

Portland mayor aims to nix free-speech rally

Wheeler fears 'hatred' at Sunday event

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Portland Mayor Ted Wheeler on Monday urged federal officials and organizers to cancel a "Trump Free Speech Rally" and other similar events, saying they are inappropriate and could be dangerous after two men were stabbed to death on a train as they tried to help a pair of young women targeted by an anti-Muslim tirade.

Wheeler said he hopes the victims will inspire "changes in the political dialogue in this country."

It comes amid a wider debate in the U.S. about the First Amendment, often in liberal cities like Portland and Berkeley, California, and on college campuses, where violent protests between far-right and far-left protesters have derailed appearances by contentious figures.

Taliesin Myrddin Namkai Meche, 23, and Ricky John Best, 53, were killed Friday as they tried to stop Jeremy Joseph Christian from harassing the women, one of whom was wearing a hijab, authorities say. Another man who stepped in was seriously injured.

Christian's social media postings indicate an affinity for Nazis and political violence. He is accused of aggravated murder, intimidation — the state equivalent of a hate crime — and being a felon in possession of a weapon and is scheduled to be in court today.

The federal government has issued a permit for the free-speech rally Sunday and has yet to give a permit for an event June 10. The mayor says his main concern was participants "coming to peddle a message of hatred," saying hate speech is not protected by the Constitution.

A Facebook page for the event says there would be speakers and live music in "one of the most liberal areas on the West Coast." It says it will feature Kyle Chapman, who describes himself as an American nationalist and ardent supporter of President Donald Trump.

Chapman was arrested at a March protest in Berkeley, the birthplace of the U.S. free speech movement in the 1960s that has become a flashpoint for the extreme left and right since Trump's election.

Free speech

The University of California, Berkeley, has been criticized for canceling an appearance by conservative commentator Ann Coulter in



AP Photo/Gillian Flaccus

A sign of thanks rests against a traffic light pole at a memorial outside the transit center in Portland on Saturday. People stopped with flowers, candles, signs and painted rocks for two bystanders who were stabbed to death Friday, while trying to stop a man who was yelling anti-Muslim slurs and acting aggressively toward two young women, including one wearing a Muslim head covering, on a light-rail train in Portland.

April and another by right-wing provocateur Milo Yiannopoulos in February. It canceled Coulter's speech amid threats of violence, fearing a repeat of rioting ahead of the Yiannopoulos event.

Trump has condemned the stabbing, writing Monday on Twitter: "The violent attacks in Portland on Friday are unacceptable. The victims were standing up to hate and intolerance. Our prayers are w/ them."

Wheeler said he appreciated Trump's words but stressed the need for action.

"I hope we rise to the memory of these two gentlemen who lost their lives," the mayor told reporters. "Let's do them honor by standing with them and carrying on their legacy of standing up to hate and bigotry and violence."

The mother of one of the targets of the rant said she was overwhelmed with gratitude

and sadness for the strangers who died defending her daughter, 16-year-old Destinee Mangum.

Mangum told news station KPTV that she and her 17-year-old friend were riding the train when Christian started yelling at them. She said her friend is Muslim, but she's not.

"He told us to go back to Saudi Arabia, and he told us we shouldn't be here, to get out of his country," Mangum said. "He was just telling us that we basically weren't anything and that we should kill ourselves."

The teens moved toward the back of the train, preparing to get off at the next stop.

"And then we turned around while they were fighting, and he just started stabbing people, and it was just blood everywhere, and we just started running for our lives," Mangum said.

Micah David-Cole Fletcher, 21, was stabbed in the neck. His girlfriend, Miranda Helm, told The Oregonian that he was recovering his strength in the hospital.

Telephone messages left at the home of Christian's mother Sunday and Monday were not returned.

Bigoted rants

A day before the attack, cellphone video confirmed by police Sgt. Pete Simpson

shows Christian using expletives as he rants about Muslims, Christians and Jews on a train. At one point, he threatens to stab the driver of the train Thursday, according to video from a passenger posted by TV station KOIN.

Simpson says police also are investigating an incident that day involving Christian and a black woman on the train, but he didn't immediately respond to emails seeking additional details.

Christian served prison time after holding up employees at a convenience store with a gun in 2002, court records show. He went back after pleading guilty in 2011 to being a felon in possession of a firearm. He was behind bars again in 2013 for violating a condition of his release, according to court records.

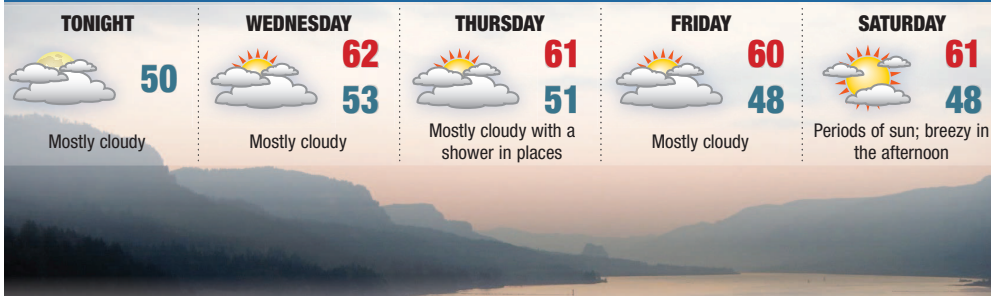
Tomica Clark told The Oregonian that she has known Christian since elementary school. She said she was surprised to hear people call Christian racist. Clark is black and said Christian had many black friends.

