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80 KILLED IN FRANCE

Truck plows through crowd during Bastille Day celebration

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Associated Press

NICE, France — A truck loaded with weapons and hand grenades drove onto a sidewalk for more than a mile, plowing through Bastille Day revelers who'd gathered to watch fireworks in the French resort city of Nice late Thursday. At least 80 people were killed before police killed the driver, authorities said.

Nice prosecutor Jean-Michel Pretre described a horrific scene, with bodies strewn along the roadway, and Sylvie Toffin, a press officer with the local

prefecture, said the truck ran over people on a "long trip" down the sidewalk near Nice's Palais de la Mediterranee, a building that fronts the beach.

Wassim Bouhlel, a Nice native who spoke to the AP nearby, said that he saw a truck drive into the crowd. "There was carnage on the road," he said. "Bodies everywhere." He said the driver emerged with a gun and started shooting.

France's Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve said 80 people were killed, including children, and 18 were in critical condition, and the Paris prosecutor's office announced an investigation for "murder, attempted murder in an

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organized group linked to a terrorist enterprise."

"We are in a war with terrorists who want to strike us at any price and in a very violent way," Cazeneuve said.

The ranking politician of the Alpes-Maritime department that includes Nice said the truck plowed into the crowd over a distance of 1.2 miles. Many of those on the ground were in shorts and other summer clothing.

Eric Ciotti said on BFM TV that police killed the driver "apparently after

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AP Photo/Claude Paris

Forensic officers stand near a truck with its windscreen riddled with bullets, that plowed through a crowd gathered to watch the fireworks in the French resort city of Nice, southern France, Friday.

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Staff photo by E.J. Harris

The Pendleton Downtown Association has developed a plan for their perceived lack of available parking on Main Street.

Parking, trees and regulations

New downtown group hopes to tackle old issues

By ANTONIO SIERRA
East Oregonian

The Pendleton Downtown Association's next goal is to find a place downtown.

The association is \$1,500 away from meeting its target, which would give it \$100,000 to rent a downtown office and hire an intern.

But President Fred Bradbury and the rest

of the nonprofit membership organization want to go beyond that, putting together plans to tackle downtown issues like parking, tree maintenance and business regulations.

Charles Denight has long kept tabs on the downtown area, first through his involvement with the Pendleton Chamber of Commerce and now through his role as the associate director of the Pendleton Develop-

ment Commission, the governing body of the city's downtown urban renewal district.

"I've seen downtown associations rise and fall and this is the strongest I've seen it," he said.

Denight attributed much of the association's growth to Bradbury's organizational skills and focus on details.

Bradbury said the last iteration of the association reached out to him last year and asked him to take over.

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HERMISTON

New fire district faces rent increase

City proposes yearly rent go from \$1 to \$100,000

By ALEXA LOUGEE
East Oregonian

The fire board for Umatilla County Fire District 1 met Wednesday and learned their landlord is proposing to increase their rent.

The city of Hermiston owns the Public Safety Center, which houses the police department, and leases a portion to Hermiston Fire and Emergency Services. The terms of the original lease, which had been in effect since 2007, had the Hermiston Fire Department paying \$1 a year. When the new district was formed on July 1, the previous lease agreement was terminated. The city proposed a new lease agreement with the first year's rent at \$100,000.

"This is kind of ridiculous," fire board member Mike Hawman said in response to the proposed figure.

The city proposed the second and third years' rent be \$65,000, the fourth year's rent be \$30,000 and succeeding annual rent be \$1 a year after that until 2115, when the term of the lease would end.

Board members and Fire Chief Scott Stanton all conceded they need a lease agreement with the city, but there was no way they could afford the proposed 9,999,900 percent increase. The board voted to allow Chief Stanton to enter into negotiations with the city for a more affordable lease price. Stanton said he was confident they could find "middle ground for what would be fair."

Mark Morgan, Hermiston's assistant city manager, said the lease agreement is a conversation the city and the fire district have been having for a couple of years.

Under Oregon law there is a property tax cap of \$10 per \$1,000 assessed value. With the new

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Removal of Dillon Dam could happen this winter

By GEORGE PLAVERN
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A headache for farmers and fish on the lower Umatilla River for decades, the Dillon Dam is finally near its end.

The Umatilla Basin Watershed Council and Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation plan to remove the troublesome diversion dam outside of Echo by next summer. Not only has the concrete structure long blocked passage for native salmon, steelhead and lamprey, it has been a maintenance nightmare as gravel bars routinely wash over the irrigation headgate.

But before the dam can come out, water rights for the local Dillon Irrigation Company need to be rerouted from another source. The watershed council came up with a design in 2014

"We won't have fish caught below that are essentially getting fried every year."

— Jon Staldine, executive director for the Umatilla Basin Watershed Council

that taps into the neighboring Westland Irrigation Canal, running 11,000 feet of pipe down Andrews Road and back into the Dillon Irrigation Ditch — completely bypassing the dam.

Funding for the project appears to be in place after the Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife's Restoration and Enhancement Board approved a

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A large gravel bar washed over nearly half of the Dillon Diversion Dam on the Umatilla River outside of Echo in March 2014.



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