

WASHINGTON



Alan Berner/The SeattleTimes via AP

Washington State Fish and Wildlife Police leave the scene on a remote King County road near the site of a fatal cougar attack Saturday in East King County, Wash.

Cyclists tried to scare cougar but animal attacked, killing 1

By GENE JOHNSON
Associated Press

SEATTLE — The two mountain bikers did what they were supposed to do when they noticed a mountain lion tailing them on a trail east of Seattle.

They got off their bikes. They faced the beast, shouted and tried to spook it. After it charged, one even smacked the cougar with his bike, and it ran off.

It wasn't enough, authorities said. As they stood trying to catch their breath, the cougar returned, biting one of them on the head and shaking him, Capt. Alan Myers of the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Police said Sunday.

The second cyclist ran, and the animal dropped the first victim and pounced on him, killing him and dragging him back to what appeared to be its den.

"They did everything they were supposed to do," King County sheriff's Sgt. Ryan Abbott said. "But something was wrong with this cougar."

The attack Saturday near North Bend, in the Cascade Mountain foothills 30 miles east of Seattle, was the first fatal cougar attack in the state in 94 years. Myers said Sunday that the cougar was underweight — about 100 pounds, when a typical 3-year-old male

in the area would be 140 to 180 pounds.

The 31-year-old Seattle man who was bitten first, Isaac Sederbaum, survived. Rescuers flew him to a hospital, where he was in satisfactory condition Sunday, Harborview Medical Center spokeswoman Susan Gregg said.

Myers identified the deceased victim, a 32-year-old Seattle resident, as S.J. Brooks.

After the cougar attacked Brooks, a badly bloodied Sederbaum managed to get on his bike and ride off. He rode for 2 miles before he could get a cellphone signal to call 911.

When rescuers arrived, it took about half an hour to find Brooks, who was dead with the cougar on top of him in what appeared to be a den-like area. An officer shot at it, and it ran off. Several hours later, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife agents used dogs to track it to a nearby tree. They shot and killed it.

Authorities plan to match DNA taken from the animal with DNA from the victims to be certain they killed the right cougar. They sent the animal's carcass to a veterinary lab at Washington State University for a necropsy to determine what might have been wrong with it.

There are an estimated 2,000 cougars in Washington. Until the 1960s, the state paid hunters a bounty for kill-

ing them. Now, it allows 250 to be hunted in 50 designated zones.

While they are sometimes known to kill livestock or pets, and though one even found its way into a park in Seattle in 2009, encounters with people in Washington state are rare.

Attacks have become more common as people increasingly encroach on the animals' territory. In North America, there have been about 25 deadly attacks and 95 nonfatal attacks reported in the past century, but more attacks have been reported in the U.S. West and Canada over the past 20 years than in the previous 80, according to Fish and Wildlife.

Experts say that people encountering the big cats in the wild should stop and pick up small children immediately. Because running and rapid movements can trigger the animal's prey drive, don't run. Instead, face the cougar, speak firmly and slowly back away — appearing as large as possible, such as by standing on a rock or stump or opening a sweatshirt or jacket.

Keep your eyes on the animal and become more assertive if it doesn't back off. And if it does attack, fight back.

"The idea is to convince the cougar that you are not prey, but a potential danger," Fish and Wildlife advises on its website.

OREGON

Judge: Teen must repay \$37M for starting wildfire

HOOD RIVER (AP) — A teenager who started a major wildfire in the scenic Columbia River Gorge in Oregon has been ordered to pay restitution for at least the next decade, though it's unlikely the boy will ever cover his nearly \$37 million bill.

The Oregonian reports that Hood River County Circuit Judge John A. Olson issued the opinion on Monday, awarding the restitution totaling \$36,618,330 to cover the costs of fire-fighting, repair and restoration to the gorge and damage to homes. Victims include the U.S. Forest Service and Oregon Department of Transportation.

The 15-year-old from Vancouver, Washington, earlier this year acknowledged wrongdoing and said he threw two fireworks in Eagle Creek Canyon on Sept. 2 when flames spread quickly. The fire caused evacuations, an extended shutdown of a major interstate highway and devastation to a major outdoor tourist attraction.

The judge's order notes that the boy can set up a payment plan, though payments can be halted after 10 years as long as he complies, completes probation and doesn't commit other crimes.

At a hearing last week, the boy's lawyer urged for a "reasonable and rational" penalty, calling the \$37

million sought an "absurd" amount for the child. The restitution is solely the responsibility of the teen, and not his parents, who came to the U.S. from Ukraine.

