	46	sh
Providence	59	54	r	64	49	sh
Raleigh	76	51	r	69	48	pc
Rapid City	79	47	s	83	52	s
Reno	78	50	pc	61	41	pc
Sacramento	78	50	pc	71	54	pc
St. Louis	67	52	s	70	45	pc
Salt Lake City	86	64	s	81	59	c
San Diego	70	61	pc	66	56	sh
San Francisco	65	50	c	65	51	pc
Seattle	57	43	sh	58	42	pc
Tucson	101	68	pc	92	60	s
Washington, DC	75	58	t	63	49	pc
Wichita	74	49	s	82	55	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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Hiker dies after fall from trail in Columbia Gorge

PORTLAND (AP) — Authorities say a hiker who fell 150 feet off a cliff in the Columbia River Gorge Wednesday has died.

The Oregonian/OregonLive reports 31-year-old Samuel Cha fell while hiking the popular Angel's rest trail.

Multnomah County sheriff's spokesman Lt. Chad Gaidos says Cha was hiking with two family members when he became light-headed about a mile in.

Gaidos says Cha went to sit down and fell backward off a cliff after his perch gave way.

He was flown to a Portland hospital where he died from his injuries.

Another hiker fell to his death on the trail near Corbett in August 2016.

Portland Police say 'TriMet barber' has struck again

PORTLAND (AP) — The "TriMet barber" may have snipped again.

The Portland Police Bureau said Thursday it got a report of a man cutting a woman's hair on a TriMet bus, and surveillance photos indicate the suspect is Jared Walter, a 30-year-old registered sex offender with a history of cutting, gluing or masturbating into women's hair while riding on TriMet buses.

Police have asked the public to help locate Walter, who does not have a fixed address.

Walter's obsession with hair has led to repeated convictions and stints in jail or prison. He got his nickname in 2010, shortly after his arrest for cutting large clumps of hair from three women on Portland-area buses.

TriMet security director Harry Saporta says the agency won't tolerate such behavior, and will seek the harshest penalty possible. He wants Walter banned from TriMet buses for longer than the current maximum period for exclusion — six months.

Kicker in the cards for Oregon taxpayers

SALEM (AP) — The strong economy is making it increasingly likely that Oregon's kicker law will be triggered.

The Register-Guard reports that would send hundreds of millions of dollars back to taxpayers, even as lawmakers contemplate cutting services to plug a \$1.6 billion gap.

The kicker law was created in 1979 as a check on government growth. It's triggered when the state collects at least 2 percent more than anticipated during a two-year budget cycle. When that happens, the additional money is kicked back to taxpayers.

Personal income tax revenues beat projections by \$208 million in the first three months of 2017. If that trend continues until the summer, the kicker will likely be

triggered.

Oregon taxpayers last got their kicker in 2015, receiving an average refund of \$240. Before 2015, they had gone eight years without a rebate, due to the recession.

Quake reported off coast

PORTLAND (AP) — A small earthquake has been reported off the southern Oregon coast.

The U.S. Geological Survey website says the magnitude 4.2 quake happened Thursday, 136 miles west of Coos Bay.

It occurred at a depth of six miles.

Three officials consider public ownership of state forest

SALEM (AP) — The three officials responsible for Oregon's oldest state forest have staked out positions for its future, with two advocating continued public ownership and the third public ownership of old-growth areas.

The fate of the Elliott State Forest, in the Coast Range, is a hot-button issue, with many demanding it remain public even though logging operations that benefit the state's schools have been in the red in recent years. Two members of the Oregon State Land Board voted in February to sell the 82,500-acre forest, with third member Gov. Kate Brown opposing.

On Thursday, State Treasurer Tobias Read, another member, agreed with Brown, suggesting Oregon State University eventually buy the forest.

Secretary of State Dennis Richardson said a plan must retain options for public ownership of old growth areas.

Lone school in Alsea converting to charter school

CORVALLIS (AP) — A small school district in Western Oregon plans to convert its only school into a charter school.

The Gazette-Times reports the Alsea School Board voted for the switch last month, and will formalize its charter document next week.

