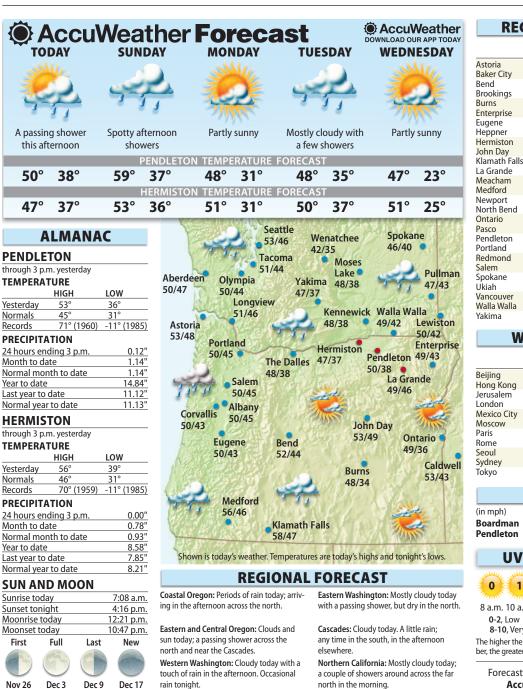
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Wolves' return brings conflict, opportunity

By GILLIAN FLACCUS Associated Press

PORTLAND — Wolves were once so plentiful in the abundant forests that would become Oregon that the earliest settlers gathered from far and wide to discuss how to kill them Those "wolf meetings" in the 1840s, spawned by a common interest, eventually led to the formation of the Oregon territory, the precursor for statehood in 1859. Today, Oregon's statehood is secure, but the future of its wolf population once more hangs in the balance. Wolves have returned after decades, and this time, humans are having a much more contentious discussion about what to do with them. It's a political debate playing out against the backdrop of a rapidly growing wolf population, a jump in wolf poaching and demands from ranchers and hunters who say the predators are decimating herds and spooking big game. The Oregon Fish and Wildlife Commission will vote in January on whether to adopt a new wolf management plan that could eventually open the door for a wolf hunt for the first time since bounty hunting wiped out wolves in the state 70 years ago. Idaho, which has



success story - but we're not done," said Rob Klavins, a wolf specialist with Oregon Wild, a conservation organization. "Can you imagine if there were only 81 known elk in the state of Oregon, or if there were 81 salmon? We wouldn't think of delisting Early explorers noted wolves were "exceedingly numerous" in what would become Oregon, and the so-called wolf meetings that led to the region's first civic government established a bounty for wolves in 1843 that paid \$3 per hide. The state later took over the bounty and offered \$20 per wolf in 1913 - the equivalent of nearly \$500 today.

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BRIEFLY Quake recorded off Oregon Coast

COOS BAY (AP) — The U.S. Geological Survey has recorded a 4.7-magnitude earthquake in the Pacific Ocean off the coast of Oregon.

The temblor struck Friday at 9:36 a.m., about 108 miles west of Coos Bay. It occurred at a depth of 6.2 miles. There were no reports of injuries or damage.

Teens planned to kill new classmate

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife via AP This Aug. 2009, photo shows what ODFW believes is the alpha male OR-4 that bred with B-300 to produce the Imnaha wolf pack in the Imnaha Unit in Wallowa County near Joseph.

a much larger population of the animals, allows wolf hunting.

Conservationists worry the plan will erode recent progress, particularly given a rash of unsolved poaching cases and an uptick in state-sanctioned wolf killings in response to wolf attacks on livestock. They are adamantly opposed to wolf hunting and say the population is a long way from supporting it.

The species lost its endangered status under Oregon law two years ago — when the population hit 81 wolves — and is no longer federally protected in the eastern third of the state. Wolves, which were wiped out in the continental U.S. in all but a slice of Minnesota, also are rebounding in other Western states, prompting similar debates about human co-existence.

Oregon wildlife officials have killed or authorized the killing of 14 wolves since 2009, including 10 in the past two years, and 12 more have been poached, including eight since 2015, according to state wildlife officials.

'When we had zero wolves 10 years ago, and now when we have 112 wolves, that's certainly a

The last bounty payment was recorded in 1947, and the wolf vanished from Oregon for decades.

mid-1990s. In the wolves were reintroduced to central Idaho, and in 1999, a lone wolf wandered into northeastern Oregon. It was trapped and returned to Idaho.

Two more were found dead in Oregon in 2000. But the first definitive proof wolves had returned to the state came in 2007, when a wolf was found shot to death. The following year, a wolf nicknamed Sophie by conservationists gave birth to the first litter of pups born in Oregon in decades.

BENTON CITY, Wash. (AP) — Authorities say they're investigating an attempted murder plot involving several students at a southern Washington high school.

The Tri-City Herald reports that three 16-year-old students — two boys and a girl — had plotted to kill an 18-year-old classmate on Nov. 15.

The classmate, who was not hurt, was lured to the back of a market, where they had planned to kill him with a knife.

The Kiona-Benton City School District expelled one boy and the girl the next day. The second boy's involvement was discovered this week.

Benton County Sheriff's Sgt. Bob Brockman said the older classmate was new to Kiona-Benton City High School and had "disrupted the flow" of the social order.

The boy who masterminded the plot has been held at Benton-Franklin juvenile detention center.

Central Oregon homicide victim ID'd

BEND (AP) — Authorities in Central Oregon identified a 51-year-old man as the victim in a Thanksgiving Day homicide.

Crook County Undersheriff James Savage says deputies found the body of Dennis Stewart after being asked to conduct a welfare check in Juniper Acres, an off-the-grid subdivision south of Prineville.

No arrest has been made, but Savage says a person of interest has been interviewed and there is no threat to the public. He declined to release more information.

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