Times of clouds and sun











City

Albuquerque

Anchorage

Atlantic City

Bridgeport, CT

Burlington, VT

Caribou, ME

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Cleveland

Colorado Springs

Columbia, MO

Columbia, SC

Columbus, GA Columbus, OH

Des Moines

Duluth

Green Bay

Harrisburg Hartford, CT

38/17/0.02

77/46/0.00

46/37/0.25

44/36/T

35/28/T

37/21/c

45/30/pc

69/42/s 13/-9/s

43/32/0

63/52/c

47/26/9

41/25/

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50°



Sunshine and patchy

54°

26°

UV INDEX TODAY					
10 a.m.	Noon	2 p.m.	4 p.m.		
2	3	3	2		
The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. 0-2 Lov 3-5 Moderate; 6-7 High; 8-10 Very High; 11+ Extreme.					
ROAD CONDITONS					
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today. Mostly cloudy tonight. US 20 at Santiam Pass: Clouds and sun today. Considerable clouds tonight US 26 at Gov't Camp: Clouds and sun today. US 26 at Ochoco Divide: Partial sunshine today. Partly to mostly cloudy tonight. ORE 58 at Willamette Pass: Sunshine and clouds today. Cloudy tonight; a rain or snow

today. Cloudy tonight with a shower late.					
SKI REPORT					
In inches as of 5 p.m. yesterday					
Ski resort	New snow	Base			
Anthony Lakes Mtn	0	0-81			
Hoodoo Ski Area	1	0-96			
Mt. Ashland	0	62-68			
Mt. Bachelor	1	104-123			
Mt. Hood Meadows	0	0-213			
Mt. Hood Ski Bowl	0	65-90			
Timberline Lodge	2	0-173			
Willamette Pass	0	0-65			
Aspen / Snowmass, CO	0	52-75			
Mammoth Mtn. Ski, CA	. 1	74-112			
Squaw Valley, CA	4	0-126			
Park City Mountain, UT	11	60-72			



Intervals of clouds and

sunshine

SATURDAY

Chilly with sun and clouds

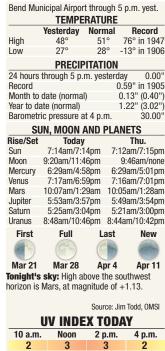
Mostly cloudy

Cloudy with a couple of showers possible

TRAVEL WEATHER

clouds

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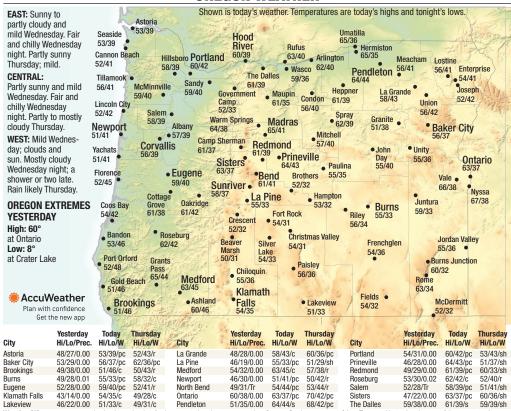


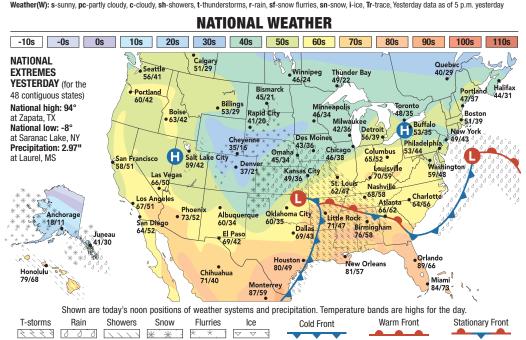
I-84 at Cabbage Hill: Times of clouds and sun

ORE 138 at Diamond Lake: Partly sunny

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Ski resort	New snow	Base
Anthony Lakes Mtn	0	0-8
Hoodoo Ski Area	1	0-9
Vt. Ashland	0	62-6
Mt. Bachelor	1	104-12
Mt. Hood Meadows	0	0-21
Mt. Hood Ski Bowl	0	65-9
Timberline Lodge	2	0-17
Willamette Pass	0	0-6
Aspen / Snowmass, CO	0	52-7
Mammoth Mtn. Ski, CA	1	74-11
Squaw Valley, CA	4	0-12
Park City Mountain, UT	11	60-7
Sun Valley, ID	0	66-8

