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Two Adults, One Child Killed in Rainier House Fire

By The Chronicle staff

Two adults and a child were killed after a fire broke out in a home in Rainier early Saturday morning, according to the Thurston County Sheriff's Office.

Southeast Thurston Fire re-

sponded to the residential structure fire in the 16100 block of Village Drive Southeast at about 1:20 a.m.

The home was completely engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived, according to the sheriff's office.

A woman in her early 20s who escaped the blaze told firefighters two adults and a child were still in the residence.

"Despite the efforts of SE Thurston Fire and other partner agencies, the three remain-

ing occupants, a couple in their 40s and their 3-year-old granddaughter, perished in the fire," the sheriff's office wrote in a news release.

Detectives with the sheriff's office are working with investi-

gators from Southeast Thurston Fire and Lacey Fire to determine the cause and origin of the fire.

"At this time out thoughts are with the family and friends of those who died in this tragedy," the sheriff's office wrote.

Broadband, Hardship Assistance, Child Care All High Priorities for Lewis County Residents, Survey Shows

By Eric Rosane

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Survey results out this month from Polco found that Lewis County residents believe investments in broadband internet infrastructure and economic aid to small businesses, as well as services and programs promoting healthy childhood environments, are among the highest priorities as the county considers how to best invest portions of its \$15.6 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Late last year, Lewis County commissioned two countywide surveys to engage constituents on how the funds should be spent. A total of 891 residents and 204 managers or business owners responded to the pair of surveys.

Participants were surveyed not just on what they believed was the highest priority

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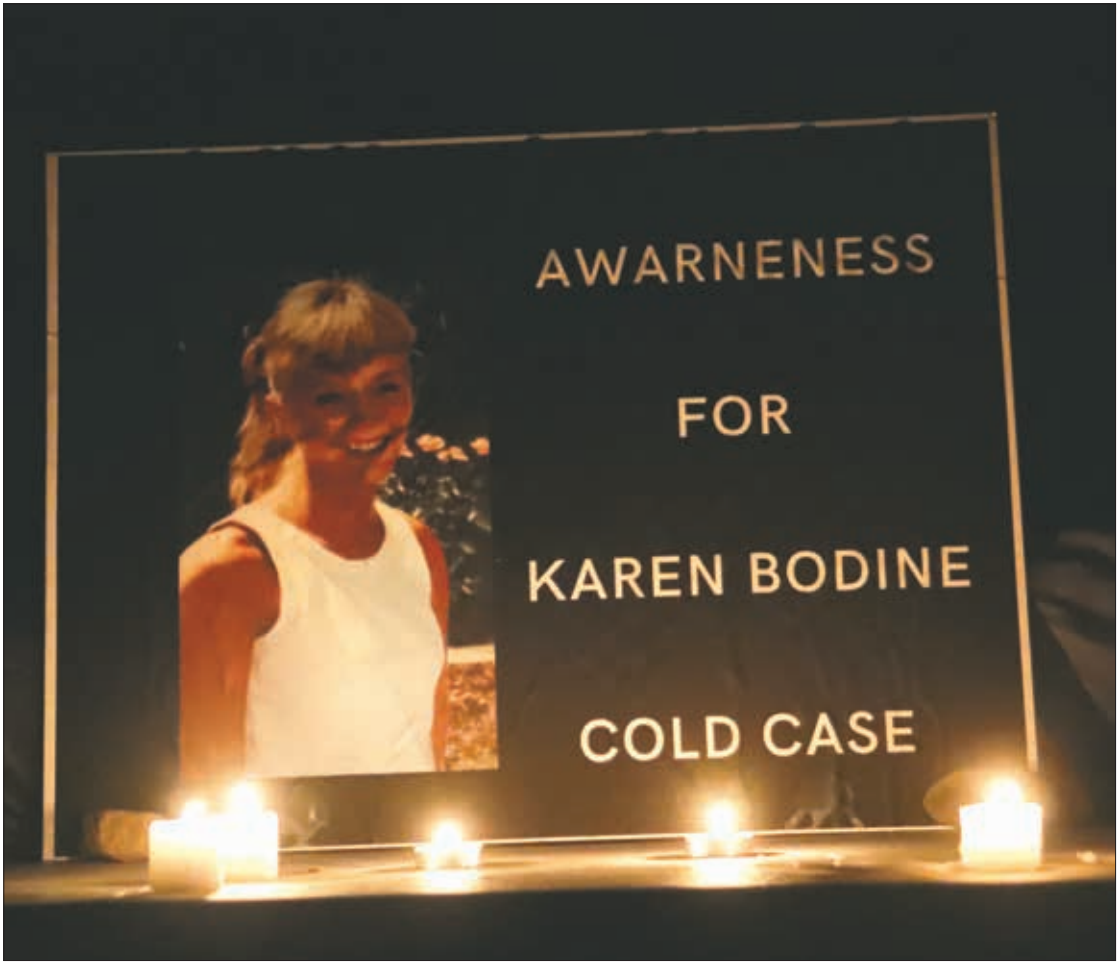
Vigil Marks 15 Years Since the Unsolved Murder of Karen Bodine

Event Also Honors Life of Case Advocate Who Recently Died



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Sisters Karlee and Taylor Bodine share a tender moment at a vigil held on the 15th anniversary of the day their mother's body was found on the side of Littlerock Road Southwest near Rochester.



A vigil remembering Karen Bodine, a Thurston County woman murdered in 2007, was held Saturday at the site her body was found on the side of Littlerock Road Southwest near Rochester.

By Emily Fitzgerald

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Friends and family of Karen Bodine, a Thurston County woman who was murdered in January 2007, were prepared for the 15th anniversary of the day Bodine's body was found on the side of a road in Rochester to be a difficult reminder of the woman they'd lost and the fact that her murder has not yet been solved.

But the anniversary was difficult for another reason: It was held one month after Mitchell Davidson-Link, an avid supporter of efforts to raise awareness for Karen Bodine's cold case, died unexpectedly at the age of 33.

"I just think every one of us should think about how precious life is. Because in the instance with Mitchell, it was very sudden and fast, no one expected it to happen," said Colleen Es-hom, at a joint vigil held for Karen Bodine and Davidson-Link at Karen Bodine's memorial near Rochester on Saturday.

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White Pass in Focus



Scenes From the Ski Area on a Winter Weekend / **Main 2**

Assessing Damage



Officials Report Results of Flood Response / **Main 9**



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Lots are filled as riders enjoy a sunny Saturday on the slopes of the White Pass Ski Area.

In Focus: Winter Weekend Fun on the Slopes at White Pass



The glacial crown of Mount Rainier stretches above foothills seen from the White Pass Ski Area on Saturday.



A Canada jay sits atop a ski pole at the High Camp Lodge in Naches on Saturday.



Ski Patrol responds on the slopes of White Pass where a rider went down on Saturday.



Nathan Anderson and Abby Polley, Centralia High School graduates, pose for a photo as Mount Rainier sets the backdrop while skiing at White Pass on Saturday.



A tube carries riders up the slopes at White Pass on Saturday.



A young snowboarder sleds down a slope while sitting on her board at White Pass on Saturday.



The White Pass Ski Resort is located in the Cascade Range at 48935 U.S. Highway 12.



Signage for White Pass elevation is displayed above the snowline on Saturday.

Toledo Students Return to In-Person Learning With ‘Hybrid Bus Routes’

By Emily Fitzgerald
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After shifting all students to remote learning last week due to a lack of transportation staff, the Toledo School District was able to return to in-person schooling on Monday with a “hybrid” bus schedule.

“If you are able to transport your child to school on Monday, please do so. Otherwise, please bring your child to an alternate bus stop,” said the Toledo School District in a message to families Friday afternoon.

The district called all families with students who regularly ride the bus on Thursday to gauge how many of them were able to find alternative transport for their children in the event the district’s transportation department is short staffed. If most of the regular bus riders could be taken to and from school by family or neighbors, then the school district could adjust its bus routes to only pick up the students with no other way to get to school.

The school district received enough responses from families to develop three “hybrid routes,” each with two to four bus stops, that can be handled by a small group of bus drivers.

“We will continue on hybrid routes until transportation is fully staffed again,” said the district, adding that families should assume the district will return



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A Toledo School District sign is pictured last week.

to the regular bus routes starting on Tuesday unless they hear otherwise.

The Toledo School District had to shift to remote learning last week after three of its nine bus drivers tested positive for COVID-19 on Jan. 17. Under the

new guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, those drivers had to quarantine for at least five days, leaving the district unable to operate its standard bus routes.

“The school district is responsible to provide a full day of in-

struction for each student. We aren’t allowed to offer instruction only to the kids who can get to school on their own steam or who are fortunate enough to have neighbors to help transport them. Toledo Schools doesn’t exclude anyone,” Superintendent Chris

Rust said in a message to parents announcing the shift last week.

The creation of the hybrid routes gives the district another step it can take before shifting to remote learning if a situation like this happens again, the district told families on Monday.

News in Brief

Tenino School District Places Levy on Special Election Ballot

By The Chronicle staff

The Tenino School District has placed a replacement capital levy on the ballot for the Feb. 8 special election.

The levy rate is set to be \$1.11 per \$1,000 of assessed property value, which is less than the rate of the levy this one aims to replace.

Brenda Padgett, director of finance for the Tenino School District said the previous levy ended collection in 2021 at a rate of about \$1.40 per \$1,000 of assessment property value. It had been collected for seven years, amounting to almost \$8 million.

The replacement capital levy on the ballot will be collected for four years, from 2023 to 2026, amounting to just under \$7 million.

“This is a replacement levy, because it will essentially do a lot of the same functions and continue some of that work that we started with the first levy, with the addition of a few items that still fall

under that broad umbrella that we hope to accomplish,” Padgett said. “In the previous levy, it was building safety, security and technology improvements. This will be the same.”

The first levy funded things like the purchase of the district’s security cameras and the installation of a unilateral secured entrance to two of its school buildings.

The replacement capital levy will continue that work, installing the buzz-in secure entrances at its remaining schools.

The levy will also continue the work its predecessor did with the acquisition of technology.

“Something that we did that was a benefit with (the previous) levy was our one-to-one initiative for our buildings,” Padgett said. “So all of our kids had a device, a Chromebook or iPad, depending on what grade level and their age. And that was crucial when the pandemic hit. We were ready. We already had that in place. ... This capital levy will continue that (initiative), and add more (computers), which is so much more important in our current situation that we’re in, and continue to be in.”

The district also hopes to use the replacement capital levy to help with updating its buildings’ heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) systems, in addition to updating the electrical systems of its facilities.

Padgett said the district was a recipient of the federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds, but that the levy will afford things ESSER funds cannot.

ESSER funds must be used for COVID-19-related relief.

“We can use them on HVAC work, and hopefully plan to, but those dollars alone wouldn’t cover the HVAC work that needs to be done and still be able to use them for students and the work that needs to be done that can’t be done with ESSER dollars,” Padgett said. “This capital levy will work with the federal dollars as well so we can update the HVAC and continue to do energy efficiency and other site improvements.”

The district would also like to implement some pre-construction work in preparation for the potential future passage of a bond to build a new school, she

said.

“I think the district has done a very good job of being a good steward of the (previous levy) funds and using them to really maximize and address safety and security and technology,” Padgett said. “Hopefully, we’ve shown that going into the pandemic with kids having devices. And just walking onto the district campuses, it’s such a huge difference from where it was seven years ago. And given the opportunity to do another capital levy, it’s just getting better and better. We have definitely used those funds and it shows on our campuses.”

State Schools Superintendent Urges Washington Parents to Get Their Kids Vaccinated

By The Seattle Times

In early 2020, as the novel coronavirus reared its spiky head, Washington state was among the first in the nation to shut down

schools as a precaution to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Friday marked the grim two-year reminder that the first deadly case in the U.S. was diagnosed in a man from Snohomish County.

On the eve of this anniversary, Chris Reykdal, state superintendent of schools, and Dr. Tao Sheng Kwan-Gett, the state’s chief science officer, gave a virtual community update on the recommended vaccination practices and health protocols, and talked about pandemic trends in Washington schools.

They also urged parents to consider getting their children vaccinated. According to state health data, only 23% of Washington children ages 5-11 are fully vaccinated. Reykdal said that just over half of the state’s middle schoolers are vaccinated, and 65% of high schoolers have received the vaccine.

Reykdal also said that there appears to be a low incidence rate of coronavirus spreading in schools. A total of 349 COVID-19 outbreaks in K-12 were reported to the state health department between Aug. 1 and Nov. 30.

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Iconic East County Elk Soak in the Sunlight Outside Packwood



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Elk graze in a field outside of Packwood on Saturday.

Pe Ell Mother Jailed After Allegedly Threatening Child With Knife and Trying to Take Children From Legal Guardians

By Emily Fitzgerald
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A Pe Ell woman is facing assault and burglary charges for allegedly threatening her parents and her children with a knife and forcibly taking one of her children from the residence before breaking a window in an attempt to retrieve the second child on Thursday.

The 30-year-old woman, who The Chronicle is not identifying to protect the identities of her children, had reportedly arrived at her parents' California Street residence the night before. Her parents, who are the guardians

of her two children, had allowed her to stay overnight but asked her to leave the next day. The woman allegedly got into a fight with her 12-year-old child in the kitchen, "picked up a knife and held it above her head as if she was going to stab (the 12-year-old)," according to court documents.

The woman's mother reportedly stepped in between the two, at which point the woman allegedly threatened her mother with the knife.

A Child Protective Services representative arrived at the residence after that initial incident. The woman allegedly then

"The state has concerns if she gets out of custody that she would try to take the kids."

Paul Masiello
deputy prosecutor

tried to leave the residence and grabbed her 10-year-old child by the wrist, pulling her along. When the woman's mother

tried to stop the woman from leaving, the woman allegedly punched her mother in the face. The 12-year-old then reportedly grabbed the woman and the two left the residence. The woman then allegedly broke the kitchen window and was attempting to get the 10-year-old to leave with her, according to court documents.

The Pe Ell woman was booked into the Lewis County Jail at 4:20 p.m. on Jan. 20 and has been charged with one count of first-degree burglary, domestic violence; two counts of second-degree assault, domestic violence; and one count of

fourth-degree assault, domestic violence.

During her preliminary hearing in Lewis County Superior Court on Friday, Judge James Lawler granted Deputy Prosecutor Paul Masiello's request to set her bail at \$100,000 due to multiple warrants on her criminal record and the violent nature of the alleged offense.

"The state has concerns if she gets out of custody that she would try to take the kids," said Masiello.

Lawler also granted Masiello's request for protection orders protecting the two children and the woman's mother.

News in Brief

Washington State At-Home Coronavirus Tests Out of Stock Shortly After Website Launch

By The Seattle Times

Less than a day after the Washington State Department of Health launched a website where residents could order free, rapid coronavirus tests to be sent to their homes, those tests were out of stock.

The state said its inventory of about 650,000 testing kits ran out by about 6 p.m. Friday.

The department advised residents to keep an eye on its social media channels and sayyescovidhometest.org to find out when more tests are available. Officials offered no estimated date for a new batch of tests, blaming "national supply chain demands."

Residents in need of at-home coronavirus tests can still order

them through the federal website at CovidTests.gov or at a local pharmacy — if they're in stock.

A Saturday afternoon survey of a half-dozen local pharmacies — three in Seattle, three on the Eastside — found only one with at-home test kits available.

The rest sang familiar refrains:

"We are sold out."

"Unfortunately we're out of those."

"No."

For PCR tests, the state maintains a list of testing locations on the DOH website. Public Health — Seattle & King County also maintains a list.

State officials had indicated the at-home tests would likely go fast. "We anticipate people's initial need in the test kits will exceed our current supply pretty quickly, but our focus is sharing what we have right now," Lacy Fehrenbach, the state's deputy secretary for COVID-19 re-

sponse, said Friday.

All told, the state has promised to distribute 3.5 million tests to people's homes, along with others being distributed to schools and local health districts.

With supply shortages, "it is important to note that there's often a difference between what we've ordered from our suppliers and what we receive," DOH spokesperson Shelby Anderson said Saturday. "However, it is safe to say we're seeking to receive millions of tests and are working hard to deliver them to hundreds of thousands of households across the state."

The tests were part of a program that already had distributed 800,000 tests in Eastern Washington, according to state officials. Distribution of tests through the website relies on Amazon, which receives the tests from the technology company CareEvolution, then processes and ships them to homes.

Both the federal and state websites have proved challenging for some residents living in apartment buildings, duplexes, backyard cottages and other arrangements. This week, some residents reported seeing addresses declared ineligible or getting a message on the federal website that someone from their address had already ordered tests.

When those issues arose with the federal site Tuesday, the U.S. Postal Service said they affected a "small percentage of orders" and instructed residents to contact the postal service help desk at 800-275-8777.

Jan. 31 Last Day to Register For Feb. 8 Election by Mail, Online

By The Chronicle staff

Monday, Jan. 31, is the final day for Lewis County voters to update their voter registration or register to vote — either by mail, online or at a drivers' licensing location — in order to participate in the Feb. 8 special election, according to a news release from the Lewis County Auditor's Office.

But those changes can also be done in-person up until 8 p.m. on the day of election at the Lewis County Courthouse, located at 351 N.W. North St., in Chehalis.

"In-person changes can be done between Jan. 31 and Feb. 8 for all new registrations, address updates, county transfers and name changes in the county's election department of the county in which the voter resides," states the county's news release. "In addition, the auditor's office is available for assistance to individuals with disabilities, and the elderly, for registration and voting."

Lewis County voters can access their voter registration

online at www.votewa.gov, and can also confirm their ballot was counted. Ballots for this special election should begin arriving in mailboxes this week.

Lacey Police Shoot, Kill Man During Attempted Arrest

By The Seattle Times

Lacey police shot and killed a domestic violence suspect Thursday night after he allegedly fired at officers, shooting one with a bullet that ended up lodged in the officer's bulletproof vest, police said.

A woman who "had taken her kids and fled to a neighbor's house" called police around 8:30 p.m., Lt. Paul Lower of the Olympia Police Department said.

Police responded to the reported domestic violence, talked with the woman and determined there was probable cause to arrest the man, Lower said.

When they went to arrest him, he began to resist and fight, Lower said. He then pulled out a handgun and shot at the two officers, Lower said.

Both officers returned fire, Lower said, and the man was declared dead at the scene.

Lower said a bullet, presumably from the domestic violence suspect, was lodged in an officer's bulletproof vest. Both officers also had cuts and bruises from the fight, he said.

The shooting is being investigated by the capital metro independent investigation team. The team includes detectives and investigators from the Olympia, Yelm, Tumwater and Lacey police departments, but the Lacey investigators have withdrawn from the investigation, Lower said.

Both officers are on paid administrative leave pending the results of the investigation.



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CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Graffiti

- Graffiti on a city-owned utility box was reported at the intersection of Scammon Creek and Cooks Hill roads just after 4:10 p.m. on Jan. 21.

Burglary

- Just after 12:40 p.m. on Jan. 22, a burglary that occurred overnight in the 800 block of West First Street, in which cigarettes and scratch tickets were stolen, was reported. The case is under investigation.
- A Yelm man was referred to the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office for possible charges of residential burglary after he allegedly entered someone else's residence in the 1000 block of North Scheuber Road and damaged property.

Vehicle Theft

- A white 1999 Honda Civic with the Washington license plate BOY0154 was reported stolen from the 1100 block of Harrison Avenue at approximately 6:10 p.m. on Jan. 22.
- At approximately 7 a.m. on Jan. 24, a gray 2000 Honda Civic was reported stolen from the 700 block of Harrison Avenue sometime overnight.

Stolen Cellphones

- A cellphone was reported stolen from the 500 block of Harrison Avenue just after 6:50 p.m. on Jan. 22 and was later recovered.
- Multiple cellphones were

reported stolen from the 1100 block of Johnson Road just after 7:50 p.m. on Jan. 22. The case is under investigation.

Other Theft

- Just before 6:35 p.m. on Jan. 21, two subjects in the 1400 block of Lum Road were referred to the Lewis County Prosecutor's office for possible charges of retail theft after they were identified as suspects in thefts from two different stores where over \$2,000 of merchandise was taken.
- A cup of coffee was reported stolen from a business in the 900 block of Harrison Avenue at 6:40 p.m. on Jan. 21.
- A package was reported stolen from a residence in the 1400 block of Johnson Road just after 1:30 p.m. on Jan. 22.
- Just after 3:35 a.m. on Jan. 24, a vehicle prowl that occurred in the 900 block of North Tower Avenue overnight was reported.

DUI

- Fernando Carlos Gomez, 35, of Chehalis, was arrested in the 1600 block of North Pearl Street at 1:30 a.m. on Jan. 22 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for allegedly driving under the influence after he was stopped for a traffic violation.
- Asa K. Hutchings, 28, of Oakville, was arrested in the 400 block of West Main Street just after 2:20 p.m. on Jan. 23 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for allegedly driving under the influence.
- Ricardo B. Lemus, 21, of Centralia, was arrested in the

800 block of Johnson Road just before 9:45 p.m. on Jan. 23 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for allegedly being in control of a motor vehicle while under the influence.

Vehicle Accident

- A non-injury, two-vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Harrison Avenue and East High Street at 6:55 p.m. on Jan. 22.

Assault

- Alejandro Reyes-Abarca, 27, of Centralia, was arrested in the 800 block of West Pine Street at 5:55 a.m. on Jan. 23 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for alleged second-degree assault, domestic violence, and unlawful discharge of a firearm.
- A Spokane Valley woman was arrested in the 3500 block of Steelhammer Drive just after 9 p.m. on Jan. 23 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for alleged fourth-degree assault.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Disorderly Conduct

- A case of disorderly conduct reported in the 1200 block of Bishop Road at 2:35 p.m. on Jan. 21 is under investigation.

Theft

- A third-degree theft reported in the 1300 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue just after 8:50 p.m. on Jan. 21 is under investigation.
- Just after 8:10 a.m. on Jan.

22, packages were reported stolen from a porch in the 600 block of Northwest Quincy Place.

- A subject was cited for shoplifting in the 2100 block of North National Avenue just before 11:30 a.m. on Jan. 23.

Hit-and-Run

- A hit-and-run was reported in the 1900 block of Northwest Kresky Avenue just after 3:50 p.m. on Jan. 22.
- A hit-and-run was reported in the 1300 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue just after 5:35 p.m. on Jan. 23.

Vehicle Accident

- A non-injury, two-vehicle accident was reported in the 1300 block of Northwest Louisiana Avenue at 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 22.

Malicious Mischief

- Just after 4:40 p.m. on Jan. 23, a caller in the 200 block of Northwest State Avenue reported their vehicle tires had been slashed.

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Man Sentenced to More Than Two Years in Prison for Soliciting Teens at Southwest Washington Mall

By The Columbian

A man who solicited two teenage girls — one of whom was a juvenile — for sex in the parking lot of Vancouver Mall in March was sentenced Thursday to nearly three years in prison.

In December, a Clark County Superior Court jury found O'Neal Payne III, 33, guilty of commercial sex abuse of a minor, a felony, and fourth-degree assault with sexual motivation, a gross misdemeanor. Payne represented himself at trial.

Before sentencing, Payne, who appeared via Zoom, asked for a new trial. He told the judge he heard that the mother of one of the victims spoke with a juror and said they were doing this to "sue" him. The lengthy discussion ended with Judge John Fairgrieve denying the request, over Payne's objections, because it was not timely. The judge eventually muted Payne's microphone so the hearing could continue.

The prosecution recommended that Payne be sentenced to the high end of the sentencing range of 34 months, echoing the findings of a pre-sentencing investigation. Deputy Prosecutor Kelly Ryan said Payne has repeatedly denied doing anything wrong and has not taken responsibility.

