

28-year-old accused of arson in Albany high school fire

ALBANY (AP) — A 28-year-old man suffering from mental health problems has been accused of burning down the cafeteria at South Albany High School.

The fire early Wednesday left the school closed until next week, destroyed its band and music equipment, and left officials scrambling to replace the 4,000 lunches the cafeteria supplied daily to other schools.

The suspect, Zachary Lee Burghart, pleaded guilty last fall to charges related to arson fires in the nearby community Scio, court records show. He was sentenced to probation and time already served in jail.

He was arrested Wednesday night on arson and other charges, Albany police said.

He is also accused of torching a travel trailer a few blocks from the school about the same time the school fire broke out early Wednesday, police said. The trailer's propane tanks exploded in the fire.

South Albany, one of the two high schools in the city, has a campus with 11 separate buildings. The fire was confined to the cafeteria



A lone Albany Fire Department ladder crew stands vigil over the smoldering remains of South Albany high school's cafeteria on Wednesday in Albany.

building, which also housed band and choir rooms.

Nobody was in the building when the fire broke out about 3:30 a.m. The roof collapsed two hours later.

Officers who went to the fire saw a car registered to Burghart leaving the area, said Albany police Capt. Eric Carter.

Officers picked him up later Wednesday as he walked along a street near his home in Albany, Carter said.

Burghart has also been accused of ramming his car into gates at the high school as well as hitting a camper parked on a nearby street, Carter said.

In October, a series of fires on a farm at Scio, 15 miles

northeast of Albany, destroyed a car, a pickup truck, a barn and about \$15,000 worth of hay, the Albany Democrat-Herald reported at the time.

Burghart was staying with family members on the farm and told detectives he suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder.

BRIEFLY

Oregon committee delays vote on gun background checks

SALEM (AP) — An Oregon Senate committee is postponing a vote on a controversial bill requiring background checks on all private gun sales between people who aren't related.

Sen. Floyd Prozanski, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, said Thursday he's delaying the vote because an amendment has been introduced. He says the committee will now be voting on Monday.

The bill mandates all gun buyers and sellers who aren't close relatives to visit a licensed gun dealer who can run a background check through the Oregon State Police.

The Republican-proposed amendment would remove the background check requirements from the bill.

Former Kitzhaber advisers ask judge to toss Oracle lawsuit

PORTLAND (AP) — Campaign advisers to former Gov. John Kitzhaber are asking a judge to dismiss a lawsuit filed against them by Oracle America Inc.

Oracle sued the advisers in February, alleging they influenced the state plan to ditch the troubled Cover Oregon health insurance exchange, costing Oracle millions of dollars.

In a motion filed Tuesday, the five advisers say Oracle's lawsuit interferes with their free speech rights. They cite an Oregon law that allows for quick dismissal of lawsuits that arise from participation in the political process.

Shooter's father released from custody

SEATTLE (AP) — The father of a high school student who fatally shot four classmates and himself last fall was allowed to be released from federal custody as long as he follows strict conditions.

Raymond Lee Fryberg Jr. was arrested Tuesday on a federal charge that he was barred from possessing the gun his son used in the shooting. Fryberg had been the subject of a protection order filed by a former girlfriend and was not supposed to have any firearms. His son, Jaylen Fryberg, used one of his father's guns in the October shooting at Marysville-Pilchuck High School.

After a detention hearing Thursday, the judge agreed to release Fryberg on bond. Fryberg agreed to make all of his court appearances and stay within the state of Washington. He also agreed to stay away from drugs and all weapons.

Bend council curbs vacation rentals

BEND (AP) — The Bend City Council has adopted rules to regulate the proliferation of homes used for vacation rentals.

The Bend Bulletin reports that rental permits have become increasingly popular — 262 granted last year.

Residents are complaining their neighborhoods are suffering from rowdy parties in tourist season, lots of vacant housing in the offseason.

