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Woman ordered to repay \$46K for protest damage

The Associated Press

PORTLAND — A woman has been ordered to perform community service and repay \$46,000 in restitution for her role in a September protest in which the Multnomah County Justice Center in Portland was damaged.

The Multnomah County District Attorney's Office announced Thursday that 21-year-old Hannah Lilly pleaded guilty to criminal mischief and arson in connection with the events Sept. 23.

Lilly admitted to aiding and abetting 21-year-old Cyan Bass, who is accused of setting

fire to the Justice Center, the District Attorney's office said.

For the criminal mischief conviction, Lilly received 1½ years probation, 120 hours of community service, and must pay \$46,000 in restitution to Multnomah County.

While on probation, Lilly is prohibited from "attending any demonstration that is declared an unlawful assembly or riot," the DA's office wrote in a statement.

Sentencing for Lilly's arson charge has not been completed.

Bass is still facing both federal and local charges. He has pleaded not guilty.



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Protesters demanding the end of police violence against Black people are sprayed by police during a rally in September in Portland.

Judge: Trump's lifting of mining ban in the West was wrong

BY MATTHEW BROWN

The Associated Press

BILLINGS, Mont. — A federal judge on Thursday overturned a Trump administration action that allowed mining and other development on 10 million acres in parts of six western states that are considered important for the survival of a struggling bird species.

U.S. District Judge Lynn Winmill said the decision under Trump to cancel a prior effort to ban mining failed to fully consider how the move would affect greater sage grouse, a wide-ranging, chicken-sized bird that has seen a dramatic population drop in recent decades.

Winmill said the 2017 cancellation was arbitrary. He ordered the U.S. Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management to reconsider whether mining should be allowed.



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A male sage grouse inflates the air sacs in its breast, part of the species' spring ritual designed to attract females.

The Idaho-based judge's ruling does not revive a temporary mining ban imposed under Democratic President Barack Obama, which expired while the issue was in dispute.

Whether that happens will be up to the administration of President Joe Biden, said attorney Michael Saul of the Center for Biological Diver-

sity, one of the environmental groups that sued over the Trump administration's actions.

Saul said he was not aware of any major mining projects that moved forward in the affected areas under Trump.

"That's a lot of habitat for sage grouse, but it's not a lot of land compared to all of the federal estate" that's open for mining, he said.

Lifting the ban under Trump in 2017 allowed the potential for mining and other development, primarily in Idaho and Nevada but also in parts of Montana, Oregon, Utah and Wyoming. Officials at the time said an analysis showed mining or grazing would not pose a significant threat to the ground-dwelling birds.

Winmill said in his ruling that the analysis was incomplete and ignored prior science on the issue.

STATE BRIEFING

2 unresponsive after boat capsizes off Oregon Coast

PORTLAND — Authorities say two people were unresponsive after they were rescued Thursday from the Pacific Ocean off the Oregon Coast.

The duo's boat capsized in Netarts Bay and an outgoing current pulled them toward the ocean, according to Netarts-Oceanside Fire District Fire Chief Tim Carpenter.

Authorities on personal watercraft rescued them and took them to shore, Carpenter said.

Both were unresponsive when they reached the shore.

— Bulletin wire report

ONTARIO

City hires lobbyist to get more pot tax

BY LILIANA FRANKEL

Malheur Enterprise

ONTARIO — The Ontario City Council voted Thursday to allot \$20,000 toward promoting legislation that would increase the amount of tax the city collects on its marijuana sales.

Despite its small size and rural character, Malheur County, whose dispensaries

are concentrated in Ontario, consistently ranks third in marijuana sales statewide, just behind Portland-area counties.

Ontario saw \$9.5 million in sales in January alone. It assesses a 3% sales tax on that revenue, and the state collects an additional 17%. The state then allocates 10% of its marijuana tax collection back to

cities, but it does so based on a formula relating to a city's population, not the amount of marijuana sold in a particular community.

Ontario, as a border city whose dispensaries serve a large proportion of Idahoans, is at a disadvantage. It attracts customers from across the Boise area, but its official population is small.

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TODAY

It's Saturday, Feb. 13, the 44th day of 2021. There are 321 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

In 2016, Justice Antonin Scalia, the influential conservative and most provocative member of the U.S. Supreme Court, was found dead at a private residence in the Big Bend area of West Texas; he was 79. During a Republican presidential debate that evening in South Carolina, the candidates, with the exception of Jeb Bush, insisted that President Barack Obama should let his successor nominate Scalia's replacement. Obama nominated Merrick Garland; Senate Republicans refused to advance the nomination, which expired the following January.

In 1633, Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei arrived in Rome for trial before the Inquisition, accused of defending Copernican theory that the Earth revolved around the sun instead of the other way around. Galileo was found vehemently suspect of heresy and ended up being sentenced to a form of house arrest.

In 1861, Abraham Lincoln was officially declared winner of the 1860 presidential election as electors cast their ballots.

In 1935, a jury in Flemington, New Jersey, found Bruno Richard Hauptmann guilty of first-degree murder in the kidnap-slaying of Charles A. Lindbergh Jr., the 20-month-old son of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. Hauptmann was later executed.

In 1939, Justice Louis D. Brandeis retired from the U.S. Supreme Court. (He was succeeded by William O. Douglas.)

In 1960, France exploded its first atomic bomb in the Sahara Desert.

In 1965, during the Vietnam War, President Lyndon B. Johnson authorized Operation Rolling Thunder, an extended bombing campaign against the North Vietnamese.

In 1974, Nobel Prize-winning Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn was expelled from the Soviet Union.

In 1991, during Operation Desert Storm, allied warplanes destroyed an underground shelter in Baghdad that had been identified as a military command center; Iraqi officials said 500 civilians were killed.

In 1998, Dr. David Satcher was sworn in as the 16th Surgeon General of the United States during an Oval Office ceremony.

In 2000, Charles Schulz's final "Peanuts" strip ran in Sunday newspapers, the day after the cartoonist died in his sleep at his California home at 77.

In 2013, beginning a long farewell to his flock, a weary Pope Benedict XVI celebrated his final public Mass as pontiff, presiding over Ash Wednesday services inside St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican.

Ten years ago: Egypt's military leaders dissolved parliament, suspended the constitution and promised elections in moves cautiously welcomed by protesters who'd helped topple President Hosni Mubarak. Lady Antebellum was the big winner at the Grammys with five awards, including record and song of the year for the band's yearning crossover ballad "Need You Now," but rockers Arcade Fire won the biggest prize, album of the year, for their highly acclaimed "The Suburbs."

Five years ago: On his first full day in Mexico, Pope Francis issued a tough-love message to the country's political and church elites, telling them they had a duty to provide their people with security, justice and courageous pastoral care.

One year ago: China reported a surge in deaths and infections from the coronavirus after changing the way the count was tallied; the number of confirmed cases neared 60,000 with more than 1,300 deaths. Japan announced the country's first death from the coronavirus, a woman in her 80s, and said the number of cases on a quarantined cruise ship had reached 218.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Kim Novak is 88. Actor George Segal is 87. Actor Bo Svenson is 80. Actor Stockard Channing is 77. Talk show host Jerry Springer is 77. Singer Peter Gabriel is 71. Actor Matt Salinger is 61. Singer Henry Rollins is 60. Actor Neal McDonough is 55. Singer Freedom Williams is 55. Actor Kelly Hu is 53. Rock singer Matt Berninger (The National) is 50. Singer Robbie Williams is 47. Singer-songwriter Feist is 45. Actor Mena Suvari is 42. Actor Katie Volding is 32. Michael Joseph Jackson Jr. is 24.

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