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TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Mostly cloudy	Mostly cloudy	Mild with periods of rain	Breezy and mild with rain	Cloudy

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

46°	39°	50°	43°	53°	45°	52°	38°	46°	30°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

44°	38°	51°	39°	55°	45°	53°	37°	50°	32°
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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
50°	28°
Normals	42° - 28°
Records	65° (1935) -10° (1957)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.13"
Normal month to date	1.18"
Year to date	1.13"
Last year to date	0.72"
Normal year to date	1.18"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
48°	27°
Normals	43° - 29°
Records	60° (1968) -17° (1949)

PRECIPITATION

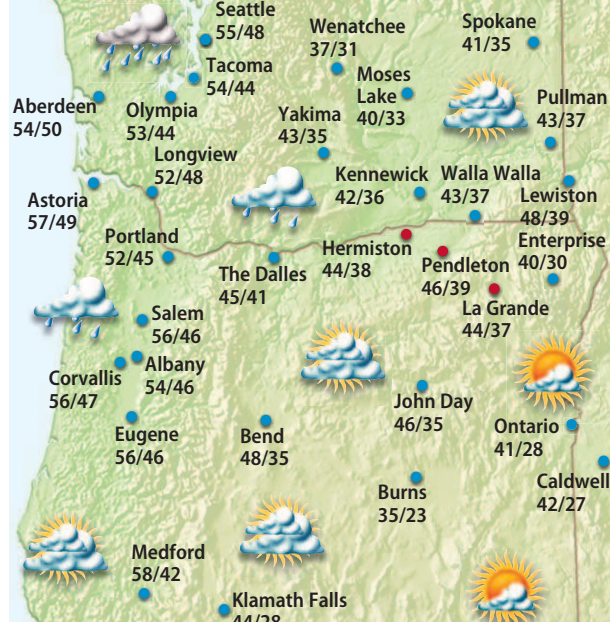
24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.87"
Normal month to date	1.04"
Year to date	0.87"
Last year to date	0.44"
Normal year to date	1.04"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:24 a.m.
Sunset tonight: 4:52 p.m.
Moonrise today: 8:01 p.m.
Moonset today: 8:37 a.m.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today; a little rain, except dry in the south. A passing shower tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly cloudy today, except sunnier in the south and upper Treasure Valley.

Western Washington: Periods of rain today. A shower tonight. A little rain tomorrow.

Eastern Washington: Mostly cloudy today. A passing shower, a bit of rain, some freezing in the north.

Cascades: Mostly cloudy today; a little rain across the north.

Northern California: Mostly cloudy today, but sunnier in the interior mountains. Low clouds tonight.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	57	49	r	58	51	r
Baker City	38	30	pc	39	29	c
Bend	48	35	c	51	42	c
Brookings	58	50	c	59	50	c
Burns	35	23	pc	38	24	c
Enterprise	40	30	pc	40	30	c
Eugene	56	46	r	57	51	c
Heppner	46	37	c	50	39	c
Hermiston	44	38	c	51	39	c
John Day	46	35	c	48	35	c
Klamath Falls	44	28	c	47	32	c
La Grande	44	37	c	44	37	c
Meacham	42	36	c	43	36	c
Medford	58	42	c	60	45	c
Newport	56	49	r	58	49	r
North Bend	61	50	r	62	54	c
Ontario	41	28	pc	41	28	pc
Pasco	45	35	c	47	39	c
Pendleton	46	39	c	50	43	c
Portland	52	45	r	57	50	c
Redmond	49	35	c	53	42	c
Salem	56	46	r	58	51	c
Spokane	41	35	c	44	38	c
Ukiah	45	33	c	45	33	c
Vancouver	51	45	r	55	50	c
Walla Walla	43	37	c	48	41	c
Yakima	43	35	r	45	40	c

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	34	9	s	35	11	s
Hong Kong	57	53	r	64	60	r
Jerusalem	40	29	c	40	26	sh
London	54	51	sh	59	37	r
Mexico City	68	40	pc	70	38	pc
Moscow	16	13	c	33	27	c
Paris	53	48	c	53	46	sh
Rome	58	40	pc	59	43	pc
Seoul	36	18	pc	36	18	pc
Sydney	78	68	t	78	70	t
Tokyo	48	36	s	51	39	s

