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CENTRAL ILLINOIS 5-DAY FORECAST BY ACCUWEATHER®

TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
High 50	Low 34	53/37	56/53	63/48	65/46
UV: 2		UV: 2	UV: 1	UV: 2	UV: 1
Partly sunny	Partly cloudy	Times of sun and clouds	Mostly cloudy with a shower possible	Milder with sunny intervals	Mostly cloudy, a shower possible; breezy

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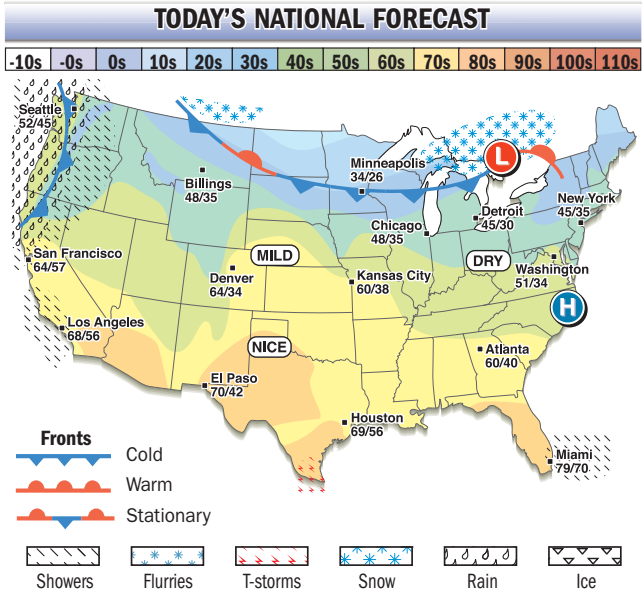
TODAY'S NATIONAL FORECAST



Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day. Forecast high/low temperatures are given for selected cities.

ALMANAC

Peoria through 6 p.m. yesterday.

TEMPERATURE

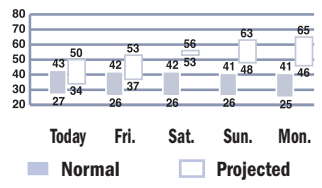
High/low	46/22
Normal high/low	43/27
Record high	72 (1905)
Record low	-1 (1930)
Ave. departure for month	-1.3
Ave. departure for year	+3.3

PRECIPITATION	Actual	Normal
24 hrs through 6 p.m.	0.00"	0.10"
Month to date	0.82"	2.93"
Year to date	25.10"	33.95"

HEATING DEGREE DAYS

Yesterday	31	30
Month to date	673	641
Season to date	1190	1084

5-DAY TEMPERATURE TRENDS



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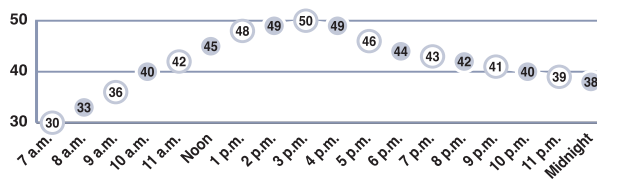

