

BRIEFLY

Two children die in Wallowa County rafting accident

TROY (AP) — Two young brothers died in a rafting accident over the weekend on the Grande Ronde River in Wallowa County. The Oregon State Police said Monday that the boys were rafting with their father when the raft hit a rock at Martins Misery Rapids and ejected the boys. The father jumped in but couldn't find them in the swift-moving river. Other rafting groups found the boys but they could not be revived. More information was not immediately available, including the ages of the boys or whether they were wearing life vests. The accident happened in Troy, a small community in northeastern Oregon near the border with Washington.

Washington, South Korea residents among dead in crash

CLATSKANIE (AP) — Authorities say three women and a boy were killed and several others injured when the minivan they were riding in collided with a pickup truck on a highway in north-west Oregon. Oregon State Police on Sunday said 44-year-old Yun Hee Lee and an unidentified juvenile male, both from Gig Harbor, Washington, were among those killed in Friday's crash in Clatsop County. Also killed were two women from South Korea, 71-year-old Soon Ja Lim and 39-year-old Jung Hee Lee. The four were among eight people in a minivan traveling westbound on Highway 30 Friday night. State police say the minivan tried to turn left into the oncoming path of a pickup truck towing an empty horse trailer. Several people in the minivan and pickup truck were taken to local hospitals.

Motorcyclist dies in crash with bear, SUV in central Oregon

WARM SPRINGS (AP) — A 39-year-old motorcyclist has died after he struck a large bear on a Central Oregon highway and was ultimately hit by another vehicle. Oregon State Police says Rhett Larsen, of Bend, died at the scene of Saturday night's crash on Highway 26 near Warm Springs. Authorities say Larsen struck the bear, which also died, when it ran onto the highway around 7 p.m. Police say Larsen was thrown from his motorcycle and hit by a Ford SUV driving in the opposite direction. The SUV driver was flown to a hospital. State police did not immediately return a message Sunday seeking the driver's condition. The collision closed the highway for several hours.

Corrections
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Photographers capture dueling demonstrations between antifascists known as antifa and right-wing groups, Sunday in downtown Portland. Portland police say four people were arrested during the demonstrations near City Hall.

Portland police arrest four during protests

PORTLAND (AP) — Portland police say four people were arrested during demonstrations near City Hall. The dueling protests involved antifascists known as antifa and right-wing groups. Some reports showed demonstrators punching and assaulting members of the opposing side on Sunday afternoon. A Portland police spokesman says some people were treated for injuries but no one needed to be taken to the hospital. The Oregonian Oregon Live reported the dueling protests got underway Sunday peacefully at first. Then there was shoving, a small bonfire was lit and punches were thrown. Police used pepper spray to quell the crowds as Patriot Prayer supporters started marching. Two of those arrested were facing disorderly conduct charges. One other was charged with failure to comply with an order. Charges against the fourth person were not immediately known.

Comcast settles \$155M tax lawsuit

By TOM JAMES Associated Press
SALEM — Internet and cable television provider Comcast has settled a long-running property tax dispute with the state of Oregon for \$155 million, gaining a one-time discount but agreeing to a more costly method of calculating its taxes. The settlement, which sends an infusion of cash to ten counties in the Willamette Valley, resolves a dispute dating to a 2009 decision to assess the company's assets in the state as a whole, rather than piecemeal. The company had argued that because it provides TV service, it was exempt from rules allowing the broader tax assessment on communication companies. Unlike local government tax assessments which count only tangible assets, so-called central assessment by the state's revenue department looks at the value of the entire company, including intangible assets. The broader assessment included about an extra \$700 million in assets, according to media reports at the time. The settlement amounts to about a 9 percent discount for the company: By paying \$155.6 million, Comcast will erase about \$170 million in back taxes, said Department of Revenue spokesman Derrick Gasperini. As part of the settlement, Comcast agreed to accept the broader assessment, and the larger future tax bills it would generate. The settlement will be divided between the 10 counties in the state where Comcast has assessable property. Gov. Kate Brown's office said in a statement that Brown had helped negotiate the deal, and urged local governments to use the cash bump to pay down public pension obligations. Rodrigo Lopez, a regional vice president for the company, said in an email the company was happy with the outcome. The agreement "gives local communities certainty around funding, (and) provides Comcast predictability on property taxes," Lopez wrote. A key issue in the dispute had been whether the internet giant qualified as a communications company. That designation qualifies a company for central assessment by the state, and Comcast had argued it was technically exempt because it used its infrastructure primarily to provide television service.

