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SATURDAY SUNDAY Mostly cloudy Mostly cloudy with Mostly cloudy with Cloudy, showers Mainly cloudy, a few showers showers around TEMPERATURE FO 32° 35° 31° **53°** 33° **50°** 35° **52°** 32° 37° 38° **58°** 33° **56°** 32° Seattle **ALMANAC** Spokane 53/36 Wenatchee 48/33 51/31 **PENDLETON** Tacoma Moses Pullman through 3 p.m. yesterday Lake Aberdeen Olympia Yakima 57/31 **TEMPERATURE** 51/37 52/29 HIGH Longview Yesterday Walla Walla 74° (2015) 59/34 54/37 Lewiston 8° (1906) Astoria Records 53/37 **PRECIPITATION** Portland Enterprise Hermiston 24 hours ending 3 p.m Pendleton 45/30 55/36 The Dalles Month to date 0.52 Normal month to date 56/32 Salem La Grande 2.85['] 4.79['] 53/35 Last year to date 3.01" Albany Normal year to date Corvallis 52/33 **HERMISTON** John Day 52/33 through 3 p.m. yesterday 48/33 Ontario • Eugene Bend **TEMPERATURE** 57/36 51/32 45/24 HIGH LOW Caldwell Burns

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Klamath Falls

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

Coastal Oregon: Overcast today into tomorrow with a little rain. Friday: a couple

53/34

Eastern and Central Oregon: Showers around today; however, a bit of snow near the Cascades, accumulating an inch or two. Western Washington: Cloudy today and tonight with a little rain. A shower in places Eastern Washington: Cloudy today with a couple of showers; however, dry in the lating 1-3 inches, except a little rain across

the north. Northern California: Showers around today; snow, accumulating 1-3 inches in the

UV INDEX TODAY

8 a.m. 10 a.m. Noon 2 p.m. 4 p.m. 6 p.m. **3-5**, Moderate **6-7**, High; **8-10**, Very High; 11+, Extreme The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ num ber, the greater the need for eye and skin protection

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NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY

of steady snow and snow showers extend westward to the Great Lakes and Appalachians. Rain and mountain snow will spread across the West.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) Low -4° in Saco, Mont High 89° in Thermal, Calif.

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Neather (W): s-sunny, **pc**-partly cloudy, **c**-cloudy, **sh**-showers, **t**-thunderstorms, **r**-rain sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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SUNSHINE WEEK

U.S. sets new record for censoring and withholding government files

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WASHINGTON federal government censored, withheld or said it couldn't find records sought by citizens, journalists and others more often last year than at any point in the past decade, according to an Associated Press analysis of new data.

The calculations cover eight months under President Donald Trump, the first hints about how his administration complies with the Freedom of Information Act.

The surge of people who sought records but ended up empty-handed was driven by the government saying more than ever it could not find a single page of requested files and asserting in other cases that it would be illegal under U.S. laws to release the information.

People who asked for records under the Freedom of Information Act received censored files or nothing in 78 percent of 823,222 requests, a record over the past decade. When it provided no records, the government said it could find no information related to the request in a little over half those cases.

It turned over everything requested in roughly one of every five FOIA requests, according to the AP analysis.

Records requests can take months — even years — to get fulfilled. Even then, the government censored documents in



In this 2013 file photo, the Department of Justice headquarters building in Washington is photographed early in the morning. The federal government censored, withheld or said it couldn't find records sought by citizens, journalists and others more often last year than at any point in the past decade, according to an Associated Press analysis of new data.

nearly two-thirds of cases when it turned over anything.

The federal government also spent \$40.6 million last year in legal fees defending its decisions to withhold federal files, also a record. That included the time when a U.S. judge ruled against the AP and other news organizations asking for details about who and how much the FBI paid to unlock the iPhone used by a gunman in a mass shooting in San Bernardino, California. When the government loses in court, it sometimes must pay the winner's attorney's fees. For example, the New York Times was awarded \$51,910 from the CIA in May in a fight over records about chemical weapons in Iraq.

It was impossible, based on the

government's own accounting, to determine whether researchers, journalists and others asked for records that did not actually exist or whether federal employees did not search hard enough before giving up. The government said it found nothing 180,924 times, an 18 percent increase over the previous year.

"Federal agencies are failing to take advantage of modern technology to store, locate and produce records in response to FOIA requests, and the public is losing out as a result," said Adam A. Marshall, the Knight Foundation litigation attorney at the Washington-based Reporters Committee for Freedom of the

He said citizens and others

should try to precisely describe how they want filings cabinets, drives or email accounts searched, but "you shouldn't have to be an expert in records management just to submit a

In other cases, the times the government said it would be illegal under other U.S. laws to release requested information nearly doubled to 63,749. Those laws include broad prohibitions against revealing details about U.S. intelligence activities or foreign governments, trade secrets, individual banking or tax records and more.