According to a probable cause affidavit, a girl, whose age wasn't included, and her 18-year-old friend arrived around 8:15 p.m. March 11 in the parking lot of the mall. The friends said they were sitting in the younger girl's car when Payne approached.

Payne entered the back seat of the car without permission. He pulled out a stack of cash with his signature on it and asked the teens to come back to a hotel room to have sex. They declined, and he became upset and left. As

he was leaving, Payne caressed the 18-year-old's cheek, the affidavit says.

Nothing in court records suggests the two teens were prostitutes; the law applies in any instance where someone offers another money to engage in sexual conduct.

Video surveillance reportedly captured Payne entering the girl's car. He was located at a nearby motel and detained. Police said both victims positively identified him as the man who solicited them for sex. During his arrest, Payne made comments about girls wanting his cash, the affidavit says.

When it was his turn to speak before sentencing, Payne said, "I know I'm innocent. I have no reason to lie about this."

Fairgrieve sentenced Payne to 34 months in prison on the felony. He also sentenced him to 364 days on the gross misdemeanor, with that time suspended for two years. Payne will be required to register as a sex offender, as well.

As the judge spoke of Payne's refusal to accept responsibility or show remorse, Payne interrupted and said, "I can't show remorse for a crime I didn't commit." Fairgrieve muted Payne's microphone again and continued, saying, "He used his allocation to attack the victims and their families."

'Washington Future Fund Trust' Would Set Aside at Least \$3.2K for Each Eligible Child

By The Washington State Journal

Young adults will be able to access a fund years from now to give them a boost if lawmakers pass a bill aimed at narrowing the gap between the rich and poor.

Rep. Monica Stonier, D-Vancouver, sponsor of HB 1861, said the Washington Future Fund Trust would act as a savings and investment account for babies

born under the state's Medicaid program, Apple Health. Beginning in 2024, a minimum of \$3,200 will be set aside for each eligible child to access between their 18th and 31st birthdays.

"I think it's an exciting way to deal with a lot of the challenges that we're seeing and that we will see, if we don't move ahead in setting up these reserve funds and investment accounts to meet a lot of future needs of the state," said State Treasurer Mike Pellicciotti.

Recipients can use the funds to pay for higher education, to buy a home, or start a business if they complete a financial education course and prove financial hardship.

Stonier said the committee is looking into expanding how the funds can be used, including applying for licensure in occupational fields.

Lianna Kressin, representing the Statewide Poverty Action Network, said: "A state fund will start a capital so young Washingtonians may help alleviate the economic burden that so many are saddled with and finally interrupt intergenerational poverty in a meaningful way."

In 2020, nearly 2 million Washington residents were enrolled in the Apple Health program, which serves low-income clients. Approximately 40,000 births were covered by the program.

Pellicciotti explained in over 20 rural counties, two out of three births are Apple Health funded.

Stonier said the trust will give lower-income individuals footing, with the \$3,200 acting as a boost for money families have already saved to buy homes, open businesses or go to college.

Approximately \$64 million would be invested into the program annually, with the initial installment stemming from the General Fund. Unclaimed funds would be re-invested into the pool, creating a long-term, sustainable revolving fund to be managed by the State Treas-

urer's office which would have the power to invest the money through the Washington State Investment Board.

Stonier said the award would be a level amount, with recipients receiving equal payouts.

Misha Werschkul, executive director of the Washington State Budget and Policy Center, said the bill would be stronger if awards increased as incomes declined.

"We know from national data that the wealth gap is sharp and rising, and due to centuries of institutional and systemic racism, that has channeled wealth and opportunity to white households," he said.

The companion bill, SB 5752, had an initial public hearing during the Senate Human Services, Reentry and Rehabilitation Committee meeting on Jan. 13.

Prime sponsor of the bill, Sen. Yasmin Trudeau, D-Tacoma, argued her family would have greatly benefited from such a program, stressing the importance of financial support for low-income households.

"Too many of our community members are born into financial instability that in turn leads to cyclical financial instability that is passed generationally," she said. "It's time we rely on more than luck."



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Centenarian Recalls Five Decades of Life in the Mint City

Last week, I shared the story of Lisa Pettersson’s early life in Sweden before she married George Blomdahl of Seattle. As the late great Paul Harvey would say, here’s the rest of the story.

After their marriage in 1953, George and Lisa Blomdahl traveled through Europe for their honeymoon. She strapped a guitar on her back that bore two hearts — one for her native Sweden and the other for George’s homeland, the United States.

“We started in England and went to 17 countries through Europe,” said Lisa, who turned 100 on Jan. 11. “We hitchhiked. We met such wonderful people on that trip.”

They moved to the United States because George wanted his wife at home raising their children rather than working outside the home and letting the government care for their kids as often happened in Sweden.

So, they boarded a ship called Kungsholm and arrived in New York on May 26, 1954. Lisa was processed through the immigration station at Ellis Island, one of the last to go through before it closed. They stayed a week in Philadelphia with a couple they had met on their honeymoon. It was the first time she’d ever seen a Black person.

In Seattle, Lisa met George’s stepmother, a Swedish immigrant named Anna. She raised him after his mother, also named Anna, died when he was a year old. Lisa also met George’s three older siblings — Albert, Roy and Esther — but his father had already passed away. His family loved her.

A month later, they drove south to Lewis County, where George interviewed for a photojournalism job at The Daily Chronicle. He was hired in July 1954, but Lisa almost rejected Chehalis as a hometown because the smell of spearmint wafting from the Callisons plant on National Avenue sickened her. On their next visit to Chehalis, the plant’s workers were extracting a less offensive flavor, so they rented a duplex apartment at the bottom of Washington Avenue. Lisa conversed with their Danish landlady in English, although she said, “I spoke German better than English.”

During her first year, struggling with the language and a new culture, Lisa nearly gave up and returned to Sweden, but she didn’t.

“We knew it was God’s will,” she said. “That’s what kept us together.”

The duplex sat directly behind the home of attorney Jim Vander Stoep and his wife, Suzi.

“George came to our house after dinner once a week to find out from Jim about the business of the justice of the peace that week,” Suzi Vander Stoep recalled. “He brought Lisa along, and she and I visited. That was 70 years ago, and I have admired her and enjoyed her all these 70 years that I have known her.”

Lisa talks nearly every day with her younger sister Tea (pronounced Tay-a), who married George’s best friend, Carl Heimdahl, and lives in Seattle. Another sister lives in Sweden not far from their childhood home. The



George and Lisa Blomdahl are pictured in their later years in this courtesy photo.

“Lisa became a role model for me on how to age gracefully and accept the challenges of life peacefully.”

Jenny Kirk
longtime friend

rest of her siblings have died.

“I have never regretted that I came here,” Lisa said. “He (George) was the best husband anybody could have.”

George and Lisa always wanted children, and their son, David, arrived in 1956, followed two years later by their daughter, Anne. When the family visited Sweden in the late 1950s, shy little Anne, who cried whenever most strangers held her, bonded quickly with her grandmother, Johanna.

During that visit, George chiseled into a rock two intertwined hearts bearing his and Lisa’s initials — G.B. and L.P. It remains on the shore near Lisa’s former home at Brantevik.

“Across from our home was a Danish island — Bornholm,” Lisa said. “When the ocean was all frozen, George walked from our house to the place in Denmark in one day.”

Why? Because he could. In February 1959, Lisa was among 17 adults enrolled in a 10-week evening citizenship class at W.F. West High School and became a U.S. citizen.

The Blomdahls left the duplex for a home on Fair Oaks Terrace, just above The Daily Chronicle’s Chehalis office. Lisa said the wives of the reporters and editors welcomed her to the community. Eventually, the newspaper closed the Chehalis office and George worked in Centralia.

They joined the First Baptist Church of Chehalis, where they taught Sunday school, and the Lewis County Camp of The Gideons International. George also served 14 years as lay pastor for Dryad Community Church. He belonged to the Chehalis Kiwanis Club, served 20 years on the Chehalis School Board, and juggled his journalism job

for eight years with his duties as Lewis County coroner. He climbed mountains, skied, sailed, and played tennis with his family.

In February 1962, Lisa joined the St. Helens Club and gave hour-long lectures every couple of years, addressing such topics as “Royalty,” “Japan,” “Ladies of the Victorian Era,” and “My Swedish Heritage.” She served as recording secretary three years later and then president. She considered her club membership an honor.

“I was so happy to be invited,” she recalled. “I loved to learn.”

Lisa also liked giving back to others, which she did as a member of the P.E.O. Sisterhood’s Chehalis Chapter AV, which she joined in March 1964. More than a decade later, she served as president of the local P.E.O., which stands for Philanthropic Educational Organization and provides educational opportunities for women worldwide.

“That’s different but wonderful,” she said. “You do something special for people.”

Lisa hosted many P.E.O. luncheons at their home through the decades.

She also provided hospitality during intermissions when the Seattle Symphony Orchestra performed in Chehalis.

One time en route to Seattle, Lisa and George followed behind a large delivery truck with frozen turkeys. One fell out, so they picked it up, and Lisa learned quickly how to cook a turkey, which they never ate in Sweden.

After her mother died, Lisa’s father, Axel, visited the family in Chehalis in 1966. Three years later, Lisa and her sister Tea returned to Sweden for the summer, where they were greeted and welcomed home by old sea captains. Lisa wrote



Lisa Blomdahl exercises on her stationary bike.

a piece published in The Daily Chronicle July 18, 1969, sharing her glimpses of Sweden.

Barbara Mason of Chehalis was in her thirties when she met Lisa five decades ago at the Centralia-Chehalis Christian Women’s Club. They became neighbors, P.E.O. sisters, and fellow students in famed Gig Harbor designer Winston Coy’s interior design classes.

Barbara and her husband, Frank, stopped by Jan. 11 to celebrate Lisa’s 100th birthday.

“She has inspired me for over 50 years,” Barbara Mason said of Lisa. “Despite her petite stature, she is a very strong person. Her faith, her family and friends are uppermost in her life. Her Scandinavian style never waivers in the decor of her home. Her optimistic attitude is a gift she shares with all.”

Lisa said her faith in God guided her life as a wife and a mother, a homemaker and a gardener.

“That’s what made me live this long,” she said. “And I’ve taken care of myself.”

Lisa never smoked or drank alcohol, but she loved butter in her pastries. She excelled at cooking, with stuffed cabbage among her favorite concoctions. Was she as good a cook as her mother? “George thought so,” she said.

George and Lisa celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July 2003 with David and Anne and their spouses and children, enjoying dinner at a restaurant overlooking the Olympia harbor.

“They had a wonderful marriage,” said their daughter, Anne. “The simple things in life kept them strong in their marriage — just sitting and drinking a cup of coffee.”

After more than four decades, George retired from the Chronicle in 1995. Two years later, he returned to journalism as editor of Frank DeVaul’s Business to Business, where he retired a second time in 2005.

“One thing that really characterized my parents here was their service to the community,” Anne said.

“In their later years, they would go around and visit shut-ins. They both were all about

visiting people who are lonely and forgotten.”

The Blomdahls built their retirement home near their longtime residence. It’s all on one floor with wide doorways to accommodate a wheelchair. George died of cancer Feb. 1, 2008, just shy of his 85th birthday.

Lisa still walks 20 minutes daily on her treadmill and alternates her exercise routine with a stationary bike. When her friend Pearl Miller stopped by for coffee last year, just before her 103rd birthday, Lisa showed her the exercise bike.

“Mom got on here and Pearl says, ‘I want to try it,’ so she did,” Anne recalled.

Although she survived colon cancer and a heart valve replacement in her late eighties, Lisa describes her health today as good. She still plays the guitar.

“You know, I can do what I used to do,” she said. “And I think I’m better now than I was when I was 75.”

Despite troubles like the COVID-19 pandemic, she said, “God is the same. God doesn’t change. What I have to look for is God.”

What’s the secret to her longevity?

“Believe in God,” she said. “I couldn’t live without His help because there have been times when I didn’t feel good.”

Emma Elisabet “Lisa” Blomdahl has five grandchildren — Kurt, Daniel, Jacob, Eric and Elizabeth or “Lisa” — and a great-granddaughter, Emma, also named in her honor.

Jenny Kirk described Lisa, her friend for a quarter of a century and fellow P.E.O. member, as “a lovely, inspirational woman.”

“Lisa may be small in stature, but she is large in faith and friendship,” Kirk said. “Lisa became a role model for me on how to age gracefully and accept the challenges of life peacefully. Her bright smile and the twinkle in her eye are a warm greeting even at 100 years of age. Lisa’s family lovingly surrounds her, a wonderful testament to the unconditional love she gives freely to others.”

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Julie McDonald, a personal historian from Toledo, may be reached at memories@chaptersoflife.com.

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Friends and family of Karlee Bodine’s fiancée, Mitchell Davidson-Link, 33, who died unexpectedly in December, joined in a joint vigil for Davidson-Link and Karen Bodine near Rochester on Saturday. From left, Colton Hammons, Rick Gillbreath, Marci Hammons, Karlee Bodine, Taylor Bodine, Colleen Eshom, Kenny Eubanks and Erika Fagergren.



Friends and family of Karlee Bodine’s fiancée, Mitchell Davidson-Link, 33, who died unexpectedly in December, joined in a joint vigil for Davidson-Link and murdered Thurston County woman Karen Bodine near Rochester on Saturday.



A memorial for Karen Bodine at the site where her body was found in 2007 on the side of Little Rock Road Southwest near Rochester.

Bodine

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Davidson-Link was the fiancée of Karlee Bodine, Karen Bodine’s oldest daughter.

“Karlee has been so great at advocating for mom and doing podcasts and all the inter-

views and just relentlessly trying, but ... it takes two to make something happen, and Mitchell allowed her to do that, it was something that he felt passionate that she pursue,” said Taylor Bodine, Karen Bodine’s youngest daughter. “It was because of him ... that we are probably here right now, and it’s something I’m

so thankful for,” she added.

Karen Bodine, a 37-year-old mother of three, was found dead at the entrance to a gravel pit near Rochester on Jan. 22, 2007. She was naked and positioned on her back, her head resting on an abandoned vehicle seat. Authorities have ruled strangulation as the cause of death.

“Unfortunately there’s still no answers or anything, that’s why we’re here,” said Karlee Bodine.

The case has been featured on numerous podcasts and, most recently, on Investigation Discovery’s show “Still a Mystery.” The episode highlighting Bodine’s case, titled “A Community Betrayal,” aired Wednesday,

Dec. 15, and is available to watch on multiple streaming services, including Discovery Plus and Hulu Plus.

Anyone with information about Bodine’s case is encouraged to contact Detective Mickey Hamilton at the Thurston County Sheriff’s Office by calling 360-786-5500.

Survey

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for spending, but also on quality of life, government performance, economic impact and outlook, and challenges brought on by the pandemic.

The county plans to again survey the public later this summer, said county spokesperson Austin Majors.

“Part of this is getting the public’s perception on how these things are going, and so being able to see if any of those perceptions are changed or impacted by the work that’s currently being done would be something we’d want to be aware of as well,” Majors said.

The county received the first half of its ARPA funds — approximately \$7.83 million — last May, and will likely receive the second half after May, Budget Manager Becky Butler said.

The American Rescue Plan Act is a congressional stimulus package that was originally passed early last year designating \$350 billion in local investments, coming off the heels of the previously-passed Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

ARPA funds, which have been distributed down to local governments, may be used to either support the public health COVID-19 response, replace public sector revenue lost, make

investments in water-sewer or broadband infrastructure, address negative economic impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, or offer support to essential workers, according to a fact sheet from Lewis County.

At an ARPA update meeting hosted by the Lewis County Board of Commissioners last week, Commissioner Lee Grose — whose district encompasses the wide ranging, rural East Lewis County — said he was surprised to see broadband at such a high priority for residents and business owners.

“That should give us some direction,” Grose said from his home in Packwood, as his internet connection cut in and out. “We definitely need better broadband up here.”

Survey Results

The survey results largely focused on county residents and local business owners.

Among the most essential funding categories for resident survey participants were “investments in broadband infrastructure,” “services or programs to promote healthy childhood environments (e.g., expanded child care, enhanced services for child welfare-involved families and foster youth),” and “economic aid and assistance to small business and nonprofits experiencing financial hardships due to the pandemic.”

Business owners also said

broadband investments were a priority, but instead prioritized “services to address behavioral health care needs increased by the pandemic (e.g., mental health treatment, substance abuse services, hotlines, etc.)” and “financial aid to high poverty school districts to help reduce gaps in educational achievement.”

Among residential participants, 69% agreed broadband investments were either “essential” or “very important.” For business owners, that number was at 81%.

Majors said both residents and business owners are acutely aware of the need for robust broadband deployment in Lewis County. Both local business owners and residents surveyed had considered each others’ needs too, Majors said, evident in the high importance placed to both local business stimulus and investments to behavioral health services.

“Not only was it something they were considering, but something that popped up under the most-important funding categories. So, the residents identified that about businesses, and businesses identified that about residents under the most-important funding categories,” he said.

Business users want to utilize funding to reduce gaps in educational achievements through financial aid to high poverty school districts. Almost two-thirds of business survey

participants rated that investment as “important.”

Both populations also identified the economy and utilities as among the lowest-quality attributes of Lewis County, but among the most-important categories personally.

About 34% of residents said they felt the economy would have a “somewhat negative” or “very negative” impact on their family income over the next six months, while about 49% said it would have a “neutral” impact. When asked that same question, roughly 52% of business owners said the economy would have a “neutral” or “somewhat negative” impact.

For both businesses and residents, Lewis County continues to score high among its “natural environment,” “parks and recreation” and “safety” attributes.

Lewis County residents said it was “essential” or “very important” to focus on the economic health of the county (81%), quality of infrastructure including water-sewer and broadband (84%), and overall safety (77%) over the next 12 months.

Households have also struggled with finding affordable, quality housing. About 41% of residents said it was a “major” or “moderate” problem during the pandemic, though about 22% replied the question was “not applicable.”

Roughly 31% of residents in the survey said they were renting their housing, while 69% said they were homeowners.

While rental prices remain low relative to other counties in the region, according to previous Chronicle reporting, the supply remains crunched, and about one in four renters are paying 50% or more of their income on housing costs.

Currently, about 62% of Lewis County business owners reported that a decline in business or sales was either a “minor problem” or “not a problem at all.” About 15% said it’s currently a “major problem.”

But earlier on in the pandemic, the picture is much more varied.

More than one-third (34%) of businesses surveyed said they experienced a revenue shortfall of 10-24%, while more than one in four (26%) reported a “serious shortage” of 25% or greater.

“Major problems” for businesses continue to be a shortage of skilled employees (35%), affordability of broadband internet services (30%) and access to broadband services (35%).

Since the start of the pandemic, about 73% of businesses surveyed reported they hadn’t had to lay off of their workforce.

Of the 204 businesses surveyed by the county, an overwhelming majority were small businesses (88%), with one to nine employees (72%) and based locally (96%). Most reported being in either manufacturing and production (27%); professional services such as business, finance or tech (21%) or in retail (15%).

By Hayley Day

A Chehalis woman arrested in connection with a multi-state string of Home Depot thefts in the fall pleaded guilty to third-degree theft Friday in Cowlitz County Superior Court.

other people Sept. 16, 2021, at the Longview Home Depot after a manager reported identifying the suspects, who were accused of recent Home Depot thefts in Oregon, report police.

because she had a valid driver's license, but didn't realize they were stealing Home Depot items until they reached Longview.

Lawler was sentenced to 32 hours of community service to be completed by April for third-degree theft, which indicates stealing items worth \$750 or less.

Durbin said the group had equipment to block antitheft devices on expensive items.

Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler Introduces 'Refund the Police' Act

In an effort to curtail recent police reform legislation, U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground, has introduced the Refund the Police Act to provide federal grant incentives to states that don't place limits on the actions of law enforcement agencies.

The bill would allocate \$25 million annually for five years through the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) grant program in the Department of Justice, according to a news release from the congresswoman.

In order to be eligible, local and state governments must not have in effect a law requiring a “heightened standard for use of force,” such as the recently-passed Washington state House Bill 1310; expand efforts to hire and retain officers; and not have taken steps in the previous year to eliminate drive-by shootings as a basis for first-degree murder, which Washington lawmakers are considering through HB 1692.

In a statement, Herrera Beutler said she hopes this bill would serve as a message to

other states looking to mirror controversial police reform legislation in Washington.

"I've had countless conversations with local law enforcement officers and without exception, they point to Washington's so-called police reform bills as contributors to rising crime in our communities. The stated goals for these bills are admirable, but what has resulted is emboldened criminals, demoralized officers whose jobs are more dangerous, and rising crime," Herrera Beutler said in a statement.

"It's time for Washington to reverse course on failed police laws, which is why I'm introducing the Refund the Police Act in Congress to encourage Washington to pursue policies that support safer communities," she added.

Centralia, Chehalis, Toledo Schools to Benefit From More Than \$2.1 Million in ARPA Funding for Digital Tools

Public school districts in Centralia, Chehalis and Toledo will benefit from more than \$2.1 million in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding that will be allocated to the Federal

Communication Commission's
Emergency Connectivity Fund
to benefit schools and libraries
with digital tools.

According to a news release from U.S. Sen. Patty Murray's office, D-Wash., who chairs the Senate Education Committee, more than 200 schools in Washington state will benefit from \$88 million invested through this program.

“This funding will help make sure students in every part of Washington state will have the tools they need to learn. Every child deserves the very best education we can offer them, but that’s not possible without access to high-speed internet — that’s why I fought so hard for this money in the American Rescue Plan, and it’s great to see it being put to good use,” Murray said in a statement.

"With more help on the way from the bipartisan Infrastructure Law, I am determined to make sure every student in Washington state can get online and get the education they deserve," she continued.

Through this investment, more than \$1.2 million will go to the Centralia School District, \$644,000 will go to the Chehalis School District and \$289,000 will go to the Toledo School District.

The bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, commonly known as the bi-

partisan infrastructure law — passed late last year — is expected to funnel \$100 million for broadband deployment in Washington state to help families access reliable, high-speed internet, Murray's office says.

The infrastructure law also includes Senator Murray's Digital Equity Act, which her office says will help "close the digital divide by funding activities that seek to provide individuals and communities with the skills, supports, and technologies necessary to take full advantage of a broadband internet connection when they have one."

More information on the FCC's Emergency Connectivity Fund is available online at www.emergencyconnectivityfund.org.

Pinchot Partners to Host Two-Part Annual Meeting Through Zoom

The Pinchot Partners will host an annual meeting through Zoom in two parts, with the first on Wednesday, Feb. 16 and the second on Wednesday, Feb. 23. Both will go from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The first session will include business such as a budget review, officer and committee elections, and drafting a 2022 work plan. The second session will feature presentations from the U.S. For-

est Service related to timber sale, forest products and restoration outcomes from 2021 and upcoming plans for 2022.

The Pinchot Partners are welcoming all members of the public in communities of the Cowlitz Valley to attend these meetings.

The board will provide an update on outcomes from 2021 and a vision for 2022 and beyond. Presenters include Pete Krabbe, board chair; David Owen, treasurer; Janene Ritchie, executive director; Nikia Hernandez, Cowlitz Valley District ranger, Gifford Pinchot National Forest; Elizabeth Robinson, North Zone planning team lead, Gifford Pinchot National Forest; and various Forest Service specialists at the forest and district level.

The meeting was funded by grants through the Washington Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Forest Service. Register in advance at <https://www.pinchotpartners.org/events>.

700 Percent Increase in Hospitalizations Prompts King County Hospitals to Plead for Help

With the number of people in King County hospitalized for COVID-19 jumping more than 700% in the last month, hospitals are pleading with people to get vaccinated and boosted.

MultiCare Health System, the Washington State Hospital Association, Public Health — Seattle & King County and seven others signed a call to action this week asking residents for help reducing pressure on medical facilities.

In the midst of the omicron wave, COVID daily hospitalizations in King County surged from eight to 70 people.

