

Oregon allows sale of pot edibles, oils to general public

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PORTLAND — Ray Berrian has been smoking marijuana for years. But on Thursday he walked into a store on a busy street in the Portland suburbs and legally bought an “edible” — three small squares of rich chocolate infused with cannabis oil — for the first time.

Berrian, a 66-year-old retired elementary school teacher, was one of hundreds of recreational users who lined up at retail stores around Oregon to buy such pot-infused sweets as the state made their sale legal to the general public for the first time.

“It’s new for me, it’s new for a lot of my friends that there can be such a thing. I’m not really familiar with edibles so this will be actually new for me,” he said. “I’m kind of excited about getting home and trying these with some coffee.”

Recreational marijuana sales became legal in Oregon last fall.

Now, medical marijuana dispensaries participating in an early sales program may add edibles and extracts to the things they can legally sell to recreational users.

Under the current early sales program, one dose of cannabis-infused edible can have no more than 15 milligrams of THC; consumers can buy up to 1 gram of oil, or cannabis extract, with no more than 1,000 milligrams of THC per cartridge.

Customers are limited to one purchase per day.

The Oregon Liquor Control Commission is in the process of licensing producers and expects to authorize recreational shops later this year. Oregon also wants to cap the dose for individual edible products at 5 milligrams each — half of what’s allowed in Colorado and Washington state.



AP Photos/Gillian Flaccus

In this Thursday photo, an employee displays a limeade-flavored cannabis-infused gummy candy at the Chalice Farms industrial kitchen in Portland. Thursday was the first day recreational marijuana users could legally purchase marijuana edibles and oils in Oregon.

Dispensaries participating in the early recreational sales program can do so until Dec. 31, by which point Oregon authorities hope to have a licensing program in place for stand-alone recreational marijuana stores.

Marijuana entrepreneurs have been gearing up for Thursday’s business for weeks, anticipating a rush by the general public on the newly available products. Edibles had already been available for legal sale to medical marijuana card holders.

At Chalice Farms, every employee was recruited to wrap and box up hundreds of pot-infused goodies before their four Portland-area stores opened their doors at 9 a.m. The kitchen at the company’s headquarters can produce 500 packages of candies a day.

Customers poured into the compa-

ny’s retail location in Tigard, southwest of Portland as soon as its doors opened.

By 11 a.m., the lime-flavored, cannabis-infused gummies were sold out. Business was brisk at the glass case displaying brightly colored boxes of truffles in salted caramel, coconut, lemon meringue and peanut butter flavors.

Other offerings included gummies in a variety of fruit flavors and chocolate toffees, white chocolate chai squares and milk chocolate infused with hazelnut alongside the marijuana. The edibles sold for \$12 to \$16 per package.

“Right now, the whole team, it’s all hands on deck, and they’re working hard to get it done,” said William Simpson, the company’s president. “This is a huge day for Oregon.”

Elevated radon levels at some Portland schools

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland Public Schools says it has received results showing elevated levels of radon in rooms throughout the district.

The announcement late Wednesday comes at a time when the district is facing criticism for its response to tests showing high levels of lead in the drinking water at some schools.

David Hobbs, senior director of facilities and asset management, outlined the radon findings in a memo to the school board and Superintendent Carole Smith.

Hobbs said roughly 800 rooms in 26 buildings were tested, and nine rooms in six schools exceeded an Environmental Protection Agency threshold that

requires immediate follow up testing. EPA guidelines suggest the follow ups be done, if possible, during the coldest months of the season.

More than 100 other rooms exceeded an EPA standard that requires further long-term testing. Those tests will occur in the fall.

Most of the affected rooms are classrooms, but

elevated levels of radon were also detected in boiler rooms, cafeterias, gymnasiums and the principal’s office at a southeast Portland elementary school.

Radon is an odorless and invisible gas that naturally exists in the ground and can cause lung cancer.

It enters a building through openings in the foundation.

Early heat wave hits the West

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Parts of the Western U.S. are getting an early taste of scorching summer heat, forcing officials in California, Oregon and desert Southwest states to heed the warnings of dangerous, triple-digit temperatures in this first week of June.

Organizers rescheduled California’s state track and field championship events to start in the evening hours Friday and Saturday. The competition is being held in Clovis in the San Joaquin Valley, where daily highs are expected to top 100 degrees through the weekend, according to the National Weather Service.

Precautions are also in place ahead of Portland’s Rose Festival on Saturday in Oregon, when the mercury is expected to rise to 99 degrees in the city and 103 degrees downstate in Medford.