WINDS

(in mph) **Today** **Wednesday**

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Pendleton SSW 3-6 SSE 4-8

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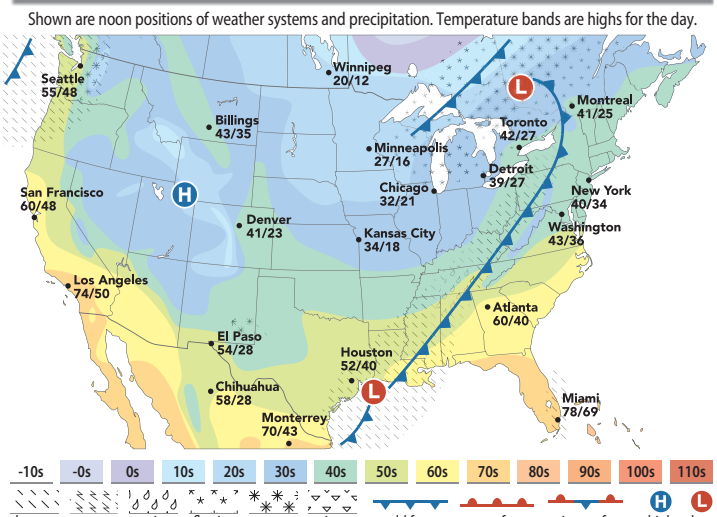
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0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High;
8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Rain will extend from upstate New York to coastal Texas today with spotty ice in the central Appalachians. Snow showers will occur over the Upper Midwest. Rain and mountain snow will brush the Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 82° in McAllen, Texas **Low** -9° in Gunnison, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.				Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	46	24	pc	50	26	s	Louisville	39	26	c	37	23	pc
Atlanta	60	40	sh	47	35	r	Memphis	46	29	c	44	26	t
Atlanta City	49	37	pc	40	26	pc	Miami	78	69	pc	79	67	t
Baltimore	42	34	c	40	17	pc	Milwaukee	33	19	sf	29	27	c
Birmingham	56	35	r	47	28	r	Minneapolis	27	16	c	32	30	pc
Boise	44	28	pc	44	29	pc	Nashville	46	28	c	40	23	pc
Boston	47	35	pc	43	26	pc	New Orleans	69	45	sh	52	39	r
Charleston, SC	67	49	pc	62	40	r	New York City	40	34	c	41	26	pc
Charleston, WV	46	29	c	33	16	pc	Okahoma City	48	28	pc	54	32	s
Chicago	32	21	sf	32	27	pc	Omaha	31	14	c	39	29	s
Cleveland	44	26	sf	33	23	c	Philadelphia	43	34	c	41	21	pc
Dallas	51	32	c	56	35	s	Phoenix	68	42	s	69	45	s
Denver	41	23	s	50	31	s	Portland, ME	44	34	pc	41	17	pc
Detroit	39	27	sf	36	25	pc	Providence	48	34	pc	43	24	pc
El Paso	54	28	pc	54	29	s	Raleigh	59	44	pc	45	32	r
Fairbanks	17	9	s	17	10	pc	Rapid City	38	22	s	48	32	pc
Fargo	25	14	c	29	28	sn	Reno	49	29	pc	55	32	pc
Honolulu	82	66	pc	82	67	s	Sacramento	55	42	c	58	41	pc
Houston	52	40	r	57	33	pc	St. Louis	39	25	c	40	30	s
Indianapolis	33	22	sf	33	24	pc	Salt Lake City	35	20	pc	34	22	pc
Jacksonville	69	51	pc	64	49	r	San Diego	71	48	c	70	49	pc
Kansas City	34	18	pc	43	29	s	San Francisco	60	48	pc	61	48	pc
Las Vegas	59	38	c	60	40	pc	Seattle	55	48	r	57	49	r
Little Rock	49	27	pc	44	27	s	St. Paul	64	38	c	67	40	s
Los Angeles	74	50	s	75	50	pc	Washington, DC	43	36	c	40	22	pc
							Wichita	44	23	s	51	29	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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Oregon lawmakers consider liquor tax ahead of Nov. ballot

By KRISTENA HANSEN Associated Press

SALEM — Oregonians have many options for places to buy wine and beer. Hard alcohol, however, requires a separate trip to one of the limited state-owned liquor stores. But that could change if voters pass a ballot measure proposed for November that would allow hard alcohol to sit alongside beer and wine on grocery-store shelves.

It's certainly not the first attempt to privatize Oregon's liquor industry, nor have stakeholders on either side of the issue necessarily changed their opinions, but the approach this time around is different.

What started the debate and who's behind it?