"The sheer number of patients means hospital acute care and ICUs across the state are very full," said Washington State Hospital Association President & Chief Executive Officer Cassie Sauer.

“Hospitals are doing everything they can with critical staffing levels to provide care in the most challenging situation we’ve seen to date.”

All hospitals in Puget Sound are operating at 100% capacity. MultiCare Auburn Medical Center hit 170% of its capacity in the peak of the omicron wave, said Dr. Michael Myint, physician executive for population health with MultiCare Health System.

Cases of those hospitalized for COVID have declined in the past few days, but hospital officials remain concerned about the strain from staffing shortages, increased hospitalizations and trouble discharging patients who no longer need care.

Statewide, Saucer said there are 2,333 confirmed COVID hospitalizations with 145 on ventilators. Washington hospitals are seeing 30 to 35 COVID deaths on average a day, compared with 10 to 15 just a few weeks ago.

The Public Health Department of Seattle & King County noted that patients most severely impacted by COVID are nearly all unvaccinated and unboosted. That means surgeries and other medical care is backlogged for patients who do not have COVID.

“We’re already had to cancel most surgeries — delaying care that would help someone live a better, healthier life,” hospitals wrote in the call to action.

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Most Thurston County Roads Have Reopened After January Floods, But Some Work Still Ahead

By **Martín Bilbao**

The Olympian

Damage assessments are underway, and most county roads have reopened after the snow and flooding earlier this winter, according to Thurston County officials.

Public works crews closed 42 roads, placed signs at 130 locations where water was over the roadways and responded to nine slides, Road Operations Manager Mike Lowman told the Thurston County Board of County Commissioners last week.

The steps were taken in response to widespread flooding that occurred on Jan. 6. Prior to the flooding, snow and exceptionally cold temperatures also affected roadways.

County Response, by the Numbers

Lowman said staff plowed 7,344 miles of roads and applied more than 1,200 tons of sand or salt during the snow. They did so with 12 plow trucks, eight sanders and three road graders, he said.

The county's response to the snow faced several challenges. For one, more snow accumulated than staff initially expected, Lowman said.

Temperatures also dropped dramatically, causing damp sand in sanders to freeze, he said. To address the issue, he said staff mixed salt with the sand.

"This pattern of recurring snowfall followed by extreme cold lead to a quick buildup of significant compact snow and ice on roadways," Lowman said. "And this delayed our ability to move beyond our primary routes and delayed our response time to some portions of our service areas."

Lowman said public works also had to make do with a 65% staffing level. He attributed the staffing shortage to vacancies, illness and scheduled absences during the holidays.

"This event was definitely uncommon to the Pacific Northwest and presented several unique challenges," Lowman said.

Next Comes the Floods

Melting snow then saturated the topsoil, causing excess rainfall to rapidly flow into rivers from Jan. 5 to Jan. 8, said Medic One Advanced Life Support Program Manager Ben Miller-Todd.

The Chehalis River at Grand Mound entered flood stage on Jan. 6 and crested the next day at 145.2 feet, according to Miller-Todd. The county had to make four rescues, but there were



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Independence Valley is seen from above as the Chehalis River flows onto nearby properties earlier this month.

no fatalities due to flooding in Thurston County.

Meanwhile, the Skookumchuck River near Bucoda crested at nearly 216 feet, Miller-Todd said. This crest almost equaled the previous record of 216 feet, he added. Two rescues occurred but no one died due to the Skookumchuck flooding.

Water levels at the Deschutes River near Rainier almost reached moderate flood stage, Miller-Todd said, but it crested at about 13 feet. No rescues were needed, he said.

The Nisqually River never reached flood stage, Miller-Todd said.

In all, 6 to 8 inches of rain

were recorded throughout Thurston County from Jan. 5 to Jan. 8, according to Miller-Todd.

Lowman said county staff delivered more than 80 tons of bulk sand, over 6,500 empty sandbags and 11,500 filled sandbags to various fire stations and cities.

Current Conditions

As of Thursday morning, Lowman said one road remained closed due to flood damage, three locations still had water over the roadway and there were nine slide locations.

Sunrise Beach Road, which runs along the shores of Eld Inlet, was impacted by a landslide on

Jan. 6, limiting access for about 50 homes.

"We have a contractor lined up ready to go and our consultant is preparing a remedy plan," Lowman said. "The fix will be very doable, but it will be expensive, and it will take some time to do."

A slide also affected Munson Road near Swift Creek in west Thurston County. Lowman said staff are keeping one lane open to allow access to about 28 homes until repairs are complete.

The Chehalis Western Trail also was impacted by a slide, prompting crews to close the trail at milepost 14. Lowman said the trail remains in good condition, but crews still need

to clear the trail once an arborist deems the area safe.

Crews started bridge inspections on Jan. 10, he said. All county bridges appear to be in good shape, Lowman said, but some repairs may be needed in the summer.

Miller-Todd encouraged residents to report any flood and landslide damage assessments to Thurston County as it may bring direct assistance to county residents.

Damage estimates can be submitted online by visiting the county's emergency management website.

Public works staff update road conditions on their travel impacts website.

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News in Brief

National Weather Service Issues Stagnant Air Advisory for Western Washington

By *The Olympian*

The National Weather Service has issued a stagnant air advisory for Western Washington through noon Wednesday, the result of a high pressure system that is sitting stationary over the region.

"The air is not moving like it's supposed to," said meteorologist Steve Reedy on Sunday, and that can lead to a build up of pollutants in the form of car exhaust and smoke from outdoor burning.

"Air quality will gradually degrade and that's what we're concerned about," he said.

People with respiratory illness should follow their physician's advice for dealing with high levels of air pollution during periods of stagnant air, the National Weather Service advisory reads.

State air quality agencies highly recommend that no outdoor burning occur and that residential wood burning devices be limited as much as possible, according to the advisory.

Above an elevation of 1,500 feet, though, it's a different weather story.

"If you want to see blue skies, go to the mountains," Reedy said.

Two National Parks in Washington Among U.S. Search-and-Rescue Hot Spots, New Analysis Finds

By Christine Clarridge

The Seattle Times

The alluring Mount Rainier and Olympic national parks draw people from around the world. But both appear to be among the nation's most dangerous parks, according to new analysis by online outdoor research guide Outforia.

The analysis of search-and-rescue incidents between 2018 and 2020 shows that Olympic had the ninth highest number of search-and-rescue incidents in America. Mount Rainier came in at No. 13. Grand Canyon National Park had the highest number of search-and-rescue operations nationwide over the three-year period, recording 785 incidents.

In those three years, Olympic National Park had 204 search-and-rescue incidents, according to the 2021 analysis.

Mount Rainier National Park rangers, meanwhile, tallied 60 search-and-rescue operations in 2020, the most in the past five years, according to park data.

Nationwide, Washington had the seventh most search-and-rescue incidents over the three-year span, with 465 incidents around the state, the analysis found.

National Park rangers have said that the pandemic that forced so many inside for months has brought many newer hikers, skiers and snowshoers, but many have found themselves challenged by weather conditions and inexperience.

In 2020, there were 237 million visits to the country's more than 400 national parks, according to the National Park Service. About 2 million people visit Mount Rainier each year. In 2021, the park had 2,477,816 visitors. Visitors to Olympic



A snowshoer moves through Mount Rainier National Park in this 2018 Chronicle file photo.

National Park in 2020 were estimated at 2.5 million, down from 3.25 million in 2019.

According to Outforia, there were 146 search-and-rescue incidents reported at Mount Rainier National Park during the three years looked at. Of those, 101 are still open, accounting for 69% of total incidents in the park.

With elevations up to 14,000 feet and an area of 369.3 square

miles, it's not hard to imagine how a person — experienced or not — could find themselves in trouble at Mount Rainier.

However, Outforia noted that in some cases, search-and-rescue operations can go on for a number of months. Sometimes, a missing person may not be involved, but an incident is being investigated, leading to a higher number of cases remaining

open, Outforia said.

One ranger with North Cascades National Park also cautioned that search-and-rescue statistics can be misleading.

For one thing, said North Cascades District Ranger Gabe Asarian, it's not uncommon to get reports of missing hikers that may be logged as incidents but are never followed up on because the hikers show up quickly.

"We get calls every single weekend about missing hikers and most do not end up as searches," he said.

Asarian said he did not know the numbers for Mount Rainier, but said the number of open cases there could be the result of a quirk in the system or could be due to hikers being found and the case never officially being closed.

Proposed Salmon Habitat Rules Would Restrict Agricultural Uses in Washington

By Brooklynn Hillemann

Washington State Journal

Advocates hope mandatory conservation of key habitat areas will help salmon runs recover, but opponents worry farmers will pay a price.

House Bill 1838, to be known as the Lorraine Loomis Act in honor of the late Northwest Indian Fisheries commissioner, will reserve land on public and private property near salmon bearing waterways.

Prime sponsor of the bill, Rep. Debra Lekanoff, D-Anacortes, said salmon play a vital cultural and economic role in Washington. The potential loss of the species will affect all Washingtonians, she said.

"Salmon are an important

“There is no doubt this bill would cause great damage, essentially killing agriculture, especially in Western Washington.”

Fred Likkel
Whatcom Family Farmers

part of this industry, always have been for Washington state,” she said.

The bill focuses on designated riparian management zones, (RMZ), habitats identified as suitable for salmon and steelhead. Landowners with property identified as an RMZ will be responsible for the restoration and protection of the area in exchange for compensation.

The Jan. 19 House Rural Development, Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee drew more than 200 people who wanted to testify. They included

tribal representatives, agricultural leaders and local government administrators.

Loomis’s nephew, Swinomish Tribal Communities Vice Chair Jeremy Wilbur, told the committee the act would honor his aunt’s legacy by continuing her environmental efforts.

“Our salmon need the Lorraine Loomis Act right now,” he said. “The act would create climate resiliency for salmon streams by planting millions of trees.”

Tree canopies provide shade for streams and rivers populated

by salmon, regulating the water temperature. According to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, warming waters can increase vulnerability to disease and overall fish loss.

Lummi Nation Councilmember Lisa Wilson said over 2,500 salmon were killed by warm-water side effects while returning to spawning grounds of the South Fork of the Nooksack River in October.

“The way we measure success is whether there are fish for people, not just now, but for future generations as well,” she said. “When the salmon are gone, our people are gone.”

Protections would include implementing mandatory riparian buffers, essentially ending agricultural production within an identified area, and imposing \$10,000-a-day fines for landowners’ noncompliance.

Farmers and their allies said the bill will have detrimental effects, an issue they argue could

have been mitigated if they were allowed input during the drafting stage.

“The stewards of the land were obviously not consulted in this, which is quite shameful,” Rosella Mosby, president of the Washington Farm Bureau said. “Farmers are your friends in conservation. I encourage you to find ways to ensure all parties have a seat at the table for these critical efforts.”

Opponents of the bill said the imposed limitations on farming land will pose a burden for rural producers, impacting Washington’s food supply.

“There is no doubt this bill would cause great damage, essentially killing agriculture, especially in Western Washington,” Whatcom Family Farmers Executive Director Fred Likkel said.

The public hearing for the bill is scheduled for Jan. 21, where the remainder of testimony will be heard.

One Dead, Three Injured in Pierce County Shooting

By The Seattle Times

A 27-year-old man was killed and three others were seriously injured in a Tacoma-area shooting Saturday night.

The gunfire came from a four-plex apartment building near the intersection of Golden Given Road East and 76th Street Court East, in the unincorporated area of Midland, according to the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department. The department received several calls of shots fired at 11:19 p.m.

Deputies found two men with serious gunshot wounds, ages 29 and 23, at the apartment complex.

A few minutes after they were called to the scene, someone called Tacoma police to report a homicide at the intersection of

East 38th Street and East I Street, about three miles north of the apartment complex, according to the Sheriff’s Department. The caller reported his family member, a 27-year-old man, had been shot and killed. Police found another injured man, a 38-year-old, with the body.

Investigators determined that those two victims from the shooting drove away from the apartment complex, a sheriff’s social media post said.

Pierce County Sheriff’s detectives are investigating the shooting. No arrests had been made as of Sunday evening.

Kent Man Charged With Murdering a Seattle Father in Front of His Son

By The Seattle Times

A 28-year-old Kent man has been charged with second-degree

murder, accused of fatally shooting a man inside his Central District apartment Sunday, then crashing his car while trying to evade Seattle police, according to King County prosecutors.

Deshaun Sanford, whom police had to extricate from his rolled Dodge Challenger, was also charged with second-degree assault, first-degree unlawful possession of a firearm and attempting to elude a pursuing police vehicle, court records show.

He remains jailed in lieu of \$3 million bail. Court records do not yet indicate which attorney is representing him.

Killed was 36-year-old Michael Darden, shot inside his apartment in the 1400 block of 24th Avenue around 7:40 p.m. Sunday, according to the charging papers filed Thursday. He died at the scene.

Darden, his 14-year-old son, his son’s mother and her boyfriend, identified by police as Sanford, were among those

gathered in Darden’s apartment. Witnesses later told police Sanford and his girlfriend got into an argument that became physical and Sanford pulled a gun and pointed it at several people, say the charges. Sanford struck the 14-year-old in the face with the gun and shot a round into the floor before the boy was able to push him out the door and lock it, according to the charges.

Soon after, the boy’s mother let Sanford back into the apartment and Darden told him he needed to leave. Darden was forced to the floor with Sanford on top of him, the charges say. Darden’s son tried to grab Sanford’s arm to stop him from pointing the gun at his father, but Sanford fired a shot that struck Darden, according to prosecutors.

Several people called 911 to report the shooting and Seattle police officers saw a silver Dodge Challenger leaving the area. The charges say the driver ignored

officers’ attempts to pull the car over and drove recklessly before crashing into a couple of parked cars and knocking over a tree on 19th Avenue, south of East Cherry Street. Officers broke a window to get the driver out of the vehicle and saw a handgun inside, according to the charges. The driver was identified as Sanford and arrested.

Twin Transit Moves Meeting to Feb. 8

By The Chronicle staff

The next board meeting of the Lewis Public Transportation Benefit Area, better known as Twin Transit, has been moved to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8.

The meeting was originally scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 25.

Meetings can be accessed online at twintransit.org/authority-board/ or by calling 509-824-1900 and entering conference ID 302123152# when prompted.

After Mega-Quake, There Won't Be Much Time Before Tsunami Waves Reach Olympic Peninsula

By Craig Sailor

The News Tribune

The recent undersea volcanic explosion near Tonga devastated the island nation and sent small tsunami waves to Washington's ocean coast. Those waves took about 12 hours to reach the state and gave residents plenty of time to prepare if they had been bigger.

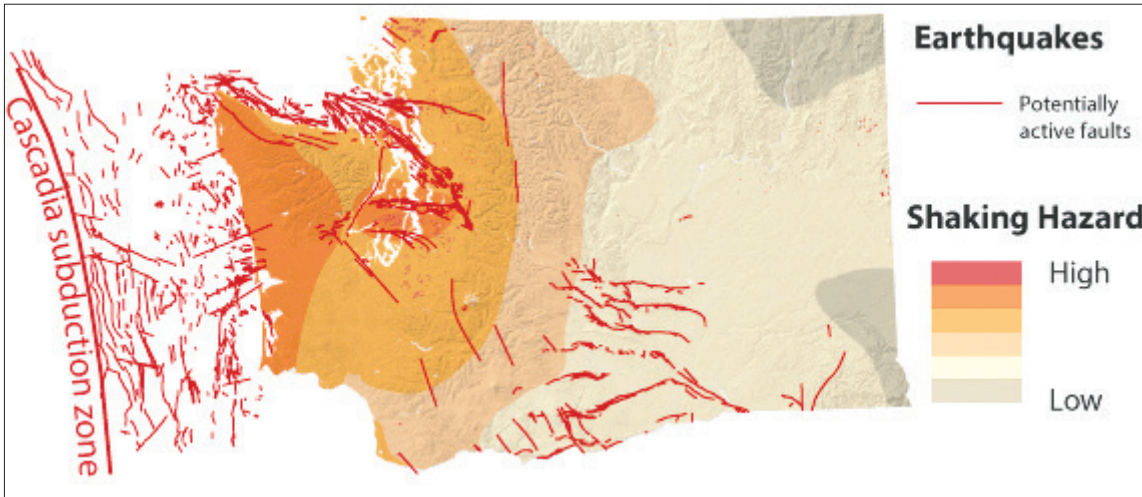
Those same residents would have only 10 minutes to evacuate for waves up to 100-feet-high that would hit them following a massive earthquake in the Cascadia subduction zone. Some might not get that much time. Ground sinking below their feet might flood during a magnitude 9 quake.

That's what computer modeling shows, according to a report released Jan. 10 by the Washington Geological Survey. The report illustrates what would happen to cities, river mouths, beaches and other low-lying areas on the Olympic Peninsula. Previously, the Geological Survey released maps for the southwest Washington coast, San Juan islands and Puget Sound.

The report includes detailed maps from just north of Grays Harbor to Port Townsend. The goal is to prepare both officials charged with community protection as well as to warn the public of potential hazards.

The Big, Long Shake

The modeling used for the report assumes "the Big One" hits in the subduction zone, 80-100 miles off Washington's coast, where the Juan de Fuca tectonic plate is sliding under the North American plate. The "full rip" event would run along the fault's



This graphic from the state Department of Natural Resources shows known fault lines and expected severity by region in the case of a massive earthquake.

entire length from northern California to north of Vancouver Island.

It's been 322 years since that last happened and only a matter of time before it happens again.

"There's lots of geologic evidence that these quakes and tsunamis have happened many times," said Corina Allen, chief hazards geologist for the Geological Survey.

There would be no sleeping through this quake. The strong ground shaking would likely last between three and six minutes and serve as an immediate call to seek higher ground.

"The earthquake is your warning," Allen said. "Get to high ground."

By comparison, the region's last major temblor, 2001's Nisqually Quake, lasted about 45 seconds.

It's during the earthquake itself, Allen said, when coastal Washington will drop in relationship to areas west of the fault. The change in sea level would

flood vulnerable areas up to five feet, modeling shows.

It's happened before, as evidence from the Copalis River ghost forest shows. Trees killed by a saltwater inundation from the 1700 earthquake still stand along the river and helped geologist Brian Atwater prove that the quake was responsible.

In the 1700 quake, a tsunami struck Japan and killed thousands of people. Its source remained a mystery until Atwater made the connection.

Following a mega quake on the Cascadia fault, simulations show that the tiny town of La Push would get hit first by a tsunami, 10 minutes after shaking started.

Those Hollywood depictions of a giant wave rising from the sea are inaccurate, Allen said. Think wall of water instead. And it comes very fast.

"In deep water it travels about the speed of a jet plane," she said. "When it gets close to land it slows down."

Within 30 minutes, many parts of the coast would be hit by waves. Wave heights can vary but they're predicted to be 30 feet or higher. Most Pacific coast beaches and campgrounds would be under 60 feet of water.

The report said waves of 60 feet or higher could hit the Hoh Indian Reservation, Queets, Taholah on the Quinault Indian Reservation, Moclips, Pacific Beach, Iron Springs, Copalis Beach and Ocean City.

The mouth of the Hoh River could be flooded to a depth of 100 feet.

Within an hour, a 20-foot-high wave would hit Port Angeles. The U.S. Coast Guard Air Station there would be under 15 feet of water a little more than an hour after the quake.

Waves would continue to hit for eight hours and be a hazard for a full day after the quake.

Messaging to coastal residents on Saturday following the volcanic eruption near Tonga that the first wave might not be

the biggest holds true for all tsunamis, Allen said. Flood levels can also vary depending on tidal levels.

That holds true in Puget Sound where modeling shows the fourth wave to hit Olympia would likely be the biggest.

"We have such a complicated waterway in the Puget Sound," she said. "As this wave travels through, there's lots of sloshing going on. (The) wave is bouncing off of our islands and our peninsulas and our inlets."

The speed and depth of tsunami waves make them dangerous, along with potential debris the waves might be pushing.

"At inundation depths greater than 6 feet, survival is unlikely for persons out in the open or within or on most conventional structures," the report said. "Fortunately, survival remains highly likely within or on a reinforced and specially designed building, such as a vertical evacuation structure."

One such structure is currently under construction on the Shoalwater Bay Indian Reservation at Willapa Bay.

For some people caught in the open, climbing to the upper story or roof of a sturdy building could be a last resort. Even climbing a tree is better than being out in the open, the report said.

It's not just earthquakes that can cause tsunamis, as last week-end showed. Landslides and even a meteor strike could cause one. Tsunami forecasting was made more difficult Saturday due to the lack of modeling using an undersea volcano as a tsunami source.

"A volcanic eruption in Tonga was not on my radar as a tsunami event to be thinking about," Allen said.

When the Land Slides: A Common, Devastating Natural Hazard in the Pacific Northwest

By Lynda V. Mapes

The Seattle Times

The cause of the recent slide that pushed a Bellevue home off its foundation this week is not yet known. But unquestioned is the regularity with which homes and lives are lost to landslides in Washington.

It is the nature of the state's geology and topography to slip, slide and slump during the wet months of the year. Take our slopes, just add water — and gravity.

Landslides are one of the most common and devastating natural hazards in the Pacific Northwest — and the damage they cause is almost never covered by insurance, warns the state Department of Natural Resources in its Homeowner's Guide to Landslides, at st.news/slides.

That there even is such a guide should be taken as fair warning: We all live in and around landslide country.

Now is the time when the risk is accentuated, as abundant rains saturate soils. What happens next, explains Washington State Geologist Casey Hanell of the DNR, is predictable — and in some cases, preventable.

The principles at work are familiar to anyone who has ever built a sand castle. Those grains of sand that stick together making vertical walls with just the right amount of moisture? They dissolve to liquid as more water is added.

So it goes with many slopes, given the right combination of soils, water, slope and gravity.

There are two major types of landslides, Hanell explains.

One is the shallow, or rapid landslide — basically a debris flow that happens quickly. In this case, water soaks through soil and rock, and ponds on impermeable bedrock. The layer of saturated soil and debris eventually will slide in a quick sloughing of material.

Any commuter on the Sounder trains traveling at the base of bluffs along the shore of Puget Sound is all too familiar with these sorts of landslides, which disrupt service on the mud-piled tracks.

The other type of landslide is called a deep-seated slide. These occur much more deeply in the subsurface of the earth. These slides typically move slowly — over decades, even centuries.

There are hundreds of such slides across Washington, Hanell notes, that moved under different climate conditions and are presently dormant. But they can be set off again by human activities, such as excavating at the base of a slope, or adding water to it, Hanell said.

Water is not only heavy, increasing the driving force of a slope, but it pushes soil grains apart, insinuating its way between the tiniest particles. If enough water saturates the soil, it will not hold together on a slope. It will slide.

Washington has seen many large and lethal landslides.

The Oso landslide in Snohomish County on March 22, 2014, killed 43 people and destroyed 49 homes and other structures when an unstable hill collapsed, sending mud and debris south across the North Fork of the Stillaguamish River and Highway 530.

Over the past year, scientists have acquired new insight into the circumstances surrounding the Oso slide. Research by the U.S. Geological Survey indicates that the landslide's average speed was about 40 mph, with maximum speeds likely even higher. The area overrun by the landslide was about half a square mile, and the landslide moved about 18 million tons of sand, till and clay. That amount of material would cover about 600 football fields 10 feet deep.

Precipitation in the area during February and March 2014 was 150% to 200% of the long-term average, and likely contributed to slide's initiation and mobility, the USGS analysis found.

The hillside's history of slides dates back more than 60 years and some experts said they were shocked when homebuilding was permitted after a big slide in 2006. A 1999 report filed with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers warned of the potential for catastrophic failure. Two creeks in the area are known as Slide Creek and Mud Flow Creek. Experts also warned against logging on a plateau above the slope, because of risk of a catastrophic slide.

