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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Mild with plenty of sun	Some sun, a shower in the p.m.	Partly sunny and mild	Cooler with a couple of showers	Cloudy
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
72°	47°	71°	46°	69°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
76°	46°	76°	44°	73°
46°	44°	50°	62°	43°
59°	39°	59°	40°	40°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	67°	39°
Normals	58°	37°
Records	82° (1923)	21° (1936)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.49"
Normal month to date	1.45"
Year to date	3.86"
Last year to date	2.74"
Normal year to date	4.00"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

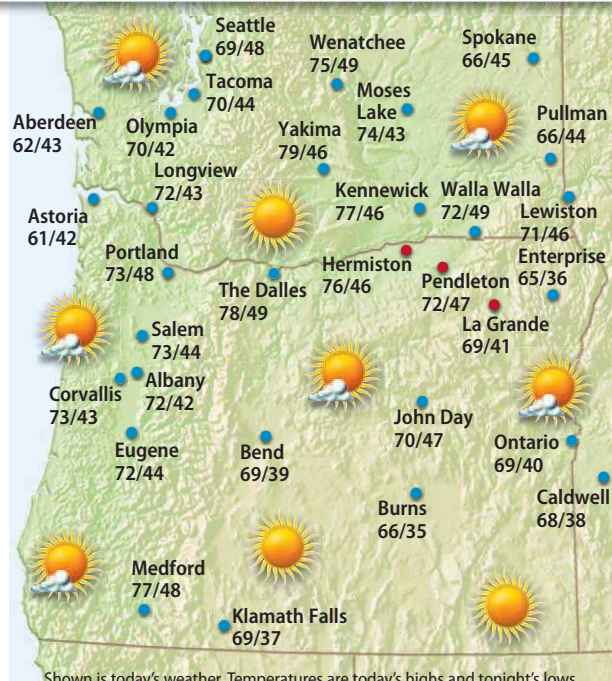
TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	71°	33°
Normals	61°	37°
Records	77° (1964)	24° (1930)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	1.21"
Normal month to date	0.87"
Year to date	2.70"
Last year to date	1.52"
Normal year to date	3.14"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:35 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:24 p.m.
Moonrise today	2:59 a.m.
Moonset today	12:54 p.m.



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly sunny today; pleasant across the north. Partly cloudy tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly sunny today; pleasant in the south and upper Treasure Valley. Clear tonight.

Western Washington: Mostly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight, but increasing cloudiness at the coast.

Eastern Washington: Mostly sunny today. Clear tonight. Sunny to partly cloudy tomorrow.

Cascades: Sunshine and warm today; pleasant. Clear to partly cloudy tonight.

Northern California: Mostly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	61	42	s	58	42	pc
Baker City	66	33	s	69	36	pc
Bend	69	39	s	68	36	pc
Brookings	59	46	s	59	46	pc
Burns	66	35	s	70	37	pc
Enterprise	55	36	s	67	38	pc
Eugene	72	44	s	70	42	pc
Heppner	71	45	s	70	42	pc
Hermiston	76	46	s	76	44	s
John Day	70	47	s	73	46	pc
Klamath Falls	69	37	s	67	40	pc
La Grande	69	41	s	70	43	pc
Meacham	65	39	s	67	38	pc
Medford	77	48	s	75	48	pc
Newport	58	43	s	56	44	pc
North Bend	60	44	s	61	44	pc
Ontario	69	40	s	73	45	pc
Pasco	76	44	s	77	41	s
Pendleton	72	47	s	71	46	pc
Portland	73	48	s	69	47	pc
Redmond	72	37	s	70	35	pc
Salem	73	44	s	69	42	pc
Spokane	66	45	s	67	43	s
Ukiah	67	38	s	68	38	pc
Vancouver	73	47	s	68	43	pc
Walla Walla	72	49	s	72	48	s
Yakima	79	46	s	78	42	pc