Superintendent Marc Thielman says the change is driven by a desire to recruit more students from outside the district that's southwest of Corvallis.

Charter schools are allowed to advertise using public money in a way traditional schools can't, and are given more freedom to run buses into neighboring districts.

Thielman said bringing in just a handful of additional students would help Alsea, which had 140 students this school year.

Charter schools operate free from many state regulations, but must meet the same academic performance standards as traditional schools.

Oregon Speaker earmarks \$1.4B for education from tax hike

By KRISTENA HANSEN
Associated Press

SALEM — Three Democratic lawmakers, including House Speaker Tina Kotek, unveiled an unexpected proposal Thursday for Oregon's looming \$1.6 billion budget shortfall that draws ideas from another plan but includes multi-billion-dollar earmarks for education and long-awaited estimates for spending cuts.

Both proposals before the newly-created Joint Tax Reform Committee could raise up to \$3 billion in extra funds for the next 2017-19 biennium through an overhaul of Oregon's corporate income tax system similar to Measure 97, which voters struck down in November.

How the two might be combined and included in the final budget package with spending cuts and reduced personal income taxes will become clearer after May 16 when state economists release the next quarterly revenue forecast — a much-anticipated report that'll help lawmakers know how much money they'll have to work with for the next budget cycle.

If Republicans, however, maintain their opposition during the final two-month stretch of the 2017 session, voters could wind up having the final say on the business tax proposal that, so far, is a more tepid version of the \$6 billion-tax boost from big business they rejected through Measure 97 last year.

The Legislature has two routes for passing tax hike proposals: signing into law by the governor after a three-fifths vote by both chambers, or approval by voters after a simple majority vote in the chambers. Without Republican support, Democrats are eyeing the latter option, potentially prompting a special election this fall.

Kotek along with state Reps. Nancy Nathanson and Phil Barnhart, who helped craft Thursday's proposal, are hoping this latest plan might still be comprehensive enough to pass muster with conservatives, businesses and, if need be, voters.

"This is all about whether or not we believe the No. 1 priority for the Legislature is to provide for essential services for public education, health care, senior services, public safety and to balance (the) budget," Kotek said during testimony before the Tax Reform Committee.

"We are adults, we all make choices, my choice is to march up the hill and try to do this."

The two proposals call for a gross receipts tax — or a tax on revenue from business-to-business transactions — on a broader set of businesses and at a lower tax rate than Measure 97. Unlike the first proposal spearheaded by Democratic Sen. Mark Hass, Kotek's proposal would earmark roughly \$2 billion, or two-thirds of the estimated new revenue, for K-12 and higher education. The mechanics as to how those funds would be set aside for those purposes is unclear.

It also factors in \$650 million-worth of spending cuts through curbing employee pension and health care costs, among other things; it'd additionally preserve the \$357 million that voters earmarked in November for high school vocational training, youth outdoor recreation programs and veteran services through Measures 98, 99 and 96, respectively.

Kotek says the numbers assume a still-tentative new tax on health care providers has, theoretically, been

approved. New funds from that tax hike would stave off Medicaid expansion cuts and other health cutbacks, although Thursday's passage of the Affordable Care Act overhaul in the U.S. House could further complicate Oregon's options.

Still, Republicans like House Minority Leader Mike McLane say "it's a wolf in sheep's clothing ... and once again Democrats claim, 'it's for the kids,' even as they continue to drag their feet on what would truly secure lower class sizes and more school days."

Labor unions applauded the latest effort while the private sector appeared split, garnering accolades from Main Street Alliance of Oregon's coalition of 3,500 small businesses, many of whom would largely avoid the new tax; groups like Priority Oregon representing many larger corporations that'd be subject to the tax, blasted lawmakers for holding hearings that "excluded input from the public, consumers, and Oregon businesses."

Senate President Peter Courtney, Oregon's longest-serving lawmaker and a moderate Democrat, says they've shown they're "serious about cutting costs" and it's time for businesses to do the same on raising revenue.

"I can't tell you at this stage if this will be the plan ... We've got work to do. The clock is ticking," Courtney said.

PENDLE