

FRANCE: 'The terrorist character (of the attack) cannot be denied'

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an exchange of gunfire."

The president of the Provence Alpes Côte d'Azur regional council, which includes Nice, said the truck was loaded with arms and grenades. Christian Estrosi told BFM TV that "the driver fired on the crowd, according to the police who killed him."

Images being broadcast across French media showed revelers running for their lives down Nice's palm tree-lined Promenade des Anglais, the famous seaside boulevard named for the English aristocrats who proposed its construction in the 19th century.

Video footage showed men and women — one or two pushing strollers — racing to get away from the scenes. And, in what appeared to be evidence of a gun battle, photos showed a truck with at least half a dozen bullet holes punched through its windshield.

It was not immediately clear who would have been behind an attack, but France has recently seen a spate of dramatic assaults by jihadist groups, including the Islamic State group which straddles Iraq and Syria.

President Francois Hollande said in a televised statement that all of France was under an "Islamist terrorist threat" and extended by three months a state of emergency that has been in place since the November attacks that killed 130 in Paris was to end July 26. The decision needs parliamentary approval.

"The terrorist character (of the attack) cannot be denied," he said.

Hollande said he was calling a defense council meeting Friday that brings together defense, interior and other key ministers, then heading to Nice. He listed several measures to bolster security in France after two waves of attacks last year that killed 147 people. Besides continuation of

the state of emergency and the Sentinel operation with 10,000 soldiers on patrol, he said he was calling up "operational reserves," those who have served in the past and will be brought in to help police, particularly at French borders.

President Barack Obama condemned what he said "appears to be a horrific terrorist attack."

European Council president Donald Tusk said it was a "tragic paradox" that the victims of the attack in Nice were celebrating "liberty, equality and fraternity" — France's motto — on the country's national day.

Writing online, *Nice Matin* journalist Damien Allemand who was at the waterside said the fireworks display had finished and the crowd had got up to leave when they heard a noise and cries.

"A fraction of a second later, an enormous white truck came along at a crazy speed, turning the wheel to mow down the maximum number of people," he said.

"I saw bodies flying like bowling pins along its route. Heard noises, cries that I will never forget."

Graphic footage showed a scene of horror up and down the Promenade, with broken bodies splayed out on the asphalt, some of them piled near one another, others bleeding out onto the roadway or twisted into unnatural shapes.

"Help my mother, please!" one person yells out amid a cacophony of screaming and crying. A pink girl's bicycle is briefly seen overturned by the side of the road.

The origin and authenticity of the footage could not immediately be verified.

Kayla Repan, of Boca Raton, Florida, was among the hundreds gathered on the promenade to watch fireworks.

"The whole city was running. I got extremely frightened and ran away from the promenade," she said. "It was chaos."

Plan for federal wolf delisting clears U.S. House

By KRISTENA HANSEN
Associated Press

PORTLAND — As the battle over Oregon's recent delisting of the gray wolf as endangered is waged in a courtroom, the state's lone Republican congressman helped convince the House to approve a plan to remove all protections for the species at the federal level.

The proposal cleared the chamber Wednesday with a 223-201 vote and now heads to the Senate.

It was introduced Monday by Oregon Rep. Greg Walden and Washington state Reps. Cathy McMorris Rodgers and Dan Newhouse as an amendment to a large federal appropriations package.

The plan would enable the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to move forward with its proposal made three years ago to delist the gray wolf under the federal Endangered Species Act by 2017.

Population management would instead be at the discretion of the lower 48 states, although it wouldn't directly impact state-level endangered species lists or wolf management plans in separate places such as Oregon.

"Oregon's wolf population has grown by more than 40 percent, and yet we have this divided management strategy in the federal government where in part of the state wolves are still listed and part of the state they're not," Walden said in a statement. "We need a single management strategy where we have local control under the Oregon state plan."

Gray wolves in the eastern third of Oregon are under state management but, as of last fall, are not considered endangered as they are by federal officials elsewhere in the state.

The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission took the wolf off the state endangered list in November — a decision wildlife advocates are currently fighting in



In this Jan. 6 file photo, Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., right, accompanied by House Speaker Paul Ryan of Wis., center, and Rep. Lynn Jenkins, R-Kansas, speaks during a news conference on Capitol Hill in Washington.



