

Hardesty: protests due to ‘white male privilege’

PORTLAND (AP) — The first black woman to be elected to Portland’s city council says “white male privilege” is to blame for disruptions and raucous protests during council meetings.

Jo Ann Hardesty, who joined the council this year, said the men act “disruptive, disrespectful and self-centered,” and those behaviors may discourage first-timers from visiting the council and participating in local politics. The longtime Portland activist said she ran with a promise that anyone and everyone will have a “respectful interaction” with leaders at City Hall.

“I am concerned about how privilege, and specifically white male privilege, is limiting the public’s access to City Hall,” she said in a statement read at Wednesday’s meeting. “There’s a chilling effect on persons who are unaccustomed to coming to City Hall to have their voices heard when they see and experience the disruption that seems to be the new normal.”

Hardesty spent years as a civil-rights activist before winning her council seat in November.

Protests are common at Portland City Hall, sometimes by members of anti-fascist, or “antifa,”



In this June 12, 2017, file photo, the presidents of the four branches in Oregon of the NAACP, from left, Frederick Edwards, Corvallis branch; Benny Williams, at podium, Salem-Keiser branch; Jo Anne Hardesty, Portland branch; and Eric Richardson, Eugene-Springfield branch at a news conference at the state Capitol in Salem

groups who cover their faces with masks and hoods.

Oregon Public Broadcasting reports that several men who identify as police observers — “cop watchers” is a term they use for themselves — and citizen journalists have disrupted Portland City Council meetings in the weeks since she took office.

The men are not affiliated with the better-known grassroots police reform organization Portland Copwatch,

and two have been subject to stalking orders for harassing city officials.

Every member of the city council has complained about the disruptions, and now-former Commissioner Dan Saltzman said they contributed to his decision not to run for re-election.

In 2015, after an activist sued, a federal judge ruled that the city’s policy of barring particularly disruptive people from council meetings for months at a time

was unconstitutional.

When Mayor Ted Wheeler took office, he passed an ordinance that clarified what type of behavior could lead to an extended exclusion from City Hall. That policy has yet to be challenged in court.

Shortly after Hardesty’s swearing-in on Jan. 2, 2019, the city council meeting was forced into recess twice while Wheeler expelled people for disrupting the proceedings.

Authorities: Man attacks Sikh at Salem store

By ANDREW SELSKY
Associated Press

SALEM — An Oregon man has been charged with a hate crime, assault and other charges after he allegedly attacked a Sikh who was working at a convenience store.

Other customers, including a military veteran, stepped in after they witnessed the attack on Monday.

Andrew Ramsey, 24, of Salem targeted Harwinder Dodd because of Ramsey’s perception of the employee’s religion, according to a court document. Among the charges is intimidation in the second degree, a misdemeanor hate crime. Ramsey’s court-appointed attorney was in a meeting and not immediately available for comment Wednesday.

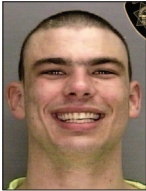
One witness, Justin Brecht, a legislative policy adviser in the Oregon State Capitol and a former combat Marine, told FOX 12 TV news that the assailant wanted rolling papers for cigarettes, but didn’t have an ID and the clerk wouldn’t sell them to him.

Brecht said the clerk told Ramsey to leave, and Ramsey responded by pulling on the clerk’s beard, punching him in the face, pulling him to the ground and kicking him. Brecht and other bystanders held Ramsey down until officers got there.

“We were really worried, I mean he could have really injured the store owner. He was beating him pretty good,” Brecht told the TV station. “He was bleeding, he had gotten punched quite a bit in the face, and kicked on the ground and thrown to the ground very brutally. It was very serious.”

