TODAY HIGH 69°

Mostly sunny and mild





Clear to partly cloudy



FRIDAY

Cloudy and mild occasional sunshine

SATURDAY

Times of sun and clouds

SUNDAY

MONDAY



City

Albuquerque

Anchorage

Atlantic City

Bridgeport, C1

Burlington, VT

Caribou, ME

Cincinnat

Cleveland

Colorado Springs Columbia, MO Columbia, SC

Columbus, GA Columbus, OH

Des Moines

Green Bay

Greensboro

Harrisburg Hartford, CT

Huntsville Indianapolis Jackson, MS

Honolulu

27/12/Ti

72/47/0.00

32/20/0.04

65/61/0.86

65/45/0.13

65/42/0.04

56/30/0.00

83/71/0.02

40/27/s

51/28/pc

69/37/s

83/70/pc

70/42/9

39/22/pc 58/33/s

52/36/pd

83/56/s 16/15/d

50/28/s

46/29/pc 43/27/pc 68/39/s

81/69/pc 68/46/pc

Duluth

Austin



Chance for rain and snow Mostly cloudy, rain possible: cooler becoming all rain



28°

TRAVEL WEATHER



Partly sunny, a couple of showers possible

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	Yesterday			Record
High	73°	54°		in 1923
Low	21°	29°	14°	in 1953
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24 hours	through 5 p.	m. yeste	erday	0.00
Record		-	0.45"	in 1936
	date (norma	l)		" (0.73"
	te (normal)			" (3.35"
Barometri	c pressure a	t 4 p.m.		30.17
	N, MOON			
lise/Set	Today			ri.
Sun	6:46am/7:3			n/7:34pn
/loon	none/9:1			
lercury	6:24am/6:0			1/6:06pn
enus -	6:57am/7:3			1/7:40pn
Mars	9:40am/1:1			1/1:14an
lupiter	5:02am/3:1			1/3:11pn
Saturn	4:30am/2:1			1/2:08pn
Jranus	7:51am/9:5	•		n/9:47pn
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Serpent. Source: Jim Todd, OMSI **UV INDEX TODAY**

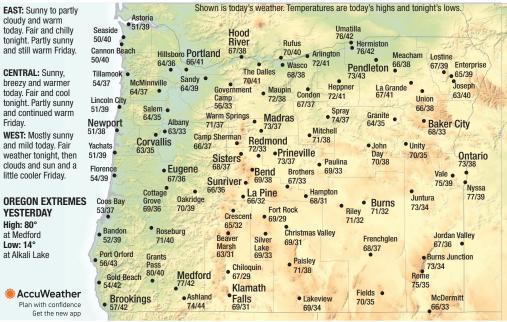
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I-84 at Cabbage Hill: Mostly sunny and mild today. Mainly clear tonight US 20 at Santiam Pass: Mostly sunny today. Fair tonight Partly sunny Friday US 26 at Gov't Camp: Sun and a few clouds today. Warm Friday with clouds and sun US 26 at Ochoco Divide: Mostly sunny and mild today. Partly cloudy tonight **ORE 58 at Willamette Pass:** Mostly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight. Partly sunny and mild Friday. ORE 138 at Diamond Lake: Mostly sunny

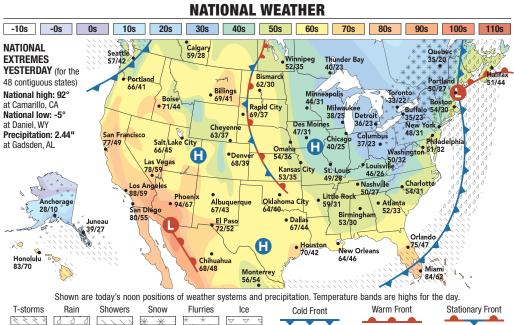
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SKI RI	EPORT	
In inc	hes as of 5 p.n	n. yesterda
Ski resort	New snow	Base
Anthony Lakes Mtn	0	80-80
Hoodoo Ski Area	0	0-98
Mt. Ashland	0	63-77
Mt. Bachelor	0	109-117
Mt. Hood Meadows	1	0-223
Mt. Hood Ski Bowl	0	75-102
Timberline Lodge	0	0-19
Willamette Pass	0	0-4
Aspen / Snowmass, CO) 2	59-82
Mammoth Mtn. Ski, CA	0	68-113
Squaw Valley, CA	0	0-119
Park City Mountain, UT	0	54-69
Sun Valley, ID	0	49-74

