

## WHITE: Promised to never again cause harm to anyone

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And when it was his turn to speak, Jacob White choked up and was almost inaudible as he apologized. Alexander said White is filled with regret. He also read a letter of apology from White:

"I wish I could take it all back and be man enough to make the right choice ... I am ashamed of myself."

White in the letter also promised to never again cause harm to anyone.

The Key family declined to make statements to the court.

Brauer said in spite of

what anyone said, he was sticking to the deal White and the state made months ago. White received seven-and-half years on the robbery and 34 months for the burglary. Four of those months run concurrent with the other sentence, the rest are consecutive to make for 10 years even. White also will be under supervision for three years after he is free.

The judge also said he hoped White lives up to his promise.

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## PENDLETON: Current business license doesn't allow businesses that are in violation of federal law

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Chief among the council's changes to the law was removing language that would have created regulations for medical marijuana retailers. Councilman Chuck Wood said he wanted to wait for recreational marijuana regulations from the Oregon Liquor Control Commission before the council made a decision.

The council also restored language in the ordinance banning medical marijuana dispensaries from within 1,000 feet of a public park. Because the park radius would effectively cover the downtown area, the council also removed the commission's ban on marijuana dispensaries in Pendleton's downtown.

The city's new draft ordinance also disallows grow operations in exclusive farm use zones.

Wood said the council would need to adopt a companion ordinance to amend the city's business license rules to account for dispensaries' time of operation, signs and other factors.

Because the city's current business license doesn't allow businesses that are in violation of federal law, interim city attorney Nancy Kerns said a prohibition of dispensaries would stay in effect despite the moratorium expiring May 1.

After the meeting, City Manager Robb Corbett said the absence of marijuana regulations after the moratorium expiration shouldn't have any legal repercussions.

While most of the meeting's audience left after an earlier discussion of the Don Requa statue (see Thursday's *East Oregonian*), a few residents stayed behind to offer their opinions.

Resident Mike Johnston said he supported restoring the park's 1,000 yard perimeter, adding that any marijuana facility near a place where youth congregated offered a

tactic endorsement of using the drug.

Jed Hummel gave a different perspective.

The Pendleton business owner and youth pastor said his daughter's neurological disorder necessitated the use of medical marijuana and was supportive of a law that would allow dispensaries in town.

Hummel reminded the council that there have been no recorded incidences of deaths caused by marijuana overdoses over the past few years and marijuana dispensaries have multiple safeguards in place before customers can purchase marijuana.

"You can't walk into it like you would a Rite Aid," he said.

On another matter, the council also deferred making a decision on an ordinance that would prohibit people from obstructing public walkways.

The council unanimously voted to table the issue until the next meeting, allowing Councilwoman Jane Hill, Police Chief Stuart Roberts and officials and students from Pendleton High School to meet on the subject.

The proposal was born from the trend of high school students congregating in the middle of Bedford Bridge, obstructing the pathway.

Roberts said the students not only block the path for pedestrians, but also attract fights and other illicit activities.

The police chief said he was inspired to extend the proposed law to other walkways because he imagined the students would migrate to other public places if the city focused solely on the bridge.

Roberts also wanted to use the ordinance to address transients and protesters that might obstruct sidewalks, walking paths or bridges.

Resident Mike Navratil said he didn't see why the city officials needed to create a new law when they could just increase police presence by the bridge.

## Teacher confronted by drill gunman sues district

PORTLAND (AP) — A former grade school teacher in eastern Oregon says she was so scared when a man burst into her classroom and pulled the trigger on the pistol he pointed at her face that she suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder and has sued the district's safety officer and others responsible for a surprise "active shooter" drill.

The episode in April 2013 at Pine Eagle School District No. 61, a charter school in Halfway, followed the 2012 Sandy Hook Elementary School shooting in Newtown, Connecticut, which left 20 children and six adults dead.