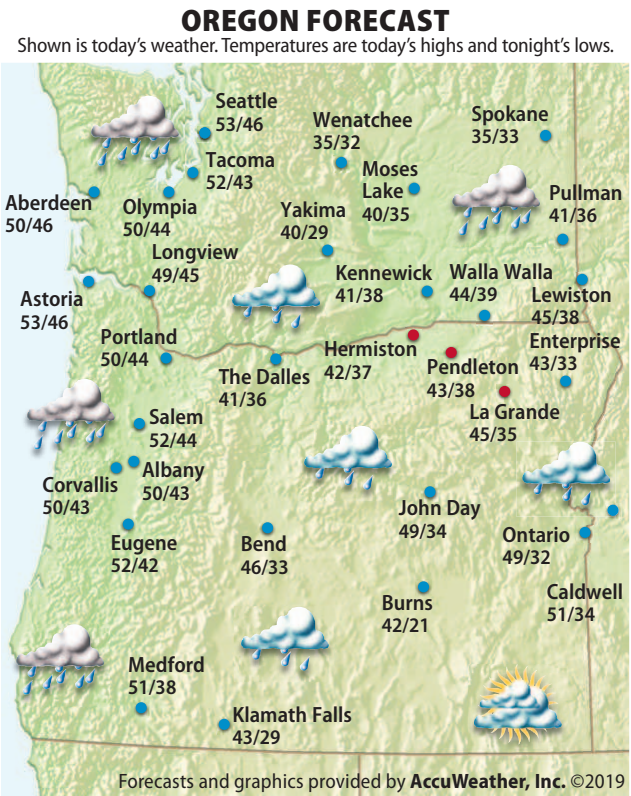
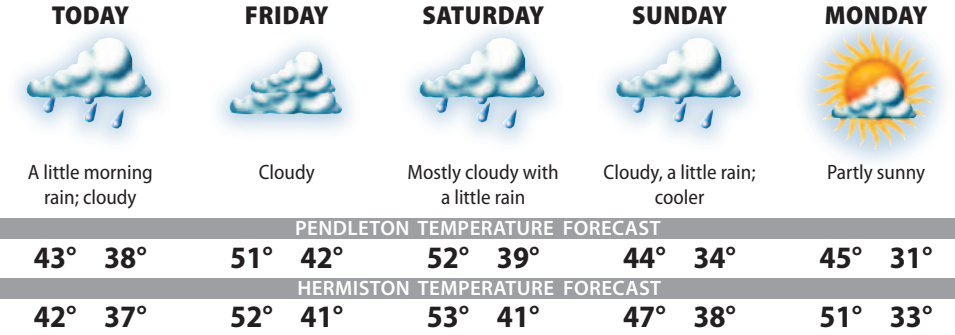
Police said Ramsey threw his shoe at Dodd and tried to steal his head covering. Ramsey was also charged with assault in the fourth degree, disorderly conduct and criminal trespass.

Sikh men have unshorn hair, covered with a turban. Sikhism was founded in Punjab, a region in South Asia that spans modern-day Pakistan and northwest India. The first Sikhs came to the Pacific Northwest more than a century ago.



Ramsey

Forecast for Pendleton Area



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PENDLETON through 3 p.m. yest.

TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	32°	26°
Normals	41°	27°
Records	63° (1976)	-5° (1950)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.12"
Normal month to date	0.85"
Year to date	0.12"
Last year to date	0.79"
Normal year to date	0.85"

HERMISTON through 3 p.m. yest.

TEMP.	HIGH	LOW
Yesterday	36°	31°
Normals	42°	28°
Records	63° (1961)	-9° (1957)

PRECIPITATION

24 hours ending 3 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.18"
Normal month to date	0.66"
Year to date	0.18"
Last year to date	0.64"
Normal year to date	0.66"

WINDS (in mph)

Today	Fri.
Boardman	NNE 3-6 SW 4-8
Pendleton	S 6-12 SSW 7-14

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	7:31 a.m.
Sunset tonight	4:40 p.m.
Moonrise today	1:32 p.m.
Moonset today	3:43 a.m.