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Some sun; breezy this afternoon Partly sunny and pleasant Some sunshine Partly sunny Variable clouds with a shower
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
76° 48° 80° 55° 83° 54° 82° 55° 69° 46°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
81° 49° 85° 58° 89° 57° 88° 60° 75° 51°
ALMANAC
PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yesterday
TEMPERATURE HIGH LOW
Yesterday 73° 57°
Normals 75° 51°
Records 98° (1969) 35° (1991)
PRECIPITATION 24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.24"
Year to date 6.02"
Last year to date 9.26"
Normal year to date 6.75"
HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yesterday
TEMPERATURE HIGH LOW
Yesterday 78° 58°
Normals 77° 51°
Records 100° (1970) 40° (1980)
PRECIPITATION 24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.11"
Year to date 4.96"
Last year to date 6.42"
Normal year to date 5.22"
SUN AND MOON
Sunrise today 5:07 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:40 p.m.
Moonrise today 1:04 a.m.
Moonset today 11:33 a.m.
Last New First Full
June 6 June 13 June 20 June 27

REGIONAL CITIES
Today Wed.
Astoria 63 50 c 65 51 pc
Baker City 77 40 pc 80 49 pc
Bend 73 42 pc 77 47 pc
Brookings 61 47 pc 59 48 pc
Burns 75 40 pc 80 46 pc
Enterprise 71 42 pc 76 49 pc
Eugene 71 43 pc 75 46 pc
Heppner 74 45 pc 78 54 pc
Hermiston 81 49 pc 85 58 pc
John Day 75 44 pc 80 49 pc
Klamath Falls 75 44 pc 78 45 pc
La Grande 73 43 pc 78 50 pc
Meacham 69 39 pc 75 46 pc
Medford 79 49 s 84 53 pc
Newport 58 46 pc 59 48 pc
North Bend 62 49 pc 63 50 pc
Ontario 86 53 pc 87 60 pc
Pasco 80 45 pc 83 51 pc
Pendleton 76 48 pc 80 55 pc
Portland 74 52 pc 80 54 pc
Redmond 77 40 pc 81 47 pc
Salem 73 47 pc 77 49 pc
Spokane 71 47 pc 75 53 s
Ukiah 70 36 pc 75 44 pc
Vancouver 72 49 pc 78 52 pc
Walla Walla 77 51 pc 80 58 pc
Yakima 76 44 pc 81 52 pc
WORLD CITIES
Today Wed.
Beijing 104 72 c 97 73 pc
Hong Kong 81 81 sh 89 81 sh
Jerusalem 80 62 s 85 65 s
London 67 49 pc 72 55 s
Mexico City 82 58 pc 81 58 pc
Moscow 57 42 sh 55 39 c
Paris 76 60 t 75 61 t
Rome 75 61 pc 78 64 pc
Seoul 82 63 pc 83 63 s
Sydney 86 67 sh 65 57 sh
Tokyo 81 68 c 73 67 r
WINDS
Today Wednesday
Boardman WSW 8-16 SSW 3-6
Pendleton W 8-16 NNW 6-12
UV INDEX TODAY
2 5 9 9 5 2
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 thunderstorms will frequent the Northeast, the Florida Peninsula, part of the South Central states and northern Rockies and Plains today. A few storms will also riddle the Midwest.
Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 112° in Needles, Calif. Low 27° in Bodie State Park, Calif.
NATIONAL CITIES
Today Wed.
Albuquerque 94 64 s 94 64 pc
Atlanta 86 64 pc 89 67 s
Baltimore 75 59 pc 69 55 pc
Birmingham 76 56 t 73 56 pc
Billings 74 53 t 79 56 pc
Boston 85 61 pc 89 65 pc
Boise 83 54 pc 85 59 pc
Boston 65 54 sh 61 53 pc
Charleston, SC 90 69 pc 91 70 s
Charleston, WV 80 55 pc 73 51 pc
Chicago 67 50 sh 75 63 pc
Cleveland 69 50 c 66 51 t
Dallas 91 74 pc 94 76 pc
Denver 92 57 pc 87 57 pc
Detroit 72 51 pc 71 56 s
El Paso 102 76 pc 101 75 pc
Fairbanks 74 53 sh 72 47 sh
Fargo 84 62 s 81 53 t
Honolulu 84 74 pc 85 74 c
Houston 95 75 pc 95 75 pc
Indianapolis 83 54 t 78 58 s
Jacksonville 92 68 pc 88 69 pc
Kansas City 87 65 s 90 69 s
Las Vegas 102 75 pc 100 74 s
Little Rock 88 67 pc 91 68 s
Los Angeles 77 60 pc 75 58 pc
Louisville 85 60 s 80 59 pc
Memphis 87 67 pc 91 70 s
Miami 91 76 pc 89 74 pc
Milwaukee 62 48 s 68 59 pc
Minneapolis 79 63 pc 80 63 t
Nashville 86 62 pc 88 61 t
New Orleans 84 74 pc 88 75 pc
New York City 75 57 t 72 57 pc
Oklahoma City 87 67 s 91 70 s
Omaha 93 70 s 95 70 pc
Philadelphia 76 57 t 74 57 pc
Phoenix 106 76 pc 104 77 pc
Portland, ME 60 49 r 63 49 pc
Providence 70 53 sh 67 51 c
Raleigh 84 63 pc 83 61 t
Rapid City 93 59 s 80 58 pc
Sacramento 85 54 pc 84 52 pc
St. Louis 89 65 s 88 69 s
Salt Lake City 91 64 s 92 66 pc
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Tucson 104 69 pc 104 70 pc
Washington, DC 77 59 t 73 59 pc
Wichita 89 67 s 92 70 s
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