

Parents of NAACP leader say she lied about her race

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Rachel Dolezal leads the Spokane chapter of the NAACP, teaches African studies to college students and sits on a police oversight commission.

But the 37-year-old artist and activist with dark curly hair and light-brown skin now finds herself at the center of a furor over racial identity after family members said she has falsely portrayed herself as black for years when she is actually white. As proof, they produced pictures of her as a blonde, blue-eyed child.

The city is also investigating whether she lied about her ethnicity when she applied to be on the police board. And police on Friday said they were suspending investigations into racial harassment complaints filed by Dolezal, including one from earlier this year in which she said she received hate mail at her office.

The NAACP issued a statement Friday supporting Dolezal, who has been a longtime figure in Spokane's human-rights community.

"One's racial identity is not a qualifying criteria or disqualifying standard for NAACP leadership," the group said. "In every corner of this country, the NAACP remains committed to securing political, educational and economic justice for all people."

Dolezal did not return several telephone messages left Friday by The Associated Press.

On Thursday, she avoided answering questions directly about her race and



In this 2009 file photo, Rachel Dolezal, a leader of the Human Rights Education Institute, stands in front of a mural she painted at the institute's offices in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

ethnicity in an interview with *The Spokesman-Review* newspaper.

"That question is not as easy as it seems," she said. "There's a lot of complexities ... and I don't know that everyone would understand that."

"We're all from the African continent," she added.

Dr. Camille Zubrinsky Charles, a professor of sociology at the University of Pennsylvania and an expert in

racial-identity issues, said people can identify with people of other races without doing what Dolezal did.

"For the most part, being a part of that community doesn't require someone to claim that identity," she said. "It might be difficult to become president of the local NAACP chapter, but achieving the goals? That in itself doesn't require passing as a member of that group."

Maybe she "saw her whiteness as a barrier to doing the advocacy work in the social justice world," said Charles, who is black.

Ruthanne Dolezal of Troy, Montana, told reporters this week that she has had no contact with her daughter in years. She said Rachel began to "disguise herself" after the family adopted four African-American children more than a decade ago. Rachel later married and divorced a black man and graduated from historically black Howard University.

Ruthanne Dolezal also showed reporters pictures of her daughter as a child, with blonde hair, blue eyes and straight hair.

Her daughter dismissed the controversy, saying it arose from litigation between other relatives who have divided the family.

Ruthanne Dolezal said the family's ancestry is Czech, Swedish and German, with a trace of Native American heritage. She produced a copy of her daughter's Montana birth certificate listing herself and Larry Dolezal as Rachel's parents.

Federal agencies pledge \$110M in drought aid

By JULIET WILLIAMS
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Federal agencies pledged another \$110 million in aid Friday to help states struggling with the crippling drought after President Barack Obama talked to leaders from seven western states.

The president met by phone and video link for about an hour with the governors of Arizona, California, Colorado, Montana, Oregon and Wyoming and with the lieutenant governor of Utah, according to the White House.

The funding announced Friday includes:

— \$18 million for a jobs program to help as many as 1,000 Californians who are unemployed because of the drought get temporary jobs doing drought-related work or as part of programs to help make communities

more drought-resistant. The administration cited a recent University of California study estimating 18,000 lost jobs in California.

"It also provides a much needed infusion of economic support right back into these communities that need it," said Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Portia Wu on a conference call with reporters.

— \$30 million to extend a program so farmers who suffer one or two years of exceptionally low production because of the drought do not lose crop insurance.

— \$10 million to reduce the threat of wildfires by cleaning up landscapes so they are less prone to fires.

— \$6.5 million in grants for water management improvement projects.

— \$7 million to address the drought-related needs of water utilities and households.

Paid sick leave bill heads to the governor

SALEM (AP) — Republicans tried without success Friday to derail an Oregon bill that would require businesses to offer sick leave to their employees, arguing the measure would be bad for business and devastating for the agriculture industry.

Democrats were unswayed, sending the bill to Democratic Gov. Kate Brown in a 33-24 vote that mostly followed party lines.

