Rangers end search for man's body in Yellowstone hot spring

BILLINGS, Mont. (AP) — Rangers suspended their attempts on Wednesday to recover the body of a man who wandered from a designated boardwalk and fell into an acidic hot spring at Yellowstone National Park, another in a string of incidents raising concerns over visitor behavior.

"They were able to recover a few personal effects," park spokeswoman Charissa Reid said. "There were no remains left to recover."

Colin Nathaniel Scott, 23, of Portland, was with his sister and had traveled about 225 yards off the boardwalk on Tuesday when he slipped and fell into the hot spring in the Norris Geyser Basin, park officials said.

After Scott's sister reported the fall, rangers navigated over the highly fragile crust of the geyser basin to try to recover his body. They halted the effort Wednesday "due to the extreme nature and futility of it all," Reid said, referring to the high temperature and acidic nature of the spring.

The death occurred in one of the hottest and most volatile areas of Yellowstone. It follows high-profile incidents at the rugged park in which tourists got too close to wildlife or went off designated pathways onto unique landmarks, sometimes leading to injuries.

"It's sort of dumb, if I could be so blunt, to walk off the boardwalks not knowing what you're doing," said Kenneth Sims, a University of Wyoming geology professor and member of the Yellowstone Volcano Observatory.

"They're scofflaws essentially, who look around and then head off the boardwalk," he added. Sims said he was speaking generally and had no direct knowledge of the circumstances of Scott's death.

The basin is a popular attraction in the nation's first national park, which



This September, 2009 file photo shows the Norris Geyser Basin in Yellowstone National Park, Wyo.

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- Charissa Reid, park spokeswoman

received a record 4.1 million visitors last year. Water temperatures there can reach 199 degrees, the boiling point for water at the park's high elevation.

At least 22 people are known to have died from hot spring-related injuries in and around Yellowstone since 1890, park officials said.

Most of the deaths have been accidents, although at least two people had been trying to swim in a hot spring, said park historian Lee Whittlesey, author of the book "Death in Yellowstone."

Posted signs warn visitors to keep to boardwalks and trails in thermal areas, which feature boiling pools, geysers that can blast hundreds of feet into the air and

'Motor voter' law hopes to add another 145K voters

toxic gases.

The crust that makes up the ground in parts of Yellowstone is formed when minerals underground are dissolved by the high-temperature water, then redeposited on or near the surface.

That crust can be as "thin as a skiff of ice," Reid said.

Other recent tourist incidents at Yellowstone include a 13-year-old boy who got burned days ago when his father, who had been carrying him, slipped into a different hot spring.

In May, a Canadian film crew was accused of leaving an established boardwalk and stepping into a geothermal area where they snapped photos and took video of themselves.

Also last month, another Canadian man loaded a bison calf into his SUV because he thought it was cold. The calf later had to be euthanized because it could not be reunited with its herd.

Oil removed from train that derailed in Mosier

MOSIER (AP) -Crews have removed the last of the crude oil from a train that derailed Friday in the tiny Columbia River Gorge town of Mosier.

Greg Svelund with the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality says the oil has been trucked to The Dalles, and crews were working Wednesday to decontaminate and move the rail cars off site.

Union Pacific Railroad spokesman Justin Jacobs says that oil will eventually be taken by train to Tacoma, Washington, but that won't happen until it meets with the community.

Union Pacific said Monday it will not move any new crude oil unit trains through Mosier until a cause is determined and the community is notified. However, some trains that carry mixed goods may be moving some crude oil through the town.

By Wednesday morning, crews moved two of the 13 derailed cars off site. More than 400,000 gallons of crude oil have been trucked from the site.

State advances plan to test all schools for lead

PORTLAND (AP) Oregon health and education officials say they will team up with school districts and child care programs statewide to help test for lead in school drinking water.

The plan announced Wednesday comes on the heels of belated disclosures about lead in the drinking water of some Portland Public Schools.

That disclosure has motivated other school districts around the state to test their water for lead. which is a neurotoxin.

Now the Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon Health Authority are recommending that all schools test for lead over

the summer. The state will provide technical support and a list of certified labs to test the

The plan also calls for a statewide database built from the testing that will be made available online this fall.

Moss data shows concentrations of metals in **Portland**

PORTLAND (AP) — Scientists using moss to study urban air pollution have released raw data measuring concentrations of metals found in tree moss samples collected throughout Portland.

The U.S. Forest Service's report released Wednesday identified seven out of 346 sites with the highest concentrations of multiple toxic metals in moss samples relative to other samples, that need further study.

The scientists stress that follow-up air quality monitoring is needed to confirm whether metal concentrations found in moss collected from trees are related to concentrations in the air. But they say the data can serve as a screening tool, and citizens, regulators and other scientists can use the information for further study.

The same moss data lead Oregon regulators to test and confirm high levels of cadmium and arsenic around two glass factories in Portland.

The Department of **Environmental Quality** said Wednesday it would release a statement soon outlining its next steps.

Corrections

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and 2015 — steps that, if The mail-in system is primary ballot, and even largely why the motor-voter instead were taken this year, With the Oregon primary in rearview and ballot results would've involuntarily added registrants had such a low

soon going into official state record, election officials are now freed up to potentially handle a wave of new registrations under the state's "motor voter" law after they touch base with another 145,000 Oregonians this week.

On Friday, the state will begin dispersing voter-registration paperwork by mail to residents who applied for or renewed a driver's license or state ID card during 2014 their names to the voter rolls through Oregon's automatic voter registration system that began Jan. 1. This week's dispersal marks the second and final phase of the nation's first "motor voter" law that scooped up nearly 52,000 new voters through April and is being replicated in at least three other states.