The Aldercrest-Banyon landslide was a major slow-moving landslide in east Kelso, Cowlitz County, that began in 1998 and continued for nine months into 1999. The disaster caused \$110 million in damage and destroyed 138 homes.

On Oct. 11, 2009, a massive landslide in the Nile Valley of Yakima County demolished a half mile of state Route 410 and redirected the flow of the Naches River.

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year, State Superintendent Chris Reykdal said in a webinar this week

As a part of their work, the technical advisory group has distributed an online survey for families to fill out.

The technical advisory group and the Board of Health will use set criteria to evaluate whether to require the COVID-19 vaccine for children.

Specifically, the survey seeks to understand how accessible the vaccine is for families and what burdens might exist to getting their children vaccinated if it was required.

The survey asks participants to rank certain responses on scales, but also has room for participants to write in answers.

The Washington Board of Health makes the final decision

about a vaccine requirement in schools, and the board does not expect to receive a recommendation from the technical advisory group for a few months. The state already requires several vaccinations for children to attend school, including whooping cough, measles, mumps, tetanus, and polio, with exemptions available for personal or religious reasons.

State Health Board Seeks Input on Potential COVID Vaccine Requirement in Schools

By The Spokesman-Review

The Washington State Board of Health is seeking input from the public as a technical advisory group considers requiring the

Q&A: John Stockton Talks Gonzaga Basketball Suspension, COVID-19 Vaccine Opposition and More

By Theo Lawson

The Spokesman-Review

John Stockton recently cracked an NBA list celebrating the 75 greatest players of all time, but national headlines including the name of the Hall of Fame point guard have centered not only around what Stockton achieved in a Utah Jazz uniform over two decades, but a series of contentious comments he's made about the state of the country amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

In an exclusive interview with The Spokesman-Review on Saturday at Stockton's Spokane-based basketball gym, The Warehouse, the former Gonzaga standout doubled down on comments made in an anti-vaccine documentary last June, confirmed he's had his season tickets suspended by GU for failing to comply with the school's mask mandate and spoke at length about his views on COVID-19 in year three of the pandemic.

Many of his views regarding COVID-19, vaccines and masking run counter to peer-reviewed research, advice and recommendations of medical experts.

A transcript of Stockton's answers, which have been shortened for brevity, can be found below.

The Spokesman-Review: Do you think your suspension will fracture any relationships you have with the people at Gonzaga or impact your status there?

John Stockton: "I think certainly it stresses it. I'm pretty connected to the school. I've been part of this campus since I was probably 5 or 6 years old. I was just born a couple blocks away and sneaking into the gym and selling programs to get into games since I was a small boy. So, it's strained but not broken and I'm sure we'll get through it, but it's not without some conflict."

S-R: Are you concerned at all about your image at the school now, maybe as opposed to a few months ago?

Stockton: "I'm very concerned about my image. I understand I'm a public figure and they show me at every game, so they understand it as well. I take that responsibility very seriously, both when I'm around campus and when I'm not. It's a lifestyle, so of course I do."

S-R: Had they asked you about mask-wearing previously? It seems like they've really cracked down on masks since closing concession sales recently. Had they spoken to you about it before the new year?

Stockton: "Well, we've had discussions about this for a couple years now. In fact, we've actually had two events scheduled where we were trying to organize brilliant speakers on both sides of the equation and try to have an open forum. Open publicly to debate, to discussion, to understanding. Both have been canceled due to I believe the governor's mandates or their reaction to the governor's mandates. So yeah, we've been in discussions about various COVID things for a couple years now."

S-R: Do you still plan to help the school in the meantime? Not donations specifically, but however you've helped Gonzaga in the past, do you still plan to do that in the near future?

Stockton: "I think this is one impasse. There's probably a lot of different directions this can go and I think time will tell on all of that. My focus is to maintain that relationship, as is theirs. They've made it very clear that we're important to each other and I don't think that's going to change. However, there are some absolute impasses that we're going to have to figure out."

S-R: Are there any hard feelings from their side do you think, or from your side? Or is this just something you have to get through given the circumstances?

Stockton: "I can't speak for if they have hard feelings. When I leave the office or when we're



Bryan Bedder / Getty Images for The Buoniconti Fund To Cure Paralysis/TNS

Former NBA player John Stockton speaks during the Great Sports Legends Dinner to benefit The Buoniconti Fund to Cure Paralysis at The Waldorf Astoria on Oct. 6, 2015, in New York.

speaking on the phone, I've had great experiences here all the way back from the Dan Fitzgerald days through when he was coaching and an AD, to the presidents of the school. Like I said, I've been around here a long time, so I don't expect things to linger, whatever they may be."

S-R: Your first public comments about COVID and the vaccine came last year when the trailer was revealed for the documentary, "COVID and the Vaccine: Truth, Lies and Misconceptions Revealed." How were you identified for the film and were you reluctant to participate knowing your image is what it is?

Stockton: "No, I think knowing my image is what it is, I feel a duty to speak and I sought it out. I wasn't offered anything for it, I did it on my own and found people that do a good job at it. Was glad to be a part of it."

S-R: In a separate podcast you've been on a few times (DNP-CD Sports), you said, "Things that I never thought could possibly happen in my lifetime in the United States of America are happening right before my eyes." Can you elaborate on that?

Stockton: "There's a lot of things."

S-R: "I know that's pretty open-ended ..."

Stockton: "It sure is. There's a lot that goes into that. I never thought in my life I could lose my tickets because I wouldn't wear a mask to a game. I never thought I'd see mandated drugs. I never thought I would see contact tracing to where neighbors and friends and people in the same arena with the same team they love ratting on one another. 'Hey, that person's not wearing a mask. 'Hey, what's their vaccine status?' I never thought you'd have to report your medical records and I never thought you'd have to have some sort of papers to get on an airplane or go to a store or a restaurant. I never thought a government could shut down businesses, local businesses, put them out of business and lose their livelihoods because of one person making a decision. There's a lot of things I thought would never happen that are happening right now."

S-R: What was your initial reaction to the onset of the pandemic in 2020? It really started the week of the WCC Tournament. Gonzaga plays in the title game then suddenly the NCAA Tournament is shut down. How long does it take to form opinions on everything that's going on, with the lockdowns and eventually vaccines, masks and everything else?

Stockton: "It's pretty quick. I remember writing a paper trying to have some influence where I may have it, right when it all started with Rudy Gobert testing positive. With the Utah Jazz, which is obviously very close to home. Here he is warming up before the game, he doesn't even feel bad and the world shuts down. Then one

university after another university until the conferences shut down and the tournament shuts down. Not one additional piece of evidence was offered for why each one did it. To me it's perplexing, but yeah, right from the start I was contemplating it, thinking it through and seeking out more and more information."

S-R: You also say in the trailer of the documentary, "My kids and grandkids hearing these things and accepting them as truth when I know by my significant amount of research that it isn't, it's very frustrating." Are you conscious of how a statement like that is received by the general public? There's a perception that those who claim, "I've done my own research," assume they're more knowledgeable than medical professionals, scientists, CDC, etc.

Stockton: "I don't know how else you qualify it. I have done my research to the point of thousands of hours. I have some ability to do some things that other people might not because I am retired. I'm not working a 9-5 job, I'm not raising young kids, trying to run a business in an impossible environment. I have time so I spend, I don't know, I'm well over 1,000 hours of watching videos, reading documents and confirming documents. So if you read them in one spot, you say, 'OK I've heard it, that's one source. Is it a good source?' You evaluate that, then you get it from another source and another source, then you get them from your own personal experiences. Really, that's the final confirming point for me is when I see it in person and it corroborates what I've read and what I've witnessed. That's my research there and nobody has to accept it. I have no credentials, I understand that, but it's not without work."

S-R: And you're reading articles from both sides of this, so to speak, as far as pro-vaccine articles, anti-vaccine articles? Have you read both and formed your opinions based on that?

Stockton: "Yeah, I'd say so. The pro-vax, pro-mandates ... are everywhere. I think our state has spent in the area of \$100 million advertising for them. WashingtonState.gov. It's not a surprise, it's on TV every day. So you don't have to work as hard to find those. It's very difficult to find information that counters that and it takes a little bit more work."

S-R: You also mention in one of those podcasts that six years into your NBA career — and you can correct me if I'm wrong — you decided to stop using traditional medicine. Can you talk about that decision and did that inform your beliefs on some of this?

Stockton: "Yeah, it wasn't cold turkey. I've had cortisone shots, I've taken antibiotics. Antibiotics saved my life probably twice."

S-R: And that was before you decided not to use traditional medicine or since then?

Stockton: "Eh, there was one

that I, probably antibiotics saved my life after that decision. So it's not strictly anti-medicine. I tend toward a holistic style. Again, it's very difficult in this world to do it. Insurance doesn't pay for it, it's treating of the body — understanding what the body needs instead of treating a symptom with medications and chemicals. It's what I've chosen largely from that point forward."

S-R: Was there an experience that forced you to start thinking that way?

Stockton: "Yeah, multiple experiences. One is, I took anti-inflammatants for about a year and a half and some of that is what they call pulsing. So they take a course for 15 days then you take 10 days off. It's funny that comes up because one of those anti-inflammatants I took is now banned. You went through all the 10 years of testing to be tested OK and approved by the FDA. Then it was later banned because it ruined people's hearts. That was one of the ones I took for quite a long time. Make a long story short, I walked into our team chiropractor's office, who I was just starting to gain a little faith in. It was slow coming, because I grew up, my mom was a nurse, my sister was a nurse and it was a little slow coming because I didn't trust him. But he fixed the problem in 15 minutes that I was taking anti-inflammatants for a year and a half. It opened my eyes. It didn't sell me, but got it started."

S-R: Another quote from the podcast, "I've heard about people where their kids have said, 'You can't see the grandkids, Mom and Dad, unless you get vaccinated. If my kids did that, that'd be it. That's how important it is to me that I would forego seeing my grandkids if that was the choice. There is no reason to do it.' " Do you still stand by that?

Stockton: "As I said it and as I meant it, yeah. How you're reading it, I can't always be sure. My point is this: There's nothing that anybody could do that would tell me that the right thing to do would be take this vaccine, any of them. If my kids, the parents of my grandchildren, were in that mode to where it's not safe, then I'd have to forgo it because there's nothing worth taking those chemicals into my body."

S-R: A counterpoint to that: The CDC reported this week that booster shots are 90% effective at preventing hospitalization with the omicron variant.

Stockton: "Almost everybody I know that currently has COVID or has recently tested for COVID has been double-vaxxed and boosted. My personal experience says otherwise. Statistics from South Africa, from Scotland, from the UK who's now, their prime minister recently said we're not doing the mandates anymore. Came out publicly and said that. Those are indicators to me that we're not getting the true story. The numbers in South Africa are signifi-

cantly better in multiples than they are in the United States where they haven't taken on those mandates where we have."

S-R: When you say your personal experience, do you mean your personal experience with having COVID?

Stockton: "With people that I know personally that have COVID, that have tested positive recently. Whether it's omicron, whatever COVID is these days, is they've all been — almost all have been double vaccinated plus the booster. So I look at it more as a side effect than I look at it as an outbreak of COVID."

S-R: You were raised Catholic. The Pope has called it a moral obligation to receive the vaccine. What's your response to that and does that impact your decision at all?

Stockton: "No. No, it doesn't."

S-R: Any way you could elaborate on that?

Stockton: "I think we count on certain people in certain institutions to stand up to what's best for us and it's disappointing when those things don't happen."

S-R: Have you spoken to religious leaders around Gonzaga or Spokane about any of this? Have they urged you to reconsider?

Stockton: "I have and no."

S-R: I'm sure you followed the situation locally with Washington State football coach Nick Rolovich, who was terminated for not receiving the vaccine. What was your reaction to how that scenario unfolded and what would you say to him?

Stockton: "I remember Bill Walton going up to — it's a famous story now, Bill Walton tells it all the time now. He goes up to John Wooden, says, 'Coach I don't like the team rule of can't have a beard, etc., etc.' and he's maybe one of the greatest college players of all time. Says, 'I think I'm going to wear a beard.' Coach Wooden said, 'Bill, I respect you for your opinion and your ability to stand up for it. The team's going to miss you.' I think that's kind of what we're missing. We need parents and coaches and mentors and members of institutions that stand up and say, this is what's right and not because we're being told from above or that there'd be repercussions from it, but this is the right thing to do and that's the way we're going to do it. That's the point."

"What I'd say to him is good for you. You have every right to know what's put into your body and you have every right to make that choice. I'm not sure you have the right to be fired for it. We talked about consequences, it's been adjudicated. Consequences mean if you don't do the vaccine that you could get the disease, not that you could lose your job. It'd be interesting to see how that plays out, but bottom line I'm proud of (Rolovich). It's a difficult stance to make, it's cost his family probably and his reputation dearly. I believe he applied for religious exemption and it's odd it's come down to that."

"Prior to 2020, there was three exemptions you could use. You could use medical, you could use religious and you could use personal or philosophical. For some reason, this personal and philosophical has just been wiped off the list even though it's part of our rights. Medical's been wiped off the list because now if you are health challenged, these people are telling you that you must have the vaccine for your safety where before 2020 it was a reason for an exemption all by itself. Now we're finally putting it into the hands into the health department whether we have religious fervor or not. They're deciding whether we're believers or not and to me there's something fundamentally wrong with that."

S-R: What's been the response to some of the comments you've made? I've seen the social media reaction, but what's been the response you've received from people in the community, people nationally since you went on record last June?

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Research Shows Psychedelic Mushrooms Can Help Treat Depression. Is Legalization on the Horizon for Washington?

By Esmý Jimenez

The Seattle Times

If you've hiked or camped in the Pacific Northwest, you might have walked by a tiny, brown mushroom that some say has the capacity to change your life.

Psilocybe azurescens and Psilocybe cyanescens are two psychedelic varieties that grow in damp, wooded areas in Washington and Oregon and produce visual hallucinations when ingested. These mushrooms — while freely growing and with a centurieslong record of use among Indigenous people — are also Schedule I controlled substances: illegal drugs up there with heroin and marijuana, according to the federal government.

State Sen. Jesse Salomon, D-Shoreline, wants to change that in Washington, not just decriminalizing the drug but making the active ingredient in the mushrooms available for therapeutic and creative purposes. He's currently co-sponsoring SB 5660, the Washington Psilocybin Wellness and Opportunity Act, along with Sen. Liz Lovelett, D-Anacortes, and others. It would allow people age 21 and up to have a psychedelic experience at a registered facility with supervision. (Like marijuana, it would remain illegal under federal law.)

In a state where 1 in 5 residents lives with mental illness and thousands have seen their mental health worsen during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Salomon sees psychedelic usage — monitored by trained professionals — as a key to healing, and he rejects past negative representations of the drug.

"A lot of that was just about the cultural issues associated with magic mushrooms and fighting the cultural liberalization that you were seeing in the '60s," he said. "It's really time to separate that and use it to treat the massive mental health problems that we're facing today."

A New Wave of Legalization

A growing body of research shows psilocybin holds promise for individuals with treatment-resistant depression and other mental health conditions. Results of a study announced by London-based biotech company Compass Pathways in November — which involved more than 233 patients and, according to research partner Columbia University, was the largest study to date — found that a 25-milligram dose led to an immediate reduction of depressive symptoms lasting up to 12 weeks. (The study has not yet been published in a peer-reviewed journal.) Ad-

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Sen. Jesse Salomon
D-Shoreline

verse effects occurred for some, including headaches and nausea.

Psilocybin therapy is not recommended for some people with mental illnesses like schizophrenia or severe depression, as it can worsen symptoms. In 2016, researchers at Johns Hopkins Medicine surveyed 2,000 people who had previously had a negative experience or "bad trip" while using psilocybin recreationally. They found that while a third of respondents described psilocybin use as one of the most meaningful experiences of their lives, 10% also shared they put themselves or others at risk for physical harm during their "worst bad trip," with an additional 2% stating they sought medical help.

Practitioners say that creating a safe and comfortable environment helps make a psychedelic trip a good experience, particularly for reorienting people if they do become nervous or agitated.

As research continues to show psilocybin's potential, cities have begun to show interest: Denver was the first U.S. city to decriminalize psychedelic mushrooms in 2019. Local law enforcement there can no longer arrest or prosecute people for possession of the drug, and according to recent news reports, there've been no reports of serious physical harm while under the influence of mushrooms since the decriminalization. In 2020, Oregon went one step further, passing Measure 109 allowing the production, sale and administration of psilocybin at approved and licensed facilities starting next year.

The Seattle City Council similarly decriminalized so-called "magic mushrooms" in October. Seattle police say there were eight arrests involving psilocybin in 2021. Only one was for attempted distribution, and they were all connected to other crimes.

Like marijuana legalization, Washington state stands to be among the first to set up a system for regulated consumption, if the bill passes.

"The biggest challenge this year to passing it is with other legislators," Salomon said. "Focusing their attention and having them understand why it's a priority when there's all these other bills and little time to pass

things."

Many items are vying for funding during this year's two-month-long session, including youth mental health and a growing workforce shortage. Still, Salomon is hopeful — and just in case, citizen activists and underground healers have a backup plan: getting voter support for a ballot initiative.

One of the people leading that movement is Leonora Russell, a licensed mental health counselor and the executive director of the Entheo Society of Washington. The organization is trying to gather 324,516 signatures to submit a psilocybin initiative to the state Legislature.

In December, the Entheo Society and ADAPT Washington, a new political action committee in favor of psilocybin legalization, held a fundraiser at Daybreak Star Indian Cultural Center in Seattle. They're early in the campaign process: ADAPT, which registered last May, has raised about \$3,000 so far, according to campaign finance records, with more fundraisers scheduled in February. Supporters say they plan to file the paperwork required to start collecting signatures later this month.

Though Russell is enthusiastic about Salomon's bill, others are more skeptical, worried that it leaves out grassroots activists or prioritizes medical professionals over traditional healers like shamans or curanderos, who may not have formal education.

Russell said both the ballot initiative and Salomon's bill are based on Oregon's legislation, and regardless of whether legalization comes about from a voter initiative or a legislator's bill, "we're all in it together."

A Complicated History

Psilocybin's American history traces back to pre-Columbian times, but the mushrooms grow naturally in many parts of the globe. Aztec and Mayan communities in Central America used psychedelic mushrooms in spiritual and religious ceremonies, but after Spanish colonization their use was prohibited and the practice was driven underground.

It wasn't till the 1950s that

their resurgence began, after an article in Life magazine detailed the mushrooms' use in a Mazatec Indian village in Mexico — that's where the term "magic" mushrooms originated.

Researchers began using psilocybin and LSD in clinical trials, most infamously the Harvard Psilocybin Project in the early '60s where professors administered — and sometimes consumed — LSD and mescaline alongside university students to study the psychological effects of the drugs.

While the exact science of how psilocybin works is complicated and still being demystified, researchers find it affects neuroplasticity, allowing the brain to make new and stronger connections. Users often report strong spiritual feelings of connection, self-awareness and acceptance during and after the experience. This can be beneficial for the treatment of PTSD, depression, anxiety, addiction, and for people facing end-of-life care, according to researchers at Johns Hopkins among others.

But mushrooms' therapeutic potential was cut short. Backlash to the counterculture, anti-war movement of the '60s and negative media portrayals of psychedelics led to the ban of drugs like psilocybin and LSD. Federal funding dried up before more research could be done, and President Richard Nixon's subsequent "war on drugs" also influenced the public perception of psychedelics.

Slowly over the past two decades, public opinion has started to shift back. Headlines have featured tech workers in Silicon Valley who microdose in order to boost creativity. Most recently Michael Pollan's 2018 book "How to Change Your Mind" was a best-seller, documenting the use of psychedelics for medicinal purposes. Researchers at the University of Washington are currently starting trials for the use of psilocybin-assisted psychotherapy for treating burn-out and depression in front-line health care workers, and other universities are trying to do the same.

The Future of Psychedelics

Dr. Tony Rousmaniere, a clinical psychologist based in Seattle, said he is excited for the future of psychedelics in the Northwest and would like to be among the first legal practitioners if SB 5660 passes. He also has a running list of over two dozen mental health providers who support its passage.

"We need more treatments, and the research behind this is just really solid and it just keeps

growing," Rousmaniere said. "While therapy does help a lot of clients, there's a fair amount it just doesn't reach for whatever reason. Unfortunately the same thing is true for traditional pharmaceutical medicine."

For Jessica, a Seattle mother of two and a survivor of sexual assault and domestic violence, psilocybin was transformational. "My symptoms of PTSD were so bad that I could barely function," said Jessica, who asked to only be identified by her first name while psilocybin remains illegal. "It changed my life dramatically."

Over several months, Jessica prepared with traditional talk therapy, then sessions with MDMA, another psychoactive drug, followed by psilocybin and integration therapy sessions to reflect on her psychedelic experience.

Jessica struggles to describe the process — most who've had the experience find it difficult to put it into words — and she still tears up thinking about it, but says it's akin to developing a "new consciousness."

"It was like the wounds of my soul had Band-Aids ripped off," she said. "The mushrooms really helped get me back into my body in a way that felt connected again."

Biomedical companies are betting on the future of psychedelics: Estimates place the market at a high of \$10 billion by 2027. Ketamine clinics already dot the Seattle region. Companies like CaaMTech, an Issaquah based company, are researching ways to "optimize desired effects while minimizing unwanted side-effects" of psychedelics, according to its website.

Salomon also foresees a future where, as with marijuana, companies are quick to capitalize on a new market.

"This bill says that naturally grown psilocybin will be allowed and not prevented. So you can't have a patent," he said. "We give two years for local producers to get up to speed before out-of-state producers can come in and invest," he added.

But therapists and people like Jessica warn others to respect the medicine and not jump in solo.

"It's assisted therapy — the emphasis is actually on the therapy, not on the psilocybin," Rousmaniere said.

SB 5660 includes provisions that aim to clarify this point and specify that providers would screen people before administering the medicine, much like traditional antidepressants.

"It's not a magic wand," said Rousmaniere. "It's human growth, which isn't always easy. It's still work."

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Stockton: "I don't know. I get great responses individually. I don't have any platform. I don't have any social media by any terms I understand, so a lot of that just goes by."

S-R: Your son, David, is trying to carve out a career in the NBA and you mentioned in the podcast, if you're someone of the ilk of LeBron James, they can make exceptions for someone who doesn't want to be vaccinated. But if you're a bottom-five, bottom-seven NBA player, you don't really have a chance unless you get the shot. I'm not sure if you can speak to this, but has that made things challenging for David?

Stockton: "Oh sure. I think who's been a great source of that is Aaron Rodgers. He spoke to that very point and he's been highly criticized and highly critical of how things are going. I admire him. He's right in the throes. So really impressive that a star would step up like that in the prime of his career going into the playoffs and be willing to make those statements for the people that are less fortunate than him. By that I mean the guys that are struggling to get just a foot in the door. Just, hope

you see one time, I'll show you I can play. Yeah, I think David has experienced that stuff. He's played in two bubbles, he's been separated from his family, he's been required to test daily where nobody else has even though he hasn't gotten COVID, the guys who've been vaccinated have gotten COVID. The opportunity to be called up has been restricted because of vaccine status. Really it should be nobody's decision. It's a personal decision and it's a medical decision and so two years ago, it's against the law to ask what your medical condition was."

S-R: David's been prevented from being called up from G-League to NBA because of it or called into a G-League situation?

Stockton: "I don't know that."

S-R: Is there anything else you'd want to say about any of this?

Stockton: "Getting back to the masks at Gonzaga, I just want to go and watch the games. I want to mind my own business, watch the games, go home and talk about the Zags. I look across at these students and think of what I would've given up at that time if they forced me to just so I could have these opportunities. That goes for the students that are playing, the students that are watching and I feel a duty to all of them. I believe they shouldn't be mandated. The school cur-

rently requires vaccines to get in and that includes the booster now, with no evidence that they have any need to. Those children and kids their age, they have literally zero statistical risk of being harmed by the disease and they have significant statistical risk of being harmed by the side effects of the so-called vaccines.

