

UAS Range lands Airbus air taxi project

East Oregonian

The Pendleton Unmanned Aerial Systems Range has landed the business of a Silicon Valley subsidiary of French aviation giant Airbus.

SOAR Oregon announced Wednesday that A3, the Airbus subsidiary, would be the first occupant of a new, 9,600-square-foot hangar at the Eastern Oregon Regional Airport in Pendleton. A3 plans to use the UAS range to test Project Vahana, its

automated air taxi concept.

SOAR Oregon, a Bend-based statewide nonprofit that supports the state's drone industry and test ranges in Pendleton, Warm Springs and Tillamook, partnered with Modern Technology Solutions Inc. in November to help provide test services for Project Vahana.

"From nearly a dozen sites across the western United States that we evaluated, the Pendleton UAS Test Range quickly stood out as a premier

test location for our unique test program," said Jeff Mabry, the Vahana flight test lead for Modern Technology Solutions, in a statement.

A3 also added its endorsement.

"As our project matures to the stage of full-scale test flights, it's essential that we have trusted and committed partners in place to ensure Vahana's safety and reliability are tested and proven," Vahana Project Executive Zach Lovering said.

U.S. Sen. Ron Wyden is expected to attend the hangar's ribbon cutting at the airport Saturday. From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., the UAS range will put its mobile command center, a travel trailer outfitted with UAS technology, on display.

In 2015, Gov. Kate Brown and Business Oregon announced a \$1.7 million financial package to build hangars and storage facilities in support of Pendleton's UAS industry.

Amazon to build distribution center in Troutdale, hire 1,500

By ANNA MARUM
The Oregonian/OregonLive

Online retail giant Amazon is expected to hire at least 1,500 to staff its new facility in Troutdale.

Gov. Kate Brown on Wednesday visited the future site of the \$178.4 million, 855,000-square-foot fulfillment center planned for the Troutdale Reynolds Industrial Park.

She praised the company's investment as a symbol of growth for Troutdale and for Oregon.

"Amazon's expansion in Oregon brings us great jobs with competitive wages and bright futures for its employees and communities," Brown said.

According to a statement from the governor's office, Akash Chauhan, Amazon's vice president of North America operations, said the company was excited to open its first fulfillment center in Oregon, creating 1,500 full-time jobs in Troutdale.

The fulfillment center, where workers pick, pack and ship items to fill customer orders, is the first of its kind in Oregon. Amazon currently operates a sortation center in Hillsboro and a Prime Now hub in Portland. It also has data centers in various locations in Eastern Oregon and employs hundreds in downtown Portland through video-encoding company AWS Elemental.

The new Amazon facility will fill vacant lots in the industrial park, occupying space between

the Troutdale airport and a FedEx Ground facility.

The Port of Portland Commission approved the sale of 74 acres for the development in February.

According to the *Gresham Outlook*, construction is slated to begin this year, with installation work wrapping up by July 2018.

The *Outlook* reported that the Troutdale City Council unanimously approved a five-year tax break for Amazon beginning in 2019 worth about \$9.6 million.

As a condition of building inside an enterprise zone — an area where companies are encouraged to build in exchange for a property tax break — Amazon has agreed to pay workers at least 125 percent of the minimum wage. Due to scheduled minimum wage increases, this means workers hired next summer would make \$15 an hour, though the wage calculation may include health care benefits.

According to the governor's office, benefits packages for full-time employees will also include a 401(k), company stock awards and parental leave.

In addition, full-time workers will also get access to a program that pre-pays up to 95 percent of tuition for courses related to in-demand fields. Workers can use the program to pursue degrees that have nothing to do with Amazon, including game design and visual communications, nursing, IT programming and radiology.

Christian targets stabbing victim in outburst

By STEVEN DUBOIS
Associated Press

PORTLAND — The man accused of killing two men and wounding a third who tried to stop his anti-Muslim tirade against two teenagers on a Portland, Oregon, light-rail train shouted he was "not guilty" Wednesday during a courtroom outburst directed at one of the victims.