Marching bands have asked event officials if they can ditch some of the pomp and circumstance by taking off their hats and changing their uniforms during judged performances to cope with the stifling heat, according to spokesman Rich Jarvis. The popular festival is also renting mist machines and handing out sunscreen around a carnival area on the Willamette River waterfront. “We’re telling people, ‘Beware,’” Jarvis said. “It’s going to be tough.”

The severity of the heat wave in the forecast is also putting Southwest desert areas under an excessive heat warning. The life-threatening heat is expected Friday morning through Sunday night, from southern Nevada including Las Vegas, up to Death Valley and desert sections of San Bernardino County along the California border and over to Arizona’s Lake Havasu and the Phoenix area, according to the weather service.

The dangerously hot temperatures will peak Saturday, with highs between 105 and 110 in Sin City, 111 to 118 in Phoenix and 115 to 121 in Death Valley.

Phoenix’s parks and recreation department is preparing for the heat by having rangers out during peak times at popular locations, like the Echo Canyon Recreation Area and South Mountain Park. The city oversees nearly 200 miles of trails.

“That way a ranger can maybe spot a person that needs water or help them make the decision on whether it’s safe to hike or not,” said Gregg Bach, a department spokesman.

National Weather Service Meteorologist Clay Morgan said the heat impact level, which considers the temperature and duration of such soaring degrees, prompted the warning. Gradual temperatures help the body get acclimated, so a sudden upswing and a steep climb in a short period can exacerbate health risks and the potential for heat exhaustion, stroke and even death.

It’s a particular concern in Las Vegas, which faced its first triple-digit day this year on Wednesday, a week later than average, and had highs in mid-May swinging from 99 to 75 in a matter of days.

This also comes on the heels of a toasty 2015. June 2015 in Las Vegas was recorded as the hottest ever for the month. The valley’s overall average temperature for the year was 71.8 degrees, just shy of topping the record set at 72 degrees in 2014.

Though the Old Farmer’s Almanac has already predicted above-normal temperatures for most of the country this summer, Morgan said it’s too early to call any trends yet.

Corrections

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY					
Mostly sunny and warmer	Mostly sunny	Very hot	Very hot	Mostly sunny and hot					
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST									
85°	55°	94°	58°	97°	67°	99°	65°	94°	59°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST									
89°	56°	98°	61°	103°	65°	103°	65°	98°	60°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 74°	59°
Normals 74°	50°
Records 96° (1970)	35° (1917)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.01"
Month to date	0.01"
Normal month to date	0.13"
Year to date	5.60"
Last year to date	4.99"
Normal year to date	6.68"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 78°	62°
Normals 76°	51°
Records 102° (1937)	38° (1987)

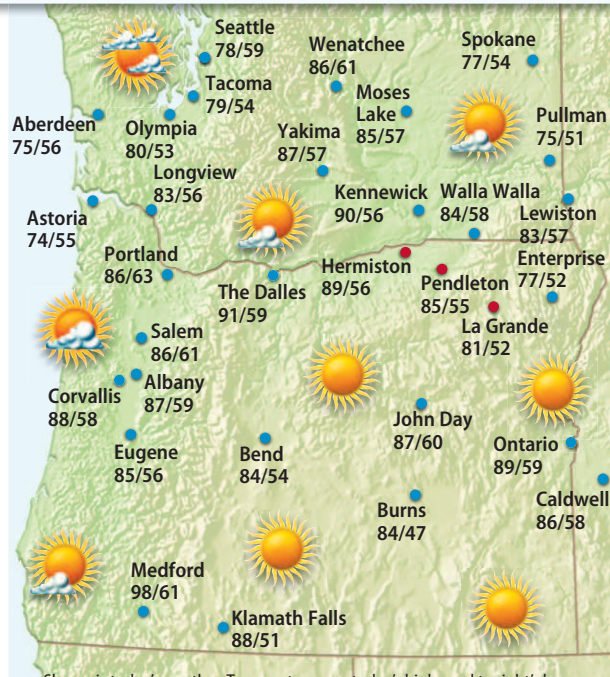
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.02"
Month to date	0.02"
Normal month to date	0.06"
Year to date	4.25"
Last year to date	3.14"
Normal year to date	5.20"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:08 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:39 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:26 a.m.
Moonset today	7:01 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
June 4	June 12	June 20	June 27



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly sunny today. Warmer across the north; pleasant in central parts.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Sunny and warmer today. A star-studded sky tonight. Mostly sunny and hot tomorrow.

Western Washington: Partial sunshine today. Clear tonight. Plenty of sunshine tomorrow.