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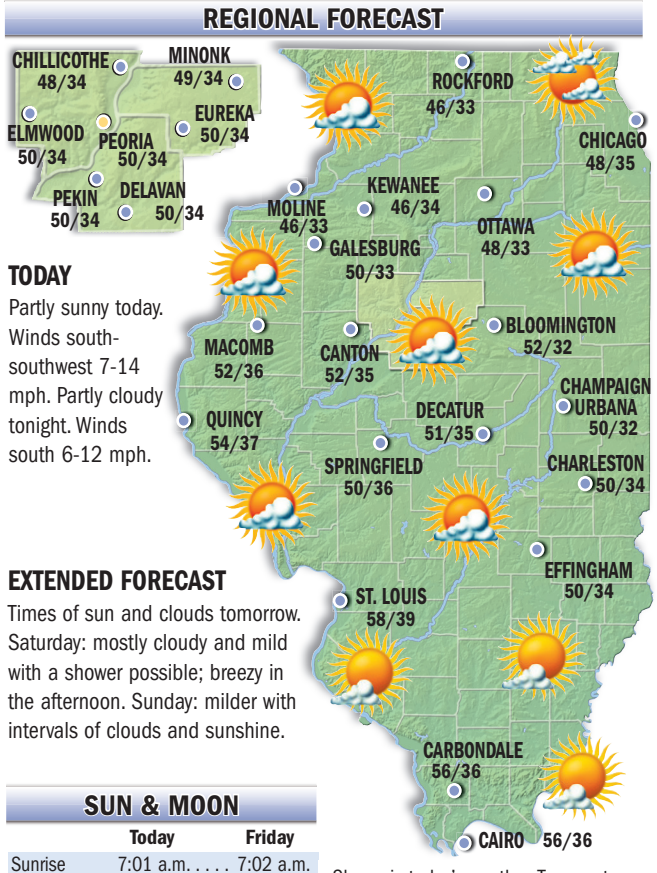

TODAY

Partly sunny today. Winds south-southwest 7-14 mph. Partly cloudy tonight. Winds south 6-12 mph.

EXTENDED FORECAST

Times of sun and clouds tomorrow. Saturday: mostly cloudy and mild with a shower possible; breezy in the afternoon. Sunday: milder with intervals of clouds and sunshine.

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

RIVER STAGES

RIVER STATION	Flood stage	7 a.m. yest.	24-hr. change
Henry	23'	14.20'	-0.33'
Peoria	18'	11.80'	-0.32'
Havana	14'	6.06'	+0.46'
Beardstown	14'	9.77'	+0.12'

YESTERDAY'S U.S. EXTREMES

For the 48 contiguous states.

High: 81 at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. | **Low: -3 at Alamosa, Colo.**

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Friday Hi	Lo	W
Beardstown	54	36	pc	57	41	pc
Belleville	56	35	pc	60	40	pc
Carbondale	56	36	s	60	41	pc
Cedar Rapids, Iowa	46	30	pc	44	31	pc
Champaign	50	32	pc	53	35	pc
Clinton, Iowa	50	34	pc	54	38	pc
Danville	50	33	pc	53	35	pc
Dayton, Ohio	48	33	pc	53	36	pc
Dubuque, Iowa	46	32	pc	45	31	pc
Evansville, Ind.	54	34	s	58	40	pc
Fort Wayne, Ind.	48	30	pc	49	32	pc
Galena	45	32	pc	47	31	pc
Havana	52	35	pc	56	39	pc
Henry	48	34	pc	53	37	pc
Kenosha, Wis.	44	32	pc	45	34	pc
Lafayette, Ind.	48	31	pc	51	35	pc
La Salle	48	34	pc	51	35	pc
Lawrenceville	51	33	pc	57	39	pc
Lima, Ohio	47	33	pc	51	35	pc
Madison, Wis.	42	31	pc	45	31	pc
Paducah, Ky.	56	36	s	62	41	pc
Princeton	48	34	pc	51	34	pc
Roanoke	50	34	pc	53	37	pc
Rockford	46	33	pc	48	33	pc
Shelbyville, Ind.	49	31	pc	55	34	pc
Springfield	50	36	pc	57	42	pc
Terre Haute, Ind.	50	33	pc	55	36	pc
Toledo, Ohio	44	30	pc	45	30	pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Friday Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	90	73	s	89	72	pc
Athens	65	60	r	69	58	r
Baghdad	70	49	s	70	49	pc
Beijing	37	19	s	32	16	s
Berlin	44	33	sh	36	27	sn
Brussels	44	31	pc	41	32	sh
Budapest	56	35	sh	40	32	r
Cairo	74	56	pc	76	58	s
Calcutta	82	59	s	82	63	s
Dublin	41	36	c	43	34	pc
Geneva	45	26	sh	37	21	s
Hong Kong	72	68	r	73	68	r
Islamabad	66	43	r	73	44	s
Istanbul	64	57	pc	64	56	r
Jerusalem	66	53	s	68	55	pc
Kabul	47	23	s	54	27	s
London	45	34	pc	40	33	pc
Madrid	47	34	pc	45	32	pc
Manila	91	77	pc	91	73	s
Melbourne	100	70	pc	79	63	t
Mexico City	73	48	pc	72	47	pc
Montreal	32	14	sn	23	14	pc
Moscow	28	23	sn	39	37	sn
New Delhi	79	53	pc	78	48	pc
Panama	90	72	r	88	72	r
Paris	46	35	pc	41	33	c
Rome	56	44	r	55	45	c
San Juan	86	77	s	86	76	s
Santiago	73	46	sh	79	49	pc
Sao Paulo	78	63	sh	80	66	sh
Seoul	41	25	pc	41	21	s
Singapore	88	77	t	88	75	t
Stockholm	36	28	sf	32	25	pc
Tel Aviv	75	61	pc	77	62	pc
Tokyo	56	48	pc	55	46	c
Toronto	38	35	pc	40	40	sn

