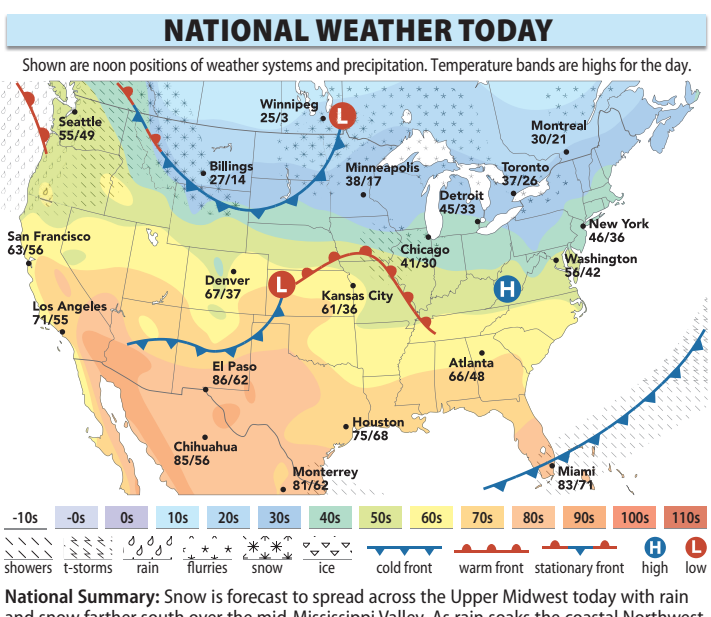
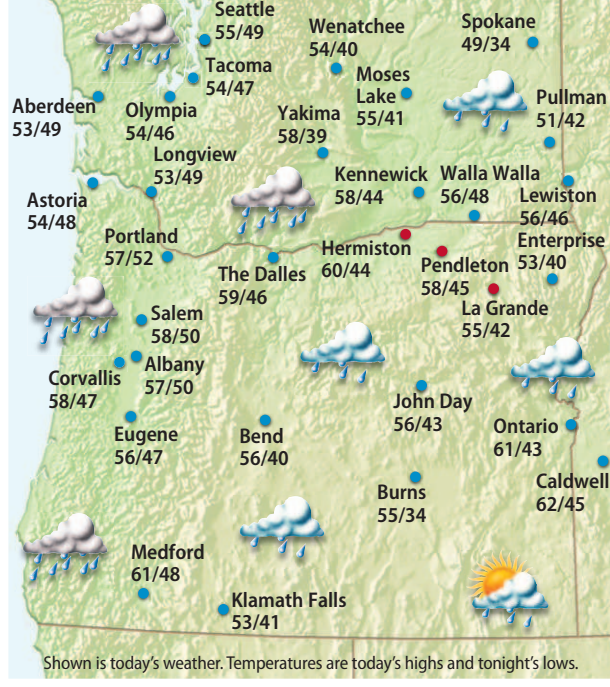


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SUN AND MOON. Sunrise today 6:28 a.m. Sunset tonight 7:28 p.m. Moonrise today 12:06 a.m.

REGIONAL FORECAST. Coastal Oregon: Periods of rain today; breezy. Eastern Washington: Mostly cloudy today with a couple of showers.

WORLD CITIES Today Fri. Beijing 51 35 c 50 33 pc... London 53 42 pc 59 48 c... Tokyo 60 57 c 70 63 pc

WINDS (in mph) Today Friday. Boardman ENE 4-8 NNE 6-12. Pendleton N 4-8 ENE 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY. Scale from 0 to 10. 8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

National Summary: Snow is forecast to spread across the Upper Midwest today with rain and snow farther south over the mid-Mississippi Valley.

Yesterday's National Extremes: High 91° in Thermal, Calif. Low -8° in Crane Lake, Minn.

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Oregon starts prepping for 2020 Census

By CLAIRE WITHYCOMBE Capital Bureau

SALEM — With the start of the 2020 Census less than two years away, preparations for the decennial count of the nation's residents have already begun in Oregon.

assign Electoral College votes and distribute federal funding. Two key parts of the prep are now underway. First, the state, cities and counties are working on an address-verification process called the Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) Operation.

Census Bureau's addresses are as complete as possible. "It's all a matter of just trying to get the best census count, ultimately," said Cy Smith, the state's Geospatial Enterprise Officer, who is leading the address validation efforts for state government.

according to the U.S. Census Bureau, as are more than 200 Oregon cities. All entities participating, including the state, have to sign a confidentiality agreement, according to Smith, because census addresses are protected by Title XIII of the U.S. Code.

will coordinate the state's efforts "to ensure an accurate census count" in 2020, according to a legislative budget report. Lawmakers appropriated \$230,772 through mid-2019, when the state's current two-year budget ends, for the position. The position is expected to be renewed for 18 months into the 2019-21 biennium.

census, prompting the request in the recently concluded legislative session, according to the Governor's Office. Oregon is expected to gain a sixth seat in the House of Representatives if estimates hold, according to Election Data Services, a Virginia political consulting firm that analyzes census and political data.

Marijuana dispute pits county against state of Oregon

By ANDREW SELSKY Associated Press

SALEM — Officials in an Oregon county who have tried to restrict commercial marijuana production sued the state in federal court, asserting state laws that made pot legal are pre-empted by federal law that criminalize it.



Beth Nakamura/The Oregonian via AP, File. Plants at Michael Monarch's marijuana grow, about 100 plants in all, flourish under breathtaking vistas of the Cascade and Siskiyou mountains near Ashland in October 2015.

The panel says pot farms are a nuisance. The county is in a prime marijuana-producing region of southern Oregon. Voters in the state legalized marijuana with a 2014 ballot measure, prompting a "green rush" as pot entrepreneurs set up shop in the fertile, rainy mountainous area.

County Commissioner Dan DeYoung has said rural residents, many of them retirees, are fed up with the proliferating farms in areas zoned as rural residential.

December tried to ban commercial pot farming on rural residential lots of five acres or less and to drastically reduce the size of some larger grow sites. But the state Land Use Board of Appeals later put the restrictions on hold, saying the county failed to properly notify land owners. Pete Gendron, a marijuana grower in the county and president of the Oregon SunGrowers' Guild advocacy group, said the growers have invested large sums to start operations and were shocked when the county tried to restrict them. One grower had a letter from the county dating back a year or more stating that cannabis cultivation was farm use and was allowed, Gendron said. "He invested a half-million dollars in the county," Gendron said. "He would not have made those investments

if not for those assurances." The lawsuit by the commission contends the state cannot dictate marijuana regulations over county restrictions because marijuana remains illegal under the federal Controlled Substances Act. "Any person in any state who possesses, distributes, or manufactures marijuana for medical or recreational purposes, or attempts or conspires to do so, is committing a federal crime," Wally Hicks, a lawyer for the county, wrote in the lawsuit that names state Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum as a defendant, along with the state. Rosenblum's spokes-

woman Kristina Edmunson said she can't comment on pending litigation but noted in an email: "We will defend the state laws of Oregon related to marijuana." The lawsuit calls on a federal court in Medford to declare that two ballot measures in 1998 and 2014 that legalized medical and recreational marijuana, respectively, are pre-empted by federal law. U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions, who famously declared that "good people don't smoke marijuana," recently gave U.S. prosecutors more leeway to pursue federal anti-marijuana laws in states that have legalized pot.

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