"And I think it's highly recorded now, there's 150 I believe now — it's over 100 professional athletes dead, professional athletes, the prime of their life, dropping dead that are vaccinated, right on the pitch, right on the field, right on the court. There's 20,000 deaths from the vaccine that the CDC acknowledges from their VAERS system, which they acknowledge accounts for only 1% of actual. So the actual numbers more than likely are much larger than that, but that's what they're actually willing to concede. They shut down previous vaccine systems for 25 deaths and we're well over 20,000 again that they concede. Over a million injuries.

"So, I'd like to encourage people, don't trust me, don't believe me. It's out there, there's places to look. The Children's Health Defense is Robert F. Kennedy Jr's site, it's a wonderful site, it's triple-checked, it's peer-reviewed, they're brilliant people with all the credentials both medical

and nonmedical that you could ever want. Scientists that are collaborating on that, on each story, if you're looking for information and want to make your own decisions, which is I think what this is all about, that's what I would suggest."

S-R: When you mention deaths from the vaccine, many will argue that there's been far more deaths from COVID-19 than from the vaccine. How would you respond to that?

Stockton: "I think the numbers for people under 70 dying from COVID, understand the attribution.

Recently a family member bonked her head and went to the hospital to get her head checked. She's a COVID patient. That's how she's listed, as a COVID patient. So you have to look at how the attribution is happening. But even with that, CDC's own acknowledgment, 99.97% — don't

quote me on that number, but it's such a big 99 number that it's 99.5% of people over 70 survive COVID. So, why we would take an experimental drug where the companies have no liability if something bad happens, to counter something that we're at literally no risk of dying from if we eat well, live well, drink water, take care of our bodies in a holistic fashion, you're literally at no risk and that's what I would say to that."

Editor's note: *Many of the claims made by Stockton regarding COVID-19 and vaccines are not backed by science nor deemed credible by medical professionals. Stockton's statement that more than 100 athletes have died from the vaccine is unfounded and proven inaccurate according to FactCheck.org, which is a project of The Annenberg Public Policy Center.*

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Supreme Court Signals It May Outlaw Most Affirmative Action at Universities

By Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to hear a major challenge to race-based affirmative action in the nation’s college and universities, setting the stage for another long-sought win for conservatives.

The justices voted to hear a pair of appeals contending that Harvard University, the nation’s oldest private university, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the oldest public university, are violating civil rights laws by giving preferences to some minority students seeking admission while discriminating against others, including Asian Americans.

They ask the court to rule that universities, whether public or private, may “not use race as a factor in admissions.” And they rely on the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which says no person “shall be subjected to discrimination ... on the ground of race, color or national origin” in a school or university that receives federal funds.

Since 1978, however, the Supreme Court has held that colleges, universities and law schools may consider a student’s race or ethnicity as a “plus factor” in order to create more diversity in their classes. In recent decades, the court took up anti-affirmative action challenges to the admissions policies at the University of Michigan



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A view of a gate to Harvard Yard on the campus of Harvard University on July 8, 2020, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Law School and the University of Texas, but upheld them narrowly over sharp dissents from the conservatives.

Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. was among the dissenters, and he now has five more conservative justices on his right. And they are in position to overturn the past rulings that upheld affirmative action.

The effect in California may be limited, however. In 1996, the state was the first to outlaw race-based admissions policies when the voters adopted Prop. 209. It said public universities like the University of California may “not discriminate against or grant preferential treatment on the basis of race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin.” A

move to repeal that measure failed in the November 2020 election. Eight other states have since adopted similar measures, including Washington, Michigan and Florida.

But a ruling striking down Harvard’s admissions policy would also apply to other private colleges and universities, such as Stanford and USC.

The pair of cases to be heard by the high court were created and managed by Edward Blum, a retired financier who has launched a series of lawsuits to challenge what he sees as an illegal use of race by colleges and universities. He enlists supporters to back his cases, and he created a group called Students for Fair Admissions to sue Harvard

and UNC.

The group says it has 20,000 members, including Asian American students who were denied admission to Harvard. Its goal is to “restore the original principles of our nation’s civil rights movement. A student’s race and ethnicity should not be factors that either harm or help that student to gain admission to a competitive university.” Since UNC is a state university, it is also alleged to violate the 14th Amendment’s guarantee to the “equal protection” of the laws.

“It is our hope that the justices will end the use of race as an admissions factor at Harvard, UNC and all colleges and universities,” Blum said Monday. “Every college applicant should be judged as a unique individual, not as some representative of a racial or ethnic group.”

Blum’s group lost before a federal judge and the 1st Circuit Court in Boston and before a federal judge in North Carolina. The judges in all three rulings said the challengers had exaggerated the effect of race in the admissions process. They said the universities follow the Supreme Court’s past guidance by weighing a student’s race or ethnicity as one factor when choosing among a group of well-qualified applicants.

Harvard, for example, says it selects 1,600 freshmen each year from more than 35,000 highly qualified applicants.

Nation and World in Brief

Burkina Faso President Is Held at Army Camp After Soldier Mutiny

By Tribune News Service

Mutinous soldiers in Burkina Faso detained the nation’s president and asked him to sign a resignation letter, people familiar with the matter said a day after an army mutiny.

President Roch Marc Christian Kabore is being held at a military camp, the people said, asking not to be identified because they’re not authorized to speak to the media. Calls to government spokesman Alkassoum Maiga weren’t answered when Bloomberg sought comment.

News of Kabore’s detention came after a day of unrest in Burkina Faso on Sunday, when soldiers at several army bases opened fire, including at the military airport in the capital, Ouagadougou. The government imposed a curfew between 8 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. and ordered schools to remain closed Monday. Mobile internet services have been cut, according to Netblocks, a private business that monitors disruptions to connectivity.

Kabore, 64, has faced growing opposition to his government’s failure to tackle a mushrooming Islamist insurgency that’s destabilized other countries in the region including Mali, Niger and Ivory Coast since it began six years ago. Burkina Faso is Africa’s fourth-largest gold producer, where companies including Endeavour Mining Plc and Iamgold Corp. own mines.

In November, protesters took to the streets calling for Kabore’s resignation after 49 military police were killed in an attack on a military police base in the north of the country. Demonstrations escalated after an internal army document showed the officers had been left without food.

Sunday’s shootings came a day after security forces fired tear gas at demonstrators demanding Kabore’s ousting. Protesters also ransacked the headquarters of the ruling People’s Movement for Progress.

Say Goodbye to Clean Energy’s Era of Constantly Falling Prices

By Tribune News Service

The era of ever-cheaper clean power is over, giving a fresh jolt of uncertainty to global energy

markets battered by one supply crisis after another.

Relentless price declines over the past decade made renewables the cheapest sources of electricity in much of the world. In the past year, though, prices for solar panels have surged more than 50%. Wind turbines are up 13%, and battery prices are rising for the first time ever.

As pandemic-induced supply delays ensnare everything from cars to salads, green energy’s price hikes may not come as a surprise. But shipping backlogs and commodities shortages are coming at a particularly vulnerable moment for wind and solar. After years of rapid-fire advances in technology and manufacturing, there are fewer opportunities left to cut costs without sacrificing profits. Instead of perpetually falling, prices will now ebb and flow based on the cost of raw materials and other market forces.

For energy markets grappling with blackouts and extreme price volatility in the green transition, clean-power inflation is another wild card. Policy makers, accused of adding wind and solar so rapidly that electric grids have become unstable, are under pressure to ensure the entire system is more reliable — by pairing solar with batteries, for example, or keeping aging nuclear plants running for longer.

“From now on, what’s going to make the difference around the expansion of solar and wind is not going to be costs — how low can you go? — but value,” said Eburne Zoco, executive director of clean technology and renewables at research firm IHS Markit Ltd.

Assange Can Ask UK Supreme Court to Appeal Extradition

By Tribune News Service

Julian Assange can go to the U.K. Supreme Court to ask for an appeal over the decision to extradite him to the U.S. to face espionage charges, London judges ruled.

Appeals judges in a lower court Monday asked the country’s top court to take steps to consider any appeal application that follows.

“Whether or not the issue needs ventilation in that court is a matter appropriately for its decision,” the judges said in a written judgment.

London judges had previously ruled that the WikiLeaks chief could be extradited in December overturning a lower

court’s decision that said Assange, 50, couldn’t be sent to the U.S. to face criminal charges, for fear that prison conditions there would result in his suicide.

Minnesota Man Whose Wife Flew Him to Texas to Keep him Intubated Dies of COVID

By Tribune News Service

Scott Quiner’s family did everything to keep him alive in the face of COVID — except prevent it.

The reportedly unvaccinated 55-year-old died Saturday after a court battle during which his wife fought successfully to keep him from being unplugged from a ventilator in Minnesota, and then flew him to Texas for treatment in a Houston hospital.

The father of two adult children and a teen had contracted COVID for a second time in October, according to WCCO-TV, and by Thanksgiving was in Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, and intubated.

Earlier this month the hospital said they couldn’t do anything more for him and was going to turn off his ventilator on Jan. 12. Anne Quiner, his wife of 35 years, went to court.

“I have advised the doctors that I vehemently disagree with this action and do not want my husband’s ventilator turned off,” Anne Quiner stated in the court filing, obtained by KSTP-TV.

Judge Jennifer Stanfield agreed, ordering Mercy Hospital to keep the ventilator on, with a hearing set for Feb. 11.

Anne Quiner then had her husband flown to Texas, where hospital officials in Houston told the family’s attorney they found him “severely malnourished,” KSTP reported.

“He lost 30 pounds while on the ventilator,” the attorney, Marjorie Holsten, told the Minneapolis Star Tribune. “That should be proof enough he was not getting adequate nutrition.”

Weight loss is a common and known side effect of long-term intubation, according to the medical literature.

“We’re absolutely devastated,” Holsten told the Star Tribune on Saturday. “On behalf of the Quiner family, I would like to thank the public for their outpouring of love and support during this difficult ordeal. We ask for privacy for Anne and the children as they grieve the loss of Scott, a wonderful husband and father.”

Allina Health, which owns and operates Mercy Hospital in Coon Rapids, Minnesota, ex-

pressed its “great confidence in the exceptional care provided to our patients, which is administered according to evidence-based practices by our talented and compassionate medical teams,” according to a statement obtained by WCCO. “Due to patient privacy, we cannot comment on care provided to specific patients.”

“We are saddened to hear about the passing of Scott Quiner, and our deepest condolences go out to family, friends and loved ones,” Allina Health said in a statement obtained by KMSP-TV. “His passing marks yet another very sad moment as collectively we continue to face the devastating effects of the pandemic.”

All California Schoolchildren Must Be Vaccinated Against COVID-19 Under New Bill

By Tribune News Service

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A California lawmaker known for tightening restrictions on school vaccine laws will propose a bill Monday to close a loophole in the state’s requirement that children receive COVID-19 shots.

State Sen. Richard Pan (D-Sacramento) will announce Monday morning a bill to add COVID-19 vaccines to California’s list of required inoculations for attending K-12 schools, a move that would override Gov. Gavin Newsom’s scaled-back mandate from last year.

“We need to make sure schools are safe so that all parents are comfortable sending their children to school,” said Pan, a pediatrician whose legislation has strengthened oversight of vaccine exemptions in previous years. “And we want to keep schools open.”

Pan’s legislation is the second major vaccine bill announced this year by a group of Democratic lawmakers who formed a work group last week to focus on measures to increase vaccination rates and reduce misinformation. On Thursday, Sen. Scott Wiener (D-San Francisco) introduced Senate Bill 866, which would permit children 12 and older to choose to be vaccinated, including against COVID-19, without a parent’s consent or knowledge.

Both bills are expected to be met with strong opposition from groups that object to vaccine mandates and those who argue that medical decisions for children should be left to parents. Legislative attempts to change vaccine laws in schools

“To assemble the strongest first-year class, Harvard looks for students who excel beyond academics and who will bring distinctive experiences, perspectives, talents, and interests to campus,” the university’s lawyers told the court. It “does not pursue racial quotas or balance” and “does not automatically award” preferences to Black or Latino applicants, they added.

In their appeals to the Supreme Court, Blum’s lawyers said Harvard and UNC regularly “penalize” Asian American applicants and require them to have far higher grades and test scores to win admission compared with Black and Latino students. “Jewish students were the first victims of holistic admissions, and Asian Americans are the main victims today,” they wrote in the UNC appeal.

They also contend both universities could achieve racial and ethnic diversity through “race-neutral alternatives,” such as giving preferences to disadvantaged students who come from families with a low-income or a community where few went to college.

The court will hear arguments in the two cases, Students for Fair Admissions vs. Harvard College and Students for Fair Admissions vs. University of North Carolina.

The court didn’t indicate whether the cases will be heard this spring and decided this term, or held over to the fall.

have previously led to intense deliberations, prolonged protests and arrests.

“We should be having conversations about what’s best for our children and what’s best for the safety of schools,” Pan said.

California currently requires students at all public and private schools to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. However, that mandate, which was announced by Newsom in October, does not take effect until after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration fully approves the shot for children ages 12 and older. Currently, the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is fully approved for ages 16 and older, and there is an emergency authorization in place for ages 5 to 15.

Newsom’s mandate is limited to grades seven through 12 and has a key caveat: Once the vaccine is fully approved, parents could still cite personal beliefs to opt their children out of being inoculated. The state must offer broader personal belief exemptions for any newly required vaccine unless it is added through a new law to the list of shots students must receive to attend school in California. State law requires a medical exemption to skip some or all of those vaccines for in-person attendance at K-12 schools.

Sarah Palin Tests Positive for COVID on First Day of New York Times Defamation Trial

By Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — Former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin tested positive for coronavirus just as jury selection got underway Monday in her defamation trial against the New York Times.

The positive result from a rapid COVID test means the trial could be delayed to Feb. 3. Attorneys for Palin and The Times were debating in Manhattan Federal Court how to proceed.

“Ms. Palin had tested positive for coronavirus. She is, of course, unvaccinated,” Judge Jed Rakoff announced in court, according to reporters in the courtroom.

Palin proclaimed in December she would get vaccinated “over my dead body.”

Palin sued The Times in 2017, claiming an editorial, “America’s Lethal Politics,” defamed her by wrongly linking ads from her political action committee to the 2011 shooting of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D-Arizona).

The Times editorial incorrectly stated that ads by Palin’s PAC put “Giffords and 19 other Democrats under stylized crosshairs.”

Activist Launches Another Recall of Thurston County Commissioner Tye Menser

By **Martin Bilbao**

The Olympian

A local activist is once again petitioning to recall Thurston County Commissioner Tye Menser, this time for allegedly mismanaging the board as chair last year.

County Auditor Mary Hall's Office received a 58-page complaint Jan. 7 from Jon Pettit, a frequent speaker at board meetings, she confirmed. The document targets Menser, alleging he committed malfeasance, misfeasance, and violated the oath of office.

Under state law, a Superior Court judge must conduct a hearing within 15 days of receiving the petition to determine if the allegations satisfy the criteria for a recall.

If the judge deems the allegations sufficient, then Pettit would need to gather signatures totaling 25% of the total number of votes cast for all candidates for Menser's office during his last election in 2018.

Over the years, Pettit has repeatedly petitioned to recall officials and appeal decisions he has disagreed with. His previous petition to recall Menser failed in 2020 after a visiting judge dismissed his charges as legally and factually insufficient.

Earlier that year, a different



Thurston County Commissioner Tye Menser.

judge dismissed his challenge to Carolina Mejia's candidacy for Thurston County commissioner, rejecting his allegation that she wasn't a U.S. citizen. She now serves as chair of the board.

Notably, a judge dismissed Pettit's attempt to recall three members of the Olympia City Council in 2018 after concluding

his case against them was "frivolous."

In his latest petition, Pettit accuses Menser of five charges related to meeting minutes, budget actions and meeting scheduling.

First, he alleges the board failed to provide access to minutes for all regular and special meetings as required by state law.

In his second charge, he claims the county withholds records of all proceedings and determinations from the public.

With his third and fourth charges, Pettit alleges the board misappropriated public funds. These charges stem from Pettit's opposition to how the county went about purchasing the Mottman Complex and creating a budget stabilization fund.

In June 2021, the county spent \$5.6 million to buy the Mottman Complex at the intersection of Ferguson Street Southwest and 29th Avenue in Tumwater at Auditor Mary Hall's request.

Hall's office previously leased space at the complex to run elections and process ballots. With the purchase, Hall can expand to meet her needs and consolidate her staff there ahead of the next presidential election cycle.

Around the same time, the county set aside \$2 million for a budget stabilization fund, a rainy-day fund intended to ensure financial stability.

In his fifth charge, Pettit accuses the board of failing to schedule sufficient public meetings. This charge comes in response to the board canceling some meetings close to the holidays.

Pettit told The Olympian he chose to target Menser because he served as the chair of the

board when the alleged charges took place.

Menser's term will conclude at the end of 2022. Although he personally wants Menser to be replaced, Pettit said his action has more to do with the rule of law.

"No, it's not just a political thing," Pettit said. "Tolerance has run out. Because of the situation, do we want to continue to have somebody involved that has as much disregard for following the state law as Commissioner Menser has shown?"

Though he failed last time, Pettit remains hopeful he will succeed with his latest effort.

"I believe there is a strong foundation for approving the recall to go forward," Pettit said. "I intend to pursue it completely including a full campaign effort at such time that it would be approved."

Menser declined to respond to Pettit's latest allegations, citing pending litigation.

In 2020, Menser told The Olympian he believes Pettit makes it a "full-time hobby" to scare elected officials into taking actions he supports or not taking actions he opposes.

At the time, Menser said the "constant stream of frivolous letters and legal actions waste enormous amounts of time and tax dollars."

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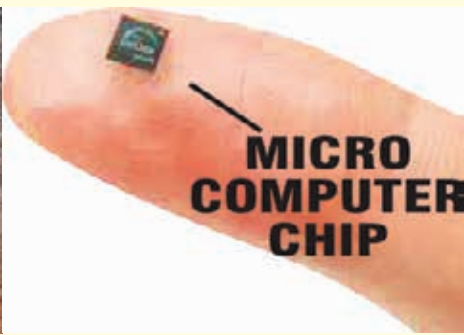
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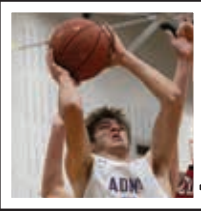
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Saturday's 2B Boys Basketball

Timberwolves Pull Away Late in Win Over Toutle Lake

By The Chronicle staff

Wrapping up one of the stronger weeks in recent memory, the Morton-White Pass boys basketball team picked up a 62-51 win over Zach Swanson and Toutle Lake Saturday night on the road.

The Timberwolves (9-4, 4-1 C2BL) trailed for most of the night, and three three quarters, were facing an uphill battle to steal a victory on the road

against the Ducks. Swanson had already cracked double figures by halftime — and eclipsed 1,000 career points as just a sophomore — and the Ducks had been raining down threes on a T-Wolves squad that was just trying to keep up.

“We just had to keep up our constant pressure,” T-Wolves coach Chad Cramer said. “We waited for the dam to burst, just waited and waited for that mo-

ment, and it finally did.”

Behind a career-high 14 points from freshman Judah Kelly, who had been showing off a strong scoring ability in practice for weeks, the Timberwolves stole the victory on the road thanks to a 22-8 run in the fourth quarter.

Swanson was subbed out due to foul trouble early in the quarter, and that was just the break in the dam the T-Wolves needed

to bust the game open.

“In the second half I was much happier with our defense,” Cramer said. “I’m pretty pleased, it just took us awhile.”

The Timberwolves allowed zero 3-point makes in the second half, and used Kelly’s hot hand to get the win.

“It was his best game of the year,” Cramer said. “He finally broke through and changed the game with his scoring.”

Josh Salguero led MWP with 18 points, while Kelly finished with 14 and Gary Dotson dropped 13 points.

Swanson led the Ducks with a game-high 24 points.

The Timberwolves will look to carry all their momentum forward into a tough week, with two road games against Toledo and Adna and a home game against Stevenson in between them, starting on Wednesday.

Saturday's 1B Boys Basketball

Mossyrock ‘Outplayed and Out-Hustled’ in Loss to Willapa Valley

By The Chronicle staff

Playing in one of its biggest games of the season at home against league-leading Willapa Valley Saturday afternoon, the Mossyrock boys basketball team brought far too little energy in the first half in a 62-48 loss.

The Vikings (3-5, 1-2 1B CVL) were outscored 39-16 in the first half, and let the Vikings from the west do whatever they wanted in a dominant showing.

“I give Valley a ton of credit,” Mossyrock coach Adam Deck said. “If you don’t switch or communicate you’re going to have trouble. They outplayed and out-hustled us.”

Kolton Fluke got loose early and never looked back in a 20-point outing for Valley, while Mossy was led by Zack Munoz’ 22 points and Keegan Kolb’s 16. Deck praised the efforts of Warren Nelson on the defensive glass, and his team’s response in the second half, but recognized his team needs to play better in the opening frame to keep up with good teams.

“We played harder and the communication was better,” Deck said. “We played Mossyrock basketball in the second half.”

The Vikings will look to rebound in a rescheduled contest against Onalaska at home on Monday before taking on Rainier and Pe Ell.

Evergreen Lutheran Too Much for Oakville

The Acorns went cold from outside and Evergreen Lutheran took advantage, handing Oakville a 68-62 loss Saturday night in non-league boys hoops action in Tacoma.

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Friday's 2B Girls Basketball



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Winlock's Addison Hall (24) shoots a 3-pointer against Willapa Valley on Friday in Pe Ell.

Cardinals Rain 3s on Senior Night in Pe Ell



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Winlock's Maia Chaney (12) shoots a jumper against Willapa Valley on Friday in Pe Ell.

By Eric Trent

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PE ELL — Addison Hall and Kindyl Kelly combined for 10 3-pointers as Winlock hit 11 total treys to handle Willapa Valley 69-35 in a non-league matchup at Pe Ell High School on Friday.

The game was held in Pe Ell to honor the Trojans’ lone senior, Kayla Miller, for senior night. Miller and Charlie Carper joined the Winlock girls basketball team this season due to the Trojans not having enough players to field a team.

“It was lots of fun, a great crowd and a good atmosphere,” Winlock coach Dracy McCoy said. “We appreciate Pe Ell for doing that.”

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Sport: Basketball (G)

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Saturday's Prep Wrestling

**W.F. West Finishes
Fourth at Bearcat Invite**

By The Chronicle staff

Finishing ahead of a few 4A squads at a stacked invite in Chehalis, the W.F. West wrestling team placed fourth out of 12 total teams invited from all over the state.

Those teams were Yelm, Graham-Kapowsin, Sumner, Camas, Enumclaw, Skyview, Sedro Woolley, Anacortes, Mount Si, Olympia, and Heritage. Yelm took the overall team crown, with GK finishing second, Sumner finishing third, and the Bearcats coming in just behind them with 162 points.

"It was good," Bearcats coach Jamie Rakevich said. "We tried to put a tough tournament together to prepare for postseason." The only individual cham-

pion of the tournament for the Bearcats was 285-lb wrestler Daniel Matagi, who beat Graham-Kapowsin's Curtis Hill by decision, 3-1.

"Daniel moves really well and had a great gameplan," Rakevich said. "He wrestled really well and smart."

Other placers for the Bearcats were: Hunter Arnett (fourth, 126-lb), Brady Davis (second, 132-lb), Cristo Parriott (third, 138-lb), Blake Ely (second, 145-lb), Tucker Land (fourth, 160-lb), Brock Guyette (second, 195-lb) and Andrew Penland (second, 220-lb).

The Bearcats next scheduled contest is at home for Senior Night against Shelton in a dual meet on Wednesday.