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

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi	Lo	W	Friday Hi	Lo	W
Albany, N.Y.	38	24	pc	31	23	pc
Albuquerque	60	36	s	60	36	s
Anchorage	15	2	s	16	0	s
Atlanta	60	40	s	61	45	pc
Atlantic City	46	29	s	48	34	s
Austin	70	54	pc	76	60	sh
Baltimore	50	28	s	49	32	s
Baton Rouge	67	46	pc	71	54	pc
Billings	48	35	pc	51	39	pc
Bismarck	20	12	c	36	21	pc
Boise	53	41	sh	54	44	sh
Boston	45	30	pc	35	27	pc
Brownsville	79	63	c	82	66	pc
Buffalo	40	26	pc	32	28	sn
Caribou	24	8	pc	19	6	s
Casper	48	32	pc	52	32	pc
Charleston, S.C.	61	40	s	68	45	s
Charleston, W.Va.	50	28	s	60	33	pc
Charlotte	58	31	s	62	39	s
Chattanooga	58	34	s	61	42	pc
Cheyenne	58	33	s	57	36	pc
Chicago	48	35	pc	50	37	pc
Cincinnati	50	33	s	56	41	pc
Cleveland	44	32	pc	46	36	pc
Columbia, S.C.	61	32	s	65	38	s
Columbus, Ohio	48	34	pc	54	38	pc
Dallas	69	54	pc	72	61	pc
Daytona Beach	71	57	pc	72	57	pc
Denver	64	34	s	61	39	pc
Des Moines	50	35	pc	49	35	pc
Detroit	45	30	pc	43	34	c
El Paso	70	42	s	70	44	s
Fairbanks	-13	-25	s	-17	-33	s
Fargo	22	18	pc	31	25	pc
Green Bay	36	27	pc	37	31	sn
Hartford	43	27	pc	35	25	pc
Honolulu	81	65	s	81	65	s
Houston	69	56	pc	76	61	pc
Indianapolis	48	32	pc	54	36	pc
Jacksonville, Fla.	68	51	pc	70	52	pc
Kansas City	60	38	pc	58	49	pc
Knoxville	54	31	s	60	37	pc
Las Vegas	67	50	pc	67	51	pc
Little Rock	64	37	s	65	51	pc
Los Angeles	68	56	pc	68	56	c
Louisville	54	36	s	59	44	pc
Madison	42	31	pc	45	31	pc
Memphis	62	41	s	65	48	pc
Miami	79	70	pc	79	69	pc
Milwaukee	44	33	pc	44	35	c
Minneapolis	34	26	pc	37	30	pc
Mobile	65	46	pc	69	53	pc
Montgomery	66	40	s	67	47	pc
Nashville	58	36	s	62	45	pc
New Orleans	67	52	pc	71	57	pc
New York	45	35	pc	44	36	pc
Norfolk	50	36	s	54	40	s
Oklahoma City	66	46	pc	68	55	pc
Omaha	48	27	pc	47	34	pc
Orlando	75	58	pc	76	58	pc
Philadelphia	46	33	pc	47	36	pc
Phoenix	76	54	pc	75	52	s
Pittsburgh	45	28	pc	50	37	pc
Portland, Maine	40	21	pc	31	16	s
Portland, Ore.	52	46	r	54	46	r
Raleigh	55	30	s	62	41	s
Rapid City	46	26	pc	56	35	pc
Reno	57	40	c	57	42	sh
Richmond	51	30	s	57	33	pc
St. Louis	58	39	pc	63	46	pc
Salt Lake City	56	42	pc	59	39	c
San Antonio	69	59	pc	77	63	sh
San Diego	67	55	pc	67	58	c
San Francisco	64	57	c	62	54	r
Santa Fe	58	31	s	57	31	s
Seattle	52	45	r	53	46	r
South Bend	46	33	pc	47	32	pc
Spokane	42	37	sh	43	39	sh
Tampa	78	56	pc	78	59	pc
Tucson	73	48	s	74	44	s
Washington, D.C.	51	34	s	52	37	s
Wichita	64	37	pc	63	49	pc

