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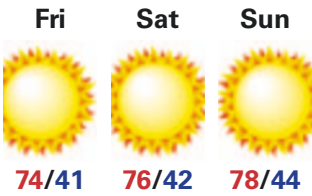
Catch a movie



Reese Witherspoon and Sofia Vergara star in the new action comedy "Hot Pursuit."

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Weekend Weather



NSA phone record bulk collection ruled illegal

NEW YORK (AP) — The unprecedented and unwarranted bulk collection of the entire U.S. population's phone records by the government is illegal because it wasn't authorized by Congress, a federal appeals court said Thursday as it asked legislators to balance national security and privacy interests.

A three-judge panel of the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan permitted the National Security Agency program to continue temporarily as it exists, but it all but pleaded for Congress to better define where boundaries exist or risk "invasions of privacy unimaginable in the past."

The appeals court said if the government is correct in its legal arguments, it could also justify storing in bulk metadata associated with Americans' financial records, medical records and electronic communications,

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PENDLETON

Abridged ordinance passed to clean up parkway problems



A group of youths loiter on the Bedford Bridge across from Pendleton High School in early April.

Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Fight Thursday highlights problem near high school

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

A fight broke out on the Bedford Bridge Thursday, the exact type of altercation a new ordinance passed by the Pendleton City Council is trying to mitigate.

Pendleton police Lt. Bill Caldera wrote in an email that five males, ages 16 to 23, got into a fight on the bridge.

The fight resulted in three of the participants being sent to St. Anthony Hospital, with one person treated for a stab wound. No further details were immediately available.

The frequency of previous incidences

like this one caused the council to pass an ordinance Tuesday barring obstruction and annoyance on the Pendleton River Parkway and the adjoining bridge.

Although new restrictions are in place for how people use the parkway, Police Chief Stuart Roberts wrote in an email "(it) will not change much other than giving us the ability to hold offenders accountable."

That means the ordinance will not result in an increased police presence or the targeting of loiterers, but it will give officers a tool to cite violators like the youths that congregate at the Bedford Bridge.

"Violation of the Ordinance is just that ... so the penalty phase for adults is

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LEARNING TO THRIVE

Nonprofit inspires kids to get involved in activities

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

Technically, Kriss Dammeyer has two children. In reality, it's more like 57.

The founder of the nonprofit Made to Thrive often refers to the children she serves as "my kids." After school every day she ferries them to sports practice or music lessons. She feeds them an after-school snack. And every week she logs hours in the stands, cheering "her kids" on like any proud mom would do.

Dammeyer started Made to Thrive, a Hermiston-based nonprofit that gets at-risk children into after-school activities. Since founding the nonprofit nine months ago Dammeyer and other volunteers have helped 55 children between ages 4-17 pick an activity, get registered, pay participation fees, purchase equipment, get rides to and from practice and have someone there to watch their games or musical performances.

Preferably, that someone is their parent or guardian. Dammeyer said Made to Thrive works hard to get family out to support their



Staff photo by E.J. Harris

Kriss Dammeyer tosses wiffle balls to a player while working on batting coaching her softball team on Thursday at Newport Park in Hermiston. Dammeyer is the founder of the nonprofit organization Made to Thrive which helps at-risk children participate in after-school activities.

children, offering them a ride where needed and a person to sit with so they don't have to come alone.

She said she has seen parents with severe depression, anxiety or addiction issues get out of the house for the first time in months to see their child play a sport

or perform.

"That has been one of the greatest rewards is to see parents who you never would have seen at an event before come out and support their child," she said. "I had tears in my eyes when I saw one particular mom in the stands."

Dammeyer said she knows what it's like to come from a broken home where support is in short supply. When she was a teenager, the world seemed like a dark and hopeless place. After she started playing softball, teammates and coaches who believed in her literally

saved her life, she said.

"I was so uncertain of myself as a child and sports brought me such peace, a sense of well-being, confidence, friends," she said. "I was ready to end my life but I just knew there was more

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State may end self-serve gas ban in rural areas

By SHEILA V KUMAR
Associated Press

SALEM — Oregon is one of only two states where drivers aren't allowed to pump their own gas, but lawmakers appear ready to allow people cruising through rural areas to serve themselves.

That would leave New Jersey as the last holdout with statewide restrictions. Oregon's not ready to completely jettison

its 64-year-old ban, but concerns that travelers could get stranded in places with few gas stations open in the middle of the night may bring self-service pumps to vast expanses of the state.

Parts of Oregon are so remote that people unfamiliar with the landscape don't realize hundreds of miles separate gas stations, said Rep. Cliff Bentz, sponsor of a bill that would let gas stations offer self-service fuel when there

isn't an owner, operator or employee around.

Rural businesses in the middle of nowhere can't afford to keep someone manning the pumps 24 hours a day, said Bentz, a Republican from Ontario, a city near the Idaho border.

"You go around eastern Oregon counties, you find more and more situations where there isn't any fuel. And it's not unlike the situa-

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AP Photo/Don Ryan

Attendant James Lewis pumps gas Wednesday at a station in Portland. Oregon is one of just two states where motorists aren't allowed to pump their own gas. The other is New Jersey. Now the Oregon Legislature appears ready to at least let people driving through rural Oregon pump their own.



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