OREGON WEATHER



City	Yesterday Hi/Lo/Prec.	Today Hi/Lo/W	Friday Hi/Lo/W	City	Yesterday Hi/Lo/Prec.	Today Hi/Lo/W	Friday Hi/Lo/W	City	Yesterday Hi/Lo/Prec.	Today Hi/Lo/W	Friday Hi/Lo/W
Astoria	65/32/0.00	51/39/pc	52/38/pc	La Grande	61/25/0.00	67/41/s	69/39/pc	Portland	70/35/0.00	66/41/s	62/42/pc
Baker City	62/17/Tr	68/33/s	71/34/pc	La Pine	68/16/0.00	66/32/s	64/36/pc	Prineville	72/18/0.00	73/37/s	64/36/c
Brookings	75/50/0.00	57/42/s	58/43/pc	Medford	80/34/0.00	77/42/s	71/43/pc	Redmond	73/18/0.00	72/33/s	69/33/c
Burns	64/16/0.00	71/32/s	71/34/pc	Newport	63/36/0.00	51/38/s	52/38/pc	Roseburg	77/33/0.00	71/40/s	62/40/c
Eugene	65/32/0.00	67/36/s	61/39/pc	North Bend	69/38/0.00	54/39/s	54/41/pc	Salem	66/31/0.00	64/35/s	61/38/c
Klamath Falls	71/20/0.00	69/31/s	69/34/pc	Ontario	63/23/0.00	73/38/s	76/43/pc	Sisters	68/16/0.00	68/37/s	67/36/pc
Lakeview	66/16/0.00	69/34/s	69/33/pc	Pendleton	67/27/0.00	73/43/s	65/44/pc	The Dalles	68/30/0.00	70/41/s	65/40/pc
Weather(W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice, Tr-trace, Yesterday data as of 5 p.m. yesterday											



NATIONAL Hi/Lo/Prec Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/Pred Hi/Lo/W Hi/Lo/W 45/35/0.07 73/49/0.00 67/43/s Las Vegas 87/61/pc 33/24/0.00 28/10/c 28/18/pc Lexington 51/45/0.85 42/21/pc 47/27/s 71/63/1.08 56/35/s 42/32/pc 53/26/0.00 62/52/0.12 72/45/s Little Rock 69/48/pc 70/58/0.02 69/38/s Los Angeles 88/54/0.00 88/59/pd 81/58/s 68/54/0.69 47/28/pc 72/42/s Louisville Madison, WI 57/47/1.25 52/31/s 40/28/Tr 57/48/0.59 86/77/Tr 69/41/s 53/30/s 53/24/0.00 41/22/5 Minneapolis 58/41/0.16 44/31/pc 54/49/1.37 49/31/r 50/27/s 53/29/s 40/26/pc 36/24/c New Orleans New York City 43/31/pc 56/34/0.00 41/23/r 39/19/pd Newark, NJ 69/49/0.24 51/31/r 44/30/pc 55/34/s 53/29/s 55/30/s 55/30/s 69/39/s 52/40/s 82/59/0.56 55/34/pc 64/40/s 54/36/s 75/47/sh 92/67/pc 43/25/s 48/39/pc 66/48/pc 70/45/s 65/47/s 97/68/s Norfolk, VA Oklahoma City 82/62/0.50 82/59/0.56 63/46/Tr 49/27/0.00 89/67/0.21 87/63/0.00 43/33/0.00 68/64/0 45 54/31/9 68/64/0.45 66/61/1.85 47/19/0.00 43/34/Tr 52/45/0.34 50/44/0.03 Orlando Palm Springs 53/38/pc Peoria Philadelphia 33/27/sf 41/29/9 68/49/0.94 51/32/c 73/45/s 60/42/s Phoenix 88/59/0.00 92/64/s 51/36/0.00 54/52/0.25 57/41/0.01 34/23/sf 50/27/r 41/24/s 82/63/0.71 58/33/s 54/30/9 Portland, ME 43/25/0 82/63/0.98 59/34/9 68/41/0.10 54/29/pc 69/37/s 74/41/s 53/29/pc 34/23/sf 55/45/0 40 46/26/ 74/62/0 41 Rochester, N 38/23/pc 38/24/pc 52/24/0.04 68/39/s 72/42/9 Sacramento 83/49/0.00 86/49/s St. Louis

