NORTHWEST



Time flies when you're having fun

A view from the inside of Tic Toc the Clock during the kids portion of the Balloon Stampede Wednesday at Tietan Park in Walla Walla.

Mom tried to bring jailed daughter drugpacked tampons

PORTLAND (AP) - A mom will spend up to a month in jail in a plea agreement for packing methamphetamine and oxycodone into tampons for her jailed daughter.

The Oregonian reports 53-year-old Elizabeth Kay Sparkman pleaded guilty in September to conspiracy to supply contraband, delivery of meth and delivery of oxycodone.

The tampons contained 1 gram of methamphetamine, 18 pills of oxycodone and other prescription drugs. The care package also included makeup, hair bands, tweezers, matches, a pocket knife and \$22 for Sparkman's daughter to buy snacks.

Twenty-nine-year-old Brandi Lynn Miller is spending up to 8 months in prison for her role in the smuggling attempt. She is also serving as much as four years in prison for identity theft.

Dead mouse found in Subway sandwich

LINCOLN CITY (AP) - A Subway customer says he found a dead mouse in a sandwich at a restaurant on the Oregon coast. Matt Jones says spotting

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restaurant last week was the funniest thing he ever saw ---and the most disgusting.

He tells Portland's KGW-TV his friend Jay ordered an Italian sub and wanted spinach. The employee scraped some from the bottom of a bin and plopped it on the bread. There was shock on both sides of the counter.

"I laughed because I was like, there is no way this just happened," Jones said.

Cheryl Connell, director of Lincoln County Health and Human Services, said a health inspector quickly went to the restaurant. The investigator studied the dead rodent and the bin from which it came before searching the entire restaurant for any sign of contamination or droppings.

The investigation determined that the rodent problem did not come from inside the facility," Connell said. "It was probably in a bag of the bagged spinach product," Connell said.

Subway declined to identify the spinach supplier, saying it is proprietary information. In a statement, the company said the restaurant was thoroughly cleaned and the customer given a refund.

Connell said health inspectors consulted with doctors and decided that, though unappetizing, the dead mouse was unlikely to have sickened anyone who had spinach from the bag.

Impaired, naked woman trashes **Anchorage Subway**

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP) — A woman suspected of being impaired by the synthetic drug known as spice removed her clothes in an Anchorage restaurant and damaged furniture and fixtures.

The woman was subdued by police and taken to a hospital, Anchorage television station KTVA reported.

Police at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday were called to a Subway restaurant on the city's east side.

Employees said the woman entered and began acting oddly, then took off her clothes and trashed the restaurant.

"People described her as 'a little crazy," police Sgt. Shaun Henry said. "She disrobed, went fully nude and kinda just went nuts. Started breaking furniture, destroyed the store, knocked over computers, ripped the ceiling down, sprayed a fire extinguisher all over, locked herself in the bathroom for a while, broke just about everything you could find." "She did a significant amount

of damage and it's gonna take a while to fix the store," Henry said. "It's a mess.'

No one was injured during the incident.

Officials discuss ways to reduce size of wildfires

By NICHOLAS K. GERANIOS Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Thinning forests of fuel, pre-certifying more volunteer firefighters and greater use of drone aircraft were some of the ideas put forward to reduce the size of future wildfires in Washington at a round-table discussion Wednesday chaired by U.S. Sen. Maria Cantwell and U.S. Rep. Cathy McMorris-Rodgers.

This year saw the biggest wildfire season in state history, with more than 1 million acres burned and three firefighters killed.

"We had the fire season we had all feared," said McMorris-Rodgers, R-Washington, who represents the Spokane region.

Cantwell, D-Washington, said this was also the longest fire season in state history, thanks to drought conditions, and battling the fires cost \$319 million. "We need to be better prepared for the next fire season," she said.

Cantwell noted that forecasts call for a warm winter with lower-thanaverage snowpack, which could set the stage for another big fire season in 2016.

Moving through Congress is a proposal that would remove firefighting costs from the budget of the U.S. Forest Service and place them under the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Under the current system, the Forest Service often has to use funds intended for thinning and maintaining forests to fight fires. The lack of maintenance work then leads to bigger fires in future years, the lawmakers said.

McMorris-Rodgers said after the meeting that a bill to place firefighting funds under the FEMA budget had passed the House. Cantwell said a bill to make that change might be introduced as early as next week in the Senate.

But the lawmakers were mostly there to listen to a group that included representatives of fire departments, local politicians, private business and Indian tribes talk about ways to reduce the size of future wildfires.

There was general agreement that spending more money to remove fuel from the state's dry forests would dramatically reduce costs.

Cantwell said studies show that reducing fuels in the forest can cut firefighting costs by two-thirds in the course of a season.

"The game changes when we have the ability to manage a fire," said Russ Vaagen, a vice president of Vaagen Bros. Lumber Co. in Colville.

Chris Schulte, chief of the Connell Fire Department, agreed. "Fuel treatment was worth every penny we spent," Schulte said, noting it was much cheaper to contain a fire burning in an area that had been managed.

Okanogan County has been particularly ravaged by wildfires for the past two years. Three firefighters died battling fires there this summer.

"They said this was a 100-year fire season, but they said that last year too," said Jon Wyss, president of the Okanogan Farm Bureau.

The fire season was so bad that the state of Washington put out a call for volunteers to fight the flames, and the state mobilized the National Guard to help.

But numerous local officials said the height of fire season was too late to seek hundreds or thousands of volunteers. They said the state should find and certify volunteers before fire season so they are ready to help as soon as needed. That included having them trained in advance to use emergency fire shelters and equipped with the proper clothing and tools, they said.

Volunteer firefighters are a critical tool," Vaagen said. "We want to have people trained, on standby.

The state also needs better weather forecasting equipment, especially Doppler radar in central Washington, for early warning of explosive fire conditions, Cantwell said.

Schulte said firefighters needed to become open to using drone aircraft for jobs such as searching for hot spots in burned areas. Drones can pose a danger to airplanes and helicopters that are battling flames.

'We need to learn to use drones to help us," Schulte said.

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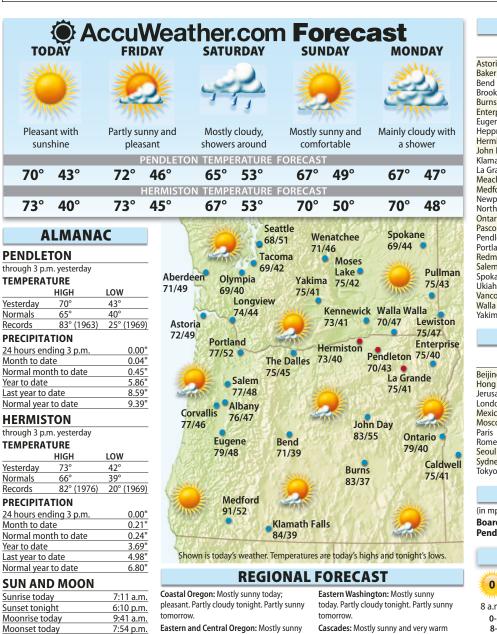
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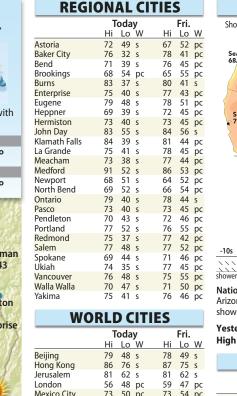
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National Summary: Downpours will drench areas from Southern California to parts of Arizona today. Storms will dot Florida. As chilly air empties into the Midwest and Northeast, showers will dot the Great Lakes.

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