"Not guilty," Jeremy Christian said before a pause, "of anything but defending myself against the violent aggression by Micah Fletcher!"

Fletcher was in the courtroom but said nothing to reporters and displayed no reaction as he left with his father. The 21-year-old was stabbed in the neck during the May 26 attack that killed Ricky Best and Taliesin Namkai-Meche.

Christian was arraigned in a 15-count indictment charging him with aggra-



Stephanie Yao Long/The Oregonian via AP, Pool

Jeremy Christian shouts during a court appearance at Multnomah County Circuit Court in Portland on Wednesday.

vated murder, attempted murder and other crimes. The judge did not ask him for a plea during the two-minute hearing, but court records show the entry of "not guilty" pleas.

The stabbings shocked the liberal city and deepened worries about a series of apparent hate crimes in the region and contentious

public rallies that have drawn national attention.

Prosecutors who have reviewed videos and interviews with witnesses say in court papers that Christian yelled hateful comments at two black girls, one of whom was wearing an Islamic head covering called a hijab.

When the girls moved

away from Christian, he made a sudden move toward Namkai-Meche. The two got into a confrontation, prompting Fletcher to stand up.

Christian shoved Fletcher in the chest and then pulled out a knife that he concealed in his right hand, prosecutor Ryan Lufkin wrote. Fletcher pushed Christian back, causing him to stumble.

Christian asked Fletcher to "Hit me again!" as Fletcher kept telling him to get off the train.

Christian then stabbed Fletcher, Namkai-Meche and a third man who intervened, Best.

The defendant is being held without bail at a jail in downtown Portland. He due in court again July 18.

Court officials made Wednesday's hearing earlier and banned livestreaming in an effort to avoid the chaos that erupted at Christian's first court appearance.

Oregon's water supply outlook holding steady

By ERIC MORTENSON
EO Media Group

Oregon heads into the summer showing no sign of drought for the first time since 2011, according to the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The agency's monthly water outlook report for June said the state will have adequate water for irrigation and recreation this summer

even though May was drier than normal. Since the "water year" began Oct. 1, a heavy winter snowpack and a cold, rainy spring combined to fill reservoirs and restore streamflows to normal or better throughout the state.

Even the snowmelt is going better than usual. Most of the snow below 5,000 feet elevation is gone, but at many monitored sites the snow melted slower than usual —

up to three weeks late in some areas, according to NRCS.

Meanwhile, research climatologist and professor Gregory Jones of Southern Oregon University said the weather into mid-June will remain unsettled, with lower temperatures and rain returning to the West Coast. The warm spell that marked the start of the month brought a "flush of growth" to vineyards, but it will give way

to weather that's more like early- to mid-spring instead of summer, said Jones, who specializes in the impact of climate variability on grapevine growth and wine production.

Despite the cool down, the forecast is that June will end up warmer than normal from the Pacific Northwest into California, Jones said in a climate update he circulates by email.

Corrections

Ten percent of the proceeds from the sale of food items only will be donated by the Great Pacific Wine and Coffee Co. during a fundraiser Thursday supporting the Betty Feves Memorial Gallery at Blue Mountain Community College. Incorrect information was given in a brief on page 6A of Wednesday's *East Oregonian*.

The June 7 article "Nearly sold out, Whisky West announces opening acts" misstates the name of one of the opening acts. The group is called Runaway June.

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	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
67° 46°	65° 45°	65° 46°	66° 48°	65° 49°

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

67°	46°	65°	45°	65°	46°	66°	48°	65°	49°
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HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST

72°	50°	72°	47°	72°	48°	74°	51°	71°	52°
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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	82°	59°
Normals	76°	52°
Records	104° (1931)	34° (1919)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.11"
Normal month to date 0.40"
Year to date 9.26"
Last year to date 5.55"
Normal year to date 6.91"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	87°	54°
Normals	77°	52°
Records	102° (2016)	40° (2002)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.11"
Normal month to date 0.19"
Year to date 6.42"
Last year to date 4.25"
Normal year to date 5.30"

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Periods of rain today; only during the morning in the south. A passing shower tonight.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Mostly cloudy and cooler today with a couple of showers, but dry in the south.