"He never disrespected me," Clark said, but added that he changed after he got out of prison.

"Prison took the real him away," she said.

Bellisile reported from Seattle. Associated Press writer Joseph Gecker in San Francisco contributed.

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR ASTORIA



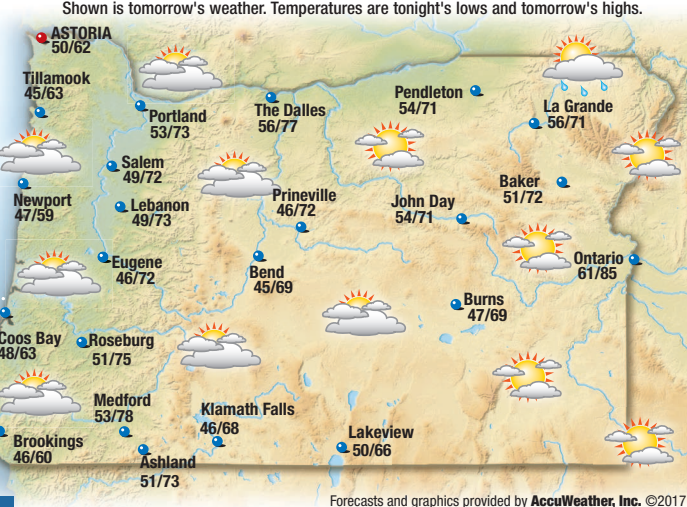
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Astoria through Monday.
Temperatures
 High/low 57°/52°
 Normal high/low 62°/48°
 Record high 85° in 2007
 Record low 37° in 1966
Precipitation
 Monday Trace
 Month to date 5.79"
 Normal month to date 3.12"
 Year to date 47.03"
 Normal year to date 33.16"

SUN AND MOON

Sunset tonight 8:58 p.m.
 Sunrise Wednesday 5:28 a.m.
 Moonrise today 10:59 a.m.
 Moonset today 12:47 a.m.
 First Full Last New
 June 1 June 9 June 17 June 23

REGIONAL WEATHER



UNDER THE SKY

Tonight's Sky: Saturn will rise before 10 p.m., and will be highest in the pre-dawn sky at 2:19 a.m.

TOMORROW'S TIDES

Astoria / Port Docks	High	Time	Low
6:07 a.m.	8.0 ft.	12:24 a.m.	2.5 ft.
7:41 p.m.	7.9 ft.	1:03 p.m.	-0.2 ft.

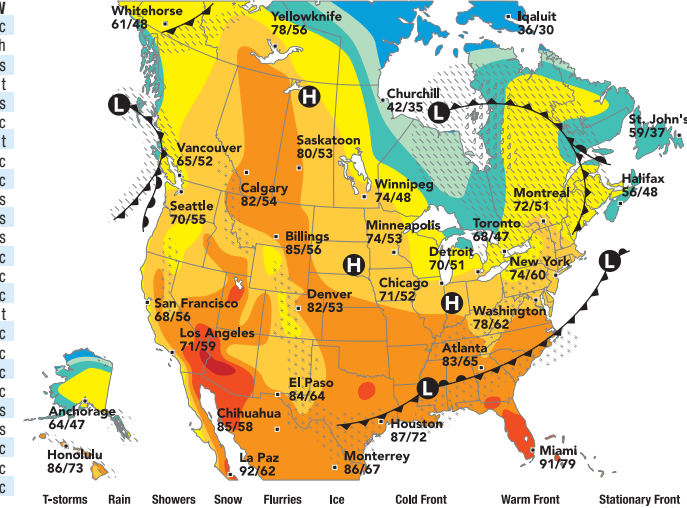
NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	79	65	t	83	65	pc
Boston	61	55	c	71	59	sh
Chicago	71	51	t	71	52	s
Denver	75	50	pc	82	53	t
Des Moines	77	50	pc	77	57	s
Detroit	75	53	pc	70	51	pc
El Paso	88	66	c	84	64	t
Fairbanks	60	38	sh	65	41	pc
Honolulu	87	73	sh	86	73	pc
Indianapolis	75	55	pc	74	51	s
Kansas City	81	55	t	80	63	s
Las Vegas	101	76	s	96	71	s
Los Angeles	75	59	pc	71	59	pc
Memphis	87	66	pc	87	69	pc
Miami	92	80	t	91	79	pc
Nashville	85	64	pc	85	61	t
New Orleans	80	71	t	83	73	c
New York	64	57	c	74	60	pc
Oklahoma City	83	60	pc	88	66	pc
Philadelphia	67	58	c	78	60	pc
St. Louis	83	60	pc	82	64	s
Salt Lake City	87	63	s	91	65	s
San Francisco	65	54	pc	68	56	pc
Seattle	61	51	sh	70	55	c
Washington, DC	74	64	t	78	62	pc

