

Weather forecast for Today through Sunday. Today: High 68°, Mostly sunny and milder. Tomorrow: Low 38°, Mainly clear. Tuesday: High 73°, Low 44°, Mostly sunny and warm. Wednesday: High 80°, Low 44°, Very warm with sun and some clouds. Thursday: High 78°, Low 43°, Nice and warm with partial sunshine. Friday: High 75°, Low 41°, Warm; partly sunny, then mostly cloudy. Saturday: High 69°, Low 38°, Beautiful with plenty of sunshine. Sunday: High 68°, Low 37°, Mostly sunny with a shower possible.

ALMANAC: Bend Municipal Airport through 5 p.m. yesterday. TEMPERATURE: Yesterday Normal Record. High 61° 63° 88° in 1906. Low 37° 35° 14° in 1916. PRECIPITATION: 24 hours through 5 p.m. yesterday 0.00". Record 0.54" in 2005. Month to date (normal) 0.03" (0.22"). Year to date (normal) 1.40" (4.35"). Barometric pressure at 4 p.m. 30.15". SUN, MOON AND PLANETS: Rise/Set Today Tue. Sun 5:45am/8:19pm 5:43am/8:20pm. Moon 5:29am/7:28pm 5:52am/8:31pm. Mercury 6:37am/10:14pm 6:38am/10:17pm. Venus 6:21am/9:19pm 6:21am/9:22pm. Mars 8:48am/12:24am 8:47am/12:23am. Jupiter 2:44am/11:33pm 2:41am/11:10pm. Saturn 2:02am/11:48am 1:58am/11:44am. Uranus 5:23am/7:29pm 5:19am/7:25pm.

OREGON WEATHER: Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows. Map of Oregon with weather icons and temperatures for various cities. Legend: s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, h-ice, Tr-trace. Yesterday data as of 5 p.m. yesterday.

TRAVEL WEATHER: NATIONAL. Table with columns for City, Yesterday HI/Lo/Prec., Today HI/Lo/W, Tuesday HI/Lo/W. Lists weather for 50+ cities including Abilene, Albany, Albuquerque, Anchorage, Atlanta, etc.

UV INDEX TODAY: 10 a.m. 5, Noon 8, 2 p.m. 8, 4 p.m. 5. The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection. POLLEN COUNT: Grasses Low, Trees High, Weeds Absent.

NATIONAL WEATHER: -10s to 110s. Map of the United States showing weather systems and precipitation. Legend: T-storms, Rain, Showers, Snow, Flurries, Ice, Cold Front, Warm Front, Stationary Front.

INTERNATIONAL: Table with columns for City, Yesterday HI/Lo/Prec., Today HI/Lo/W, Tuesday HI/Lo/W. Lists weather for 20+ international cities including Amsterdam, Athens, Auckland, etc.

WATER REPORT: As of 7 a.m. yesterday. Reservoir Capacity: Crane Prairie 47772 (86%), Wickiup 92608 (46%), Crescent Lake 23023 (26%), Ochoco Reservoir 11139 (25%), Prineville 88510 (60%). River flow Station Cu.ft./sec. Deschutes R. below Crane Prairie 105, Wickiup 1130, Deschutes R. below Bend 80, Deschutes R. at Benham Falls 1460, Little Deschutes near La Pine 153, Crooked Ck. below Crescent Lake 15, Crooked R. above Prineville Res. 58, Crooked R. below Prineville Res. 247, Crooked R. near Terrebonne 31, Ochoco Ck. below Ochoco Res. 11.

SKI REPORT: In inches as of 5 p.m. yesterday. Mt. Hood Meadows 0 (0-0), Timberline Lodge 4 (0-144).

Death toll soars to 50 in school bombing in Afghan capital

BY RAHIM FAIEZ Associated Press KABUL, Afghanistan — Grieving families buried their dead Sunday following a horrific bombing at a girls' school in the Afghan capital that killed 50 people, many of them pupils between 11 and 15 years old. The number of wounded in Saturday's attack climbed to more than 100, said Interior Ministry spokesman Tariq Arjan. In the western neighborhood of Dasht-e-Barchi, families buried their dead amid angry recriminations at a government they said has failed to protect them from repeated attacks in the mostly Shiite Muslim neighborhood. "The government reacts after the incident, it doesn't do anything before the incident," said Mohammad Baqir, Alizada, 41, who had gathered to bury his niece, Latifa, a Grade 11 student the Syed Al-Shahda school. Three explosions outside the school entrance struck as students were leaving for the day, said Arjan. The blasts targeted Afghanistan's ethnic Hazaras who dominate the Dasht-e-Barchi neighborhood, where the bombings occurred. Most Hazaras are Shiite Muslims. The Taliban denied responsibility, condemning the attack and the many deaths. The first explosion came from a vehicle packed with explosives, followed by two others, said Arjan, adding that the casualty figures could still rise. In the capital rattled by relentless bombings, Saturday's attack was among the worst. Criticism has mounted over lack of security and growing fears of even more violence as the U.S. and NATO complete their final military withdrawal from Afghanistan. At Vatican City, in his traditional Sunday remarks to faithful in St. Peter's Square, Pope Francis cited the bombing. "Let us pray for the victims of the