OREGON WEATHER





NATIONAL Hi/Lo/Prec Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/Pred Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W 14/28/0.01 Las Vegas 71/39/0.00 24/15/0.06 18/11/s 24/0/s Lexington 68/57/r 65/34/1 47/39/0.02 77/46/0.03 44/36/0.03 49/44/sh 53/42/1 Little Rock 71/47/t 53/42/c 84/64/Ti 80/47/r 73/42/9 Los Angeles 61/45/0.00 67/51/pd 68/50/pd 57/41/1 Louisville 72/41/0.00 66/36/r 46/24/c 43/32/0.01 53/29/ 35/29/Tr 46/34/pc Minneapolis 36/29/0.02 51/28/pc 34/24/0.00 47/38/0 48/35/ 79/57/0.00 68/58/1 62/42/1 New Orlean New York City 51/34/1 27/-1/0.00 43/27/0 Newark, NJ 38/28/0.02 50/42/sh Norfolk, VA Oklahoma City 61/54/Tr 67/59/sh 79/51/ 48/37/0.31 54/48/pc 60/35/s 54/34/pc 51/27/c 89/62/pc 81/57/pc 79/46/0.00 47/40/1 33 64/56/ Peoria 55/36/0.02 Philadelphia 57/42/0 47/29/1 42/33/0.03 53/44/pc 54/38/r 44/29/0.00 Phoenix 61/47/Tr 64/48/pc 50/45/0.08 65/59/ 76/49/1 Portland, ME 33/11/0.00 47/37/s 52/26/0 69/64/1.00 36/18/Tr 53/33/ 65/52/ 56/30/ 45/35/0.05 64/53/

Rochester, N

Sacramento

Salt Lake City

San Antonio

Sioux Falls

Spokane

St. Louis

60/34/0.00

57/43/0.03

61/51/0.01

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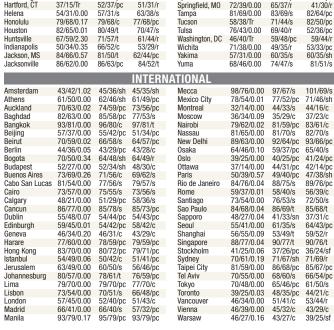
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61/40/pd



Booze

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Watters said the pandemic lockdown caused him to rethink his usual pattern of ending each day with a cocktail. He started experimenting with nonalcoholic beverages, and by August he had decided to open his store. Many of his customers are sober, he said, but others are pregnant or have health issues. Some are training for marathons; others just want to cut

"There are a lot of people, this past year more than ever, thinking more critically about what they're drinking and how it's making them feel," he said.

Joshua James, a veteran bartender, had a similar realization during the pandemic. After a stint at Friendship House, a substance abuse treatment center, he recently opened Ocean Beach Cafe, an alcohol-free bar in San Francisco.

"I wanted to destigmatize the words addiction, recovery and sober," he said. "There's a thousand reasons to not

want to drink as much." The coronavirus, James said, "warpspeeded" the change in many people's drinking habits. But it has also hurt the nascent nonalcoholic bar scene.

Some bars, like The Virgin Mary Bar in Dublin and Zeroliq in Berlin, have temporarily closed their doors due to regulations. Getaway, a nonalcoholic bar in New York, transitioned into a coffee shop to weather the pandemic. Owner Sam Thonis has added outdoor



Haven Daley/AP

Joshua James prepares an alcohol-free cocktail at his zero-proof bar Ocean Beach Cafe in San Francisco in February. "I wanted to destigmatize the words addiction, recovery and sober," he said about opening the bar. "There's a thousand reasons to not want to drink as much."

seating and hopes to reopen the bar

Billy Wynne, the co-owner of Awake in Denver, is also selling coffee and bottles of nonalcoholic spirits out of a carryout window for now. But he plans to open the doors to a nonalcoholic bar next month.

Wynne says the price of drinks will be comparable to a regular bar. Alcohol is cheap, he said, and the process for extracting it from some beverages makes them more expensive.

