

IN BRIEF

Fire destroys Tumalo-area home

BEND — A home and several outbuildings were destroyed on Sunday, Dec. 27, in a fire in the Tumalo area.

Bend Fire & Rescue responded to the report of the fire just before noon on Dec. 27. Several other fire agencies were also dispatched to assist.

The fire had spread from a metal recreational fire pit, according to a release from Bend Fire & Rescue. The fire pit was located near a hot tub and other combustible materials, and was being used without a lid. The occupants of the home had left the property for 20 minutes and when they returned, they discovered an outbuilding engulfed in flames and the fire rapidly spreading.

The 1968 manufactured home was a complete loss, along with several outbuildings, according to Bend Fire & Rescue. A fifth-wheel trailer, a parked vehicle and three other outbuildings were saved with minimal damage. Damage is estimated at \$100,000 for structures, and \$50,000 for contents. The occupants are being assisted by the Red Cross.

Police investigate 4 shootings in Portland

PORTLAND — Police are investigating four shootings that left two people wounded within about three hours in Portland on Saturday, Dec. 26.

Two people, a 15-year-old girl and a man, were wounded in two of the shootings in different locations, but were able to walk into hospitals seeking treatment on their own, police said.

In the third shooting, a home was struck by at least nine bullets, which went through the living room and into the bedrooms, but no one was injured.

The final shooting happened at a convenience store after three teens stole items and an employee confronted them, police said. One of the teens spit on the worker before leaving and, moments later, shots were fired into the store, police said. The employee was not injured.

The string of shootings follows a fatal shooting at an apartment in Portland on Christmas morning.

When Portland police arrived at the apartment on Dec. 25 they found that two people had been shot — one victim was dead and the other was taken to the hospital.

Man wanted after rowdy Capitol protest turns self in

SALEM — A man authorities say attacked two reporters and tried to get into the closed Oregon Capitol during last week's special legislative session has turned himself in.

KOIN reported 40-year-old Jeremy Roberts turned himself in to the Oregon State Police on Sunday, Dec. 27. It wasn't immediately clear if he had an attorney.

Roberts tried to get into the building on Monday, Dec. 21, and also attacked two reporters covering the protests, authorities said. He is in the Marion County Jail on charges, including criminal mischief, disorderly conduct, assault, harassment and a probation violation warrant.

Four other men were arrested during last week's protests.

State lawmakers met for one day on Dec. 21 and passed \$800 million in relief to people struggling from the pandemic and wildfires, extending an eviction moratorium through June and allocating funds for renter and landlord relief.

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Barry Lopez, author who tied people to place, dies at 75

Associated Press

EUGENE — Barry

Lopez, an award-winning writer who tried to tighten the bonds between people and place by describing the landscapes he saw in 50 years of travel, has died. He was 75.



Lopez

Lopez died in Eugene on Friday, Dec. 25, after a yearslong struggle with prostate cancer, his family said.

Longtime friend Kim Stafford, former Oregon poet laureate, said Lopez's books

"are landmarks that define a region, a time, a cause. He also exemplifies a life of devotion to craft and learning, to being humble in the face of wisdom of all kinds."

An author of nearly 20 books on natural history studies, along with essay and short story collections, Lopez was awarded the National Book Award in 1986 for "Arctic Dreams: Imagination and Desire in a Northern Landscape." It was the result of almost five years of traveling the Arctic.

His final work was "Horizon," an autobiography that recalls a lifetime of travel in more than 70 countries.

Born in 1945 in Port Chester, New York, Lopez

grew up in California's San Fernando Valley and, after his mother remarried, New York City. In "Horizon," he wrote that in those formative years, he developed "a desire simply to go away. To find what the skyline has cordoned off."

His later years were spent with his wife, Debra Gwartney, in a wooded area along the McKenzie River east of Eugene. After years of writing about the natural world and humans' effect on climate change, he mourned the loss of acres of timber, not to mention personal papers, in the September 2020 Holiday Farm fire.

The wildfire damaged Lopez's home so badly that

he couldn't live in it. The blaze also destroyed a building that stored his original manuscripts, personal letters, photos and a typewriter he used to write his books. The IBM Selectric III was quickly replaced with an identical model by his friends.

"Just an incredible body of work and memories," said his stepdaughter, Stephanie Woodruff. "Very meticulously kept and organized. That (loss) was devastating, certainly. He wrote every single book on a typewriter."

In 2013, Lopez wrote the essay "Sliver of Sky," revealing he had been sexually abused by a family friend for several years starting when

he was 7 years old. Lopez said the essay was an attempt at catharsis.

Woodruff said the essay possibly helped lead to "Horizon," a book more than two decades in the making. In a 2019 review, The Associated Press said the book felt like the crowning achievement of Lopez's illustrious career, describing it as part travel journal, part history, part science lecture, part autobiography, and completely unique.

"I do think that (the essay) released something in him to really ground and round out and complete 'Horizon,'" Woodruff said. "Everything he wrote was personal, of course."




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