Mariam Zuhab/AP Afghan men bury a victim of deadly bombings, which happened Saturday near a school, at a cemetery west of Kabul, Afghanistan, on Sunday. The Interior Ministry said Sunday the death toll in the bombing at the entrance to a girls' school in the Afghan capital has soared to some 50 people, many of them pupils between 11 and 15 years old, and the number of wounded in Saturday's attack climbed to more than 100.

terrorist attack in Kabul, an inhumane action that struck so many girls as they were coming out of school." He said. The pontiff then added: "May God give Afghanistan peace." The Dasht-e-Barchi area has been hit by several incidents of violence targeting minority Shiites and most often claimed by the Islamic State affiliate operating in the country. No one has yet claimed Saturday's bombings. In this same neighborhood in 2018, a school bombing killed 34 people, mostly students. In September 2018 a wrestling club was attacked killing 24 people and in May 2020 a maternity hospital was brutally attacked killing 24 people, including pregnant women and infants. And in October 2020, the Kawsar-e-Danish tutoring center was attacked, killing 30 people. Most of the attacks were claimed by the Islamic State affiliate operating in Afghanistan. The radical Sunni Muslim group has declared war on Afghanistan's Shiites. Washington blasted IS for a vicious attack last year in a maternity hospital in the same area that killed

to supplement the local forces, said Parliamentarian Ghulam Hussein Naseri. The meeting participants decided that "there is not any other way, except for people themselves to provide their own security alongside of the security forces," said Naseri, who added that the government should provide local Hazaras with weapons. Naseri said Hazaras have been attacked in their schools, in their mosques and "it is their right to be upset. How many more families lose their loved ones? How many more attacks against this minority has to occur in this part of the city before something is done?" One of the students fleeing the school recalled the attack, the girls' screams of the girls, the blood. "I was with my classmate, we were leaving the school, when suddenly an explosion happened," said 15-year-old Zahra, whose arm had been broken by a piece of shrapnel. "Ten minutes later there was another explosion and just a couple of minutes later another explosion," she said. "Everyone was yelling and there was blood everywhere, and I couldn't see anything clearly." Her friend died. Most of the dozens of injured brought to the EMERGENCY Hospital for war wounded in the Afghan capital, "almost all girls and young women between 12 and 20 years old," said Marco Puntin, the hospital's program coordinator in Afghanistan. In a statement following the attack, the hospital, which has operated in Kabul since 2000, said the first three months of this year have seen a 21 per cent increase in war-wounded. Even as IS has been degraded in Afghanistan, according to government and US officials, it has stepped-up its attacks particularly against Shiite Muslims and women workers.

Historic Columbia River Highway reopens, with access to Gorge waterfalls

The Oregonian A section of the Historic Columbia River Highway that has been closed since January has reopened to the public, the Oregon Department of Transportation announced this month, granting access to one of the most scenic drives in the region as well as several waterfalls that have been off-limits all spring. The 6-mile closure between Bridal Veil and Ainsworth State Park was caused by recurring landslides triggered by heavy winter rainstorms, exacerbated by damage done to the landscape by the Eagle Creek Fire in 2017, officials in the Columbia Gorge said. The closure blocked access to the Wahkeena and Horsetail Falls trailheads on either side of Multnomah Falls, as well as the Oneonta Trailhead that had been closed since December due to another landslide. All three of those trailheads are now back open, ODOT said. Additionally, the Oneonta Trail is now open to the Horsetail Falls Trail junction, and the Gorge 400 Trail is open between the Oneonta Trail and Multnomah Falls, officials said. The Eagle Creek Trail, which closed due to landslides in January only two weeks after its long-anticipated reopening, remains closed to the public. Landslides are not unusual in the Columbia Gorge, but this winter they seemed to be a bigger problem than normal. Officials said the particularly wet winter and damage from the Eagle Creek fire are to blame. Engineers and geologists working for ODOT said the risk of slides should decrease as we enter the drier months of the year.

China says most rocket debris burned up during reentry

Associated Press Middle East. BEIJING — China's space agency said a core segment of its biggest rocket reentered Earth's atmosphere above the Maldives in the Indian Ocean and that most of it burned up early Sunday. Harvard astrophysicist Jonathan McDowell, who tracked the tumbling rocket part, said on Twitter, "An ocean reentry was always statistically the most likely. It appears China won its gamble ... But it was still reckless." People in Jordan, Oman and Saudi Arabia reported sightings of the Chinese rocket debris on social media, with scores of users posting footage of the debris piercing the early dawn skies over the Middle East. Usually, discarded rocket stages reenter the atmosphere soon after liftoff, normally over water, and don't go into orbit. The roughly 30-meter long rocket stage is among the biggest space debris to fall to Earth. China's space program, with its close military links, hasn't said why it put the main component of the rocket into space rather than allowing it to fall back to earth soon after discharging its payload, as is usual in such operations. In March, debris from a Falcon 9 rocket launched by U.S. aeronautics company SpaceX fell to Earth on the Oregon Coast and in Washington.