

Intel announces round of layoffs

PORTLAND (AP) — The chief executive of Intel has confirmed that the company has an upcoming round of layoffs, although he did not say exactly how many people will lose their jobs.

The cuts will involve “generally no more than a few hundred employees” at any of Intel’s locations, according to a memo sent to employees by CEO Brian Krzanich Tuesday and reported by The Oregonian.

It’s the first time Intel has given any indication of how many people it plans to lay off.

The Oregonian previously reviewed an internal memo to managers that said the company would not “broadly communicate the program internally or externally.”

But Krzanich says he felt obligated to respond after media reports about the cuts.

“One thing I have always promised is to be open and transparent, and to treat employees and partners with respect and integrity,” he wrote in Tuesday’s memo.

He said some reductions will come from areas of the company that have become less important and some will be aimed at eliminating redundant activities and inefficiencies. Other layoffs will target employees with lower job performance.

Intel declined to comment on Krzanich’s memo or elaborate on its layoff plans.

The company is the world’s largest

chipmaker and Oregon’s largest private employer, with 18,600 workers in Washington County. It initially expected 2015 sales to be up from last year’s record revenue, but revised its outlook after disappointing PC sales in the first quarter.

Intel now says it expects a flat year and announced \$300 million in research and administrative cuts in April.

Krzanich wrote in Tuesday’s memo that he is deeply disappointed in the leaks of internal documents.

“For the vast majority of Intel employees, this has no impact,” he wrote. “The most important people we need to communicate with are those affected by these actions.”

Plan for Capitol upgrades on life support

SALEM (AP) — A controversial plan to borrow \$161 million for seismic and other upgrades to the state Capitol is on life support as legislative leaders hustle to finish Oregon’s next budget.

And fervent support from Senate President Peter Courtney, D-Salem, may not be enough to save it.

Republican jabs — arguing the project amounts to lawmakers putting their own needs before those of thousands of Oregon schoolchildren in seismically suspect buildings — seem to be resonating with key Democrats looking ahead to next year’s elections.

But just as consequential? Gov. Kate Brown and House Speaker Tina Kotek, D-Portland, have their own agenda: finding \$100 million to build thousands of units of affordable housing.

With other requests worth hundreds of millions on the table — all butting up against a nearly \$1.2 billion cap on how much the state can sell in general fund and lottery bonds over the next two years — there’s likely not enough money to make all three Democrats happy.

How, and if, any compromise comes together would mark one of the only bits of budget drama left in a legislative session that’s mostly been marked by fights over policy.

“Lines are being drawn,” said Rep. John Huffman, R-The Dalles, a supporter of the Capitol renovations and a member of the small budget-writing subcommittee that helps decide how the state spends its bond revenue.

Sources in both chambers stressed the sensitivity of the discussions, with some House Democrats worried that if they dismiss the Capitol renovations too brusquely, Courtney might not be as willing to bend on housing investments or other priorities that need help clearing the Senate as the session winds down.

Lawmakers wrestling with what they say is an unusually large list of



AP photo/Don Ryan

Dogwood blossoms frame the Oregon Capitol rotunda with the ax-wielding, golden-gilded pioneer statue on top in 2005.

requests for bond-financed projects — ranging from courthouse fixes to help for universities — expect to come up with a near-final list by the end of this week.

Most of that work has been done behind closed doors, by a group of lawmakers including Courtney; Kotek; Sen. Richard Devlin, D-Tualatin; Sen. Fred Girod, R-Stayton; and Rep. Tobias Read, D-Beaverton. The group last met Thursday afternoon.

So far, the Capitol project has yet to be scratched off. Sources also say the group hasn’t settled on a final sum for the governor’s housing proposal.

“The conversations I’m having are not political,” Read said. “They’re about how can we stretch taxpayer dollars as far as they can go.”

Yet Devlin, the Senate’s lead budget writer, linked the two projects in an interview with The Oregonian/OregonLive — making clear that requests for

state bond money and other revenue “go beyond how much resources we have.” He stopped short of describing the two in an “either/or” situation but acknowledged the House’s and Senate’s competing agendas.

Told of Devlin’s comments, spokeswoman for Brown and Kotek both played down any talk of tension.

“President Courtney has been real clear on his priorities,” said Kristen Grainger, Brown’s communications director, “and so has Governor Brown.”

“The speaker believes each bonding request should be — and will be — evaluated based on its own merits,” said Lindsey O’Brien, a spokeswoman for Kotek.

Courtney’s office, through a spokesman, declined to comment. But Courtney has been an outspoken proponent of making the renovations — even suggesting, at one point, that the Capitol be closed for children in light of the danger posed by its unreinforced marble-and-masonry walls in a major earthquake.