WSU Legend Steve Gleason Earns 2022 Inspiration Award

By The Spokesman-Review

Steve Gleason communicates using eye-controlled technology.

And when the Washington State University baseball and football Hall of Famer and New Orleans Saints legend from Spokane speaks, he has people's attention.

It was in 2011 that Gleason was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, a debilitating neurodegenerative disease that slowly robs its victims of the use of their muscles. It has confined him to a wheelchair and rendered him unable to talk without the assistance of a computer.

But all the Gonzaga Prep graduate has done in the decade since receiving that "death sentence" has been to raise the

spirits of millions of people worldwide who suffer from ALS with his strength and optimism and watch Team Gleason, the nonprofit he founded with wife Michel, provide more than \$15 million worth of assistive technology to people with the disease.

It's his activism in the ALS community, which has changed countless lives, that prompted the NCAA to present him with its 2022 Inspiration Award last week.

The honor is given annually to those formally in college athletics who are role models, inspiring people through their life and work.

WSU athletic director Pat Chun accepted the award on Gleason's behalf at the NCAA

Honors Celebration Wednesday in Indianapolis.

"I believe we are resilient beings, and we can make the choice to embrace and accept life's experiences, no matter what," SBNation reported that Gleason told the NCAA.

"If we can do this, there is a strength within us that we didn't previously recognize, a resilience to move through discontent and suffering. This resilience brings space and peace — a true freedom.

"Rather than allowing the struggle to consume me, I chose to accept the reality of my situation and then got innovative with any tools I could access to see and share the beauty in my life and transform myself to ultimately grow stronger."

LEWIS COUNTY Sports SCOREBOARD

Local Schedules

TUESDAY, Jan. 25

Boys Hoops

Centralia at Black Hills, 7 p.m.
Tumwater at W.F. West, 7 p.m.
Rochester at Shelton, 7 p.m.
Hoquiam at Tenino, 7 p.m.
Pe Ell at Firm Foundation, 6 p.m.
Mary M Knight at Oakville, 5:45 p.m.

Girls Hoops

Napavine at Adna, 7 p.m.
Toledo at Morton-White Pass, 7 p.m.
Onalaska at Toutle Lake, 7 p.m.
Winlock at Kalama, 7 p.m.
Mary M. Knight at Oakville, 7 p.m.

Bowling

Black Hills at W.F. West, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 26

Boys Hoops

Adna at Napavine, 7 p.m.
Morton-White Pass at Toutle Lake, 7 p.m.
Toutle Lake at Onalaska, 7 p.m.
Mossyrock at Rainier, 7 p.m.
Kalama at Winlock, 7 p.m.

Girls Hoops

Black Hills at Centralia, 7 p.m.
WFW at Tumwater, 7 p.m.
Shelton at Rochester, 7 p.m.
Tenino at Hoquiam, 7 p.m.
Oakville at South Bend, 7 p.m.

College Hoops

SPSCC men at Centralia College, 7:30 p.m.
SPSCC women at Centralia College, 5:30 p.m.

Wrestling

Shelton at W.F. West, 6 p.m.
Centralia at Aberdeen, 6 p.m.
Toledo at Raymond, 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, Jan. 27

Boys Hoops

Centralia at Tumwater, 7 p.m.
W.F. West at Black Hills, 7 p.m.
Tenino at King's Way Christian, 7 p.m.

Girls Hoops

Morton-White Pass at Adna, 7 p.m.
Stevenson at Napavine, 7 p.m.
Winlock at Onalaska, 7 p.m.
Toutle Lake at Rainier, 7 p.m.
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Black Hills: Johnson 7, Stallings 30, Pilon 1, L. Ellison 10, Shepler 2, J. Ellison 6, Rongen 10, Byoune 10, Beck 4

TIGERS 71, MULES 52

Napavine 16 11 24 20 —71
Wahkiakum 18 6 13 15 —52
Napavine: Grose 22, Olson 23, Prather 18, Parker 5, Stanley 3, Denault 2
Wahkiakum: Bro. Avalon 24, Sause 10, Carlson 9, Johnson 9

Girls Basketball

CARDINALS 69, VIKINGS 35

Willapa Vly. 12 11 5 7 —35
Winlock 23 14 27 5 —69
Willapa Valley: Amacher 16, Emery 6
Winlock: Hall 34, Kelly 16, Carper 11

VIKINGS 53, TIMBERWOLVES 29

Morton-WP 7 11 5 6 —29
Mossyrock 9 14 17 11 —53
Morton-WP: Mays 9, N. Armstrong 7, Gonzalez 4, Miller 2, Sams 2, Pendergrass 2, M. Armstrong 2, Hampton 1
Mossyrock: Torrey 32, Lovan 5, Schultz 4, Marshall 4, Weise 2

LOGGERS 51, RIVERHAWKS 36

Toledo 14 8 6 8 —36
Onalaska 11 17 20 3 —51
Toledo: Dillon 9, Marcil 4, Stanley 3, Rodriguez 4, Langhaim 16
Onalaska: Talley 6, D. Hamilton 11, M. Hamilton 5, Lawrence 10, Sandridge 14, Russ 5

BEAVERS 49, CRUISERS 28

Eatonville 8 7 6 7 —28
Tenino 20 14 3 12 —49
Tenino: Schow 19, Severse 13,
Hunter 8, Vestal 4, Feltus 4, Letts 1

Saturday's Games

Women's College Basketball

TRAILBLAZERS 62, GATORS 34

Centralia 17 14 15 16 —62
Green River 5 1 20 8 —34
Centralia: Davis 18, Sederberg-Jones 6, DeBerry 8, Winter 12, Williams 5, Tucson 2, Johnson 2, Forks 9
Green River: Harder 2, Anderson 3, Kalama 5, Mundy 16, Broadhead 4, Pugmire 2, Dumas 2

Boys Basketball

T-BIRDS 58, COUGARS 44

Tumwater 12 17 12 17 —58
Capital 8 9 10 17 —44
Tumwater: Otton 15, Hopkins 10, Overbay 10, Collins 9, L. Brewer 9, Reid 3, T. Brewer 2
Capital: Bjornsgard 16

TIMBERWOLVES 62, DUCKS 51

Morton-WP 13 14 13 22 —62
Toutle Lake 12 19 12 8 —51
Morton-WP: Kelly 14, L. Collette 4, Hazen 6, K. Collette 6, Dotson 13, Dantine 1, Salguero 18
Toutle Lake: Swanson 24

VALLEY 62, MOSSYROCK 48

Willapa Vly. 25 14 12 11 —62
Mossyrock 11 5 11 21 —48
Willapa Valley: Kolton Fluke 20
Mossyrock: Zack Munoz 22, K. Kolb 16, E. Kolb 3, Comer 3, West 2, Nelson 2

EAGLES 68, ACORNS 62

Oakville: Klatush 24, Cayenne 3, Ashton 17, Price 7, Rodas 10, Spears 1

Girls Basketball

WOLVES 45, GRIZZLIES 33

Hoquiam 12 10 6 5 —33
Black Hills 8 15 11 11 —45
Black Hills: McMahon 17, Johnson 11, Parker 5, Klovass 4, Aybar 4, Welch 3

VALLEY 42, MOSSYROCK 38

Mossyrock 9 9 13 7 —38
Willapa Vly. 15 9 9 9 —42
Mossyrock: Torrey 22, Swartz 5, D. Marshall 4, Wiese 3, Lovan 2, Schultz 2
Willapa Valley: Amacher 14

DUCKS 40, RIVERHAWKS 34

Toutle Lake: Grabenhorst 10
Toledo: Rodriguez 9, Stanley 9

Saturday's Women's College Basketball

Blazers Beat Green River

By The Chronicle staff

Entering what it thought would be a short break back in December on a three-game winning streak — before it turned into over a month-long pause thanks to a spike in COVID cases and flooding in Lewis County — all the Centralia Community College women's basketball team wanted to do was keep riding that momentum.

Saturday night, in their first game since Jan. 19, the Trailblazers soundly beat Green River Community College on the road, 62-34. It's their fourth win in a row over a span of 36 days.

"Everyone was excited to play," Blazers coach Caleb Sells said. "We felt good about how we were

practicing, the effort tonight was off the charts. We were ready to play against someone in a different jersey."

The Blazers (7-5, 1-0 NWAC) got 18 points from Shawnacee Davis, 12 points from Rochester-grad Paige Winter to lead them in scoring. But it was a dominant defensive effort, that held the Gators to single-digit scoring in three quarters, that proved to be the difference.

"Everything was clicking," Sells said. "I wondered how we were going to come out after a long break, and everyone locked on to their roles."

Centralia will look to keep things rolling against South Puget Sound at home on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m.

Friday's 1A Girls Basketball

Beavers Cruise Past Eatonville

By The Chronicle staff

In its first game since Jan. 10, Tenino used staunch defense to offset tired legs in a 49-28 victory over visiting Eatonville in 1A Evergreen League play on Friday.

Tenino built a 20-8 lead in the first quarter with Beaver star Ashley Schow scoring just two of those 20 points, giving the Beavers the balanced scoring they've been seeking all season.

"We were very excited about that," Tenino coach Scott Ashmore said. "That means other girls are scoring and that's what

we're looking for."

Schow would go on to finish with a game-high 19 points, while Abby Severse added 13 and Alivia Hunter tacked on eight points.

It was a solid defensive showing for the Beavers, who held the Cruisers to double-digit scoring in all four quarters.

"We've been really successful on defense," Ashmore said. "We were solid all four quarters. The girls played hard and worked hard."

Tenino (10-3, 2-0 1A Evergreen) heads to Hoquiam for another league matchup on Wednesday.

Saturday's 2A Boys Basketball

Tumwater Pushes Win Streak to Eight

By The Chronicle staff

The T-Birds just keep on rolling, after another win over 3A Capital Saturday night, the Tumwater boys basketball team has won eight straight heading back into league play next week.

The Thunderbirds led from start-to-finish over their 3A counterpart, 58-44, on the road in Olympia. Ryan Otton led them with 15 points and seven rebounds, and Conner Hopkins

(10 points) and Adam Overbay (10 points) also notched double figure scoring nights. Overbay also finished with a team-high 12 total rebounds for the double-double effort.

Another well-rounded scoring night, with seven T-Birds on the scoresheet, allowed them to outpace a solid 3A team on the road, who only managed double-digit scoring outings in two quarters, both in the second half.

Tumwater will put its unbeaten league record on the line against rival W.F. West on Tuesday in Chehalis for its next game.

Friday's 2B Boys Basketball

Pirates Blitz Riverhawks With Second Half Barrage

By Alec Dietz

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ADNA — The Adna boys basketball team picked up its third win of the week Friday at home, building up a double-digit lead at half before pulling away for a dominant 71-48 win over Toledo.

The Pirates (12-3, 6-1 C2BL) got a game-high 18 points from Braeden Salme, 17 points and four 3-pointers from Chase Collins, and 13 from Eli Smith to round out three double figure scorers.

With nine makes from behind the 3-point line and shot nearly 50% from the field in another strong win this week, and held Toledo to just 48 points, including just three from star guard Jake Cournyer.

The Riverhawks (11-5, 2-4 C2BL) struggled to score for the second straight game, with two double figure scorers in Rogan Stanley (10 points) and Carson Olmstead (13 points), but nothing consistent enough to keep up with the high-powered Pirates.

It's Toledo's second straight loss this week after a defeat at the hands of Rainier. The Riverhawks will look to bounce back against Eatonville on Monday, while Adna looks to keep the pressure up against Napavine on Wednesday.

Big Second Half Propels Tigers Past Mules

Napavine exploded for 44 second-half points and the Tigers ran away from Wahkiakum for a 71-52 road victory in Central 2B League play on Friday.

Keith Olson scored a team-high 23 points while James Grose added 22 and Jarin Prather knocked in 18 as the Tigers won their fourth straight.

"It was a tight first half, but we extended it out in the second half," Napavine coach Rex Stanley said.

The Tigers trailed by two (18-16) at the end of one and led by three at the half before reeling off a 24-13 run in the third quarter to pull away for good.

Wahkiakum was led by Brodie Avalon's game-high 23 points.

Napavine (11-2, 5-1 C2BL) hosts league foe Adna on Wednesday.



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Adna guard Aaron Aselton drives for a layup against Toledo on Friday.

Rainier Wins Second Straight After Strong Third Frame

The Rainier boys basketball team didn't get off to the start it wanted, but thanks to a strong third quarter run and scoring galore, the Mountaineers upended Onalaska at home, 73-46, Friday night.

The Mountaineers (record) got a game-high 23 points from Ian Sprouffske and 20 points from David Cano to pace the scoring with some inconsistent defensive play.

"It is incredible to see what we can be when we focus defensively and share the ball on the offensive end," Mountaineers coach Ben Sheaffer said. "Thomas Ronne ignited us on both ends and David Cano's leadership helped get us going in the second half."

On the other end, the Loggers are still looking to put the pieces together. Kole Taylor had a team-high 19 points to lead



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Toledo forward Carson Olmstead is fouled on a layup attempt against Adna on Friday.

Ony in the scoring column. They played Mossyrock on Monday

in a non-league game, while the Mountaineers look to keep

it going against the Vikings on Wednesday.

Friday's 2A Boys Basketball

Wolves Beat Warriors on Senior Night Behind 30 from Stallings

By The Chronicle staff

Junior Johnnie Stallings had a 30-piece, seniors Luke Ellison and Andre Byoune each notched double figure scoring nights, and the Black Hills boys basketball team upended Rochester at home on Senior Night, 80-63, Friday.

The Wolves (9-6, 5-2 2A EvCo) won their fifth league contest, and avenged an earlier loss to the Warriors (3-9, 1-5 2A

EvCo) earlier this season in the win.

Stallings led the way in the scoring column, but the Wolves had a well-rounded scoring night with Ellison and Byoune scoring 10 a piece, and Keagan Rongen also dropped 10 on an efficient night shooting.

The Warriors were led by Tyler Klatush's 20 points, and Jyson O'Connor (12 points) and Sawyer Robbins (10 points) also finished in double-digits.

"We had a rough start," Warriors coach Derrick Pringle said. "We couldn't connect on shots and had turnovers in the first quarter. We settled down in the second and started to work on getting the lead down. They came prepared and played an excellent game."

Black Hills will play Centralia in its next contest on Tuesday, while Rochester looks to rebound against Aberdeen on Monday.

Thunderbirds Win Seventh Straight Against Bobcats

Paced by a strong defense and balanced scoring attack, the Tumwater boys basketball team won its seventh straight game, and is still perfect in league, after a 74-30 win over Aberdeen Friday night.

The Thunderbirds (11-2, 7-0

2A EvCo) had three double figure scorers in Andrew Collins (16 points), Luke Brewer (13 points) and Conner Hopkins (11 points), and had 10 total players on the score sheet in a well-rounded win.

The Bobcats managed a double-digit scoring quarter just once in the second frame.

The T-Birds will put their unbeaten league record to the test against W.F. West on the road on Tuesday.

NFL

McPherson Kicks Bengals Past Tennessee

By Tribune News Services

The Tennessee Titans had Derrick Henry back in the lineup and sacked Cincinnati Bengals quarterback Joe Burrow nine times on Saturday. But the Bengals still beat the Titans 19-16 to advance to the AFC Championship Game.

Tennessee quarterback Ryan Tannehill threw an interception on his first and last passes of the game (with another interception in between), and when linebacker Logan Wilson picked off Tannehill with 20 seconds to play, Cincinnati had a chance to knock off the AFC postseason's No. 1 seed.

As he did during the regular season, rookie kicker Evan McPherson cashed in the opportunity by nailing a 52-yard field goal on the final snap of the game.

The former Fort Payne High

School standout had kicked a game-deciding field goal on the final play three times during the regular season.

"He's got ice in his veins," Cincinnati coach Zac Taylor said. "There's not much to be said. He's as cool as it gets. You've got confidence that he's going to nail it every single time that he steps up there. ..."

"He just steps up. The moment's never too big for him. We're happy to have him."

On Saturday, McPherson also made field goals of 38, 45 and 54 yards, in addition to an extra point. McPherson became the first player in NFL history to make at least four field goals in more than one game in a single postseason.

In the Bengals' 26-19 victory over the Las Vegas Raiders on Jan. 15 in a Super Wild-Card Weekend game, McPherson also

made four field goals.

McPherson has made 11-of-13 field-goal attempts of at least 50 yards this season, and Saturday's showing made him 18-for-18 on field-goal attempts in road games.

Henry had not played since Oct. 31, when he sustained a fractured foot. The former Alabama All-American returned from injured reserve and ran for 62 yards and one touchdown on 20 carries.

Henry scored on a 3-yard run after taking a wildcat snap with 6:07 left in the first half. The TD tied the game at 6-6, but the Bengals stopped Henry on a 2-point conversion run from the 1-yard line after his score. Cincinnati also stopped Henry short on a fourth-and-1 carry at the Bengals 35-yard line with 7:16 left to play and the score tied.

Despite the sacks, Burrow

completed 27-of-38 passes for 348 yards with no touchdowns and one interception, with rookie wide receiver Ja'Marr Chase gaining 109 yards on five receptions.

Tannehill went 15-of-24 passing for 220 yards with one touchdown and three interceptions. Wide receiver A.J. Brown caught a 33-yard pass from Tannehill as the Titans tied the game with 15 seconds left in the third quarter. Brown had five receptions for 142 yards.

Cincinnati won a playoff game on the road for the first time in its history. The Bengals had been 0-7 in that circumstance before Saturday.

Cincinnati will be on the road again in the AFC Championship Game at 2 p.m. Jan. 30. The Bengals will play the Kansas City Chiefs game for the AFC's spot in Super Bowl LVI.

College Football

Former New Mexico RB Aaron Dumas Commits to UW Huskies

By Tribune News Services

The Washington Huskies added from the transfer portal again Sunday morning, this time picking up a commitment from a proven Mountain West running back.

Former New Mexico standout Aaron Dumas — who entered the transfer portal earlier this month, and reported an offer from UW not long after — announced his commitment to the Huskies on Twitter.

He heads to Seattle with three seasons of eligibility remaining after leading New Mexico's backfield as a true freshman.

Dumas appeared in New Mexico's first 11 games of the season. He led the Lobos in rushing with 136 carries for 658 yards and a pair of touchdowns, and averaged 4.8 yards per attempt.

Saturday's Prep Girls Basketball

Riverhawks Drop Fourth Straight to Ducks

By The Chronicle staff

Still playing a bit short-handed and battered after three losses this week, the Toledo girls basketball team couldn't seal the deal late against Toutle Lake in a 40-34 loss at home Saturday night.

The Riverhawks led through three quarters, 27-24, but a 16-7 run in the final frame did them in in their fourth straight loss this week.

Toledo was led by Vanesa Rodriguez' and Ryah Stanley's nine points, and will look to bounce back against Morton-White Pass on Tuesday.

Mossyrock Upset by Valley in First League Loss

The long trek west wasn't favorable to the Vikings of the east, as the Mossyrock girls basketball team fell to the Vikings west in Willapa Valley, 42-38 Saturday night.

Mossyrock (7-3, 2-1 1B CVL) had a game-high 22 points from Payton Torrey, who struggled to find scoring outside their point guard in the loss, and minus two starters in Hailey Brooks and Caelyn Marshall.

"We had miscommunication everywhere," Mossyrock coach Autumn Moorcroft said. "We had a hard time getting the ball in the basket and playing consistently enough on defense."

Moorcroft commended the play of Torrey, but also eighth grader Taylor Swartz who scored five points and played solidly on defense with extended minutes.

The Vikings will look to rebound against 2B power Wahkiakum on the road on Friday.



Ryan Peerboom / The Daily News

Toledo's Vanessa Rodriguez shoots during a Central 2B League girls basketball game Saturday in Toledo.

Wolves' Second-Half Defense Foils Grizzlies

Black Hills' defense held visiting Hoquiam to just 11 second-half points and the Wolves walked away with a 45-33 victory in a non-league matchup on

Saturday.

The Wolves overcame a slow start, trailing Hoquiam 12-8 at the end of one quarter. But a 15-10 advantage in the second quarter gave the Wolves a 23-22 lead heading into the locker room.

Black Hills then locked down

defensively and reeled off a 22-11 run in the second half to secure the win. The Wolves avenged a 42-39 loss to the Grizzlies on Dec. 2.

The Wolves were led offensively by freshman point guard Kiley McMahon's 17 points and four rebounds. Claire Johnson

added 11 points and six boards, while Ava Klovas pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds. Madison Parker finished with seven rebounds and five points.

The loss snaps a two-game losing skid for the Wolves (5-6, 3-3 EvCo), who hosted Elma on Monday.

NFL

49ers Stun Packers, 13-10, on Robbie Gould's Last-Second Field Goal

By Cam Inman

The Mercury News

GREEN BAY, Wis. — On and on this dramatic 49ers' season goes, from one elimination game to the next, with a spot now reserved for them in the NFC Championship Game.

They advanced Saturday night with a fourth-quarter comeback against the top-seeded Green Bay Packers, emerging with a 13-10 triumph in an epic, divisional playoff game further decorated by a dusting of snow at Lambeau Field.

After dramatically keeping their season alive with road wins over the Los Angeles Rams and Dallas Cowboys, the 49ers (12-7) improved to 4-0 in post-season action against Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers.

Next up will be the winner of Sunday's game (noon PT) between the defending champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the visiting Los Angeles Rams.

How did the 49ers escape this time?

Officially, they won it on Robbie Gould's 45-yard field goal, a drive keyed by Jimmy Garoppolo's over-the-middle completions to George Kittle (12 yards) and Deebo Samuel (14 yards).

On third-and-7 from the Packers' 38-yard line, after a 49ers' timeout, Garoppolo took a shotgun snap with 1:03 left and handed the ball off to Samuel on a draw. Samuel churned to the 29-yard line, then hopped off the field, unable to put weight on his right foot.

The clock ticked under 30 seconds. Garoppolo got under center. Then Elijah Mitchell ran up the middle — a painful reminder of his failed fourth-and-1 run on the 49ers' preceding drive from the Packers' 19. So, with 0:13 on the clock, Garoppolo handed off again, and it was Kyle Juszczyk's turn up the middle to the right hash-mark, all in an effort to set up Gould's winner.

What really saved the 49ers' season, however, was the most unlikely of game-tying touchdowns. It was scored on special teams by rookie Talanoa Hufanga with 4:41 remaining. Hufanga scooped the football off



Quinn Harris / Getty Images

San Francisco 49ers kicker Robbie Gould (9) runs off the field after kicking the game-winning field goal against the Green Bay Packers in an NFC Divisional Playoff game at Lambeau Field on Saturday in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

the snow-covered grass, once Jordan Willis heroically blocked Corey Bojorquez's punt.

Willis, despite a high ankle sprain last game, plowed through the Packers' long snapper and extended his left hand up to block the punt.

That left Aaron Rodgers plenty of time for late-game magic, against a team he needed only 37 seconds to spare for a game-winning drive in the 49ers' home opener in Week 3. Instead, that Packers drive was harmless, expiring once Rogers' 45-yard heave toward Davante Adams fell incomplete with 3:33 remaining.

Once Gould's field goal

cleared through the uprights, it gave him a perfect 20-for-20 record on postseason field-goal attempts. It was the most clutch moment of his lengthy career and a game-winning kick that rivaled Adam Vinatieri's for the 2001 New England Patriots.

The 49ers players and coaches celebrated by racing all over the Packers' legendary field. Pandemonium.

Before Garoppolo walked off into the locker room, he turned to acknowledge the 49ers' fans who made the trek — the same fans who surely cursed Garoppolo's presence after he had a pass intercepted at the Packers' 4-yard line just before halftime.

But a storybook finish made that a footnote, just as it did the four third-down sacks he endured, just as it did a failed fourth-and-1 run by Mitchell earlier in the fourth quarter.

