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Pandemic, politics cloud prospects in 2022

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COVID-19, lame-duck leaders, power shifts, political bitterness, elections and a possible stall could combine to kneecap the 2022 session of the Legislature.

Legislative leaders on Monday moved ahead with a business-as-usual tone, beginning 37 informational virtual hearings on Tuesday in preparation for a Feb. 1 start to the 35-day "short session" of the Legislature.

But with three weeks to go, large questions loom over whether the session will start on time and if it does, how long it can go without collapsing like the 2020 session.

COVID-19: The Feb. 1 start date is five days after the Jan. 27 forecasted peak for daily hospitalizations in the current omicron spike of COVID-19. Oregon Health & Science University forecasters predict an estimated 1,650 patients — more than twice the current 650 patients — at the peak. The

Salem ZIP code where the Capitol is located has been a top COVID-19 hot spot during the pandemic.

Limited leeway: Over the one regular and five special sessions held since COVID-19 arrived in Oregon, the Legislature has moved committee hearings online. But lawmakers must come to the Capitol to begin the session and for floor votes on passage of each bill. Earlier sessions were disrupted and delayed by positive test cases among lawmakers and staff.

Unyielding clock: There's no overtime in regular sessions of the Legislature. Once the session starts, the Oregon Constitution requires adjournment after 35 days, including weekends, illness, weather or other disruptions. If lawmakers start Feb. 1, they must end March 7.

End of an era: The session will feature a lame-duck governor, lame-duck Senate president, and a brand new House speaker chosen before the session starts.

Brown cannot run again because of term limits. She'll leave office when the governor elected in November is sworn in next January.

House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, announced last week she would leave the Legislature on Jan. 21 to focus on her campaign.

Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, announced Thursday he would not seek re-election. His term ends next January.

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Future is grounded in high-tech firms



Fabricating parts at Stratos Aircraft in Redmond for a \$2.5-million, six-seat jet.

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REDMOND — With its 100-plus-year deep roots in agriculture, it might not be obvious that Redmond is surrounded by high-level technology in business, education and the professions. Nowhere is that truer than Stratos Aircraft on SE Franklin, whose campus comprises three buildings with a total footprint of 40,000 square feet.

Simply put, they build airplanes. Right in Redmond. From start to finish. You don't put a six-seat jet into the sky without a huge amount of technology. Stratos builds its 716X using the identical technology as the most prized airliner in the sky — the Boeing 787 Dreamliner. The only difference is scale and market with the 716 catering to the executive or elite flyer.

The level of tech know how and sophistication at Stratos is what you'd expect in Seattle or Los Angeles, legendary aircraft manufacturing centers. Precision is an understatement. The equipment to make their jet is as futuristic as the plane itself. You name it, they have it from 3D printers to 5 axis cutting tools.

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Stratos CEO Carsten Sundin verifies engineering specifications for the flagship plane 716X.

REDMOND MAN ARRESTED

Woman escapes alleged kidnapping

BY GARRETT ANDREWS

The Bulletin

A Redmond man is facing attempted murder, rape and other charges after a woman said she was held for weeks against her will.

Around 9 a.m. Monday, Redmond Police responded to a report of a domestic violence assault in a home in the 2800 block of SW Peridot Avenue in Redmond. A person told police that Bernardino Martinez Jr. had been holding a woman against her will for several weeks and that he'd threatened to kill her if she tried to leave.

Redmond officers contacted the alleged victim via phone and told her to leave if she could and they would pick her up, according to Deschutes County District Attorney John Hummel.

"Redmond PD then saw the victim run from the residence, and they picked her up," Hummel told The Bulletin. "The victim had visible injuries."

Martinez Jr. was arrested Tuesday night when a vehicle he was riding in was stopped by police. Assisting in the arrest was the regional SWAT team, the Central Oregon Emergency Response Team, according to Redmond Police.

Martinez Jr. was arraigned Wednesday afternoon on 18 criminal counts, including first-degree rape, first-degree kidnapping, coercion and attempted murder.

His indictment states he allegedly threatened his victim with a handgun and struck her knowing she was pregnant.

Martinez Jr.'s next court date is Wednesday.

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Spokesman Calendar

Events in and around Redmond

The Redmond Spokesman welcomes event information for its community calendar. Submissions are limited to nonprofit, free and live entertainment events. Deadline is 5 p.m. Thursday for the following Wednesday's paper. Items are published on a space-available basis and may be edited. Contact us at news@redmondspokesman.com or fax 541-548-3203.

WEDNESDAY 1/12

Out of This World Book Club: The book club will be discussing "The Witch's Heart" by Genevieve Gornichec; 6 p.m.; free; Roundabout Books, Online; roundaboutbookshop.com or 541-306-6564.

Know Origins — Kingfisher Stories: Settle in for virtual storytelling of Kingfisher tales and the origin of "halcyon days"; 6-7 p.m.; free; Deschutes Public Library, Online; deschuteslibrary.org or 541-312-1029.

Blues and Brews: Get a chance to show off your guitar or vocal skills and join Casey Hurt and The Goodnights, The General Duffy's house band, who will prepare a setlist of classic and modern blues songs; 7-10 p.m.; free; General Duffy's Watering Hole, 404 SW Forest Ave., Bend; facebook.com/GeneralDuffys or 541-527-4345.

THURSDAY 1/13

Thrive Central Oregon Walk-In Consultations: Connect and get help with housing, medical, mental health, veterans services, social security resources, and more; 1-4 p.m.; Redmond Public Library, 827 SW Deschutes Ave., Redmond; deschuteslibrary.org or 541-312-1050.

Historic Landmarks Commission Meeting: A regular meeting will be held; 4:30-6 p.m.; free; Redmond City Hall, Online; redmondoregon.gov or 541-923-7710.

The Ballybogs: The Irish traditional music band will perform; 6-8 p.m.; free; Porter Brewing Co., 611 NE Jackpine Ct. 2, Redmond; porterbrewingco.com or 541-504-7959.

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