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Baker City	88	51	pc	72	47	pc
Bend	78	45	c	69	46	c
Brookings	57	48	pc	58	51	c
Eugene	63	46	pc	72	52	c
Ilwaco	57	51	sh	60	53	c
Klamath Falls	76	46	pc	68	44	c
Medford	73	53	c	78	55	c
Newberg	63	50	r	71	54	c
Newport	56	47	c	59	52	c
North Bend	60	50	pc	63	53	c
Olympia	60	47	sh	70	53	c
Pendleton	90	54	c	71	53	pc
Portland	65	53	c	73	56	c
Roseburg	68	51	c	75	56	c
Salem	64	49	pc	72	54	c
Seaside	58	50	pc	62	53	c
Spokane	88	58	pc	70	53	pc
Springfield	62	46	c	73	54	c
Vancouver	63	52	c	71	56	c
Yakima	94	54	pc	81	54	c

TOMORROW'S NATIONAL WEATHER



Automotive service testing available through college

The Daily Astorian

Clatsop Community College now offers Automotive Service Excellence testing for the public at the Marine and Environmental Research and Training Station career-technical campus.

"This is what every automotive employer looks at before hiring anyone," college automotive instructor

Thad Nolan said in a release.

Automotive Service Excellence is the only nationally recognized standard for certifying automotive technicians, as well as the prerequisite to any advanced dealership training and certification. The college already has student testing throughout the year.

"Before, in order to take the tests, one would have to travel to Longview or the

Portland metro area," Nolan said. "Getting a testing site in this area has been a project in the making for about 30 years or more. With computer-based testing, we were finally able to make this a reality."

Time slots are available to schedule testing times. For more information, contact Nolan at 503-338-7676 or tnolan@clatsopcc.edu

Coast Guard searches for missing crew member

The Daily Astorian

The U.S. Coast Guard searched 12 hours for a crew member reported missing Monday morning on the inbound bulk carrier Vita Kouan about 10 miles outside the Columbia River.

Petty Officer 3rd Class Jonathan Klingenberg said the crew member did not turn up

during the Cypriot-flagged ship's morning muster at 4:30 a.m.

The Coast Guard received the report at 5:30 a.m. and launched an MH-60 Jayhawk helicopter from Air Station Astoria in Warrenton, an MH-65 Dolphin helicopter from Air Station Newport, the coastal patrol cutter Swordfish and a 47-foot motor lifeboat from Station Cape Disappoint-

ment in Ilwaco, Washington.

The Coast Guard searched over 234 square miles and 12 hours, but did not find the missing crew member. The search was suspended around 5:45 p.m.

Klingenberg said there will be an investigation by the Coast Guard, and future searches pending new evidence warranting going out again.

Famed Oregon author Doyle dies

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Well-known and award-winning author Brian Doyle has died.

KATU-TV reported that Doyle passed away Saturday morning.

According to a release from the University of Portland, Doyle died from complications related to a brain tumor.

Doyle was 60.

Doyle was the author of "Mink River," "The Plover," "Chicago," "Martin Marten," and won a 2016 Oregon Book Award for Young Adult Literature for "Martin Marten."

Doyle was editor of University of Portland's Portland Magazine for 25 years.

He is survived by his wife, May, their daughter, Lily, and twin sons, Liam and Joseph.

LOTTERIES

OREGON
Monday's Pick 4:
 1 p.m.: 6-4-7-6
 4 p.m.: 9-4-1-5
 7 p.m.: 2-7-2-9
 10 p.m.: 5-8-9-7
Monday's Megabucks: 2-3-9-19-31-39
 Estimated jackpot: \$6.6 million

WASHINGTON
Monday's Daily Game:
 0-8-7
Monday's Hit 5: 02-09-11-16-17
 Estimated jackpot: \$200,000
Monday's Keno: 01-02-06-07-14-15-16-24-38-42-45-47-54-55-56-60-67-68-71-80
Monday's Lotto: 02-09-11-28-41-48
 Estimated jackpot: \$7.4 million
Monday's Match 4: 05-14-16-23

PUBLIC MEETINGS

TUESDAY
Port of Astoria Budget Committee, noon, 10 Pier 1 Suite 209.
Astoria City Council, 6 p.m., library work session, City Hall, 1095 Duane St.

THURSDAY
Northwest Oregon Housing Authority, 10 a.m., 147 S. Main Ave., Warrenton.
Seaside Parks Advisory Committee, 7 p.m., City Hall, City Hall, 989 Broadway.

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