Salt Lake City

San Antonio

San Diego San Francisco

Sioux Falls

Springfield, MO Tampa

Tucson
Tulsa
Washington, DC
Wichita
Yakima

Spokane

54/30/0.00

88/53/0.00

39/18/0.00

57/29/0.00

53/39/0.00

86/73/0.01

88/51/0.00

63/46/0.00

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57/42/pc

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50/32/pc 61/41/s 70/35/pc

73/48/s

70/51/pc

71/55/s

55/40/1

67/39/s

60/37/c

61/41/s

69/47/s

89/58/s

Jacksonville	89/61/0.01	66/39/pc	59/38/\$	Yuma	88/60/0.00	93/5//\$	94/57/8
			INTERN	NATIONAL			
Amsterdam	73/43/0.00	55/39/pc	49/40/pc	Mecca	95/73/0.00	96/69/pc	94/66/s
Athens	53/46/0.34	58/44/pc	66/53/s	Mexico City	81/54/0.00	67/50/t	72/48/s
Auckland	68/62/0.07	70/56/sh	69/60/s	Montreal	55/48/0.17	35/24/sn	36/24/s
Baghdad	84/58/0.00	86/60/pc	83/56/pc	Moscow	43/36/0.15	47/35/r	43/31/sn
Bangkok	99/84/0.00	97/82/pc	97/81/pc	Nairobi	82/61/0.08	81/61/t	80/61/t
Beijing	78/52/0.00	66/52/c	63/51/c	Nassau	86/75/0.00	83/69/sh	77/63/c
Beirut	66/59/0.36	64/55/pc	60/56/sh	New Delhi	93/70/0.00	90/63/pc	89/61/pc
Berlin	73/38/0.00	63/34/c	54/37/pc	Osaka	70/46/0.00	74/55/pc	71/55/c
Bogota	66/52/0.07	67/52/t	65/51/t	Oslo	44/39/0.08	49/34/pc	47/29/pc
Budapest	70/43/0.00	74/51/pc	63/39/sh	Ottawa	55/50/0.25	33/20/sn	38/25/s
Buenos Aires	72/66/0.00	71/65/pc	72/65/pc	Paris	77/45/0.00	78/46/pc	61/40/s
Cabo San Lucas	95/65/0.00	82/67/pc	84/66/pc	Rio de Janeiro	82/73/0.12	83/72/pc	81/72/t
airo	69/55/0.00	69/53/s	69/51/pc	Rome	69/45/0.00	67/49/s	66/47/pc
Calgary	54/26/0.00	59/28/pc	50/28/pc	Santiago	75/48/0.00	75/50/s	78/51/pc
Cancun	86/77/0.00	85/74/pc	76/72/t	Sao Paulo	73/64/0.00	74/61/pc	74/61/t
Dublin	57/41/0.00	50/40/pc	50/37/s	Sapporo	58/36/0.00	51/32/s	56/40/pc
dinburgh	49/41/0.12	48/30/pc	53/34/pc	Seoul	72/37/0.00	75/50/pc	71/55/c
Geneva	71/41/0.00	72/47/pc	70/43/sh	Shanghai	63/57/0.76	65/59/t	74/61/r
larare	76/55/0.00	79/55/s	79/55/s	Singapore	91/75/0.00	91/78/c	91/78/t
long Kong	84/76/0.05	84/76/c	83/75/sh	Stockholm	45/41/0.16	48/33/pc	46/32/pc
stanbul	50/44/0.00	52/41/pc	56/49/pc	Sydney	71/59/0.02	73/62/s	76/62/s
lerusalem	59/46/0.00	55/44/pc	52/44/pc	Taipei City	77/66/0.00	85/70/pc	84/69/pc
lohannesburg	75/55/0.00	77/59/pc	78/59/s	Tel Aviv	66/53/0.00	66/52/pc	64/54/sh
.ima	75/66/0.02	75/66/s	75/67/s	Tokyo	67/56/0.12	65/56/c	67/55/pc
isbon	81/55/0.00	65/54/sh	66/53/t	Toronto	50/43/0.00	33/22/sf	40/26/s
ondon	68/48/0.00	61/39/pc	55/40/pc	Vancouver	50/35/0.00	52/39/c	50/38/c
Madrid	75/41/0.00	73/50/pc	66/45/t	Vienna	72/45/0.00	74/47/pc	59/42/sh
Manila	93/79/0.00	97/78/s	96/78/s	Warsaw	68/37/0.00	66/36/c	51/36/pc



Portland Tribune

Despite big profits as a sector of Oregon's economy, especially during the pandemic, not all retailers are prospering.

Cannabis

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In the next two-year budget cycle, which begins July 1, cities and counties will have only \$18 million in marijuana money to split amongst themselves, an almost 72% drop compared with the \$63.7 million they expected under the old funding formula, according to the League of Oregon Cities.

City Halls eager to bump up their cannabis tax include Gresham, Hillsboro, Beaverton, Tualatin, Sherwood, St. Helens, Happy Valley, Eugene and Bend, staff for the league said in testimony to a revenue committee hearing of the Legislature on March 4.