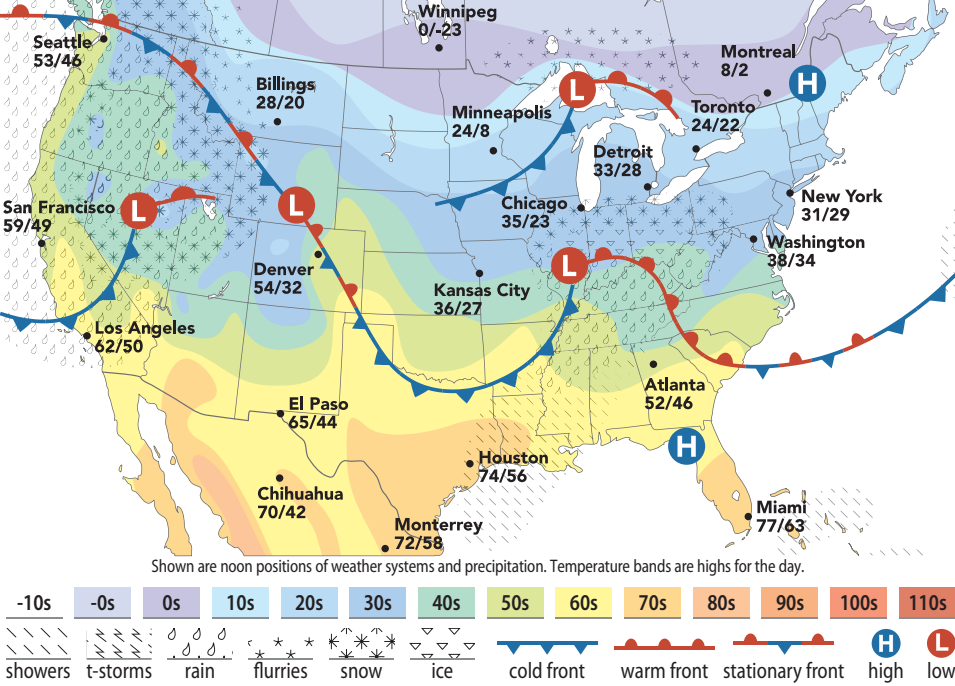
Full	Last	New	First
			
Jan 20	Jan 27	Feb 4	Feb 12

NATIONAL EXTREMES

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states)

High 75° in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Low -23° in International Falls, Minn.

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



Man sentenced for misconduct with students

BEND (AP) — A man who committed sexual misconduct with minor students he coached at a central Oregon high school will spend the next year in jail.

The *Bulletin* reports that Dylan Todd Sullivan of Forest Grove, Oregon, pleaded guilty Tuesday in Deschutes County Circuit Court to one

count each of harassment and coercion.

Harassment is a misdemeanor. For it, Sullivan will serve 364 days in jail. Coercion is a felony. For that charge, Sullivan will serve five years of sex offender probation following his release.

In June 2017, Sullivan

was served an indictment containing seven sex-related criminal counts said to have occurred between 2013 and 2015, when Sullivan was a substitute teacher at La Pine High School and an assistant basketball coach.

At the time, Sullivan was 24 and 25 — his two victims were 16.

COMING EVENTS

- THURSDAY, JAN. 17

YARN CLUB, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO, 6-10 p.m., The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., seats may be held until 6:30 p.m., then all seats first come, first served; games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Umatilla County citizens with developmental disabilities. 18 years or older, must have proof of age and photo I.D. Basic pot \$20, prizes range from \$20-\$750. (541-567-7615)

FIDDLER'S NIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Avamere Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy light refreshments, listen to some favorite oldies or join in the jam session. All ages welcome. (Lori 541-567-3141)

FIRST DRAFT WRITERS' SERIES, 7-9 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Kisha Lewellyn Schlegel will read from her work. Open mic slots of 3-5 minutes available following main presentation. Free. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

WALKING FOR WELLNESS, 8:30-9:30 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Get some exercise even when the weather is bad. Free. (Casey Brown 541-276-8100)

TODDLER STORY TIME, 10:15-11 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)

FREE FRIDAY LUNCH, 12 p.m., Echo Community Church, 21 N. Bonanza St., Echo. Everyone welcome.

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 2 p.m., Echo Public Library, 20 S. Bonanza, Echo. (541-376-8411)

VFW BINGO, 6 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-6219)

SAGE MOVIE EVENT, 7:15 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. Watch "Alad-

din." \$5 admission includes a bag of popcorn; bottled water available for purchase. (Stefanie 541-481-7243)

SATURDAY, JAN. 19

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

YARN CLUB, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

HIP & HANDMADE, 11 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Free drop-in project class for adults. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

STRAIGHT TALK WITH BECKY MARKS, 2-4 p.m., The Saddle Restaurant, 2220 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Share thoughts with Ward I councilwoman. (541-276-9147)

SAGE MOVIE EVENT, 2:15 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. Watch "Aladdin." \$5 admission includes a bag of popcorn; bottled water available for purchase. (Stefanie 541-481-7243)

SUNDAY, JAN. 20

PAUL GORHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Masonic Lodge, 1350 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for ages 6-12. Call-in orders welcome. Donations accepted; proceeds benefit scholarships for local students. (Marty Patterson 541-278-0995)

SPECIAL NEEDS OPEN GYM, 12:30-1 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Free for special needs children and families. (Casey Brown 541-276-8100)

KBLU CITIZENS ADVISORY GROUP, 3 p.m., Prodigal Son Brewery & Pub, 230 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Share ideas on format of Pendleton area's newest radio station. (Vickie or Gary 541-566-2744 or 541-566-0131)

CORRECTIONS: The *East Oregonian* works hard to be accurate and sincerely regrets any errors. If you notice a mistake in the paper, please call 541-966-0818.

The Jan. 16 article “RV park project halts at EOTEC” incorrectly stated the proposed location of the RV park. It would be in the northeast corner of the property.

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