This 2014 file photo provided by the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife shows a female wolf from the Minam pack outside La Grande, after it was fitted with a tracking collar.

appeals court — and now revising its wolf management plan as required every five years.

With federal delisting in limbo as the wolf population keeps growing, Walden said there's little recourse for area ranchers and challenges for the five year review of the Oregon Wolf Plan.

Oregon Rep. Peter DeFazio, a Democrat and longtime wolf advocate who voted against Walden's amendment, said the issue

and the Republican Party here in Washington, D.C., DeFazio told The Associated Press, noting the gray wolf is already partially delisted at the federal level as of a few years ago.

The broader bill containing the wolf amendment won't clear the Senate, he said. But in year-end negotiations, "I assume the Republicans will assert, 'Oh gee, we got all these amendments and we want them in the year-end deal,' which (is) how they got the first partial delisting of the wolves," DeFazio said.

Nick Cady, attorney for Eugene-based Cascadia Wildlands, one of the groups fighting the state's delisting in court, also expressed concerns about how year-end wolf negotiations would play out.

"It is just so apparent that so-called 'local control' simply means an absence of protections for the species," Cady said.

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TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
82° 54°	83° 54°	88° 60°	85° 56°	85° 58°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
87° 57° 88° 55° 91° 65° 87° 60° 89° 59°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	86°	53°
Normals	89°	59°
Records	109° (1911)	41° (1913)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.80"
Normal month to date	0.14"
Year to date	7.32"
Last year to date	5.00"
Normal year to date	7.75"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	89°	50°
Normals	89°	58°
Records	110° (1935)	44° (2010)

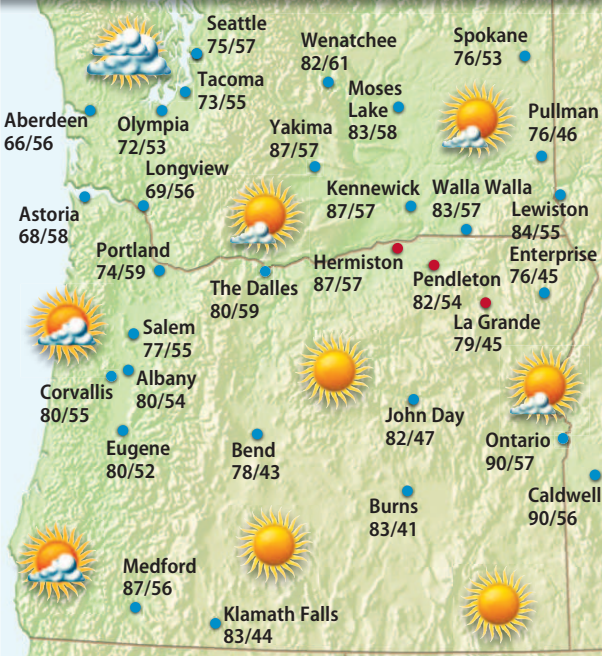
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.29"
Normal month to date	0.10"
Year to date	4.93"
Last year to date	3.25"
Normal year to date	5.83"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:21 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:41 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:55 p.m.
Moonset today	2:10 a.m.

	Full	Last	New	First
	July 19	July 26	Aug 2	Aug 10



REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: A passing shower across the north today; pleasant in the south. Partly sunny elsewhere.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Nice today with plenty of sunshine. Clear tonight. Sunny and pleasant tomorrow.

Western Washington: Clouds and breaks of sun today. Mostly cloudy tonight. Mostly cloudy tomorrow.

Eastern Washington: Sunny to partly cloudy today. Clear tonight.

Cascades: Pleasant today with plenty of sunshine; however, some clouds across the north.