Alcohol delivery site Drizly charges \$33 for a 700 ml bottle of Seedlip Spice 94, a nonalcoholic spirit. That's slightly more than a 750 ml bottle of Aviation Gin, which sells for \$30. But Wynne thinks customers are willing to pay for the craft that goes into a cocktail or a flavorful wine whether it has alcohol or not. He said his customers tend to be in

their 30s or 40s, and the majority are women. Some tell him they've have waiting their whole lives for a bar like his to open.

"This type of thing, it's not a fad," he said. "People don't wake up to the negative impact alcohol is having on their life and then change their mind."

Dutchie

Continued from A11 "This is the largest, by far, for a software company in Bend," said Brian Vierra, EDCO venture catalyst. "It firmly plants the city on the global start-up map. The talent and other resources that will be attracted, as a result of this deal, will accelerate the development of our ecosystem and cast aside forever the notion that you can't build a scalable, venture-backed company here."

The investments come despite federal Drug Enforcement Administration classifying cannabis as a Schedule 1 drug. The five-tiered classification ranks drugs depending on acceptable medical use and the drug's abuse or dependency potential.

The newest funding will

allow Dutchie to focus on expansion, market share and the platform, said Lipson, whose co-founder is his brother Zach Lipson. The company recently

LeafLogix and Greenbits, two cannabis point of sale com-Dutchie has about 100 employees working out of the NorthWest Crossing District

2 headquarters and about 200

acquired two competitors,

employees scattered across 27 states, Lipson said. "We have a distributed team with a focus on Bend," Lipson said. "Post pandemic, we'll continue the remote locations. We're a people first company here. We want to move into new markets as

recreational marijuana). Dutchie, which started in 2017, is one of several com-

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panies that specialize in online commerce for cannabis. For a flat fee, Dutchie - named after a 1981 song called "Pass the Dutchie" - provides an online platform for cannabis retailers to sell products linked to their point of sale systems and at the same time keep track of inventory in real time. Customers can either pick up their items or have them delivered through another company.

Lipson has experience with taking companies public. Before moving to Bend, he started an online food-ordering program in Canada that he sold in 2012 called Grub-Canada. It was acquired by Just-Eat, a publicly traded online food ordering company based in Europe.

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Jobless

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With business restrictions further relaxed this month, and COVID-19 hospitalizations continuing to trend downward, that offers some hope for greater improvement in March.

Despite the pandemic recession — Oregon's deepest downturn on record — some segments of the economy have added jobs over the past year.

Transportation and warehousing is up 7.2%, 5,300 jobs, reflecting the shift to online shopping during the pandemic.

Professional services are up 0.6% and architectural and engineering services are up 4.0%. Workers in those segments can generally do their jobs remotely, meaning they

were somewhat insulated by the pandemic's direct effects.

Oregon listed 142,000 workers as unemployed last month, nearly double the number who were unemployed in February 2020. In addition, more than 100,000 Oregonians sought benefits last month through the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program, temporary aid Congress established at the outset of the pandemic.

Congress extended that program, and other expanded benefits, into September in a new, \$1.9 trillion relief package passed last week. But the employment department has warned that thousands of Oregonians may have a lapse in benefits while the agency adjusts its systems to accommodate the change.

Wyden

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And it added weekly bonus payments to make the benefits more generous.

Congress has extended those programs twice — in December, and again with the latest relief bill. Currently, though, many of those benefits expire after Labor Day.

Wyden and other Democrats sought a longer extension and a bigger weekly bonus, but with a narrow margin in the Senate were unable to secure unanimous support from within their party. That could make further extensions past the current September cutoff more difficult.

Instead, Wyden has proposed making some changes permanent, including the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program for contractors and gig workers. He also wants legislation that would automatically increase jobless benefits in times of economic distress.

Support is growing for the idea of triggers, where you tie the benefits to conditions on the ground," Wyden said.

Wyden made similar proposals last year, but they gained little traction when Republicans controlled the Senate. Now that Democrats control the chamber, Wyden is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and may be in a position to muscle forward his ideas.

Regular jobless benefits are financed by a payroll tax paid by employers. Contractors don't pay into that system and so usually aren't eligible for payments. Congress addressed that gaping hole in the safety net with the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program it adopted a year ago, digging into the federal treasury.

On Friday, Wyden wouldn't directly say how he envisions funding the program if it becomes permanent.

The federal government gives states enormous latitude in how they administer unemployment benefits programs and what they pay. Wyden wants to set a minimum

threshold for what states pay. Additionally, he wants a national technological framework to help states administer their jobless programs.