Olson called it "an extraordinary amount" and then deferred on a separate restitution order because he wanted more time to review the case. The judge said the largest figure he could find for prior juvenile restitution cases in Oregon was \$114,000.

The teen in February pleaded guilty to reckless burning of public and private property and other charges. Olson sentenced him to community service and probation, and the boy had to write more than 150 letters of apology to those affected by the fire that burned 75 square miles.

The Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area attracts more than 3 million tourists a year and holds North America's largest concentration of waterfalls. The fast-moving blaze ravaged popular hiking trails and marred stunning vistas.

State law allows the Oregon Department of Revenue to garnishee the teen's bank accounts or paychecks. If he's due refunds on his tax returns, the state could take those. If he wins the lottery, the state also could collect all of his winnings.

Correction

The May 19 article "Governor joins CTUIR in opposing Medicaid work requirements for tribes" misquotes Gov. Kate Brown. Brown did not include "the recommendations are in violation of the rights reserved by CTUIR leaders in the Treaty of 1855" in her prepared statement. The East Oregonian works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

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AccuWeather Forecast

TODAY Partly sunny
84° 58°

WEDNESDAY Times of clouds and sun
86° 60°

THURSDAY A t-storm around in the p.m.
84° 57°

FRIDAY Spotty afternoon showers
79° 53°

SATURDAY Partly sunny with a few showers
70° 48°

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PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

84° 58° 86° 60° 84° 57° 79° 53° 70° 48°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

90° 59° 92° 64° 89° 61° 83° 55° 75° 52°

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PENDLETON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 77°	54°
Normals 72°	48°
Records 95° (1928)	30° (1903)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.02"
Month to date	0.65"
Normal month to date	0.85"
Year to date	6.07"
Last year to date	9.14"
Normal year to date	5.96"

HERMISTON

through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE

HIGH	LOW
Yesterday 83°	61°
Normals 74°	48°
Records 97° (1928)	32° (1971)

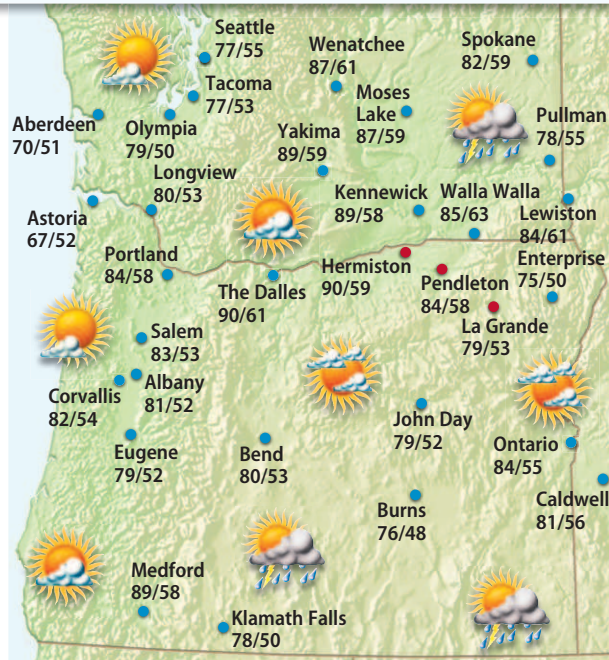
PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.91"
Normal month to date	0.76"
Year to date	4.96"
Last year to date	6.31"
Normal year to date	4.75"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:17 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:27 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:04 p.m.
Moonset today	2:13 a.m.

Full	Last	New	First
May 29	June 6	June 13	June 20



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

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Mostly sunny today, except clouds breaking for some sun in the south.

Eastern Washington: Partly sunny today. Partly cloudy tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Clouds and sun today. A shower or thunderstorm in spots in the south tonight.

Cascades: Partly sunny and very warm today. Partly cloudy tonight.

Western Washington: Mostly sunny today. Mostly clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