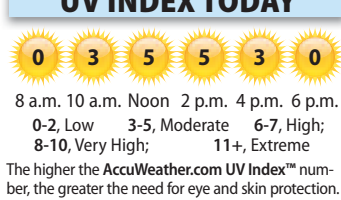
WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	75	49	s	69	39	c
Hong Kong	76	67	c	76	67	c
Jerusalem	68	51	s	71	53	s
London	56	42	pc	58	47	pc
Mexico City	83	51	s	81	47	s
Moscow	43	35	c	42	35	c
Paris	55	40	pc	59	49	c
Rome	75	52	pc	75	54	pc
Seoul	73	44	pc	67	43	pc
Sydney	80	65	s	86	68	s
Tokyo	62	50	c	57	53	c

WINDS

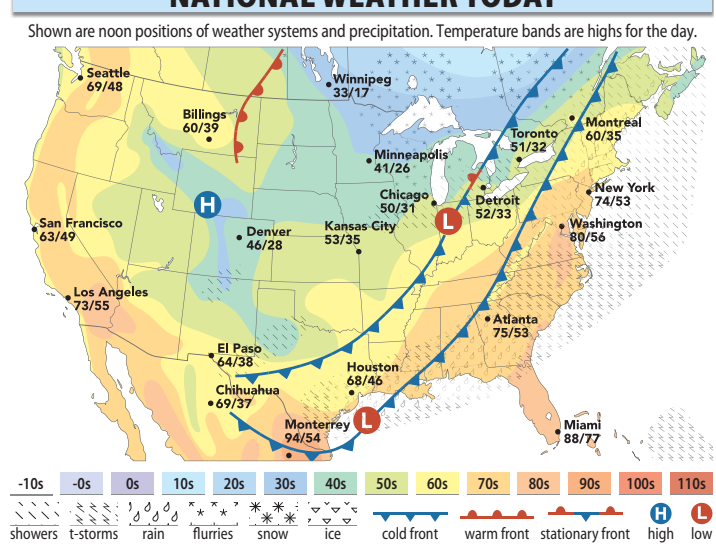
(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	SSW 3-6	WSW 7-14
Pendleton	WSW 3-6	WSW 6-12

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Rain and thunderstorms will extend from Maine to Florida and coastal Texas today. Rain and snow showers are in store for the Upper Midwest. Much of the West will be dry, where warm air will expand southward.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 100° in McAllen, Texas **Low 9°** in Bodie State Park, Calif.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.				Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	55	32	pc	65	36	s	Louisville	66	42	c	58	35	s
Atlanta	75	53	t	64	45	s	Memphis	68	45	c	65	42	s
Atlanta City	66	52	t	56	38	sh	Miami	88	77	pc	89	74	t
Baltimore	77	52	t	62	34	sh	Milwaukee	49	31	sh	44	27	c
Billings	60	39	pc	69	47	s	Minneapolis	41	26	pc	40	29	pc
Birmingham	74	49	c	63	43	s	Nashville	70	44	c	62	38	s
Boise	67	44	s	72	48	s	New Orleans	75	57	r	70	53	pc
Boston	64	46	sh	52	34	sh	New York City	74	53	t	58	35	sh
Charleston, SC	81	65	t	77	50	sh	Oklahoma City	63	32	pc	71	41	s
Charleston, WV	71	44	pc	57	31	pc	Omaha	48	34	sh	56	39	s
Chicago	50	31	sh	45	27	pc	Philadelphia	75	54	t	61	36	sh
Cleveland	54	36	sh	46	28	sh	Phoenix	79	58	s	84	60	s
Dallas	59	43	sh	69	44	s	Portland, ME	61	43	sh	52	33	c
Denver	46	28	pc	62	36	s	Providence	63	47	sh	55	33	sh
Detroit	52	33	c	43	26	sn	Raleigh	79	61	t	65	42	sh
El Paso	64	38	pc	67	41	s	Rapid City	50	31	s	65	42	sh
Fairbanks	37	20	pc	39	25	c	reno	70	40	s	73	41	pc
Fargo	41	22	pc	44	30	pc	Sacramento	74	48	s	76	49	pc
Honolulu	84	69	pc	84	71	pc	St. Louis	60	38	pc	60	35	s
Houston	68	46	t	70	43	s	Salt Lake City	56	37	s	64	42	s
Indianapolis	60	35	c	51	28	pc	San Diego	68	57	pc	71	58	pc
Jacksonville	84	69	t	78	49	t	San Francisco	63	49	pc	65	49	pc
Kansas City	53	35	pc	60	40	s	Seattle	69	48	s	65	46	pc
Las Vegas	75	56	s	78	58	s	Tucson	73	48	pc	79	51	s
Little Rock	66	42	pc	66	41	s	Washington, DC	80	56	t	64	38	sh
Los Angeles	73	55	pc	76	56	pc	Wichita	59	31	s	69	40	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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Group drops bid to repeal fuel standard