The bill is a top priority for Democrats and the interest groups that support them, who say it will ensure people don't have to work while they or a child are sick.

Republicans raised a number of objections, but they homed in particularly on the effects the bill would have on agriculture. Farmers growing perishable crops

have a limited window to pick them and could be ruined if workers call in sick unexpectedly, several GOP lawmakers said.

Rep. Paul Holvey, a Eugene Democrat, said farm workers often do backbreaking work for long hours outdoors and low wages. They need paid sick leave as much or more than anyone else, he said.

The bill requires employers with at least 10 workers to offer up to 40 hours of paid leave per year, starting in January. Smaller employers would be required to provide unpaid leave. Employers that already offer more generous leave policies would be unaffected.

Oregon would become the fourth state to require paid leave.

Northwest tribes start yearly lamprey harvest



A Native American man catches lampreys, eel-like fish, at Willamette Falls, a 40-foot waterfall south of Portland on Friday. An ancient fish that's a source of food for tribes in the Pacific Northwest, lampreys have been in drastic decline in recent decades.

By GOSIA WOZNIACKA
Associated Press

OREGON CITY — They dove into the cold waters, emerging with writhing, eel-like fish in hand and thrusting them into nets.

Northwest Native American tribes thus began harvesting lampreys this week at a 40-foot waterfall south of Portland, Oregon.

The jawless, gray fish are a traditional food source for tribal members in the Columbia River Basin. They're prized for their rich, fatty meat.

Lampreys also offer an alternate food source for sea lions and other predators that otherwise would be munching on threatened salmon.

But lamprey numbers have declined dramatically over the past 30 years because of hydroelectric dams and pesticides and other toxins. Willamette Falls is the last place where they can be caught by the hundreds.

Tribes have been working to spur lampreys' restoration. They run research and recovery projects, and truck lampreys past dams.

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TODAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Plenty of sunshine	Pleasant with sunshine	Mostly sunny	Partly sunny and very warm	Sunny to partly cloudy

PENDLETON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
79° 47° 84° 50° 87° 56° 88° 54° 86° 55°

HERMISTON TEMPERATURE FORECAST
82° 47° 87° 50° 91° 57° 90° 55° 87° 54°

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PENDLETON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	82°	58°
Normals	77°	52°
Records	99° (1940)	32° (1893)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date 0.05"
Normal month to date 0.63"
Year to date 4.99"
Last year to date 6.47"
Normal year to date 7.14"

HERMISTON
through 3 p.m. yesterday

TEMPERATURE	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	83°	60°
Normals	78°	53°
Records	104° (1940)	41° (1956)

PRECIPITATION
24 hours ending 3 p.m. 0.00"
Month to date Trace
Normal month to date 0.29"
Year to date 3.14"
Last year to date 3.77"
Normal year to date 5.40"

SUN AND MOON

	New	First	Full	Last
	June 16	June 24	July 1	July 8

REGIONAL FORECAST

Coastal Oregon: Plenty of sunshine today; windy during the afternoon. Pleasant in the south.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Plenty of sun today; pleasant in central parts and near the Cascades. Clear tonight.

Western Washington: Mostly sunny today. Areas of low clouds early; otherwise, mostly sunny at the coast.

Eastern Washington: Partly sunny today; however, sunnier across the south and toward the Cascades.

Cascades: Pleasant today with plenty of sunshine. Tonight: a starry night.

Northern California: Brilliant sunshine today. Windy at the coast; hot in central parts.

REGIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Astoria	64	50	pc	68	51	c
Baker City	73	37	s	76	40	s
Bend	76	39	s	79	45	s
Brookings	71	50	s	66	50	s
Burns	79	38	s	81	44	s
Enterprise	72	38	s	75	42	s
Eugene	79	43	s	83	49	s
Heppner	77	43	s	82	47	s
Hermiston	82	47	s	87	50	s
John Day	75	40	s	80	47	s
Klamath Falls	82	43	s	86	47	s
La Grande	73	39	s	80	43	s
Meacham	68	33	s	74	38	s
Medford	87	52	s	91	56	s
Newport	57	45	pc	58	47	c
North Bend	62	48	s	62	51	c
Ontario	83	50	s	85	51	s
Pasco	82	46	s	86	51	s
Pendleton	79	47	s	84	50	s
Portland	76	51	s	84	56	s
Redmond	77	37	s	81	44	s
Salem	78	48	s	85	52	s
Spokane	73	48	pc	78	55	s
Ukiah	72	35	s	79	42	s
Vancouver	76	49	s	83	55	s
Walla Walla	80	53	s	86	57	s
Yakima	82	49	s	86	54	s