The 49ers defense, which allowed an opening touchdown drive, proved resilient the game's remainder, especially so in the final quarter. Arik Armstrong's third-down sack of Rodgers forced the Packers to settle for a 33-yard field goal and a 10-3 lead with 11:27 to go.

It was Samuel who sparked the 49ers' second-half comeback bid. As snow flurries arrived, Samuel returned the second half's kickoff 49 yards to midfield. He followed with four more touches (39 yards worth) to set up Gould's 29-yard field goal and a 7-3 deficit. Stalling out that drive were two penalties in the red zone, Mitchell getting called for grabbing a facemask and then Trent Williams lining up in an illegal formation.

The 49ers trailed 7-0 at halftime, and it could have been much worse had their defense not rallied after the opening touchdown drive. More help came from Jimmie Ward blocking a field goal attempt as the first half expired.

That blocked kick couldn't take the sting out of what happened earlier, specifically Garoppolo's pass that got intercepted at the Packers' 4-yard line by safety Adrian Amos with 56 seconds until halftime.

It's at this point in the program where Garoppolo detractors will point out the 49ers entered 7-0 in games he doesn't throw an interception.

The 49ers had reached the 9-yard line after a Garoppolo completion to Kittle, but then came a holding penalty on Williams, who earlier in the drive went in motion as a fullback and punishingly led the way for a Mitchell third-down conversion.

The 49ers had gone three-and-out on their earlier four possessions, which was a stark contrast to how the Packers opened by marching 69 yards (10 plays) en route to an A.J. Dillon touchdown run and 7-0 lead.

Bucs Rally, but Leave Too Much Time for the Rams

TAMPA, Fla. (TNS) — Tom Brady's lip was bleeding. He had just taken a hit to the face after a completion to Mike Evans in the first half of Sunday's NFC divisional playoff game against the Rams.

The Bucs quarterback complained loudly as he jogged down the field to referee Shawn Hochuli, who threw a flag on Brady for unsportsmanlike conduct, the first of his illustrious career.

But Brady is a fighter and he battled his team back from a 24-point deficit to tie the score as the fourth quarter wound down.

The Bucs got to within a touchdown on Brady's 55-yard pass to Evans. On the next possession, Rams running back Cam Akers was stripped of the ball by Ndamukong Suh and Lavonte David recovered at the Los Angeles 30-yard line.

Brady moved the Bucs to the Rams' 9-yard line after a completion to Cameron Brate. The Rams called timeout with 46 seconds remaining.

On the next play, Leonard Fournette broke free around right end for a 9-yard touchdown and Ryan Succop kicked the extra point to tie it at 27 with 42 seconds remaining.

But Rams quarterback Matthew Stafford connected on passes of 44 and 20 yards to Cooper Kupp, then Matt Gay — a former fifth-round draft pick by Tampa Bay — connected on a 30-yard field goal to give the Rams a 30-27 win over the Bucs.

Playing without All-Pro tackle Tristan Wirfs, Brady was under siege and the Bucs defense was on its heels against the Rams.

The Bucs wanted to defend their NFL championship. They wanted to go for two. They returned 22 starters in hopes of making it to Super Bowl 56 in Los Angeles.

But there will be no Hollywood ending.

Not this year.

The Rams will play the 49ers in next Sunday's NFC Championship Game at SoFi Stadium, home of Super Bowl 56.

NFL

When It Mattered Most, Cooper Kupp Again Carried the Rams

By Sam Farmer

Los Angeles Times

The father of Rams receiver Cooper Kupp stands nearly 6 feet 5, and he was teetering on a chair to peer over the people clustered at the front of a suite Sunday at Raymond James Stadium.

No one dared breathe. “We were living and dying in that fourth quarter,” Craig Kupp said.

The Tom Brady-led Tampa Bay Buccaneers miraculously had clawed their way out of a deep abyss to tie the NFC divisional playoff game with 42 seconds left, and the Rams had one final chance to answer.

Then, in five plays sure to be etched in Rams history, quarterback Matthew Stafford drove his team 63 yards to set up Matt Gay’s 30-yard field goal on the final play that secured the 30-27 victory.

After Stafford was sacked for a one-yard loss — and a fleeting fumble that he frantically recovered — he connected with Kupp on pass plays of 20 and 44 yards to position the Rams for the winning kick.

How poetic that it was Kupp who made those plays, a guy who has carried the Rams this season, becoming just the fourth player since 1970 to finish the regular season with the most catches, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns to win the league’s “triple crown.”

No catch was bigger than that 44-yarder down the middle.

“Cooper was on a vertical route right down the pipe, and Matthew put great trajectory on it,” Rams coach Sean McVay said. “Cooper was able to dig out from underneath it, and the rest is history. It felt like that ball hung up for about 12 seconds.”

Ah, yes, 12. Brady’s jersey number. That could have haunted McVay even more than it already does, as the Rams lost the



Robert Gauthier / Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles Rams wide receiver Cooper Kupp (10) hauls in a 40-yard pass over Tampa Bay Buccaneers safety Antoine Winfield Jr. (31) late in the game to set up a game-winning field goal in the NFC Divisional Playoff at Raymond James Stadium.

Super Bowl to Brady’s New England Patriots three years ago.

Buccaneers coach Bruce Arians told reporters they planned to blitz Stafford on that fateful final pass but that wasn’t communicated to the entire defense, resulting in the busted coverage.

Before that, though, it was uneasy is the head that wears the crown because even though Kupp scored a 70-yard touchdown in the second quarter, he had an uncharacteristic fumble in the third that helped fuel Brady’s comeback.

“It’s obviously tough,” Kupp said of the fumble. “It’s an inevitable part of this game. No one has played this game and not had one of those. You felt like you let your team down, put the de-

fense out there in a terrible spot. Never want to do that. Literally on the sideline before we go on that drive we’re preaching, ‘Ball security. Ball security. Ball security.’ That kind of started the slow trickle of what our offense turned into.”

But his chance for redemption would come, and he took full advantage. He finished with nine receptions for 183 yards, something of a routine day of work for a player the Rams — and many others — argue should be the league’s most valuable player. A receiver has never won that honor in the Super Bowl era.

“The way he produces in clutch moments for our team is incredible and something that can’t be praised enough,” punt-

er Johnny Hekker said. “The guy just works tirelessly. Never for self-glorification but for the team.”

The last time the Rams got this far, Kupp was a spectator. He was recovering from a torn anterior cruciate ligament when his team made its march to the Super Bowl in 2018.

“That was one of the hardest things I’ve ever gone through,” he said. “One part of me was completely and fully invested in pulling for my guys and wanting to see them achieve success, achieve the pinnacle of success.

“And then on the other side, fully and completely wanting to be a part of it and not being able to. It can tear you apart a little bit. I think I would have the appre-

ciation for this, regardless, but I know what the other side of this is. I have a ton of appreciation for every snap I get to play this great game.”

Meanwhile, his parents were watching from a suite rented by Kelly Stafford, the quarterback’s wife. Craig Kupp must have been eight feet tall standing on that chair, and by game’s end felt even taller.

“We went from euphoria, to ‘What the heck’s going on here?’ and back to euphoria,” he said.

Afterward, he was basking in the afterglow. Among the greatest moments in a parent’s life.

“We have four kids,” Craig said. “And this makes the top five.”

Brady Speculation Runs Rampant as Rams End Bucs’ Playoff Run

By Tribune News Services

Is this the way Tom Brady is ending his legendary NFL career?

Brady and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers were bounced by the Los Angeles Rams in an NFC divisional round game Sunday at Raymond James Stadium and speculation is growing that Brady might call it quits.

NBC, which broadcast the 30-27 Rams win, helped amplify the rumors with Brady’s pre-game comments. The Rams advanced to host the San Francisco 49ers in the NFC Championship Game at SoFi Stadium.

“Out of the blue, the question comes up this week, will he retire after the season,” NFL Insider Mike Florio said on NBC. “I have no idea what changed or how it changed or why it changed, but the thinking is, maybe he’s gotten to the point where he recognizes he’s missed too much of his family time.

“He’s been around the NFL for 22 years now and it could be that he takes a step back and figures out whether or not he truly does indeed intend to continue in 2022. This thing is amazing in how quickly it’s bubbled up and we have to take it seriously.”

Brady, of course, is a first ballot Hall of Famer. He turns 45 in August. He just completed his 22nd season in the NFL.

He finished with 329 yards on 30 of 54 passing with a touchdown, an interception, and a fumble.

He owns nearly every NFL quarterback record and has made a record 10 Super Bowl appearances with a record seven titles, including a year ago when he led the Bucs to a Super Bowl title. He won six Super Bowls in 20 years with the New England Patriots.

Brady is the all-time NFL leader in passing yards, touchdowns, attempts and completions.

Although he didn’t play outstanding in Sunday’s loss, Brady had one of the best seasons of his storied career. He threw for a career-high 5,316 yards and had career highs in completions and attempts.

KC Chiefs Outlast Bills in OT Victory to Reach AFC Title Game

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (TNS) — Thirteen seconds.

That’s all it took for Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes to calmly lead his team into field goal range against the Buffalo Bills in the waning moments of regulation to send the game into overtime, which kicker Harrison Butker did with a 49-yard kick.

The Chiefs won the toss and Mahomes took care of the rest in the extra period, connecting with tight end Travis Kelce for an 8-yard touchdown to secure a 42-36 win and send the Chiefs to the AFC Championship Game.

Their fourth straight AFC Championship Game at Arrowhead Stadium, the first time a team will play host to a conference title game.

The Bills drew first blood Sunday night, the Chiefs responded in kind, and then the two teams traded blows in the one the wildest two-minute span of NFL action in regulation.

The two teams exchanged leads three times in the final two minutes.

Buffalo appeared to overcome the odds when quarterback Josh Allen found Gabriel Davis for a 19-yard touchdown, the fourth of the game, with 13 seconds remaining in the game and a 36-33 lead before Mahomes’ heroics.

Earlier, Mahomes and wide receiver Tyreek Hill made sure the home team would keep the hopes alive to advance in the playoffs.

Facing a three-point deficit with less than two minutes remaining in the game, Mahomes threw a short pass to Hill over the middle and the speedster did the rest, blowing through the Bills secondary for a 64-yard touchdown and short-lived 33-29 lead.

A slip and a fall almost doomed the Chiefs, and it seemed to occur in the worst possible moment in the fourth quarter with the Bills driving on a potential game-winning score.

Facing a fourth-and-13 play at the Chiefs’ 27-yard line at the 2-minute warning, Allen took advantage of cornerback Mike Hughes falling down near the



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Kansas City Chiefs wide receiver Mecole Hardman is hoisted in the air by quarterback Patrick Mahomes after Hardman scored a touchdown in the third quarter against the Buffalo Bills Sunday at Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City, Missouri.

left sideline. With Hughes, who appeared to slip coming out of a break, out of the picture, Davis was all alone in the end zone and Allen found him for a 27-yard touchdown to give Buffalo a 29-26 lead.

Sunday night’s game between two of the AFC’s top teams provided everything as advertised.

The Chiefs and Bills exchanged heavy blows in the first half and we virtually even in multiple categories, includ-

ing first downs (Chiefs 14, Bills 12), total yards (Chiefs 199, Bills 176) and total plays (Buffalo 32, Chiefs 31).

One of the team, however, had to emerge and it was the Chiefs to do it.

Buffalo also converted two fourth downs on their opening drive, which running back Devin Singletary capped off with a 1-yard touchdown run on a fourth-and-goal play. Earlier, Allen kept the drive alive with a 10-yard run after the Bills faced a fourth-and-2 situation.

Mahomes had the answer on the Chiefs’ subsequent possession, with 49 of the quarterback’s rushing yards accounting for the team’s 74 yards of offense. Mahomes finished the drive with an 8-yard touchdown run.

The Chiefs then grabbed the lead when Mahomes found wide receiver Byron Pringle for a 2-yard touchdown, finishing a 12-play, 81-yard drive.

Buffalo quickly answered with a scoring drive of their own, with Allen finding wide Davis for an 18-yard strike. On the play, cornerback L’Jarius Sneed appeared to get tied up with Hughes, who was knocked down. Davis went into the end zone untouched.

The Chiefs opened a nine-point lead in the third quarter, but it took Buffalo one play to make it a two-point affair after Allen connected with Davis for a 75-yard play after the wide receiver got by safety Juan Thornhill.

Mahomes finished the game completing 34 of 44 passes for 378 yards and three touchdowns. His favorite target in the game was Hill, who totaled 11 catches for 150 yards and a touchdown.

The Chiefs quarterback also rushed for 69 yards on seven carries, which established a new franchise single-game postseason record for most rushing yards by a Chiefs signal-caller in the playoffs.

With the win, the Chiefs become the first team in NFL history to host four consecutive conference championship games.

Winlock

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Hall erupted for a game-high 34 points on 6 of 8 shooting from beyond the arc to go with 10 rebounds. Kelly added 16 points on 4 of 6 shooting from downtown. The Cardinals shot 11 of 16 from the 3-point line on the night. Pe Ell junior Charlie Carper added 11 points, eight rebounds and six assists, while Winlock's Madison Vigre dished out six assists. The Cardinals passed the ball well all night, tallying 23 total assists, and used their hot shooting to take a 23-12 lead after one quarter and a 37-23 lead at the half before cruising to victory. Willapa Valley's Lanissa Amacher led the Vikings with 16 points. "Amacher) was really tough and we had a hard time stopping her in the high post," McCoy said. Winlock (8-7, 2-4 C2BL) hosted Columbia Adventist on Monday.

Bench Spurs Loggers to Win Over Riverhawks

Though it wasn't pretty in the first half, with both teams playing on the second leg of a game on back-to-back nights, the Onalaska girls basketball team's depth and bench helped spark it to a 51-36 win over a shorthanded Toledo squad Friday night. The Loggers (12-3, 6-1 C2BL) used a huge run in the third quarter, thanks to a couple of threes from Jaycee Talley and defense from Cierra Russ leading to offense. They outscored the Riv-



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Winlock's Kindyl Kelly (4) gets an inside shot against Willapa Valley on Friday in Pe Ell.

erhawks, 20-6 in the third and used that run to pull away and win their third game this week. "Both teams looked tired, it was a slow start," Loggers coach Alana Olson said. "They have a lot of heart. Last night was an emotional win, it took a physical and emotional toll, but we got in a roll thanks to a spark off the bench." Onalaska needed an 8-0 run in the final three minutes to defeat Rainier in a key league battle on Thursday, and got a similar

run in the third quarter to have a slightly less stressful win against the Riverhawks at home on Friday. Olson also praised Hope Rhodes for her defense, leading to runouts and strong scoring nights for leading scorers Brooklyn Sandridge (14 points), Dakota Hamilton (11 points) and Calie Lawrence (10 points). The Riverhawks were led by Taylor Langhaim's game-high 16 points.

Torrey Drops 32 as Vikings Roll Past MWP

Mossyrock junior Payton Torrey dropped a game-high 32 points with four 3-pointers and Mossyrock rolled past visiting Morton-White Pass, 53-29, in a non-league matchup on Friday. It was just the Vikings' second game in the past 37 days, and first since Jan. 8, and the rust certainly showed in the first quarter as they led just 9-7 after one quarter.

"It was a rough start and things just looked a little shaky," Mossyrock coach Autumn Moorcroft said. "Once we worked out the jitters, we got the ball rolling." Mossyrock outscored the Timberwolves 17-5 in the third quarter and 11-6 in the fourth to seal the victory. "Payton shot really well and the rest of the team did their jobs and shot well in the second half," Moorcroft said. Mossyrock faced Willapa Valley on Saturday.

Friday's 1B Boys Basketball

Boyd Leads Oakville Past Taholah

By The Chronicle staff

Oakville improved to 6-0 in 1B Coastal League boys hoops action on Friday, topping Taholah 72-35 on the road. Ashton Boyd went 14 of 20 from the field for 31 points and added 15 rebounds, 11 blocks and six assists for a triple double. Eddie Klatush chipped in with 17 points, eight rebounds and seven assists and Koner Burnette added 11 points.

Hoops

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Oakville (10-6, 6-0 1B Coastal League) went just 2 of 12 from behind the 3-point arc in the loss. Eddie Klatush led the way with 24 points, seven rebounds and five assists. Ashton Boyd posted his second-straight triple-double with 17 points, 10 rebounds and 10 blocked shots, Daniel Rodas added 10 points and Courtney Price scored seven with 11 rebounds. Oakville hosts Mary M. Knight on Tuesday.

NBA Grayson Allen Suspended for Flagrant Foul on Bulls' Caruso

MILWAUKEE (TNS) — Milwaukee Bucks guard Grayson Allen received a one-game suspension from the NBA for the flagrant-2 foul that fractured Chicago Bulls guard Alex Caruso's wrist during the third quarter Friday. The NBA announced the suspension Sunday and Allen will serve the suspension Wednesday. Flagrant-2 fouls are accompanied by fines with a minimum of \$2,000. Allen was ejected from the game after attempting to block a two-handed dunk by Caruso, grabbing the guard with his hand and ripping him out of the air. Caruso cushioned his fall with his right arm, resulting in a wrist fracture that requires surgery and will sideline him for six to eight weeks.

Jayden de Laura's Short Stint at WSU Left a Legacy of Highs and Lows

PORTAL: QB Navigated Cougars Through a Hectic Season Before Announcing His Transfer in Early January

By Colton Clark

The Spokesman-Review

PULLMAN — They overhauled their staff and ditched their run-and-shoot offense. Consequently, the Washington State Cougars probably expected some of their players to hit college football's free-agency market, known as the NCAA's transfer portal. Still, when Jayden de Laura announced Jan. 7 that he'd be finishing his collegiate career elsewhere, the initial reaction was surprise. It was an appropriate response from a fan base that had watched the dynamic young quarterback rally WSU to bowl eligibility after the team's mid-season coaching shakeup. The Cougars faithful had seen him mature over the past two years, steadily developing his leadership traits and blossoming into a rising star in the Pac-12 after seizing WSU's starting job as a true freshman ahead of the 2020 season.

De Laura drew praise this season for deftly navigating the Cougars' offense through a tumultuous season, during which three offensive-minded WSU coaches — including head coach Nick Rolovich — were fired for failing to comply with a state COVID-19 vaccine mandate. Jake Dickert took over for Rolovich in mid-October, and on multiple occasions throughout the back half of the season called de Laura the team's "catalyst" for success. After he was promoted to permanent coach Nov. 27 — partially because of his QB's consistency — Dickert repeatedly made his pitch to de Laura, promising supporters that the Cougars' new Air Raid offense would center around the fiery signal-caller from Hawaii who had spearheaded WSU's first Apple Cup win in nine years. Naturally, it came as a bit of a shock when those plans for the future fell through — just one week after the season ended, at that. De Laura's departure felt

sudden because it signaled a fresh start for WSU, a shift in identity for a Cougars offense that had been deeply influenced by his energetic, sometimes improvisational style of play. His diligence this season made him a folk hero among Cougars, many of whom predicted in past months that he'd be the next standout in WSU's recent string of quarterbacking greats. Instead, de Laura leaves behind a complicated legacy marked by unfulfilled potential. "We've entered a new world of college football and the portal has really changed the whole landscape," Dickert said Jan. 11. "Everyone has their own individual situations that we're constantly discussing. There has to be a plan and just knowing what's next for our program." Perhaps de Laura's exit was inevitable. After all, the Cougars seemed to be bracing for it. As de Laura shopped for suitors last month, WSU already had a successor in mind. On Jan. 10, the same day de Laura announced his commitment to Arizona, the Cougars signed an intriguing QB recruit in Cameron Ward. The Incarnate Word transfer sparked at the FCS level under coach Eric Morris, who was hired last month to install a revamped version of the Air Raid and coordinate the offense at WSU, which extended an offer to Ward in late December. Ward announced the offer within an hour of the final whistle of WSU's 24-21 loss to Central Michigan at the Sun Bowl on Dec. 31. De Laura started in the finale, but had a rough first half behind a makeshift offensive line and didn't play after halftime, apparently due to a lower-body injury. The program's incoming OC wanted to bring along his own quarterback, and that was no doubt a key reason behind de Laura's choice to transfer. Generally speaking, the school's coaching change was the deciding factor in de Laura's departure. The Cougars didn't retain any offensive assistants from their 2021 staff. These days, losing players to the portal is a byproduct of rebuilding a college program. De Laura is a longtime student of the run-and-shoot offense, dating back to his prep days in Honolulu. He'd been re-

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cruited by Mike Leach and mentored by Rolovich, with whom he formed a rapport in Pullman. De Laura was an outspoken supporter of his former coach, and clearly disgruntled when Rolovich was fired. It'd be fair to assume that de Laura began plotting a career move long before he announced it. In the end, he made a business decision, and Arizona presumably had the best offer. The Cougars, meanwhile, knew they could expedite their rebuild with Ward at the helm, considering his familiarity with the offense. So an enticing deal was put together for the rocket-armed sophomore, who picked WSU over Ole Miss after agreeing to a big-time NIL offer. "He's got a lot of upside in our program," Dickert said of Ward. "Those relationships (with teammates), he really specializes in. Then you turn the tape on and the throws he makes — regardless of level — are special." One one hand, it's hard to ignore the what-ifs surrounding de Laura's career in crimson and gray.

He's the only true freshman to start a season opener at quarterback in Cougars history, and onlookers could easily spot glimpses of his high ceiling during his debut season. But de Laura hit a setback when he missed spring camp last year while serving a suspension for an offseason DUI charge, of which he was later found not guilty. Rolovich started grad transfer Jarrett Guarantano in Week 1. The coach cited decision-making and maturity issues as his rationale for benching de Laura, who quickly won back his coach's trust when he entered in relief of Guarantano during WSU's season opener against Utah State. "He didn't throw his helmet down and go jump in the transfer portal," Rolovich said in early September. "He put his head down, went to work and was here for his teammates." From there, de Laura only improved as the year progressed. The Cougs suffered at the QB position when a leg injury sidelined de Laura for a game and a half early. But he bounced back, cementing himself as WSU's No. 1 option and topping the Pac-12 in passing touchdowns (23) and yards (2,742) in the regular season. He earned the conference's

offensive freshman of the year award. More important, he became a stabilizing presence for a fractured team and helped the Cougars change their narrative, turning what could have been a disaster into an uplifting season. Is that how he'll be remembered in Cougar Nation, as the spirited quarterback who planted Ol' Crimson at Husky Stadium? Or will his abrupt exit overshadow his accomplishments? Maybe no one will be wondering about what could have been. That is, if Ward is as good as his resume suggests. A four-star recruit, Ward comes to Pullman as a top-five transfer QB in the country. The Spokesman-Review conducted a Twitter poll earlier this month, asking voters to choose between Ward and de Laura. Over 800 Cougars fans participated, and 54% of them selected Ward. "I mean it: This is starting new," Dickert said. "We're turning the page and moving forward. We're excited to coach the guys that want to be here and be a part of it." Arizona will host WSU on Nov. 19. Checking in on WSU's roster A total of 28 players from WSU's 2021 roster have departed the school since the start of the season. Four of them declared for the NFL draft, ending their college careers early. Thirteen transferred, but only four played meaningful reps last year — de Laura, center Brian Greene, right guard Cade Beresford and edge Willie Taylor III. The rest have either completed their collegiate eligibility or graduated and decided to move on with eligibility remaining. The Cougars are losing seven starters on offense and five on defense. They replaced their QB already and feel confident in their receiving corps, but need to bulk up on the offensive line and add a running back or two. Mainstay linebackers Jahad Woods and Justus Rogers finished their careers. WSU inked a solid transfer LB in former Nevada standout Daiyan Henley and is expected to promote veteran middle LB Travion Brown. The Cougars return plenty of experience at D-line and cornerback, but the safety positions will feature unfamiliar faces in 2022.