At the time, Pine Eagle officials said they conducted the drill to see how many of the school's staff would survive an onslaught. Two men conducted it on a Fri-

day when students were home for a teacher in-service day. Officials judged that a real attack would have left most of the 15 teachers dead.

The federal court lawsuit says Linda McLean was sitting at her desk when she heard a clatter and running feet, and then a man in black hoodie and goggles burst through the door, *The Oregonian* reported.

He leveled a pistol at McLean's face and pulled the trigger. The teacher heard gunfire, smelled smoke and felt her heart racing, the lawsuit says.

"You're dead," the gunman said, and stalked out, according to the lawsuit.

McLean's lawsuit names as defendants the safety officer, Shawn Thatcher, as well as two school administrators, seven school

board members, and Alpine Alarm Communications and Construction, which put in the school's security system. Among its allegations are civil assault and emotional distress. It seeks economic and punitive damages.

Representatives of the school declined to comment. The company declined to comment to *The Oregonian* and couldn't be reached by *The Associated Press* on Tuesday.

Halfway is a town of about 300 people south of the Wallowa Mountains.

Members of the district's Safety Committee notified Baker County authorities in advance so they wouldn't respond to a call from the school, and the sheriff's office reviewed concealed-carry permits to ensure no teachers would

fire back at Thatcher and school board member John Minarich, the second man with weapon and similar attire.

Minarich was described in court papers as the principal and president of Alpine Alarm.

The lawsuit said McLean was so shaken she "continued to relive it and try to make sense of it, but could not. Ms. McLean could not sleep, and remained anxious and vigilant. When she drifted off to sleep, she experienced nightmares and sweating."

She tried to return to work but was unable to, and doctors and a psychologist have diagnosed her with PTSD, the lawsuit said.

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## EARTH: New York garbage exports cost more than \$350 million a year

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of waste a week, adding up to millions upon millions of tons a year," de Blasio said in a statement to *The Associated Press*. "To be a truly sustainable city, we need to tackle this challenge head on."

For decades, the city's trash has been exported by rail or barge and sent to facilities in South Carolina, Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania or upstate New York. The new plan would eliminate almost all of the garbage exports, which currently cost more than \$350 million a year.

The amount of waste produced by the city has fallen 14 percent since 2005 due to an increase in recycling, and a key component of the Zero Waste plan is to bolster that output by simplifying the process.

Currently, residential buildings have two types of recycling bins. The city's new single-stream plan, already used by other cities, would consolidate all of the recycling into one type of bin by 2020.

Organics — food scraps, yard waste and other things that cannot be recycled — make up 31 percent of the city's residential waste stream. A program to collect that material directly from residents' homes is being expanded to nearly 200,000 residents by year's end, and officials want to serve every home in the city by the end of 2018. The city, which has about 8.5 million residents, also will offer economic incentives to participate, including potentially a property tax rebate

for homeowners.

The city also aims to reduce commercial waste by 90 percent by 2030 by adopting a program similar to what is being used with residential buildings. That could also mean tax incentives for businesses who participate and fines for those who don't.

And while the de Blasio administration stopped short of endorsing a City Council bill that proposes a 10-cent fee for use of plastic bags, officials said that reducing their use is a priority and that they would coordinate efforts with the council.

A spokeswoman for de Blasio said some of the funding for the Zero Waste program would be revealed in next month's budget proposal but noted there would also be cost savings due to the dramatic reduction of garbage being shipped out of state.

The OneNYC presentation, which also is going to include other capital expenditures meant to improve the city's aging infrastructure, is meant to build on de Blasio's environmental record, which includes a ban on Styrofoam boxes and the goal to reduce carbon emissions from city buildings by 80 percent by 2050.

Environmental groups briefed on the plan Tuesday applauded its wide-ranging scope.

"We see cities all over the world struggling with waste," said Michael Berkowitz, president of 100 Resilient Cities. "A more efficient city is a more resilient city, and that means it's a stronger city."