Western Washington: Mostly cloudy today with rain tapering to a couple of showers.

Eastern Washington: A heavy thunderstorm near the Idaho border and in the mountains today; showers around elsewhere.

Cascades: Mostly cloudy and cooler today with rain tapering to a couple of showers.

Northern California: Rain this morning, then a shower or two; cooler.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	60	48	r	59	47	r
Baker City	66	39	sh	62	36	sh
Bend	64	38	sh	60	37	c
Brookings	57	49	sh	56	49	sh
Burns	66	36	sh	62	32	c
Enterprise	69	43	t	58	39	t
Eugene	64	45	r	60	46	t
Heppner	66	44	sh	64	41	c
Hermiston	72	50	sh	72	47	c
John Day	65	45	sh	62	41	sh
Klamath Falls	64	39	r	60	33	c
La Grande	67	45	sh	61	41	t
Meacham	65	42	sh	58	40	t
Medford	69	49	r	69	46	t
Newport	58	48	sh	56	48	t
North Bend	61	50	sh	59	50	sh
Ontario	75	51	pc	73	47	sh
Pasco	71	48	sh	73	46	c
Pendleton	67	46	sh	65	45	c
Portland	65	50	r	62	50	t
Redmond	66	35	sh	63	35	c
Salem	65	47	r	60	48	t
Spokane	69	48	t	65	46	c
Ukiah	62	41	sh	59	38	t
Vancouver	64	49	r	61	49	t
Walla Walla	73	50	sh	68	49	sh
Yakima	73	43	sh	72	43	sh

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	93	60	pc	102	63	s
Hong Kong	91	82	sh	91	84	t
Jerusalem	91	68	s	90	64	s
London	66	54	r	68	56	pc
Mexico City	79	55	pc	80	56	pc
Moscow	70	48	c	64	53	c
Paris	80	60	t	75	57	pc
Rome	82	61	pc	82	62	pc
Seoul	77	62	s	77	62	t
Sydney	65	57	sh	64	57	c
Tokyo	75	68	r	78	68	pc

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Friday
Boardman	WSW 7-14	WSW 7-14
Pendleton	SW 6-12	W 4-8

UV INDEX TODAY

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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: Showers and storms will riddle the southeastern corner of the nation and will extend from the upper Great Lakes to the central Plains and northern Rockies today. Rain and cool air will invade the Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 106° in Glendale, Ariz. **Low 25°** in Bodie State Park, Calif.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Fri.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	93	64	pc	94	64	pc
Atlanta	79	62	pc	82	66	pc
Atlanta City	66	54	pc	75	64	pc
Baltimore	72	53	c	81	59	pc
Billings	93	61	pc	83	54	pc
Birmingham	80	60	s	83	64	s
Boise	77	54	c	74	48	c
Boston	71	53	pc	64	61	sh
Charleston, SC	75	60	pc	84	65	pc
Charleston, WV	71	55	pc	78	57	pc
Chicago	81	62	pc	82	67	pc
Cleveland	73	54	pc	79	63	pc
Dallas	87	69	pc	88	72	pc
Denver	88	57	t	93	58	s
Detroit	77	58	s	78	62	c
El Paso	94	72	pc	99	74	c
Fairbanks	80	60	pc	86	60	pc
Fargo	84	60	pc	90	72	s
Honolulu	87	74	sh	87	74	sh
Houston	90	67	s	89	68	pc
Indianapolis	77	56	s	83	62	pc
Jacksonville	76	64	sh	85	69	pc
Kansas City	82	60	pc	86	69	pc
Kansas City	82	60	pc	86	69	pc
Las Vegas	101	76	s	97	73	s
Little Rock	81	58	s	84	62	