Many of those requests probably involved files related to the U.S. investigation into how Russia interfered in the 2016 presidential election or the related grand jury investigations or about Trump's personal or business tax returns, said Kel McClanahan, a Washington lawyer who frequently sues the U.S. government for records. "How many people do you think asked for Trump's tax returns?" he asked.

A disturbing trend continued: In more than one-in-three cases, the government reversed itself when challenged and acknowledged that it had improperly tried to withhold pages. But people filed such appeals only 14,713 times, or about 4.3 percent of cases in which the government said it found records but held back some or all of the material.

NORTHWEST BRIEFLY

Groups seek protection for unique Oregon salamander

SALEM (AP) — Four conservation groups are seeking federal protection for a unique species of salamander that lives in the Klamath-Siskiyou region of southern Oregon and northern California

The Capital Press reports the petition was filed Monday with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The petition say increasing logging of old-growth forests is threatening the Siskiyou Mountains salamander and the amphibian deserves immediate protection under the Endangered Species Act. Two timber industry groups issued a

joint statement against the petition.

Conservationists first filed a petition seeking federal protection for the salamander in 2004.

Pilot killed in crash was fixture in Oregon aviation

PORTLAND (AP) — An Oregon pilot who died in a plane crash in Washington was a passionate advocate for pilots and airports and played a significant role in Oregon aviation, according to the Oregon Department of Aviation.

Mary Rosenblum, of Canby, was flying a Piper Super Cub plane Sunday when she hit trees around 1 p.m. and crashed near Battle Ground, Washington, the Clark County Sheriff's Office said.

Rosenblum was the only person found in the damaged plane and died at the scene near Daybreak Field. She was 65.

Rosenblum was an award-winning author who wrote nine novels over her career, including "The Drylands," which won the Compton Crook Award for science fiction writing in 1994. She wrote mysteries under the name Mary Freeman.

Cat Rambo, president of the Science Fiction & Fantasy Writers of America, said Rosenblum was a "one of the vital components of our Pacific Northwest writing community.

Rosenblum and a friend in a separate aircraft had flown to other locations earlier in the day and meant to stop at Daybreak Field, according to the sheriff's office.

Rosenblum's friend did not see what caused the plane to crash. The Federal Aviation Administration

is investigating the crash.

Correction

Hermiston Parks & Recreation is not currently taking registrations for Film Kids or Mini Filmmakers. A community brief in the March 10-11 East Oregonian was based on outdated information.

The East Oregonian works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets the error. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

Washington Legislature fails to pass bill to let patrol destroy guns

SEATTLE (AP) — The a new crime, and an Associated Washington state Legislature ended its latest session without passing a bill that would allow the State Patrol to destroy firearms confiscated during criminal investigations, instead of trading them with a firearms dealer, who would sell them to the public.

They not only sell handguns and hunting rifles, but also assault weapons.

House Bill 1483 sought to give the agency the option to destroy them instead, but it never received a vote on the House

The agency has feared that one of its sold guns would be used in Press investigation that has happened more than once.

It's disappointing the bill failed to pass," said Kyle Moore, spokesman for the agency. "It's a policy that falls in line with other law enforcement agencies across the state.'

Jaime Smith, spokeswoman for Gov. Jay Inslee, said the bill's failure "was definitely a disappointment."

Washington, like most other states, the law allows police to decide whether to sell, trade or destroy guns that are confiscated during criminal investigations. But the law was stricter for the

State Patrol. Any forfeited guns that are not needed as evidence or kept for agency use must be auctioned or traded with licensed dealers, who then sell them.

Having the option to destroy the crime guns would "reduce the risk of these firearms being used for criminal purposes in the future and tied back to the department," the agency said in its request for the bill, which was sponsored by Rep. Tana Senn, D-Bellevue. It's co-sponsored by nine other Democrats and two Republicans.

The bill had moved to the House floor after being moved out of committee last year, but it stalled there and never got a vote,

"I'm still in a little bit of shock that we didn't pass the bill," she said. "It certainly wasn't for a lack of trying.'

Some lawmakers argued that if the agency destroys the guns, people will just buy them from the gun manufacturer and that will add to their profit, Senn said.

"But we argued that it's more expensive to buy it new," she said, and by destroying the guns "we wouldn't have the liability issues involved." Some fear the State Patrol and the state would be held liable if a gun sold by the agency were used in a murder or mass shooting.