The state has already spent more than \$30 million on planning for the project, which would not only shore up the Capitol’s structure but add hearing rooms, overhaul wiring and plumbing, and expand amenities such as the building’s basement cafeteria. Overall, the project would cost \$337 million over four years.

As he faced criticism over the Capitol renovations, Courtney last year also proposed borrowing \$200 million over the next two years to help school districts statewide remodel or rebuild dozens of buildings. Courtney had helped secure a ballot measure giving the state that ability years before.

But even if the Capitol renovations make the final list of bond projects, that’s no guarantee they’ll go forward. Senate Republicans have long insisted that the Capitol project come up for consideration separate from the list of other projects.

BRIEFLY

Bill would make it a felony to strangle a pregnant woman

SALEM (AP) — Oregon lawmakers are considering a proposal that would make it a felony to strangle a pregnant woman.

Strangulation in Oregon is currently a misdemeanor, though there are certain things than can push the charge up to felony. Those can include strangling someone in the presence of a child or if the victim is under 10-years-old.

It’s also a felony to assault a woman the offender knows is pregnant. Supporters say the bill is meant to bring parity to the laws for assault and strangulation.

The bill received overwhelming bipartisan support, but opponents said they were concerned the measure could lead to increases in the Department of Corrections budget.

The measure has already passed both chambers but the House must agree to changes made in the Senate.

New wildfire threatens homes south of Spokane

CHENEY, Wash. (AP) — A Washington state spokesman says some homes are threatened by a fast-moving wildfire south of Spokane.

The *Spokesman-Review* reports that officials say the fire started Wednesday afternoon in a forested area and has grown to 90 acres, sending up a smoke column visible from downtown Spokane.

Natural Resources spokesman Guy Gifford says it’s burning east of Cheney. Spokane County Sheriff Ozzie Knezovich says officials have told some residents to leave their homes.

The fire is burning near the BNSF Railway main line, which was temporarily

shut down. BNSF spokesman Gus Melonas says the railroad has dispatched a five-car train carrying giant water tanks to help fight the fire.

Missing man, 88, found dead in SE Washington

STARBUCK, Wash. (AP) — A coroner says an 88-year-old Rainier, Oregon, man who was last seen May 30 has been found dead in rural southeast Washington.

The *Oregonian* reports that Columbia County, Washington, Coroner Rea Culwell says the body of Shirley Benjamin Gano was found Monday outside the town of Starbuck. She says he was about 300 feet from the BMW he’d been driving.

Culwell says there were no signs of foul play and Gano didn’t appear to have been in a car crash.

Gano was seen leaving a relative’s house in Colville, Washington, on May 30, but never arrived home in Rainier.

Culwell says police don’t know where the man was headed or why he left his car. The investigation continues.

Journey drummer charged with domestic violence

SALEM (AP) — Journey drummer Deen Castronovo has been released on bail following a domestic violence arrest in Oregon.

The 50-year-old drummer was arrested Sunday and charged with misdemeanor assault and menacing.

Deputy District Attorney Jean Kunkle wrote in court papers that Castronovo knowingly caused physical injury to the woman.

Castronovo’s attorney, Jeffrey Jones, did not immediately return a phone message.

A plea hearing has been scheduled for June 30.

Corrections

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TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Partly sunny and breezy	Mostly sunny, breezy and nice	Mostly sunny and nice	Sunshine and patchy clouds	Breezy and nice with sunshine
87° 56°	80° 51°	82° 54°	86° 53°	84° 53°
PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				
90° 59°	84° 50°	85° 54°	88° 55°	87° 54°
HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST				

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	87°	54°
Normals	79°	52°
Records	108° (1961)	40° (1932)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.05"
Normal month to date 0.83"
Year to date 4.99"
Last year to date 6.94"
Normal year to date 7.34"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	88°	62°
Normals	80°	53°
Records	106° (1961)	40° (1949)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.39"
Year to date 3.14"
Last year to date 4.03"
Normal year to date 5.50"

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	5:05 a.m.
Sunset tonight	8:47 p.m.
Moonrise today	7:27 a.m.
Moonset today	10:16 p.m.

	First	Full	Last	New
	June 24	July 1	July 8	July 15

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Times of clouds and sun today, but sunnier in the south. Mostly cloudy tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Sunny to partly cloudy today; pleasant. Mainly clear tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

Western Washington: Clouds and sun today. Partly cloudy tonight; a passing shower, but dry across the south.

Eastern Washington: Partial sunshine today. Mainly clear tonight.