League of Oregon Cities lobbyist Mark Gharst told lawmakers the COVID-19 pandemic prompted a decline in

lodging and gas taxes, park and development fees — and the worst crunch for city budgets may be yet to come, if property tax revenues fall due to commercial vacancies.

"I don't think that the voters were saying that they wanted local governments to cut services in order to fund that recovery," Gharst said. "We can Marijuana insiders see it

differently. They say cannabis retailers can't just pass the tax increase on to users, many of whom could dial up their old dealer from the years before legalization.

Whitney, the economist, estimates that most consumers will pay a premium of just 10% to 15% to acquire their weed legally. Go above that, and they might just get their marijuana on the black market.

"Consumers are very price conscious," agreed Casey Houlihan, executive director of the Oregon Retailers of Cannabis Association. He calls the proposed 10% tax a "disaster" in the making, saying the lure of the illicit market could lead

governments to collect less in the future than they do now.

"One only needs to look around on Instagram to see cheap ounces or pounds being sold," Houlihan said.

Bursting bubble?

Stata data confirms that customers haven't noticed much difference at the cash register

Despite the billion-dollar consumer market in 2020, the average retail price for consumers has remained at or below \$5.50 per gram nearly every month since July 2018, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission said in its Feb. 1 supply-and-demand report.

The price of wholesale flower, the smokeable part of the cannabis plant, hit \$1,499 per pound in December 2020,

levels not seen since late 2017. That's good news for growers, who for years have complained that Oregon's cannabis market is oversupplied. Demand is now devouring 65% of annual supply, up from just 50% two years ago, per the re-

Teens

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Researchers reported high levels of virus-fighting antibodies, somewhat higher than were seen in studies of young adults.

Kids had side effects similar to young adults, the company said. The main side effects are pain, fever, chills and fatigue, particularly after the second dose. The study will continue to track participants for two years for more information about long-term protection and safety.

Dr. Philip J. Landrigan of Boston College said the results are encouraging.

"It's hard to get kids to comply with masking and distancing, so something that gives them hard protection and takes them out of the mix of spreading the virus is all for the good," said Landrigan, who was not involved in the study.

Pfizer and its German partner BioNTech in the coming weeks plan to ask the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and European regulators to allow emergency use of the shots starting at age 12.

Pfizer isn't the only company seeking to lower the age limit for its vaccine. Results also are expected by the middle of this year from a U.S. study of Moderna's vaccine in 12- to 17-year-olds.

But in a sign that the findmgs were promising, me FDA already allowed both companies to begin U.S. studies in children 11 and younger, working their way to as young as 6-month-old.

It's not clear how quickly the FDA would act on Pfizer's request to allow vaccination starting at age 12. The agency has taken about three weeks to review and authorize each of the vaccines currently available for adults. That process included holding a public meeting of outside experts to review and vote on the safety and effectiveness of each shot.

The process for reviewing data in children could be shorter, given FDA's familiarity with each vaccine.

Rent

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The grants are part of the state's \$100 million commercial rent relief program, which lawmakers approved in January. Business Oregon, which is administering the fund, will reopen applications for another \$42 million round in mid-April.

Nearly 88% of the applicants that applied for funding through the program earlier this month were approved, pending final confirmation of their documentation.

Applicants in most parts of the state were approved for funding as long as they met the necessary requirements, but Business Oregon only funded 80% of applicants from the Portland area. That's because the state is working to distribute grants equitably across the state.

Business Oregon held a lottery to determine which eligible applicants to approve.

Those that weren't approved initially will automatically be considered along with new applicants during the second round of funding in April.

While the vast majority of applicants were approved, it is still unclear how many business owners across the state are behind on rent due to the pan-

Melanie Marconi, the owner of Vida, a coworking space in Northeast Portland, told lawmakers earlier this month that her landlord had not applied for the funds, even though she had fallen significantly behind on rent. Other business owners have raised similar con-

While both landlords and tenants must participate in Oregon's application process, landlords must submit the initial application. Landlords who accept the funding must also sign an agreement forgiving any outstanding penalties or interest and promising not to evict their tenants.

Despite the commercial rent relief program, business groups and owners also remain concerned about a looming evic-

Oregon lawmakers allowed the state's moratorium on commercial evictions to expire last September, but gave business owners until the end of March to repay their outstanding rent. That may have prevented an onslaught of commercial evictions over the last six months.

Lawmakers are currently considering a proposal to give business owners until the end of September to repay rent bills they accumulated during the worst days of the coronavirus recession last year.

However, lawmakers are unlikely to vote on that bill before the current grace period expires at the end of March, potentially opening up business owners to evictions if their landlords have not applied or been approved for funding through the commercial rent relief program.

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