Eastern Washington: Partly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight. Abundant sunshine tomorrow.

Cascades: Warmer today with sunshine and patchy clouds. Mild tonight with a starlit sky.

Northern California: Clouds, then sun at the coast today; hot in central parts. Sunshine elsewhere.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	74	55	pc	81	58	s
Baker City	80	46	s	88	48	s
Bend	84	54	s	91	59	s
Brookings	70	55	s	70	55	s
Burns	84	47	s	91	51	s
Enterprise	77	52	s	85	54	s
Eugene	85	56	pc	95	60	s
Heppner	84	57	s	92	59	s
Hermiston	89	56	s	98	61	s
John Day	87	60	s	95	64	s
Klamath Falls	88	51	s	95	62	pc
La Grande	81	52	s	89	57	s
Meacham	78	50	s	87	51	s
Medford	98	61	s	104	67	pc
Newport	67	53	pc	72	54	s
North Bend	70	55	s	70	56	s
Ontario	89	59	s	96	62	s
Pasco	88	55	s	97	58	s
Pendleton	85	55	s	94	58	s
Portland	86	63	pc	99	66	s
Redmond	87	51	s	94	57	s
Salem	86	61	pc	98	64	s
Spokane	77	54	pc	86	60	s
Ukiah	79	50	s	87	53	s
Vancouver	85	62	pc	97	65	s
Walla Walla	84	58	s	92	62	s
Yakima	87	57	s	95	60	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	85	65	c	86	64	c
Hong Kong	94	84	t	94	82	t
Jerusalem	92	74	s	97	72	s
London	61	55	sh	70	55	sh
Mexico City	75	55	t	75	51	t
Moscow	71	51	sh	72	49	t
Paris	60	55	c	67	58	c
Rome	72	59	pc	73	59	pc
Seoul	79	60	pc	80	61	pc
Sydney	65	59	sh	67	61	r
Tokyo	75	67	s	77	65	pc

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	N 3-6	NE 4-8
Pendleton	NW 4-8	NNE 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

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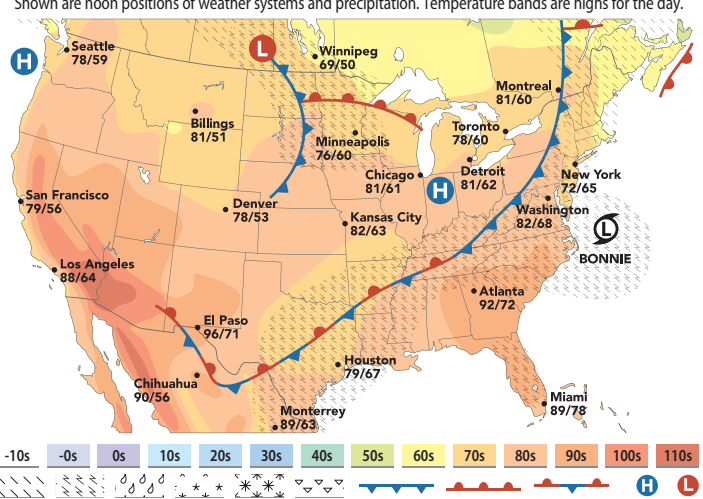
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0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



National Summary: Showers and thunderstorms will stretch from Maine to Texas today. Storms will dot Florida, while severe weather can visit part of the North Central states. Much of the West will be dry, sunny and hot.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 112° in Needles, Calif. Low 25° in Gould, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.			Today			Sat.			
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	
Albuquerque	93	64	s	89	64	s	Louisville	84	69	t	78	66	t
Atlanta	92	72	pc	89	70	t	Memphis	82	69	t	82	67	c
Baltimore	67	63	t	76	66	pc	Miami	89	78	pc	88	79	t
Birmingham	81	51	s	82	54	s	Millwaukee	74	59	s	78	58	t
Boise	87	59	s	93	63	s	Minneapolis	76	60	t	70	56	sh
Boston	67	60	t	74	61	pc	Nashville	85	68	t	82	67	t
Charlotte, SC	91	75	pc	91	75	t	New Orleans	85	75	pc	86	74	t
Chicago	81	61	s	80	59	t	New York City	72	65	t	82	67	pc
Cleveland	81	60	s	81	63	pc	Oklahoma City	79	63	t	82	60	c
Dallas	77	66	t	83	66	t	Omaha	86	61	t	81	58	pc
Denver	78	53	s	75	52	s	Philadelphia	77	66	t	83	68	pc
Detroit	81	62	s	82	62	c	Phoenix	113	83	s	115	84	s
El Paso													