## **TV TIME**

# **Police grab man climbing Trump Tower in NYC**

#### **By EZRA KAPLAN** Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) -— A man who wanted an "audience" with Donald Trump spent three hours scaling the glass facade of Trump Tower on Wednesday using large suction cups, climbing as high as the 21st floor before police officers grabbed him and hauled him to safety through an open window.

The climber, identified by police as a 20-year-old Virginia man, wore a backpack and used a harness and rope stirrups to fasten himself to the side of the 58-story Manhattan skyscraper.

For a long time, the climber played a slow-motion cat-and-mouse game with would-be rescuers. Officers smashed windows and broke through ventilation ducts to block his progress. Police also lowered themselves



New York Police officers struggle as they pull a man through a window as he scaled the east side of Trump Tower using suction cups, Wednesday in New York. The man spent more than 2 hours scaling the glass facade of Trump Tower, climbing as high as the 21st floor before police officers grabbed him and hauled him to safety through an open window.

toward him using a window washer's platform.

The man kept his distance by methodically working his way back and forth across the facade, repeatedly repositioning suction cups resembling a type commonly

used by window washers to remove big panes of glass. The chase ended dramati-

cally just after 6:30 p.m. As a crowd gasped on the street below, two officers leaned far out of a window, grabbed the climber's arm and harness, and in a flash yanked him from his dangling stirrups. He went through the opening head first, his legs

pointed skyward. "I reached out. I took hold of his hand and I said, 'Sir, would you come with me." said detective Christopher Williams, who made the grab.

Police had deployed large, inflated crash pads at the scene, but it was unclear how much protection they would have offered if the climber fell

A day before the ascent. police said the climber posted a video on YouTube entitled, "Message to Mr. Trump (why

I climbed your tower)." He posted the video under the name Leven Thumps, which is a character in a series of children's fantasy novels by the writer Obert Skye.

"I am an independent researcher seeking a private audience with you to discuss an important matter. I guarantee that it's in your interest to honor this request," he said. "Believe me, if my purpose was not significant, I would not risk my life pursuing it. The reason I climbed your tower is to get your attention. If I had sought this via conventional means, I would be much less likely to have success because you are a busy man with many responsibilities.'

NYPD Assistant Chief William Aubrey said the man, who was not named by police, told officers the same thing after he was safely inside the building.

"At no time did he express that he wanted to hurt anybody," he said.

The tower is headquarters to Donald Trump's Republican presidential campaign and his business empire. Trump also lives there, though he was in Virginia in the afternoon and was headed to Florida for an evening event.

Trump campaign А spokeswoman didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

"This man performed a ridiculous and dangerous stunt," Michael Cohen, an executive at the Trump Organization, said in an emailed statement. "I'm 100 percent certain the NYPD had better things to do.'

The climber began his ascent from a terrace that is open to the public during the day. Police said he was taken to a hospital to be evaluated.

### COMING EVENTS

## THURSDAY, AUG. 11 ADULT OPEN GYM, 6-7 a.m.

Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Half-court bas-ketball. (541-276-8100).

**PRESCHOOL STORY AND CRAFT TIME**, 10:30 a.m., Mil-ton-Freewater Public Library, 8 S.W. Eighth Ave. (Lili Schmidt 541-938-8247).

PARENTS' MEDICAL WORK-SHOP, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Good Shepherd Medical Center conference room 1-2, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Learn what to do when your child is sick, when to take them to the emergency room and what can be done at home Free admission and child care; all participants receive a free book. lunch and a chance to win prizes. (Laura Celis 541-564-6878).

BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St. Costs \$4 for seniors or \$5 for (541-481-3257) adults.

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Hermiston Senior Center, 435 W. Orchard Ave. Costs \$4 or free for children under 10. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Meals on Wheels available. Transportation arranged by donation. (541-567-3582).

PENDLETON SENIÓR MEAL SERVICE, 12 noon, Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101). LIONS LEGACY PROJECT RIBBON CUTTING, 12:15 p.m., Pioneer Park, 400 N.W. Despain Ave., Pendleton. The Chamber Ambassadors will recognize the trees purchased and planted for the park. Everyone welcome. (Jan Stewart 541-377-6900). SENSORY STORY TIME,

12:30 p.m., Boardman Public Li-brary, 200 S. Main St. Special story time for children from birth to age

First Foods information booths open at 10 a.m.; barbecue fundraiser lunch at 11:30 a.m, \$7 per person.; race awards ceremonies 12 noon. (888-809-8027 ext. 7219 or firstfoodsfestival@ctuir.org). HERMISTON'S OWN FARM-

