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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Cloudy with a shower in spots	Clouds breaking for some sun	Cloudy, a shower or two; mild	Warmer	Cloudy and mild

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
57°	38°	53°	43°	62°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
58°	37°	56°	42°	64°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	51°	42°
Normals	45°	29°
Records	66° (1924)	-8° (1929)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.02"
Month to date	0.24"
Normal month to date	0.49"
Year to date	1.75"
Last year to date	1.48"
Normal year to date	1.87"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	52°	40°
Normals	47°	29°
Records	68° (1977)	-16° (1929)

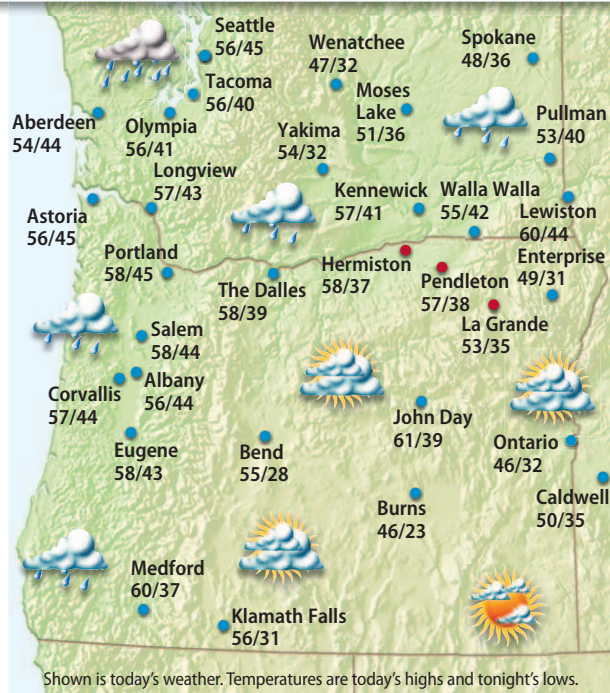
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	Trace
Month to date	0.05"
Normal month to date	0.38"
Year to date	1.15"
Last year to date	1.05"
Normal year to date	1.66"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:03 a.m.
Sunset tonight	5:17 p.m.
Moonrise today	9:20 a.m.
Moonset today	10:40 p.m.

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



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Cloudy today with showers; cooler in central parts. Showers tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Variable clouds today; a shower across the north and near the Cascades.

Western Washington: Cloudy today with showers. Periods of rain tonight, but a shower across the south.

Eastern Washington: Cloudy today with a couple of showers.

Cascades: Cloudy today with a couple of showers; mild in the south.

Northern California: Rather cloudy today. Partly cloudy tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	56	45	sh	53	48	r
Baker City	45	29	c	45	32	c
Bend	55	28	c	50	38	pc
Brookings	56	43	sh	55	47	c
Burns	46	23	c	43	27	pc
Enterprise	49	31	c	42	33	c
Eugene	58	43	sh	57	48	c
Heppner	55	35	c	51	40	pc
Hermiston	58	37	c	56	42	pc
John Day	61	39	c	51	42	pc
Klamath Falls	56	31	c	52	34	pc
La Grande	53	35	c	49	39	c
Meacham	52	35	c	46	37	c
Medford	60	37	sh	57	42	c
Newport	56	46	sh	55	49	sh
North Bend	58	45	sh	58	50	c
Ontario	46	32	c	50	34	pc
Pasco	58	39	c	56	41	pc
Pendleton	57	38	c	53	43	sh
Portland	58	45	sh	53	48	sh
Redmond	57	31	c	54	38	pc
Salem	58	44	sh	56	49	sh
Spokane	48	36	sh	44	36	c
Ukiah	55	33	c	46	39	c
Vancouver	56	44	sh	51	46	sh
Walla Walla	55	42	c	53	45	c
Yakima	54	32	sh	53	37	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	55	36	r	40	19	c
Hong Kong	71	65	pc	70	65	c
Jerusalem	58	44	s	62	49	s
London	46	37	c	44	36	r
Mexico City	71	33	s	69	33	pc
Moscow	32	29	sn	34	27	pc
Paris	42	36	r	47	38	r
Rome	58	48	sh	60	50	sh
Seoul	52	42	r	56	28	r
Sydney	83	69	t	85	71	s
Tokyo	57	53	pc	65	60	pc