The council agreed Wednesday that rentals will need yearly licenses, which could be revoked if, for example, noise is a problem.

Old airport carpet finds new fame in Portland

SALEM (AP) — Visitors and locals lined up inside Portland International Airport to have their photos taken with an odd celebrity — a piece of nearly 30-year-old carpet.

By day's end, more than 800 photo booth-style pictures were snapped of people standing next to the segment of floor covering, hung up for an event called PDX Carpet Fest.

It was classic Portland, a city known for keeping it weird: a farewell party for the airport's trademark teal carpet, which is being replaced after three decades under travelers and luggage wheels.

"I guess this carpet is really iconic, and I can't imagine another city getting this worked up over carpet," said Sierra Prior, a Portland resident who posed for photos before boarding her plane to New Orleans.

The unmistakably '80s carpet at the airport known as PDX is decorated with dark-blue lines and red, lavender and purple dots — a design meant to symbol-



TSA officers Andrea Green, left, and Edmund Gray stand beside a piece of dressed-up old carpet from the terminal at Portland International Airport.

ize air traffic controllers' view at night. As word spread that it would be torn up, the weathered floor covering became an online superstar.

More than 40,000 "foot selfies" — photos people took of their feet on the carpet — were plastered on Instagram. The carpet got its own Facebook and Twitter pages.

Some local companies started selling T-shirts, coffee mugs and other products featuring its signature pattern.

"I'm getting married on November 6th, and I think I'm going to have all my groomsmen wear the PDX carpet socks," said Derek Harguth, a Portland native who went to the airport to check out the PDX Carpet Fest.

Demand for actual remnants of the carpet has been so high that airport officials are giving four local vendors 1,000 square yards each to incorporate into items — including sofas, doormats and cat beds — that will be sold to the public.

One of the vendors, Carpet Mill Outlet, got a request from a fan who recently proposed on the carpet and wants to use a strip to make a runner for the wedding.

The floor covering largely flew under the radar until officials last year started putting down large swatches of a new carpet design to test it out. Some locals then realized how much the old carpet meant to them as a symbol of returning home.

Corrections

In Thursday's story, "TRCI inmates train pound dogs for adoption," incorrect information was given to the East Oregonian. A public meet-and-greet for people interested in adopting dogs trained by inmates is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at 1:30 p.m. on the lawn near the Two Rivers Correctional Institution administrative offices. Those wishing to adopt one of the dogs may fill out adoption papers. 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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TODAY

A passing shower this afternoon

SATURDAY

Intervals of clouds and sunshine

SUNDAY

Mainly cloudy, a shower; cooler

MONDAY

Mostly cloudy with a shower

TUESDAY

Clouds limiting sunshine

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
Today	Hi	Lo	W	Sat.
60°	33°	56°	33°	51°
36°	55°	37°	56°	36°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
Today	Hi	Lo	W	Sat.
63°	32°	61°	32°	58°
34°	60°	36°	62°	36°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m., yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	53°	35°
Normals	58°	38°
Records	84° (1944)	20° (1935)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.00"
Normal month to date 0.09"
Year to date 2.74"
Last year to date 4.62"
Normal year to date 4.05"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m., yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	58°	35°
Normals	62°	38°
Records	80° (1944)	18° (1935)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. Trace
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.04"
Year to date 1.52"
Last year to date 2.75"
Normal year to date 3.15"

SUN AND MOON

	Full	Last	New	First
Apr 4	Apr 11	Apr 18	Apr 25	

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Periods of rain today; any time across the north, in the afternoon in central parts.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Some sun today. A shower across the north; sunny in the south.

Western Washington: Periods of rain today; arriving in the afternoon across the south.

Eastern Washington: Periods of sun today; a shower in the north, near the Idaho border and in the mountains.

Cascades: Intervals of clouds and sun today; a little afternoon rain, except dry in the south.