But it's a toss-up how much phase two could boost the "motor voter" numbers.

turnout during the May 17 presidential primary, which was open to only Democrats and Republicans.

registered Voters are by default as nonaffiliated through the motor vehicle department, and they can't pick a party until later by mail. Most people, or roughly three quarters, don't return their forms. Thus, only 8,600 were eligible to cast a Democratic or Republican presidential

fewer actually did so, making up a tiny sliver of the roughly 1 million partisan ballots that were cast last month.

affiliation But party doesn't matter in the general election, by which time the voter rolls will have grown even more and when Atkins expects to have a better idea of the law's impact. As for those 145,000 Oregonians being targeted this week under phase two, they'll be able to register and pick a party at the same time.

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TEMPERATURE										
	HIGH	LOW								
Yesterday	85°	68°								
Normals	76°	51°								
Records	102° (2015)	35° (1910)								
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Year to date Last year to date Normal year to date **HERMISTON**

Normal month to date

through 3 p.m. yesterday **TEMPERATURE** HIGH LOW Yesterday Normals

105° (2015)

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SUN AND MOON

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Moonset	today		none				
Moonrise	today	10:11 a.m.					
Sunset to		8:43 p.m.					
Sunrise to	oday	5:06 a.m.					

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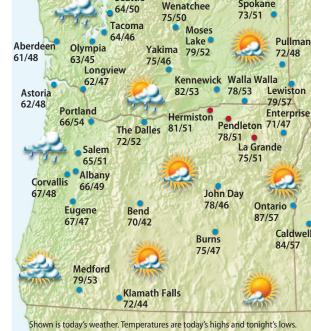
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40° (1979)



REGIONAL FORECAST Coastal Oregon: Mostly cloudy today; a couple of showers across the north.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Some sun today; not as warm in central parts and the

with a stray shower. A little rain tonight.

Showers tomorrow.

upper Treasure Valley. Western Washington: Mainly cloudy today

Eastern Washington: Partial sunshine today. Mostly cloudy tonight with a shower in the area. Cascades: Some sun today with a couple of showers. A shower tonight

Northern California: Low clouds followed by some sun at the coast today; mostly sunny elsewhere.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Т	oda		Fri.			
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	
Astoria	62	48	sh	62	48	sh	
Baker City	75	48	рс	63	38	рс	
Bend	70	42	рс	59	36	sh	
Brookings	61	48	c	59	46	sh	
Burns	75	47	рс	67	36	C	
Enterprise	71	47	sh	58	42	sh	
Eugene	67	47	C	65	45	sh	
Heppner	76	48	рс	63	43	sh	
Hermiston	81	51	рс	72	52	sh	
John Day	78	46	рс	63	43	sh	
Klamath Falls	72	44	рс	62	32	C	
La Grande	75	51	рс	60	44	рс	
Meacham	72	46	рс	57	41	рс	
Medford	79	53	рс	70	46	sh	
Newport	59	47	C	58	46	sh	
North Bend	63	51	C	62	49	sh	
Ontario	87	57	рс	83	54	рс	
Pasco	81	52	рс	72	48	sh	
Pendleton	78	51	рс	66	47	sh	
Portland	66	54	sh	64	50	sh	
Redmond	71	43	рс	62	36	sh	
Salem	65	51	sh	64	47	sh	
Spokane	73	51	рс	63	48	sh	
Ukiah	72	45	рс	57	38	sh	
Vancouver	64	51	sh	63	49	sh	
Walla Walla	78	53	рс	66	49	sh	
Yakima	75	46	рс	74	47	sh	

WORLD CITIES

	Т	oda	y		Fri.			
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		
Beijing	95	69	рс	94	64	t		
Hong Kong	89	79	t	90	82	t		
Jerusalem	77	59	S	76	58	S		
London	72	57	рс	69	56	рс		
Mexico City	76	56	t	75	56	t		
Moscow	59	43	sh	63	47	рс		
Paris	74	54	C	72	58	рс		
Rome	75	60	t	77	63	t		
Seoul	83	65	рс	84	66	рс		
Sydney	71	55	рс	68	50	S		
Tokyo	75	69	r	80	67	рс		

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WNW 6-12 **UV INDEX TODAY**

Friday

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY Shown are noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day 0

warm front stationary front National Summary: As chilly air lingers in the Northeast, heat will shift from the West to the Plains and South today. Downpours will dot Florida, Texas and parts of the Midwest, Rockies and northern New England.

cold front

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)

High 109° in Needles, Calif.					Low 28° in Crane Lake, Minn.								
NATIONAL CITIES													
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Boise Boston	85 70	58 53	рс	86 67	56 53	pc pc	New Orleans New York City	92 73	75 57	S	90 77	77 60	s
Charleston, SC Charleston, WV	87 78	69 56	S	91 82		рс	Oklahoma City Omaha	90 95	70 73	S	91 97	75	S
Chicago Cleveland	79 73	64 58	S	91 81	72 67	рс	Philadelphia Phoenix	76 105		рс	78 102	58 82	рс
Dallas Denver	92 89	73 62	t	93 92	74 63	pc pc	Portland, ME Providence	62 72	52		65 73	49 52	рс
Detroit El Paso Fairbanks	75 99	59 76	рс	100	66 75 52	pc	Raleigh Rapid City	95 96	59	s pc	87 92 82	68 62 52	рс
Fargo Honolulu	65 90 84	48 69 73	pc pc	71 93 84	66 74	pc t	Reno Sacramento St. Louis	86 86 91	56	pc s	82 85 95	53 74	рс
Houston Indianapolis	88 80	71 65	pc s	88 89	71 69	pc t	Salt Lake City San Diego	92	70	-	95 96 72	72	рс
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