WINDS

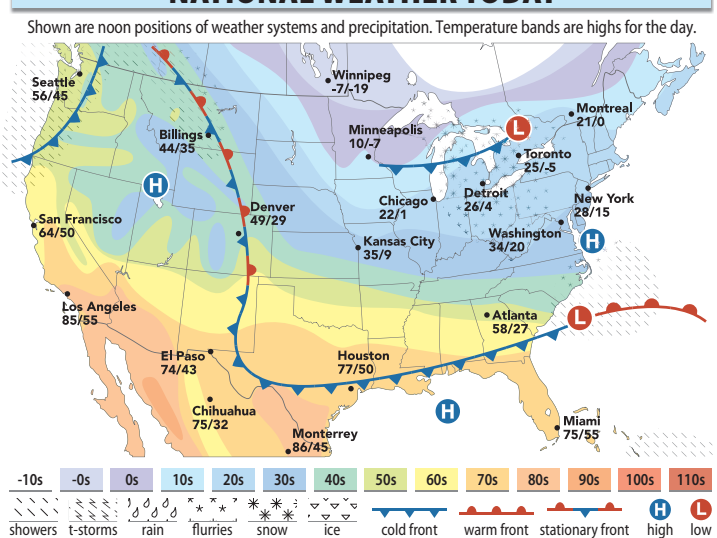
(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	WSW 3-6	WSW 7-14
Pendleton	SW 4-8	WSW 7-14

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Frigid air will spread from the Midwest to the Northeast with flurries and snow squalls today. Much of the Plains, South and West will be dry, except for showers in the coastal Northwest and western Montana.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 88° in Yuma, Ariz. **Low** -35° in Cotton, Minn.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.				Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	67	35	s	68	36	s	Louisville	35	12	sf	24	11	pc
Atlanta	58	27	pc	42	23	s	Memphis	51	23	pc	36	25	s
Atlantic City	29	22	pc	25	9	sf	Miami	75	55	s	76	58	s
Baltimore	31	20	pc	22	3	c	Milwaukee	18	1	pc	11	4	s
Billings	44	35	pc	51	35	c	Minneapolis	10	-7	pc	10	5	sf
Birmingham	61	28	s	42	24	s	Nashville	43	17	pc	29	18	pc
Boise	51	34	c	51	36	pc	New Orleans	74	50	pc	60	45	pc
Boston	26	17	s	18	-1	sn	New York City	28	15	pc	20	3	c
Charleston, SC	58	36	c	49	24	s	Oklahoma City	58	27	s	52	28	s
Charleston, WV	31	11	sf	18	6	c	Omaha	25	4	pc	22	18	sn
Chicago	22	1	pc	14	4	s	Philadelphia	31	19	pc	20	2	c
Cleveland	25	7	sn	13	1	c	Phoenix	87	53	s	85	52	s
Dallas	70	40	s	62	49	s	Portland, ME	24	13	s	21	-2	sn
Denver	49	29	pc	58	32	s	Providence	24	16	s	21	-5	sn
Detroit	26	4	sn	16	3	sf	Raleigh	35	23	sf	31	15	s
El Paso	74	43	s	77	43	s	Rapid City	33	21	sf	43	29	c
Fairbanks	14	4	pc	18	4	s	Reno	67	33	pc	64	34	s
Fargo	2	-12	pc	12	9	sn	Sacramento	71	46	pc	71	45	s
Honolulu	81	69	s	81	69	pc	St. Louis	37	7	pc	22	17	s
Houston	77	50	pc	69	52	pc	Salt Lake City	46	29	s	48	31	s
Indianapolis	27	3	sf	15	4	pc	San Diego	60	55	s	76	54	pc
Jacksonville	75	45	pc	60	34	s	San Francisco	64	50	pc	63	50	s
Kansas City	35	9	pc	25	19	s	Seattle	56	45	sh	51	46	r
Las Vegas	74	48	pc	74	48	pc	Tucson	87	46	s	86	44	s
Little Rock	60	29	s	41	25	s	Washington, DC	34	20	pc	25	7	c
Los Angeles	85	55	s	82	55	pc	Wichita	45	20	s	43	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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Relaxed Oregon hemp rules headed for House vote

Bill would allow growers to use greenhouses, cuttings

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Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregon hemp growers would be free to cultivate the crop in greenhouses and propagate it from cuttings under a bill that's headed for a vote in the House.