WORLD CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Beijing	82	64	pc	89	68	pc
Hong Kong	90	82	c	91	82	r
Jerusalem	83	57	s	84	58	s
London	69	55	pc	69	52	c
Mexico City	78	57	t	74	59	t
Moscow	77	61	s	81	63	pc
Paris	78	56	pc	77	58	pc
Rome	86	68	pc	82	65	pc
Seoul	83	65	t	78	64	t
Sydney	66	50	pc	67	52	pc
Tokyo	81	69	pc	75	69	sh

WINDS

(in mph)	Today	Sunday
Boardman	SW 3-6	NE 4-8
Pendleton	NW 4-8	NNE 6-12

UV INDEX TODAY

2 5 7 7 5 2

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

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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: Warm and humid air will fuel drenching showers and thunderstorms from the mid-Atlantic through the Ohio Valley today. Severe storms will erupt across the panhandles of Texas and Oklahoma.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)
High 109° in Red Bluff, Calif. Low 35° in Bodie State Park, Calif.

NATIONAL CITIES

	Today			Sun.		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Albuquerque	85	61	t	86	64	t
Atlanta	90	73	pc	92	74	s
Atlanta City	85	68	t	87	64	pc
Baltimore	87	71	t	87	70	pc
Billings	75	53	pc	68	49	pc
Birmingham	90	72	pc	91	72	s
Boise	81	52	s	84	57	s
Boston	77	61	t	74	58	pc
Charleston, SC	94	74	pc	96	74	s
Charleston, WV	87	68	t	86	70	t
Chicago	78	67	t	81	67	t
Cleveland	76	67	c	82	69	t
Dallas	90	72	t	89	71	t
Denver	83	57	t	81	54	t
Detroit	74	65	pc	82	70	t
El Paso	99	68	s	100	71	s
Fairbanks	68	48	pc	77	52	pc
Fargo	84	61	pc	75	55	pc
Honolulu	86	73	pc	86	73	pc
Houston	84	75	t	86	75	t
Indianapolis	86	70	t	85	70	t
Jacksonville	94	70	pc	96	70	s
Kansas City	78	67	t	80	68	t
Las Vegas	102	80	pc	104	81	s
Little Rock	86	73	t	86	74	t
Los Angeles	77	63	pc	78	62	pc
Louisville	86	74	t	89	74	pc
Memphis	86	74	t	88	74	t
Miami	89	79	pc	89	78	t
Millwaukee	70	58	t	74	59	t
Minneapolis	72	62	pc	82	65	pc
Nashville	87	71	pc	89	72	s
New Orleans	86	77	t	87	77	t
New York City	86	67	t	82	66	pc
Oklahoma City	82	70	t	84	69	t
Omaha	78	66	t	81	65	t
Philadelphia	90	70	t	85	69	pc
Phoenix	104	81	s	106	82	s
Portland, ME	82	58	pc	76	53	s
Providence	83	60	t	84	58	pc
Raleigh	93	73	t	95	74	t
Rapid City	79	55	pc	69	52	t
Reno	94	58	pc	93	57	s
Sacramento	95	58	s	91	57	s
St. Louis	88	74	t	85	73	t
Salt Lake City	87	62	s	88	64	pc
San Diego	71	65	pc	72	64	pc
San Francisco	73	54	pc	70	54	pc
Seattle	74	51	s	79	54	pc
Tucson	100	69	s	102	73	s
Washington, DC	91	75	t	89	75	t
Wichita	80	68	t	84	69	t

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.