WEATHER HISTORY

On Nov. 29, 1991, 68-mph winds blew onto the Pacific shore near Pillar Point, Calif.

SUN & MOON

	Today	Friday
Sunrise	7:01 a.m.	7:02 a.m.
Sunset	4:32 p.m.	4:32 p.m.
Moonrise	5:35 p.m.	6:27 p.m.
Moonset	7:48 a.m.	8:34 a.m.

Last Q	New	First Q	Full
Dec 6	Dec 13	Dec 19	Dec 28

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8 a.m.	Noon	4 p.m.
25	41	44

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Q. How long does it take sunlight to reach the Earth?

A. Approximately 8 minutes traveling at 186,000 miles per second.

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HAPPENING TODAY

Ladies' sports night

It's ladies night at Proctor Center, 309 S. DuSable, featuring open basketball and open volleyball from 6 to 8 p.m. Admission is $1.

NOV. 29

Dining out

■ Izaak Walton League Peoria Chapter is serving hunters breakfast from 4 to 11 a.m. at its clubhouse, 1125 Spring Bay Road, Spring Bay. The breakfast continues through Sunday. For information, call 643-5136.

■ Tacos, taco salad, burritos, nachos and more will be served from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1704 S. East Lane.

■ All-you-can-eat walleye or half-chicken dinner will be served from 5 to 8 p.m. at the American Legion Post 979, 4501 S. Airport Road, Bartonville. Cost is $8.50.

■ A homemade pizza buffet will be served from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Spring Bay American Legion, 500 Legion Lane, Spring Bay. Cost is $6.

Compiled by **TARAH MEISTER** of the Journal Star

ON THIS DATE

In 1864, a Colorado militia killed at least 150 peaceful Cheyenne Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre.

In 1912, the Maryland Agricultural College, located in College Park, was destroyed by fire.

In 1947, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of Palestine between Arabs and Jews.

In 1952, President-elect Dwight D. Eisenhower secretly left on a trip to Korea, keeping his campaign promise to assess the ongoing conflict first-hand.

In 1972, the coin-operated video arcade game Pong, created by Atari, made its debut in Sunnyvale, Calif.

House: Can't afford union pay raises

Joint resolution passes 84-29, heads to Senate

BY DOUG FINKE
OF GATEHOUSE NEWS SERVICE

SPRINGFIELD — A resolution declaring the state of Illinois has no money for union pay raises this year easily passed the House Wednesday.

The House voted 84-29 for House Joint Resolution 45, which now goes to the Senate for consideration.

"This resolution is directed to the participants in the current collective bargaining between the Quinn administration and various unions that represent state workers," said House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago. "It will express the will of the House that the bargaining will result in zero pay increases for all of the unions."