Under current law, hemp can only be seeded directly outdoors in fields at least 2.5 acres in size, which was intended to facilitate industrial production but proved too inflexible for growers.

At the time Oregon lawmakers originally legalized hemp production in 2009, they enacted these restrictions with the expectation the crop would be used for oilseed and fiber instead of human consumption.

Since then, the Oregon Department of Agriculture found that many hemp producers were more interested in growing the crop for cannabidiol, a compound used for medicinal purposes, than for such traditional products.

To this end, they wanted to use greenhouses, clone

desirable plants and produce the crop on a smaller scale.

Under House Bill 4060, which was passed by a key legislative committee, the minimum 2.5-acre field requirement would be scrapped and hemp farmers would be given the same flexibility in production and propagation methods as growers of other crops.

The Oregon Farm Bureau is supporting H.B. 4060 because it wants hemp treating like other crops. The bill was approved 8-1 by the House Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources on Feb. 11 after a last-minute amendment that clarified hemp would be subject to the same Oregon Department of Agriculture water and pesticide regulations as other crops.

The amended version of the bill, which will soon be subject to a vote on the House floor, also clarifies that growers can cultivate all varieties of hemp and that the crop won't be considered a food adulterant, among other provisions.

Growers can also send crop samples to accredited

laboratories for required testing, which is expected to be cheaper than using ODA staff and facilities.

During the Feb. 11 hearing, the committee also unanimously approved House Bill 4007, which creates a new way to form rangeland protection associations, which fight wildfires.

Landowners must currently win approval from the Oregon Board of Forestry to create such associations, but H.B. 4007 would also allow them to be approved by county governments.

Currently, 20 rangeland protection associations staffed by volunteers protect 4.6 million acres in Eastern Oregon.

New associations organized by counties would still have to submit annual budgets to the Oregon Board of Forestry and enter into cooperative agreements with the Oregon Department of Forestry.

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Agencies push back on proposal to double lodging tax

SALEM (AP) — Portland government agencies are pushing against a proposal to double Oregon's lodging tax in preparation for the 2021 world track and field championships in Eugene.

Officials with Travel Portland, the city of Portland and Metro, the Portland area regional government, say they don't oppose the \$25 million state subsidy for the track event that the tax is tied to, but instead they worry the increase is too large, *The Register-Guard* reported.

The proposal would double the state lodging tax to 2 percent from 1 percent. The agencies say local lodging taxes already total 13.5 percent in Portland, the

highest in the state.

Randy Tucker, a lobbyist for Metro, told lawmakers at a hearing this week that the proposal would put Portland at a disadvantage when competing with other big national cities to host conventions in the short term. In the long term, the increased state tax would cripple the city's ability to increase local lodging taxes to pay for tourism improvements.

"Portland does have its own tourism infrastructure and event needs, just like Hayward Field and the track event," said Jeff Miller, CEO of Travel Portland.

A 2015 industry survey found that Portland ranked 43rd among U.S. cities in combined lodging taxes. If

the lodging tax increased to 2 percent, Portland would jump to 25th nationally.

Eugene-based TrackTown USA will host the championships in 2021 at Hayward Field. Because event expenses will outpace ticket sales and other revenue, TrackTown head Vin Lananna, a University of Oregon athletics executive, is seeking government subsidies, including from the proposed hotel tax increase.

Under the current proposal, House Bill 4146, Travel Oregon's governing board would make the final call on the TrackTown subsidy. Funds from the increased lodging tax would not be earmarked for the track championship.

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