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SALEM — An oil industry group announced Thursday it will abandon a bid to get voters to weaken or repeal Oregon's low-carbon fuel standard.

The Oregon Fuels Association had filed three initiatives targeting the law for the November ballot, but the group's executive director Paul Romain said it would have been difficult to succeed with that strategy.

"The problem with any initiative is you're asking people to ... vote yes, to vote no," Romain said on Thursday. "It's a very confusing message." The Oregon Fuels Association represents gas stations and other fuel distributors.

Instead, Romain said the fuel industry will push lawmakers to make a 2017 transportation funding plan contingent upon changes or a repeal of the fuel standard. That's what Republicans did in 2015, and they could do so again next year because the Legislature can only raise the state gas tax with a three-fifths supermajority.

"We just felt the stronger posi-

tion we had was saying, 'OK, you want money for a transportation package, then work with us,'" Romain said.

A repeal of the low-carbon fuel standard was part of a transportation funding plan negotiated in 2015 by Gov. Kate Brown and a bi-partisan group of state lawmakers. That deal died, however, after the Oregon Department of Transportation revealed the plan would not achieve the promised reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, which was a sticking point for environmentalists.

The fuel standard is supposed to reduce carbon emissions from transportation by 10 percent over a decade through a combination of cleaner biofuels blended into gas and diesel and a carbon credit exchange to reward owners of electric charging stations and other alternative fuel infrastructure. Lawmakers passed a bill in 2015 to make the system permanent, and it took effect in January.

Even before the law, Oregon already required a 10 percent ethanol blend in gasoline and a 5 percent biodiesel blend in diesel.

"So far dozens of businesses, from a truck stop in Eugene to

folks making fuel from landfill fumes, have signed up to generate credits from the sale of clean, renewable fuels," Jessica Moskovitz, communications director for the Oregon Environmental Council, wrote in an email Thursday. "Oregonians don't need to choose between clean air and good roads, we need both."

Even without the ballot initiatives, the low-carbon fuel standard faces significant challenges. Although the standard took effect in January, the Oregon Environmental Commission voted in December to delay enforcement of the law until 2018. Commissioners said they wanted frequent updates on the supply and cost of alternative fuels and carbon credits.

The Department of Environmental Quality, which administers the program, also changed one of its carbon emissions measurements last year to a value favored by the corn ethanol industry. The industry had threatened to join oil companies in attacking the law, if the state did not abandon a calculation that attributed a greater carbon impact to corn ethanol.

Romain said the Department

of Environmental Quality is once again changing aspects of the fuel standard, after the petroleum industry notified the agency some of the numbers were incorrect. Agency staff could not be reached for comment Thursday afternoon.

"The bottom line, the program isn't working," Romain said. "And you know, it may collapse of its own weight."

Moskovitz dismissed the idea that the program might be in trouble. "The program is working as it should by being updated as needed," Moskovitz wrote.

Meanwhile, the state is offering millions of dollars in incentives to governments and businesses that install fueling infrastructure or purchase fleets of vehicles that run on compressed natural gas, propane or other "alternative" fuels. Thursday was the deadline for businesses and governments to apply for \$3 million in state tax credits for alternative vehicle fleets, and the Department of Energy is also offering \$8 million in tax credits for charging stations, fuel compression and storage facilities and other transportation projects through Sept. 30, according to agency press releases.

State recruiting teachers to score Smarter Balanced test

BEND (AP) — Oregon's new standardized test is a harder test for students and it's also more difficult for evaluators to score.

The Smarter Balanced test measures how students are performing under the Common Core standards and includes more open-ended questions that can't be scored by a computer.