Cascades: Mostly sunny today; pleasant. Clear to partly cloudy tonight. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

Northern California: Windy at the coast today; sunny in the interior mountains.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	66	54	pc	65	49	c
Baker City	83	47	pc	76	42	s
Bend	80	43	s	74	43	s
Brookings	64	50	s	68	52	pc
Burns	86	46	s	79	45	s
Enterprise	81	47	pc	74	43	pc
Eugene	80	48	pc	78	49	pc
Heppner	86	51	pc	78	45	s
Hermiston	90	59	pc	84	50	s
John Day	84	50	s	76	47	s
Klamath Falls	82	45	s	79	46	s
La Grande	83	51	pc	77	46	s
Meacham	77	42	pc	69	36	s
Medford	89	54	s	86	56	s
Newport	58	50	pc	59	47	pc
North Bend	62	51	pc	65	50	pc
Ontario	95	62	s	87	57	s
Pasco	91	59	pc	85	49	s
Pendleton	87	56	pc	80	51	s
Portland	79	57	pc	76	53	pc
Redmond	82	44	s	76	43	s
Salem	81	52	pc	78	51	pc
Spokane	82	55	pc	76	47	pc
Ukiah	82	45	pc	74	41	s
Vancouver	78	55	pc	75	51	pc
Walla Walla	88	61	pc	82	55	s
Yakima	89	56	pc	83	50	pc

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	89	65	s	81	63	pc
Hong Kong	93	83	c	93	83	s
Jerusalem	91	63	s	90	59	s
London	68	52	s	69	54	pc
Mexico City	72	59	t	74	59	t
Moscow	67	48	s	70	56	sh
Paris	70	51	sh	72	53	pc
Rome	81	58	s	80	61	s
Seoul	84	64	pc	82	63	pc
Sydney	62	51	r	58	49	sh
Tokyo	74	65	sh	73	66	sh

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	WSW 10-20	WSW 10-20
Pendleton	W 8-16	WSW 10-20

UV INDEX TODAY

2	5	7	7	5	2
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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: The heat wave will continue in the Southeast, while a swath of heavy downpours and storms extend from the southern Plains to the interior Northeast today. Aside from Montana, much of the West will be sunny.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 116° in Needles, Calif. **Low** 32° in Truckee, Calif.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.			Today			Fri.			
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	
Albuquerque	96	66	s	96	68	s	Louisville	87	70	c	82	71	t
Atlanta	95	76	t	93	74	t	Memphis	90	75	t	88	74	t
Atlantic City	73	65	t	87	65	pc	Miami	91	78	pc	92	78	s
Baltimore	85	69	t	88	66	pc	Millwaukee	78	51	t	66	55	pc
Billings	84	61	pc	83	57	t	Minneapolis	79	60	s	81	67	c
Birmingham	93	74	t	92	75	pc	Nashville	89	71	t	88	71	t
Boise	92	60	s	84	57	s	New Orleans	90	77	t	89	76	pc
Boston	71	59	pc	77	55	pc	New York City	73	63	t	84	62	pc
Charleston, SC	96	76	t	96	75	t	Oklahoma City	79	66	t	89	71	pc
Charleston, WV	85	67	pc	78	66	t	Omaha	81	65	t	85	69	pc
Chicago	80	53	c	71	60	pc	Philadelphia	78	66	t	87	65	pc
Cleveland	80	61	t	71	59	pc	Phoenix	115	86	s	113	83	s
Dallas	87	71	t	90	74	t	Portland, ME	71	56	pc	76	51	pc
Denver	88	60	t	94	60	s	Providence	72	58	pc	82	54	pc
Detroit	80	59	t	74	57	pc	Raleigh	97	73	t	95	72	t
El Paso	102	75	s	101	74	s	Rapid City	76	63	t	88	62	s
Fairbanks	83	57	pc	84	58	pc	Renov	92	55	s	92	55	s
Fargo	69	56	pc	78	63	r	Sacramento	90	56	s	93	59	s
Honolulu	88	74	pc	88	75	pc	St. Louis	82	69	t	78	71	r
Houston	89	74	t	88	75	t	Salt Lake City	97	69	s	94	63	s
Indianapolis	85	66	t	78	67	t	San Diego	77	64	pc	77	63	pc
Jacksonville	96	73	t	97	74	t	San Francisco	66	53	pc	70	54	pc
Kansas City	82	66	pc	81	66	c	Seattle	74	55	pc	70	53	c
Las Vegas	108	77	s	109	79	s	Tucson	109	77	t	110	76	t
Little Rock	85	74	t	85	74	t	Washington, DC	90	75	t	89	71	pc
Los Angeles	81	64	pc	82	64	pc	Wichita	84	66	pc	90	72	c

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.