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- Irrigon Watermelon Festival Saturday
- Arlington Show & Shine
- Naughty by Nature Friday at Wildhorse

Weekend Weather

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98/64	98/65	101/65

Multiple failures caused network crash

By PARIS ACHEN
Capital Bureau

Multiple failures contributed to the crash of the state’s entire computer network in Salem last month, according to the results of a post incident review.

The crash on Saturday, June 9, paralyzed web and phone services at dozens of state agencies from at least eight hours to up to nearly 48 hours, depending on the agency.

Officials at the state data center and Cisco, the vendor that provides the state’s computer hardware, determined that two of the state network’s four core routers simultaneously had backup failures when PGE turned off power for scheduled construction at the state Capitol. The failure of a router at the state Public Service Building was insufficient to trigger a takeover by a redundant piece of hardware at Department of Revenue, and the DOR router failed to communicate the crash to the other two routers at the state data center, said Sandy Wheeler, administrator for the state data center.

The four-router system is designed to prevent any

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Dani Moore, top right, won second place in a national scholarship essay competition sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America writing about the relationship between her grandfather, Ken Bjorklund, and grandmother, Dorothy Bjorklund, through Dorothy Bjorklund’s battle with Alzheimer’s disease.

DOCUMENTING ALZHEIMER’S

Pendleton teen writes essay on disease’s effect on her family

By KATHY ANEY
East Oregonian

Dani Moore knows how Alzheimer’s disease can rip into a family.

The 18-year-old has watched her grandmother slowly fade away for more than a decade. Dorothy Bjorklund hasn’t fully recognized family members for several years. She is one of 5.7 million Americans living with Alzheimer’s disease.

Moore, a recent Pendleton High School graduate, wrote about how Alzheimer’s disease affected her family in a national scholarship essay competition sponsored by the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America. In June, the phone rang and Moore picked up. She got some news of the essay contest that made her jaw drop.

“He told me out of thousands

of people who applied, I got second,” Moore said. “I was in shock.”

The honor came with a \$2,500 scholarship. The teenager said she loves to write, but almost didn’t enter the competition. Her mother, Karen Moore, who was filling in as director of the high school’s ASPIRE program at the time, urged Dani to enter. Still, Dani dragged her feet.

“I didn’t think I had a chance,” she said. “It was a national scholarship and the essay required 2,000 words minimum.”

“Dani’s a pretty gifted writer,” Karen said. “Even if she didn’t win a scholarship, I thought it would be a great gift to my dad.”

Finally, Dani got to work. Because her grandmother had been on the decline since Dani was a young girl, Dani wrote that she never truly knew the woman, the nurse and mother of five who loved to travel, bake pies, go on walks and watch football. The disease slowly stole her memory

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Hopes rise again for a drug to slow the disease impact

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

CHICAGO — Hopes are rising again for a drug to alter the course of Alzheimer’s disease after decades of failures. An experimental therapy slowed mental decline by 30 percent in patients who got the highest dose in a mid-stage study, and it removed much of the sticky plaque gumming up their brains, the drug’s makers said Wednesday.

The results have been highly anticipated and have sent the stock of the two companies involved soaring in recent weeks.

The drug from Eisai and Biogen did not meet its main goal in a study of 856 participants, so overall, it was consid-



AP Photo/David Duprey
A section of a human brain with Alzheimer’s disease.

ered a flop. But company officials said that 161 people who got the highest dose every two weeks for 18 months did significantly better than 245 people who were given a dummy treatment.

There are lots of caveats about the work, which was led

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Have wheel, will travel

Father and son traverse I-84 on unicycles to raise funds for Hermiston church

By JADE MCDOWELL
East Oregonian

Patrick Temple is a firm believer that any talent can be turned into a way to serve God — even one as unusual as unicycling.

“Any skill you have, you can use to serve,” he said.

On Thursday morning Patrick and his son Harrison, 17, put that idea to the test by unicycling their way from Pendleton to Hermiston to raise money for Hermiston Church of the Nazarene’s parking lot repaving project. At one point they had to stop because the chase vehicle warning drivers of their presence on the interstate broke down, and Harrison had to hitch a ride in the truck outside of Stanfield after a crucial washer on his unicycle came loose. But at about 11:30 a.m. — and 91 degrees — Patrick rolled into the parking lot, drenched in sweat.

“I was starting to cramp up,” he said, panting, as he hopped off the unicycle and turned off the

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Harrison Temple and his father, Patrick Temple, ride their unicycles westbound on Interstate 84 follow by a vehicle Thursday east of Stanfield. The father and son duo were riding from Pendleton to Hermiston to raise money for the Hermiston Church of the Nazarene’s parking lot repaving project.