With that need for humans, the state Department of Education is accepting applications from teachers for a pilot program to train them to score Smarter Balanced tests outside their regular teaching duties.

The department will host a training session in Salem next month. Teachers will score tests from students across the country, not just in Oregon, for \$20 an hour, The Bend Bulletin newspaper reported.

More than 40 states have adopted Common Core, and 14 states are using the Smarter Balanced test.

When the state introduced Smarter Balanced, the question of whether teachers would be involved in the scoring came up often, said Bryan Toller, a math assessment specialist with ODE. It was something other states in the Smarter Balanced consortium asked about, too, he said.

"The idea is Smarter Balanced is the consortium, the whole group of states. In my opinion, it's important to keep the states engaged and involved and keep the teachers engaged and involved," Toller said.

The department wants to recruit 40 teachers for the pilot program.

Last year, Oregon used a company called Data Recognition Corp. to score Smarter Balanced. This year it switched to Measurement Incorporated. In the pilot program, teachers will be supervised by Measurement Incorporated to ensure their scoring is accurate.

On its website, Measurement Incorporated lists openings for temporary workers to score tests, working remotely or at its scoring centers across the country. Job requirements include a bachelor's degree and, for those working remotely, access to a computer with high-speed Internet. The jobs are not limited to teachers.

"I think it's good to get teachers' eyes on this test and the results, have them involved with the test," said Don Stearns, president of the Bend Education Association, the local teachers union. "Sometimes the lens of the teacher might be different than someone whose job is to write and score the test."

Brown signs marijuana edibles, extracts legislation

By PARIS ACHEN
 Capital Bureau

SALEM — Oregonians will soon be able to buy medical and recreational marijuana from the same retailer and purchase low-dose edibles and extracts for recreational use, under legislation Gov. Kate Brown signed into law Thursday.

The Oregon Health Authority quickly issued a bulletin Thursday warning the marijuana industry to hold off on sales of recreational edibles and extracts until the agency has adopted temporary rules on serving size and potency.

The rules are scheduled for completion in early April, Andre Ourso, manager of the medical marijuana program, wrote in the bulletin.

"We appreciate the opportunity to have edibles and extracts under the early sales program, and we

look forward to working with the Oregon Health Authority to come up with rules," said David McNicoll of the Oregon Responsible Edibles Council.

Voters in 2015 made Oregon the third state to legalize recreational marijuana. Starting Oct. 1, the early sales program, under the Oregon Health Authority, authorized already existing medical marijuana dispensaries to sell up to 1½ ounces of dried marijuana to recreational customers. Edibles and extracts were restricted to medical marijuana patients.

The Oregon Responsible Edibles Council and Oregon Retailers of Cannabis Association lobbied lawmakers to change the definition of "limited marijuana retail product" to include low-dose edibles and extracts in early sales.

Senate Bill 1511, passed by the Legislature in February, opened the way for edible and extract

sales this spring and allowed retailers to continue to sell both medical and recreational cannabis out of one location.

The recreational marijuana law would have required retailers to choose between a medical or recreational registration at the close of early sales, which end Dec. 31. A majority of dispensary owners had indicated to marijuana regulators that they would defect to the recreational market at that time, fueling fears that medical patients might face a shortage of medical cannabis products. Retailers may sell marijuana to both medical patients and recreational users and are prohibited from collecting a tax on medical marijuana sales.

The law limits the sale of one serving of a low-dose edible per day and one "prefilled receptacle of an extract" per day and directs the Oregon Health Authority to

adopt rules on THC-concentration and serving size limits on edibles and extracts. Tetrahydrocannabinol, or THC, is the active ingredient in marijuana.

The law gives no definition for a low-dose or a single serving, McNicoll said.

Oregon Health Authority has been considering a 5-milligram limit on recreational serving sizes of marijuana-infused foods, about half of what's legal in Washington and Colorado — Oregon's predecessors in recreational legalization. The agency has said it would set higher limits for medical edibles.

Marijuana industry advocates like McNicoll said that low of a dose would make the edible products less marketable because many recreational users need more potency to get high. A 5-milligram serving is "akin to a placebo effect," he said.

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