Northern California: Sunshine today. Hot in central parts; pleasant elsewhere. Clear tonight.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	68	58	c	68	58	sh
Baker City	80	41	s	79	42	s
Bend	78	43	s	78	46	s
Brookings	70	54	pc	69	54	s
Burns	83	41	s	80	43	s
Enterprise	76	45	s	75	48	s
Eugene	80	52	pc	79	55	pc
Heppner	80	49	s	81	50	s
Hermiston	87	57	s	88	55	s
John Day	82	47	s	82	49	s
Klamath Falls	83	44	pc	82	45	s
La Grande	79	45	s	79	50	s
Meacham	75	42	s	76	45	s
Medford	87	56	s	87	57	s
Newport	64	53	pc	64	54	c
North Bend	68	57	pc	68	57	pc
Ontario	90	57	s	86	56	s
Pasco	86	57	s	87	58	s
Pendleton	82	54	s	83	54	s
Portland	74	59	c	78	60	c
Redmond	81	42	s	82	46	s
Salem	77	55	pc	78	58	pc
Spokane	76	53	s	76	57	s
Ukiah	76	44	s	76	45	s
Vancouver	72	57	pc	74	59	c
Walla Walla	83	57	s	84	59	s
Yakima	87	57	s	87	59	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	80	68	c	84	67	c
Hong Kong	91	82	t	92	83	t
Jerusalem	89	70	s	88	69	s
London	68	61	pc	75	61	pc
Mexico City	74	53	t	72	53	t
Moscow	87	66	pc	79	57	s
Paris	74	52	pc	77	59	s
Rome	76	65	pc	82	61	s
Seoul	85	70	pc	75	69	r
Sydney	62	47	pc	64	50	pc
Tokyo	79	72	sh	81	75	pc

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	WSW 4-8	SW 4-8
Pendleton	W 6-12	W 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY

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8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m.

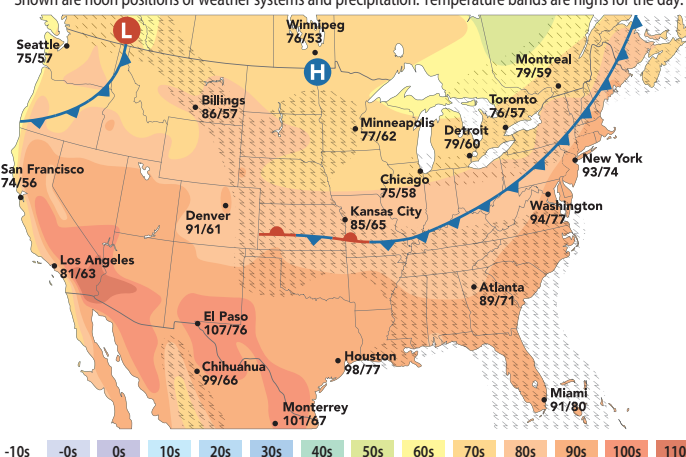
0-2, Low 3-5, Moderate 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

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



National Summary: Showers and locally drenching, gusty thunderstorms will be scattered over much of the eastern two-thirds of the nation with hot and humid conditions today. Much of the West can expect a dry and sunny day.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 114° in Needles, Calif. Low 25° in Gould, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.				Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W		Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	99	68	pc	100	70	s	Louisville	87	69	pc	84	67	pc
Atlanta	89	71	pc	87	71	t	Memphis	89	73	t	92	75	pc
Atlanta City	88	75	s	86	71	t	Miami	91	80	t	91	80	pc
Baltimore	94	71	pc	88	68	pc	Millwaukee	71	58	pc	77	64	s
Billings	86	57	t	79	55	pc	Minneapolis	77	62	pc	80	68	pc
Birmingham	88	70	t	88	72	t	Nashville	87	69	c	88	69	t
Boise	90	56	s	85	56	s	New Orleans	92	79	t	92	79	t
Boston	92	70	s	88	68	pc	New York City	93	74	pc	89	71	pc
Charleston, SC	93	78	t	92	77	t	Oklahoma City	90	68	t	92	73	pc
Charleston, WV	87	67	pc	81	63	t	Omaha	79	65	pc	83	73	pc
Chicago	75	58	pc	79	64	s	Philadelphia	93	75	pc	90	72	pc
Cleveland	82	63	pc	78	60	pc	Phoenix	112	88	pc	110	88	s
Dallas	97	77	pc	97	78	s	Portland, ME	88	65	pc	83	62	pc
Denver	91	61	t	94	61	pc	Providence	92	69	pc	90	68	pc
Detroit	79	60	t	81	61	pc	Raleigh	94	73	pc	86	70	t
El Paso	107	76	pc	105	76	s	Rapid City	80	58	t	89	59	t
Fairbanks	81	64	t	76	62	c	Reno	97	60	s	94	59	s
Fargo	76	58	t	79	61	t	Sacramento	97	60	s	91	57	s
Honolulu	88	74	pc	88	75	s	St						