## MARIJUANA: Council voted unanimously

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tify at the public hearing was Steve Rodarte, who said he wasn't necessarily against the extension of the moratorium but urged the city council to use the time wisely to study the law and the facts of medical marijuana.

"Really look into this and understand there is some medical value there," he said.

He said he understood that sometimes people abused the system, but other dispensary owners follow the rules. The city should be careful not to squash free enterprise, he said.

"There are state guidelines there and as long as they are being met I don't see it as being an issue," he said.

After Rodarte's testimony the council voted unanimously to pass an ordinance extending its moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries within the city limits for another 120 days.

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## WORLD BRIEFLY

### Smuggler's faulty maneuver turned would-be rescue into terrible shipwreck

CATANIA, Sicily (AP) — Rescue seemed so close at hand.

A ship with experience plucking migrants from unseaworthy smuggler's boats had arrived soon after the distress call went out. But then the fishing trawler's navigator made a maneuver that would seal the fate of the 850 people crammed inside: Instead of easing up alongside the merchant ship, he rammed it.

Relief gave way to panic. Terrified migrants rushed to one side, the trawler seized and capsized. What might have been another rescue in a period of unprecedented migrant crossings instead turned into a horrifying statistic: The deadliest shipwreck ever in the Mediterranean Sea.

The accounts of survivors who arrived early Tuesday in this Sicilian port 48 hours after the disaster offered new details of the tragedy. The traumatized witnesses corroborated a death toll of at least 800, making the capsizing "the deadliest

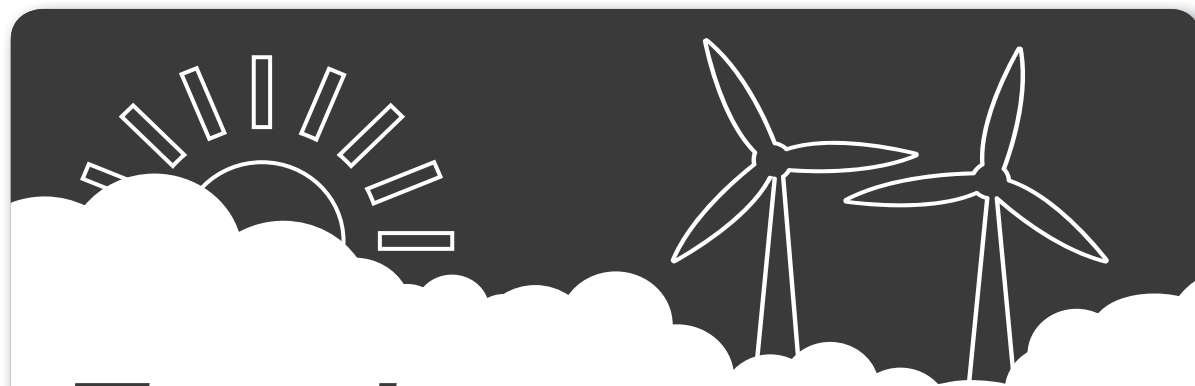
incident in the Mediterranean that we have ever recorded," the U.N. refugee agency said.

Just 28 migrants, all men and boys in their teens, survived. And despite the enormous toll, only 24 bodies were recovered — frequently the case when ships sink on the high seas, especially when most passengers are locked below deck, as was the case Saturday night.

### Saudi-led coalition says 'Decisive Storm' campaign against rebels over

NAJRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Saudi Arabia declared an end on Tuesday to its nearly monthlong "Decisive Storm" air campaign against Houthi rebels in Yemen, and announced the start of a more limited military campaign aimed at preventing the rebels from operating.

Speaking at a news conference in Riyadh, spokesman for the Saudi-led coalition Brig. Gen. Ahmed Asiri said the campaign of heavy airstrikes would be scaled down, but did not confirm whether they would stop altogether.



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