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A LOOK AT THIS MORNING'S HEADLINES

16-vehicle pile-up in heavy fog kills one along Columbia River



ARLINGTON (AP) — One person died today in a collision involving 16 vehicles, including eight tractor-trailer rigs, on a foggy Eastern Oregon freeway.

State police said no details on the identity of the victim were immediately available. One seriously injured person was being flown to a Portland hospital.

"We believe it was probably due to fog," a state police dispatcher in Arlington said.

State police spokesman Lt. Bernie Giusto said heavy fog was reported when the wreck occurred at 8:30 a.m.

Giusto said the cars and trucks piled up under a bridge in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 84 at the Heppner Junction along the Columbia River nine miles east of Arlington.

After closing the freeway for a short while, police approved a detour that let traffic through.

Gas prices increase; 2 cents more a gallon since last gas survey



LOS ANGELES (AP) — Motorists nationwide saw the average price of a gallon of gas jump 2 cents in the last two weeks.

The average pump price, including all grades and taxes, was 121.09 cents Friday, according to the Lundberg Survey of 10,000 gas stations across the country. That was up 1.96 cents from the Feb. 23 survey.

Prices have been rising since November, except for a small drop in late January and early February, analyst Trilby Lundberg said Sunday.

At self-serve pumps, the average per-gallon price was 114.49 cents for regular unleaded, 124.57 cents for mid-grade unleaded and 133.10 cents for premium unleaded. At full-service pumps, the average per-gallon price was 149.85 cents for regular, 158.54 cents for mid-grade, and 165.52 for premium.

China, foreign minister to welcome dialogue on human rights issue



BEIJING (AP) — China is willing to discuss its human rights record with Western nations but will not tolerate being told how to conduct its affairs, Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen said Monday.

The United States and European governments are likely to back a resolution condemning China before the U.N. Human Rights Commission in Geneva next week. Qian predicted the resolution would fail, as it has for five years. Last year's attempt fell short by one vote.

In the past year, China has rearrested the few dissidents not in custody and sentenced democracy campaigner Wei Jingsheng to 14 years in prison. It also has been accused of condoning mistreatment of orphans.

The U.S. State Department, in its annual report on human rights, last week called China's record nightmarish.

Boy missing outdoors for 3 days; stray dogs save him from cold

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP) — They led a boy to the brink of death, then saved his life. Now two dogs are going to get a new home.

Josh Carlisle, a 10-year-old with Down syndrome, was playing in his yard when a couple of wandering dogs apparently caught his eye and he followed them into the rugged, wooded Ozarks near his home.

For three days, as temperatures dipped into single digits, as many as 350 volunteers searched for the boy. On Saturday, a man on horseback heard barking and found Josh in the company of the two protective dogs.

"The dogs took him in as if they were his mother," Sheriff Ralph Hendrix said Monday. "They probably curled up next to him and kept him warm, warm enough to stay alive on us."

The dogs are "God's angels," said Josh's stepfather, Johnny Coffey. He and Josh's mother, Lynn Coffey, planned to give the strays a new home for keeping the boy alive.



The smaller of the dogs, a dachshund, followed rescuer Oscar "Junior" Nell and his horse through rough terrain as they carried the cold little boy to help.

The dog tried to keep up when a police car rushed Josh to a medical helicopter, but his tired legs gave out. Nell gave him a cheese-and-bologna sandwich.

"He stayed with us through thick and thin," Nell said.

The second dog, described by the sheriff as a heeler, a type of dog used to herd livestock, was found by Josh's next-door neighbors. Tony Thomas saw the dog on a hill near their house and put food out to lure it closer. "It was just a real timid dog," his wife, Julia, said Monday. "It wouldn't eat unless we left it alone."

Both dogs will remain with the sheriff's department until Josh comes home from Cox Medical Center South in Springfield. The boy was in fair condition with frostbitten toes.

Springfield businessman Tom Seabaugh had offered a \$100

reward for each dog brought to Josh.

Trees crush roof of home 3 times in 11 months

GRANTS PASS (AP) — The first two trees to hit Jim and Lois Newby's mobile home fell during windstorms.

Worried that a tree on a neighbor's property was leaning too far for safety, they arranged to have it taken down Saturday by an expert.

Lo and behold, the 36-inch cottonwood hit their home, too. It was the third time in 11 months.

"The poor guy who was trying to take it down, he was just sick," Lois Newby said. "He had ropes and a jack, but it was leaning so far over. He even had been up on the tree and taking it down in sections."

To make matters worse, they had just finished repairing the damage from the second tree, which fell just before Christmas. Now the tarps, plywood and plastic sheeting are back over the damaged section of the house.

"We really like trees," Mrs. Newby said. "We just wish they wouldn't cuddle up to us so much."



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