ERS MARKET, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., McKenzie Park, 300 S. First St., Hermiston. Food, crafts, live music, art

LIL BUCKS OPEN GYM, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. For students in first and second grade and parents/quardians. Free bas-

ketball skills and pickup games. **PROPHETIC WORKSHOP**, 9-11 a.m., Faith Center Church, 108 S. Main St., Pendleton. Rev. Dick Williams will present a free workshop. A love offering will be taken. (Ray O'Grady 541-276-9569)

FREE FOR ALL, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Family art experience for children up to age 12. Children under 8 should be accompanied by an adult. (541-278-9201)

HIP & HANDMADE, 11 a.m. to noon, Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free drop-in art project class for adults. (541-278-9201)

OVERSIZE GAMES, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Pioneer Park, 400 N.W. Despain Ave., Pendleton. Kiss the summer reading program goodbye with giant versions of Operation, Tic Tac Toe and more. All ages. (541-966-0380).

COUNTRY HOEDOWN, 1-4 p.m., Milton-Freewater Neighbor-hood Senior Center, 311 N. Main St. Live music, dancing and singing. Admission \$2, refreshments available for purchase. (541-938-3311)

SUNDAY, AUG. 14 GUEST MISSIONARY SPEAKER, 9:45 and 11 a.m., Grace Baptist Church, 2809 S.W.

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SKILLS FOR LIFE, 3-5 p.m. Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Includes gym activities and life skills for middle and high school students. Free, but registration requested. (Danny Bane 541-379-4250). MAKERSPACE, 4-5 p.m.,

Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. Children ages 3 and up create, design and experiment with a variety of tools, STEM challenges and educational games. PICKLEBALL OPEN GYM,

5:15-7 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Combination of tennis, ping pong and badminton. Ages 18 and up only. (541-276-8100).

THE ARC UMATILLA COUN-TY BINGO, 6 p.m. doors open, bingo starts at 7 p.m. 215 W. Or-chard Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-7615

FIDDLER'S NIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Brookdale Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave. Join jam session or just listen. (541-567-3141).

#### FRIDAY, AUG. 12

ADULT OPÉN GYM, 6-7 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Half-court basketball. (541-276-8100). HEPPNER FARMER'S MAR-

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City Park. Food, cratt and garden vendors. (541-676-8957). STORY TIME, 10:15-11 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave. (541-567-2882). SUMMER STORY TIME, 10:15-10:45 a.m., Pendleton Pub-lic Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave. (541-966-0380). PENDI ETON EADMEDS

FARMERS PENDLETÓN MARKET, 4 p.m. to dusk, 300 block South Main Street, Pendleton. Browse fresh produce, meats, baked goods and plants, locally crafted jewelry and items for the home. EBT, debit and credit cards welcome. (pendletonfarmersmarket.net)

VFW BINGO, doors open at 6 p.m., games start at 7 p.m., Herm-iston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St.

**PROPHETIC WORKSHOP, 7** .m., Faith Center Church, 108 S Main St., Pendleton. Rev. Dick Williams will present a free workshop. A love offering will be taken. (Ray O'Grady 541-276-9569).

ROCK & ROLL CAMP CON-CERT, 7 p.m., 400 block South Main Street, Pendleton. Rock & Roll Camp participants perform. (541-278-9201).

SATURDAY, AUG. 13 FIRST FOODS FESTIVAL AND RACES, 6:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., July Grounds, 73310 July Grounds Lane, Mission. 6:45 a.m. race registration begins; Kanine Ridge Hike 7:10 a.m., departs July Grounds; Chumash Lacrosse tournament 8-10 a.m. and noon to 2:30 p.m.; yoga 8:15-9:40 a.m.; 10K Spawn Run 9 a.m., followed by 5K Smolt Run at 9:30 a.m. and Family Walk & Cycle at 10:30 a.m.;

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come. (541-276-3031). GUEST MINISTRY, 10 a.m., Faith Center Church, 108 S. Main St., Pendleton. REv. Dick Williams will bring his music and ministry to the regular worship service. Free.

(Ray O'Grady 541-276-9569). **"ROBBERS, REPROBATES AND THE RED LIGHT DIS- TRICT" WALKING TOUR,** 12:30 p.m., beginning at MaySons Old Fashioned General Store, 369 S. Main St. Dardtop Load bioto Main St., Pendleton. Local histo-rian Keith May discusses Pendleton's National Historic District. Costs \$5. (541-276-8206). MUSIC IN THE PARK, 5-7

p.m., Heppner City Park. Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy Jezbel's Mother. Food available for purchas

ADULT OPEN GYM. 6:30-8:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave. Free access for ages 16 and up. (541-276-8100).





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