Gov. Pat Quinn's administration and the largest state employee union, the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, have been locked in negotiations on a new contract for months. The AFSCME contract often serves as a pattern for other state labor agreements.

The administration initially demanded that union members take a pay cut but now insists that wages be frozen for the length of the contract. Because of a relatively new state law, the contract cannot extend beyond Quinn's term in office, which will expire in 2015.

Before the vote Wednesday, Quinn said he supports the resolution.

"It's just commonsense," Quinn said. "The piggy bank is not there to be giving out raises."

Reps. Raymond Poe of Springfield, Rich Brauer of Petersburg, Bill Mitchell of Forsyth, Jim Watson of Jacksonville and Wayne Rosenthal of Morrisonville, all Republicans, all voted against the resolution.

"There should be a contract negotiated," Poe said. "If Quinn wants to tell them there's zero (money for raises) in the negotiation, that's the way it should be done, rather than forcing it on them."

Brauer said the state needs to cut entitlement programs before it eliminates pay raises.

"They've made promises to workers, and now they're taking it away to keep entitlements," he said.

Supporters, though, said any pay raises will result in cuts to other areas of the state budget, possibly including elimination of more state jobs.

Rep. Ed Sullivan, R-Mundelein, said the resolution still allows the state and unions to restructure salary levels within the contract. He said that would allow people at the lowest salary levels to get more money, although he acknowledged it would be at the expense of those who earn more.

"Some will have to take a hit," he said.

AFSCME has offered to accept a wage freeze during the current budget year, but only as part of a comprehensive contract.

The union reiterated Wednesday that the resolution "unnecessarily limits the rights of workers and undermines the state employee collective bargaining process that worked without disruption in Illinois for 40 years."

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House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, listens to lawmakers during a veto session at the state Capitol on Wednesday in Springfield.

State park license fee clears Senate, 39-11

SPRINGFIELD (AP) — Gov. Pat Quinn is expected to sign legislation passed Wednesday by the Illinois Senate to create a $2 license-plate fee and other charges to help generate money for Illinois' neglected state parks.

The Senate passed the bill on a 39-11 vote after it failed in the chamber in June. It had already passed the House of Representatives, and Quinn has indicated he backs the idea.

Rep. Frank Mautino, the Spring Valley Democrat who sponsored the bill in the House, said the money will help financially restore the DNR.

"If you add that to what the governor has promised, which is flat funding, that gives them about $75 (million) to $85 million as an operational budget, and they can begin to rebuild and do the repairs," Mautino said minutes after Quinn congratulated him by phone.

Mautino's north-central Illinois district includes more than 10 of the DNR's 324 parks, recreation areas and other sites, including including Starved Rock State Park, considered the jewel of the state park system.

"Starved Rock alone is $30 million a year in tourism dollars to LaSalle County," Mautino said.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources expects the fee, added to the current $99 cost of a basic annual license plate, to raise $18 million to $20 million a year to help cut into a $750 million backlog in park maintenance created by years of budget cuts. New fees for off-road recreation on state land and commercial fishing-related fees are expected to push the money raised by the new law to between $30 million and $35 million a year.

"Passage of this bill will help us hire critical staff to maintain state parks, fix aging infrastructure, speed up regulatory functions and make a bigger difference in the lives of everyone we serve," DNR Director Marc Miller said in a statement.

DNR employs 1,200 people.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

Stranger makes treat extra special

On Nov. 4, my daughter and I had been shopping at Plato's Closet and decided to go across the street to Berry Cherry's self-serve yogurt bar. When we entered, the lady at the table asked if we had ever been there before. We said we hadn't. The gentleman at the table with her said we were in for a treat.

We sampled a few flavors and decided on our picks. When we got to the register, the cashier informed us that the gentleman behind us, the same one who had said we were in for a treat, was paying for our yogurt. We were both stunned. Nothing like this had ever happened to either of us before. I shook his hand and thanked him, twice, and didn't think to ask his name. So, thank you, again.

I hope he sees this and knows how special he made the rest of our day. I will definitely pay it forward.

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