Northern California: A thunderstorm in spots this afternoon; clouds breaking for some sun at the coast.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	67	52	s	64	53	pc
Baker City	78	50	pc	76	52	pc
Bend	80	53	pc	77	52	pc
Brookings	62	50	pc	59	50	pc
Burns	76	48	pc	75	47	pc
Enterprise	75	50	pc	74	52	pc
Eugene	79	52	s	73	51	pc
Heppner	81	57	pc	84	59	pc
Hermiston	90	59	pc	92	64	pc
John Day	79	52	pc	78	56	pc
Klamath Falls	78	50	pc	74	46	pc
La Grande	79	53	pc	77	53	pc
Meacham	76	49	pc	76	51	pc
Medford	89	58	pc	81	57	pc
Newport	61	52	s	59	52	pc
North Bend	62	55	s	61	54	pc
Ontario	84	55	pc	82	58	pc
Pasco	89	57	pc	91	61	pc
Pendleton	84	58	pc	86	60	pc
Portland	84	58	s	78	57	pc
Redmond	83	51	pc	80	52	pc
Salem	83	53	s	76	54	pc
Spokane	82	59	pc	82	59	pc
Ukiah	75	49	pc	77	51	pc
Vancouver	82	55	s	76	54	pc
Walla Walla	85	63	pc	86	64	pc
Yakima	89	59	pc	90	59	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Wed.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	76	49	pc	86	59	s
Hong Kong	92	82	s	94	83	s
Jerusalem	91	70	pc	88	64	s
London	73	50	t	74	55	s
Mexico City	78	55	pc	81	55	pc
Moscow	67	57	pc	73	55	pc
Paris	75	55	t	75	56	t
Rome	73	59	pc	73	58	pc
Seoul	72	55	r	70	51	s
Sydney	72	56	s	69	53	s
Tokyo	77	64	s	70	65	r

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Wednesday
Boardman	NNE 4-8	W 4-8
Pendleton	NNE 6-12	WNW 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.

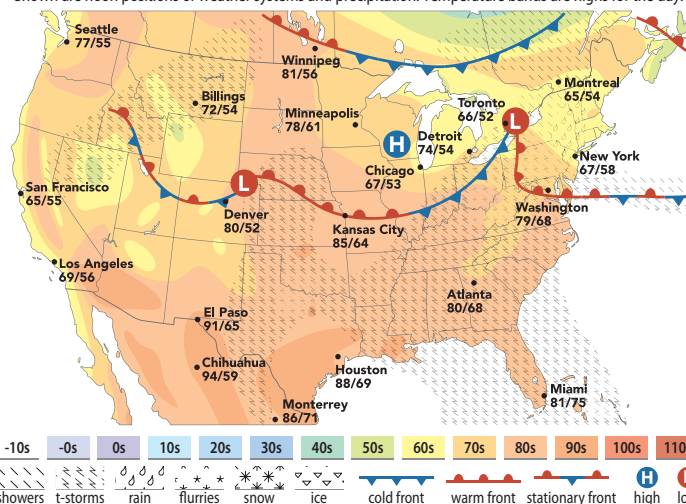
0-2, Low; 3-5, Moderate; 6-7, High; 8-10, Very High; 11+, Extreme

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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: The Northeast will be cooler today with periods of rain as thunderstorms rumble amid the steamy air from the mid-Atlantic to the South. Thunderstorms will also erupt over the High Plains and Rockies.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 96° in Presidio, Texas
Low 24° in Climax, Colo.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Wed.			Today			Wed.			
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	
Albuquerque	83	57	pc	86	58	s	Louisville	85	65	c	85	63	pc
Atlanta	80	68	t	83	69	t	Memphis	85	70	t	89	70	pc
Atlanta City	68	62	t	75	61	pc	Miami	81	75	pc	83	73	c
Baltimore	77	65	t	82	59	pc	Millwaukee	63	53	pc	82	73	pc
Billings	72	54	t	66	53	t	Minneapolis	78	61	pc	80	66	t
Birmingham	82	68	pc	86	69	t	Nashville	84	67	pc	87	64	pc
Boise	79	59	pc	78	60	t	New Orleans	89	74	t	90	75	t
Boston	66	53	pc	73	54	pc	New York City	67	58	r	80	61	pc
Charleston, SC	84	71	t	85	70	pc	Oklahoma City	87	64	pc	87	64	pc
Charleston, WV	79	63	t	79	56	pc	Omaha	87	66	t	91	67	t
Chicago	67	53	pc	75	57	pc	Philadelphia	72	64	t	81	61	pc
Cleveland	77	55	t	72	53	pc	Phoenix	94	69	s	94	71	s
Dallas	87	70	pc	90	70	s	Portland, ME	66	51	pc	70	48	c
Denver	80	52	t	82	52	pc	Providence	70	53	c	76	55	pc
Detroit	74	54	pc	79	57	pc	Raleigh	85	69	pc	85	66	t
El Paso	91	65	pc	93	65	s	Rapid City	81	54	t	81	54	pc
Fairbanks	65	45	c	62	45	sh	Reno	75	55	pc	73	52	t
Fargo	79	58	pc	83	66	sh	Sacramento	78	54	pc	74	53	s
Honolulu	85	74	s	86	74	s	St. Louis	84	65	pc	87	66	pc
Houston	88	69	pc	91	71	s	Salt Lake City	72	55	t	76	56	pc