Oregon's monopoly over the liquor industry dates back to Prohibition days, and it was a model most other states had also adopted at that time. Many states have since decided the business of buying and selling liquor is better off left to the free market, leaving Oregon in the minority pool of about 18 states that still control of distribution and sales.

Privatization has been a recurring discussion for years in Oregon, but the most aggressive efforts began after voters ended Washington state's longtime monopoly in 2011. It's a contentious issue that has pitted grocers concerned with improving their bottom lines — against smaller distilleries, who

worry about competing for shelf space at large grocery chains.

The state's primary concern is losing a big source of revenue. In the 2013-15 biennium, the state and local governments received \$435 million from all alcohol tax revenue — including liquor, beer and wine.

What's different about the current proposal from past efforts?

The proposed measure, Initiative 71, would privatize Oregon's liquor market beginning July 2017. It's backed by a group of Northwest grocers called Oregonians for Competition, who proposed a similar but more complicated measure in 2014. Their previous proposal would've privatized the market and, aiming to

appease the state, also established a new sales tax on only the liquor industry, not consumers. Still, the word "tax" has historically been a tough sell to Oregonians, who treasure the state's zero sales tax, so the initiative was dropped after the grocers ran out of time to tweak the ballot language.

So grocers' solution this year? Let the Legislature figure out the tax issue.

What are lawmakers doing about it and what does it mean for consumers?

State lawmakers are have already drafted a proposal, LC 196, for the upcoming short session beginning Feb. 1. During a House Committee on Revenue hearing last week, lawmakers described it as a "contingency" bill should

the grocers' initiative pass in November. It would tax the liquor that wholesalers — not consumers — purchase, and at a rate that aimed at sustaining the state's revenue stream. However, the bill needs strong support to get the required three-fifths majority vote, so the

final version could look drastically different from the current proposal.

Until then, the debate will likely center around Oregonians and the kind of markups they might see when liquor products eventually make it to grocery store shelves.

Former Grant County undersheriff files to run against Sheriff Palmer

JOHN DAY — Former Grant County Undersheriff Todd McKinley filed to run for sheriff Monday.

Current Sheriff Glenn Palmer had already filed for re-election to the position. McKinley is currently the director of Grant County Community Corrections.

In a written statement, McKinley said he decided to run after witnessing the "audacity of individuals who think they can dictate the course of Grant County, without the input of all."

"When I took my first oath of office as a reserve deputy on April 3, 2000, it was that I would support the Constitution and the laws of the United States and of the state of Oregon, and to honestly and faithfully perform the duties imposed upon the member under the laws of Oregon," he said in the statement. "I do not remember that there were any clauses that told me this was optional, and up to my interpretation of the Constitution and laws."

Grant County Clerk Brenda Percy said, if only two candidates are running for sheriff, the race will go directly to the general election in November. If three or more candidates file, the race will first take place during the May primary, with the top two candidates proceeding to the ballot during the general election.

— Blue Mountain Eagle



had acted for personal gain, and that he had impugned his honesty and integrity.

The panel examined Day's judicial behavior in a number of areas.

Those included his refusal to perform same-sex marriages, soliciting money from lawyers appearing before him, and allowing a convicted felon to handle a gun.

The Oregon Supreme Court will decide whether Day will be removed.

A spokesman for Day was not immediately available to provide comment.

Kip Kinkel's attorney to use Supreme Court ruling in appeal

PORTLAND (AP) — An attorney for Thurston High School shooter Kipland P. Kinkel will augment an appeal of his nearly 112-year prison sentence by using a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on juvenile life in prison sentences.

The Supreme Court Monday extended its ban on mandatory life in prison without parole sentences for anyone who committed a murder before age 18.

At age 15, Kinkel killed his parents. He later went to his high school cafeteria in Springfield, fatally shooting two students and wounding about two dozen others in May 1998.

The 33-year-old is being held at the medium-security Oregon State Correctional Institution in Salem.

The Oregonian reports Kinkel's attorney Andy Simrin says the high court's ruling might help Kinkel. Simrin expects plans to file a related memorandum with the Oregon Court of appeals.



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State panel recommends removal of controversial Marion County judge

SALEM (AP) — A state judicial panel has recommended the removal of a Marion County judge who refused to perform same-sex marriages and who was investigated on other counts as well.

The Commission on Judicial Fitness and Disability said Monday it had found that Marion County Judge Vance Day had lied under oath, that in some instances he

Corrections

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