Northern California: Plenty of sunshine today. Mostly cloudy tonight; cold. Times of clouds and sun tomorrow.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	53	38	r	54	37	sh
Baker City	55	23	pc	52	26	c
Bend	53	22	pc	50	27	pc
Brookings	55	40	s	53	41	pc
Burns	58	22	s	54	28	pc
Enterprise	52	25	s	47	27	c
Eugene	54	33	r	58	37	pc
Heppner	60	29	pc	53	27	pc
Hermiston	63	32	pc	61	32	pc
John Day	56	26	pc	49	31	pc
Klamath Falls	53	23	s	52	28	pc
La Grande	56	30	pc	51	30	pc
Meacham	54	25	pc	48	25	pc
Medford	60	38	s	59	37	pc
Newport	51	38	r	52	40	c
North Bend	53	38	r	54	41	pc
Ontario	61	34	s	60	33	c
Pasco	64	34	pc	62	34	pc
Pendleton	60	33	pc	56	33	pc
Portland	54	38	r	57	39	pc
Redmond	56	21	pc	53	27	pc
Salem	54	35	r	57	38	pc
Spokane	55	32	pc	52	33	pc
Ukiah	55	26	pc	50	25	pc
Vancouver	55	37	r	57	38	pc
Walla Walla	62	39	pc	58	38	pc
Yakima	62	29	pc	59	30	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	62	44	pc	62	48	pc
Hong Kong	81	73	pc	81	73	pc
Jerusalem	69	49	pc	61	47	s
London	53	43	r	52	39	c
Mexico City	78	53	pc	78	48	pc
Moscow	36	30	sn	41	31	c
Paris	53	43	sh	54	36	c
Rome	63	48	s	61	50	pc
Seoul	62	45	pc	67	46	pc
Sydney	71	64	sh	69	62	r
Tokyo	69	57	sh	59	51	pc

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Saturday
Boardman	WSW 7-14	W 3-6
Pendleton	W 7-14	WNW 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

1 3 5 5 3 0

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

The higher the AccuWeather.com UV Index™ number, the greater the need for eye and skin protection.

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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: Rain will slice through part of the Northeast and move onshore in the Northwest today. Drenching showers and locally severe thunderstorms will affect the lower Mississippi, Tennessee and Ohio valleys.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 94° in Coleman, Texas Low 3° in Presque Isle, Maine

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sat.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	65	42	s	72	46	pc
Atlanta	81	52	pc	69	46	s
Atlanta City	61	50	t	53	38	r
Baltimore	71	47	t	56	35	pc
Billings	56	36	c	61	35	c
Birmingham	80	48	t	67	44	s
Boston	59	36	s	59	38	c
Boston	63	47	sh	49	31	r
Charleston, SC	84	62	s	75	48	t
Charleston, WV	71	41	r	56	34	pc
Chicago	50	27	r	57	38	pc
Cleveland	55	29	r	45	34	pc
Dallas	76	46	c	68	53	s
Denver	48	29	pc	64	36	s
Detroit	57	27	r	51	34	pc
El Paso	80	53	pc	74	56	c
Fairbanks	37	14	c	38	10	s
Fargo	48	26	s	49	27	pc
Honolulu	85	71	pc	85	71	sh
Houston	84	59	pc	70	59	pc
Indianapolis	56	30	r	55	37	s
Jacksonville	85	59	s	81	56	t
Kansas City	54	31	c	64	42	s
Las Vegas	74	49	s	82	55	s
Little Rock	77	42	t	65	45	s
Los Angeles	87	56	s	79	56	s
Louisville	69	37	r	61	37	s
Memphis	75	40	t	65	44	s
Miami	83	71	s	85	71	s
Millwaukee	48	27	c	56	36	pc
Minneapolis	45	31	pc	55	35	pc
Nashville	76	41	t	64	37	s
New Orleans	85	63	s	72	63	pc
New York City	63	50	c	52	37	pc
Oklahoma City	66	38				