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Cari Tucker holds Mishikoonz Mystic Lake, a Maine Coon cat with the highest ranking in the world, at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds during a show hosted Sunday morning by And a Mouse Cat Club.

Cat Show at Fairgrounds Hosts No. 1 Cat in the World

By Isabel Vander Stoep

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It only cost \$4 to witness royalty this weekend at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds: cat royalty.

His name is Mishikoonz Mystic Lake, or just “Mystic” for short, and he’s a 19-pound red-silver tabby and white polydactyl Maine Coon. In layman’s terms, he’s an enormous, shaggy, ginger and white cat with extra toes.

Mystic and his owners travel all over the country visiting cat shows held by The International Cat Association (TICA), the world’s largest cat registry. If not for COVID-19, the team would travel all over the world.

Even with their limited mobility, Mystic is sitting at the number one TICA spot in the world, a thousand points above his nearest competitor. His family lives in Redmond, Oregon, so coming to Lewis County for a show was practically a “home show,” said Mystic’s breeder and owner Cari Tucker.

“You compete for points, so he has more points than any other cat in the world,” Tucker said. “It’s a shock. The top 25 get an international win. That’s all I was going for, because he’s a good cat. But then he just kept his end of the bargain, and so I have to do my part.”

Mystic was one of more than 70 cats to compete in the show at the fairgrounds over the weekend, which was held by And A Mouse Cat Club, which is based in Olympia but holds shows across the region.

The show was managed by grizzled cat judge Kay Hanvey, who chartered And A Mouse 30 years ago. Cats are judged in different categories of kittens (between four and eight months old) and adults (8 months and older) for all pedigree cats. There is also a household pet category.

In each competition, judges compare contestants to a TICA standard for that breed. For an over-simplified example, the best Savannah cat — a domestic breed closely related to wild African serval cats — has a short to medium length coat with a slightly coarse feel, a spotted pattern and a triangle head.

To get cats ready to be handled by judges and patient enough to compete all day, they need to start learning about show life as soon as possible. No cats are allowed in show halls until 3 months of age. Once they reach 3 months, most breeders will pack kittens along to help them acclimate to the noise and social aspects of showing.

For Rainier-based breeder Julie Laney, getting her cats ready for shows starts long before they set paw in a show hall.



Mike Pfister carries Brienne of Tarth through the Blue Pavilion at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds during a cat show in Centralia on Sunday.



Jeanette McLeese carries two kittens named Bob and Deziray through the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds on Sunday.

Although Laney’s Savannah cat, Cloudsrest, is only six generations removed from a wild serval, she’s a chipper, friendly companion who doesn’t seem to mind getting passed around between judges.

“You need to get them into a room with lots of noise,” Laney said. “We take them to the gas

station, we take them to Home Depot, we take them everywhere. So they get handled by people that aren’t us, so they’re used to it. You have to do that for a show cat.”

Though owners must be dedicated and focused to keep up regular show appearances, the stakes at the And A Mouse

shows are low. Everyone gets a sticker, and cats receive a round of applause, ribbons and plenty of scratches behind the ear.

And really, a ribbon is far more valuable to a cat than any sum of money.

The most chaotic moments in the show world are when cats find a way to slip out of their

cages. In those instances, someone yells, “Cat out!” and everyone in the hall stands still, while some guard the door to make sure nobody comes in or out. Then, the owner has to go catch their cat.

One Bengal cat escaped its cage on Sunday, giving the well-rehearsed “cat out” plan a test. He was returned within one minute.

When asked if that Bengal had been getting out often, Hanvey said: “He’s been out more than he’s been in.”

One cat judge said there are a few misunderstandings about cat breeding, because “98% of cats are spayed or neutered,” she said. So, some veterinarians are just not used to seeing people who would purposely breed cats.

“So a lot of what we try to do is educate,” the judge said. “If I never got into the cat fancy I would have two cats and I would replace them every 15 to 20 years. I have more cats in my life, but it doesn’t have an impact on those random-bred cats, it just has an effect on this hobby that we have, preserving these ancient breeds.”

After that statement, the judge received a round of applause.

For more information on TICA, visit <https://tica.org/> for And A Mouse, go to <http://www.andamouse.com/>.

And A Mouse Cat Club will hold its next show at the Southwest Washington Fairgrounds in June.

Puzzles

Find Answers to the Puzzles in the Next Edition

Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Outshine
4 Expert pilot
7 Ladder type
11 Teahouse attire
12 Mashed potato serving
14 Antacid brand
15 So far
16 Asian princess
17 Sleeve fillers
18 Computer network
20 Like some milk
22 Agt.
23 Fast food chain
24 Lavish parties
27 Beat
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35 Least of the litter

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37 Hymn-singing groups
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40 Explain further
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42 Soft color
45 Gazing at
49 Linchpin locale
50 Online auction site
52 Caesar’s lucky number?
53 Bard’s tragic king
54 Extinct bird
55 Visitor from Melmac
56 Shade trees
57 Provo inst.
58 Volleyball need

- DOWN**
- 1 Playthings
2 Follow orders

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21 Switch positions
24 Ramble around
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26 Sumptuous
27 Rackets
28 “We try harder” folk
29 Not this
31 Took a fence
33 Ally opposite
35 Carnival attraction
36 Bistro
38 Wayne genre
39 “Yo!” (2 wds.)
41 All set
42 Whey-faced
43 Eddie Murphy’s — Foley
44 Door sound
46 Czar name
47 Giza’s river
48 Present
51 Mr. Newhart

WORD SCRAMBLE

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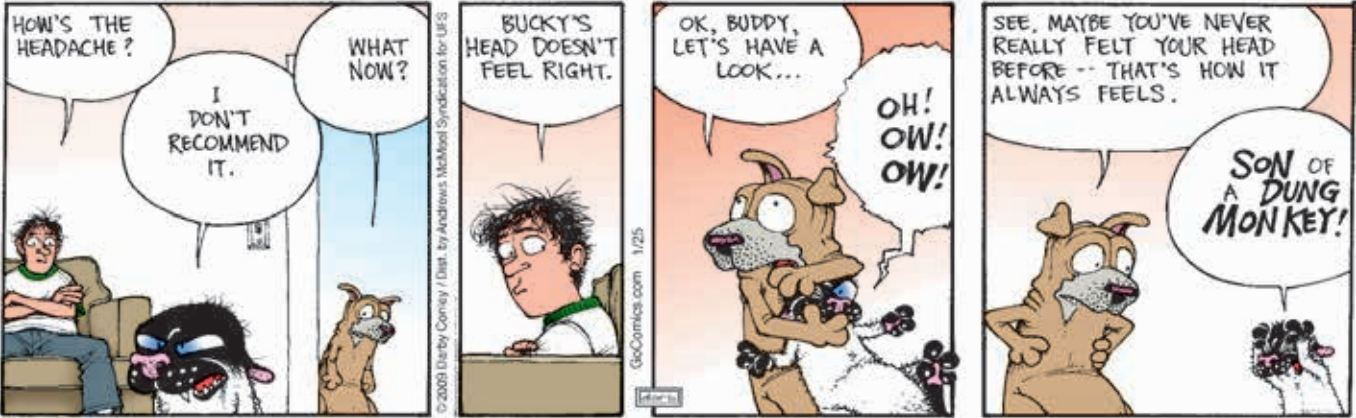
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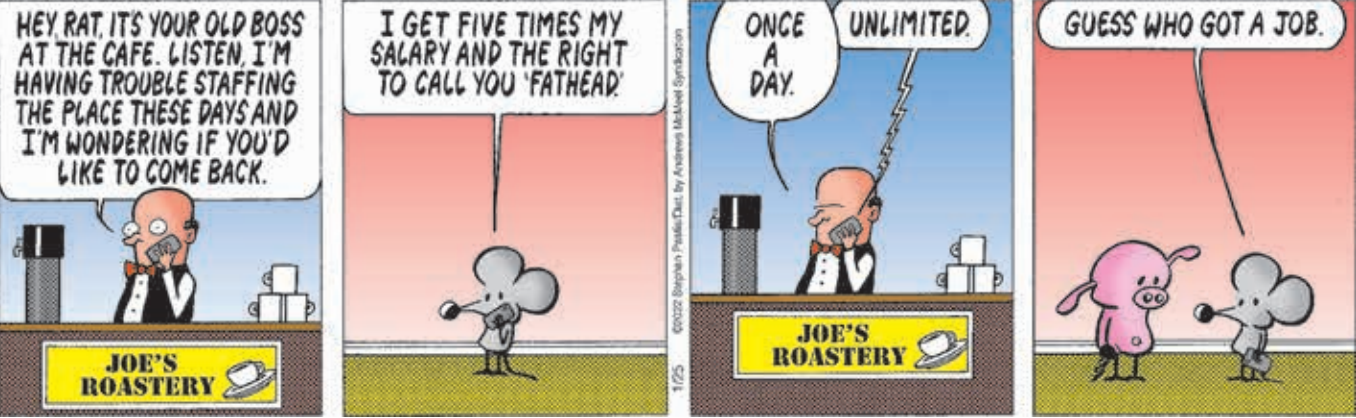
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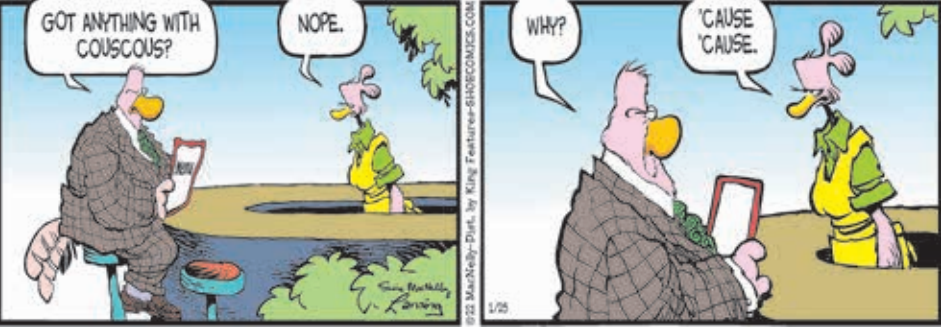
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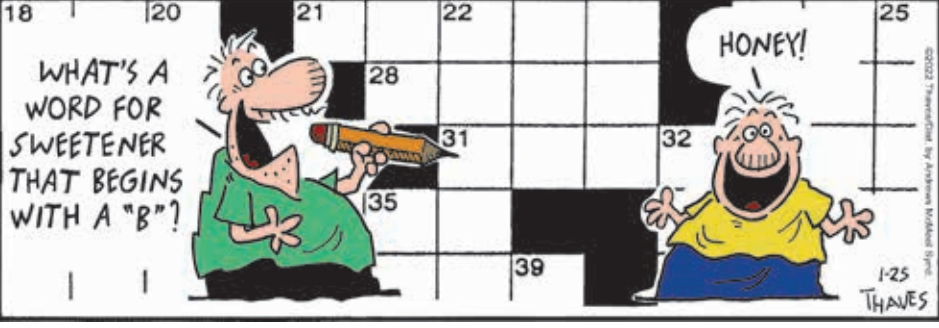
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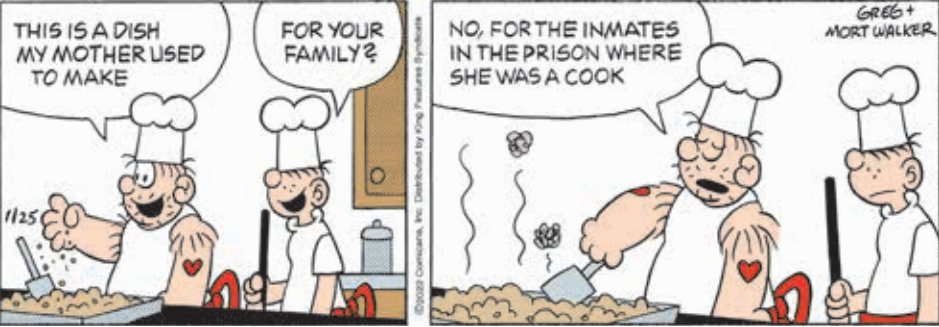
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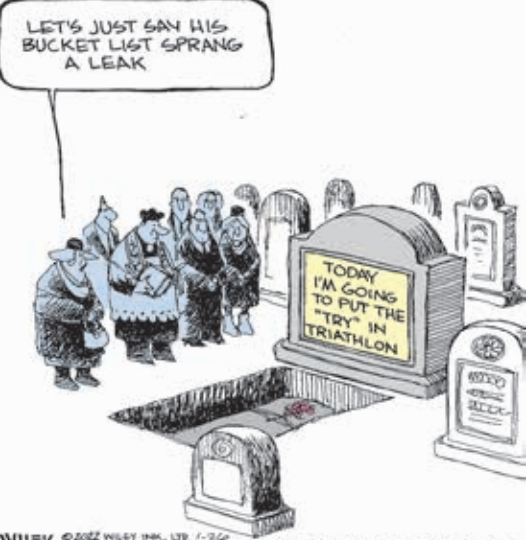
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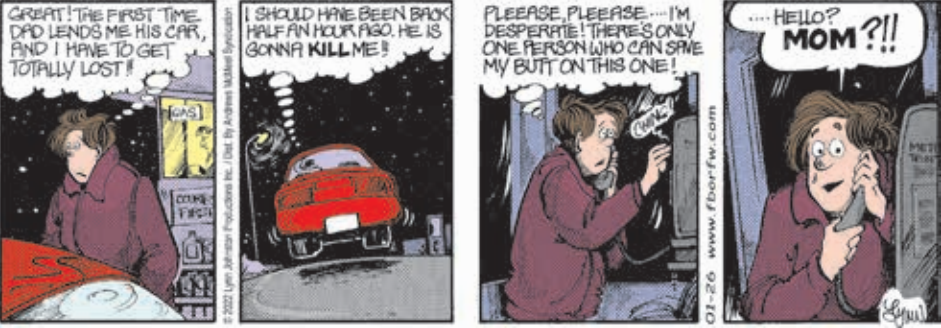
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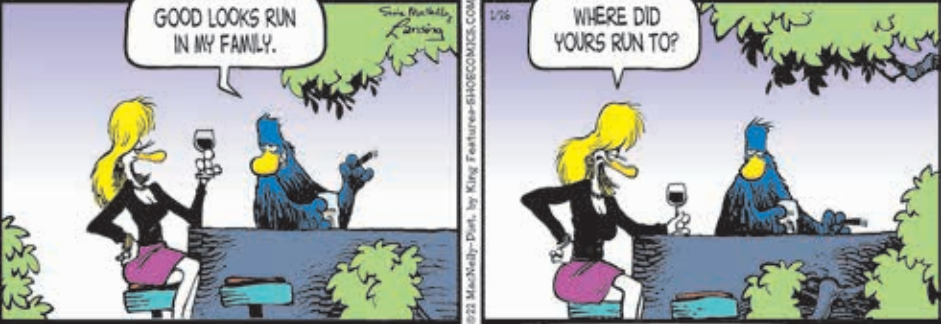
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Classifieds

360-736-3311

classifieds@chronline.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lost & Found

FOUND

- Clothing, tools, etc, Rush Road, Chehalis area, case #22C702.
- Saws, catalytic converters, backpack, shoes, 1/16/22, Centralia area, case #22C673. Please note, a deputy will need to talk with you.

Please call Lewis County Sheriff's Office to describe & claim. 360-740-1470

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Needing a different adventure? Seeking an active adult male/female couple to join a narrowboat excursion with 3 other adult couples on England canals Sept 12-30. Primary cost is transport to/from London and share meal costs. More info call 360-304-8680

SPECIAL NOTICES

The Lewis Conservation District is pleased to announce an opportunity to contribute to conservation and your community by serving on the Board of Supervisors. Supervisors are public officials who direct the activities of the conservation district. Although they serve without compensation, they are eligible to be reimbursed for appropriate expenses. For more information, please contact the Lewis Conservation District, 2057 SW Salsbury Ave., Chehalis, WA 98532, (360) 996-4560, or visit the Washington State Conservation Commission website at <https://www.scc.wa.gov> under the Get Involved tab.

DO YOU NEED BUSINESS CARDS?
Call Sign Pro,
360-736-6322

CARE SERVICES

CHILDCARE

Want to reach local families with advertising?
Contact Brian!
360-736-3311

EMPLOYMENT

HELP WANTED

SCOT INDUSTRIES

DRIVERS

Scot Industries is hiring a full time driver. Class A CDL & clean driving record are required. Must possess an enhanced license or passport. Ideal candidate would have 3 years flatbed experience & must be able to go to Canada. Home on weekends. Canada route drivers pay to be 55¢ per mile plus drop. We offer competitive pay, profit sharing, insurance, paid holidays, & paid vacation. Please apply in person with complete drivers abstract Mon - Fri 8am to 5pm @ 3020 Forson Rd., Centralia, WA 98531.

The classifieds are the most efficient and cost efficient advertising medium you'll find. Call us (360)736-3311, or 1(800)562-6084.

HELP WANTED

HAVE YOU HEARD?

You can get your ad into **The Reflector & The Nisqually Valley News.**

Call us at **360-736-3311** to ask how!

HR/Legal Assistant



The City of Centralia, WA is accepting applications for the position of **HR /Legal Assistant**. This position is a full-time, non-represented position. Salary \$4,512-\$5,527 per month. Please go to www.cityofcentralia.com/employment or 118 W Maple for an application packet and detailed job posting, description and basic requirements. Deadline for applications is February 1, 2022 at 5:00 pm. EOE

Lewis PUD - Cowlitz Falls Project Engineer



Cowlitz Falls Project Engineer. The Project Engineer is responsible for providing engineering and support services relating to the District's Cowlitz Falls Hydroelectric Project and Mill Creek Hydroelectric Project. For a complete listing of qualifications and how to apply please visit our website located at www.lcpud.org.

The Onalaska School District Is Hiring



District Office Secretary to the Superintendent. Please apply at www.edjobsnw.org or Call the District Office at 360-978-4111 Opt. 5

WORK WANTED

Retired CDL-A Flat-Bed driver seeks part time work, 17+ years experience, clean MVR & physically fit. 360-969-0068

FINANCIAL

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

Seeking a reliable, affordable space or consignment opportunity for my children's clothing, Dandy Duds by Rita. I need a space big enough to hang & display my clothing. Email me, ballard.rita@gmail.com, connect through my Facebook page or website, or text me, 509-929-4528.

Remember to check your ad for errors and report any changes the first day. (360) 807-8203.

FOR RENT

RENTALS

ROOMMATE WANTED

Fully furnished private room with key for rent. Clean & sober house, \$500 per month. Utilities & some supplies included. 360-508-5075.

MERCHANDISE

APPLIANCES

2013 Tesla Sedan Model S: Excellent condition, 76K original miles, 1 owner, 4 door, red colored, moon roof & aluminum 21 wheels. 360-601-5785 and 360-269-1976.

ELECTRIC & CAMERA EQUIP.

ORDER PHOTOS you have seen in The Chronicle! Call 360-736-3311

MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE

For sale: 5 new 16" culverts, 1 slightly damaged \$200 each firm. Call John: 360-262-0270

\$100 OR LESS

Turn last season's stuff into this season's spending money. Do you have an item for \$100 or less?? Call customer service today to place your AD! The Chronicle, 360-736-3311. Ads run 3 days, 10 lines 4 \$20!

MISCELLANEOUS WANTED

CLASSIFIED DEADLINES

- * Monday, 11:00 a.m. for Tuesday's paper.
- * Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. for Thursday's paper.
- * Friday, 11:00 a.m. for Saturday's paper.

To place your ad, call 360-736-3311! classifieds@chronline.com

60" LG flat screen TV with 2 speakers, \$350. 360-506-8083

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A SPECIFIC ITEM?

We will run your ad 3 days, 10 lines, \$20. 360-736-3311 Some exclusions apply. The Chronicle

HAVE A NEWS TIP OR STORY IDEA?
Email: news@chronline.com

WANTED: Old pictures of the original Carlisle Lumber Company Mill workers housing in Onalaska, WA, interior or exterior if available. Call 360-232-4886

FUEL & WOOD

FIREWOOD
Mixed dry fir & maple, Seasoned for 2 years! No text. 360-749-2923

GARAGE SALES GENERAL

HAVING A GARAGE SALE?
No time to stop by the office? Go to chronline.com to place your ad from home today!

GARAGE SALES GENERAL

NEW TODAY!

☐ VISIT ☐ VISITED

PE ELL MOVING SALE!
Fri & Sat,
Jan 28 & 29, 9-4.
417 Tillie Ave,
Pe Ell, WA 98572.

West on Hwy 6 to Pe Ell Ave by Mini Mart, left on Spruce, left on Tillie Ave. Hand tools, power tools, yard tools, riding mowers, woodworking, freezer, guitars, amps & some household. All must go!

AUTOMOTIVE

MOTOR HOMES

WANTED: Motorhome or truck & travel trailer, any type, size, condition considered, cash buyer. Call Paul or Maryann 360-434-3993

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NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Land Use Case: SEPA-22-0001

The City of Chehalis has issued a Determination of Nonsignificance (DNS) under the State Environmental Policy Act Rules (Chapter 197-11 WAC) for the following project: Subdivision Code Update, SEPA-22-0001, proposed by the City of Chehalis. After review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the agency, the City has determined this proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment.

To view the complete application online: <https://www.ci.chehalis.wa.us/building/public-notices-development-review-com/mittee-drc>

Or contact Amelia Schwartz, City Planner
1321 S. Market Blvd
Chehalis WA 98532
Phone: 360.485.0373 (8am-4:30pm)
Email: aschwartz@ci.chehalis.wa.us

This may be your only opportunity to comment on this decision. This decision has a 21-day public review period that ends on February 15th, 2022. Written comments must be submitted to the email or

physical address listed above. Only written comments will be accepted. If you have further questions, please contact Amelia Schwartz at the phone number or email listed above.

Please reference the case number(s) when corresponding.

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120892 Call for Bids

CALL FOR BIDS LEWIS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT NO. 2 EVERGREEN APARTMENT WATER SYSTEM CONSOLIDATION - REBID ENGINEER'S ESTIMATE \$248,000

Sealed Proposals will be received by the undersigned at the Lewis County Water District No. 2, 231 Central Avenue, Onalaska, Washington 98570, up to 11:00 a.m.; local time on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, for furnishing the necessary labor, materials, equipment, tools, and guarantees thereof to construct Evergreen Apartment Water System Consolidation - Rebids. The Work includes construction of approximately 1,130 LF of 8-inch water main along 3rd Street to connect the Evergreen Apartments to the LCWD2 water system, fire hydrants, water service connections, decommission Evergreen Apartments well, restoration and all associated work shown on the Plans and defined in the Specifications. The Work shall be substantially complete within 50 working days after the commencement date stated in the Notice to Proceed. All bidding and construction is to be performed in compliance with the Contract Provisions and Contract Plans for this project and any addenda issued thereto that are on file at the office of the District Manager, District Office, Washington.

The Proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud shortly after the time and date stated above. Proposals are to be submitted only on the form provided with the Bid Documents. All Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check, postal money order, cashiers check, or Proposal bond payable to the "Lewis

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE Pursuant to the Revised Code of Washington 61.24, et seq.108 1st Ave South, Suite 202 Seattle, WA 98104 Trustee e Sale No.: WA-19-850832-BB Title Order No.: 190670069-WA-MSW Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 3453683 Parcel Number(s): 022642-003-000 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: TERESA LYNN HERRINGTON, A UNMARRIED WOMAN Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015): PennyMac Loan Services, LLC Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: PennyMac Loan Services, LLC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 2/25/2022, at 9:00 AM At the Main Entrance to the Lewis County Courthouse, located at 351 N.W. North Street, Chehalis, WA 98532 sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable in the form of credit bid or cash bid in the form of cashier's check or certified checks from federally or State chartered banks, at the time of sale the following described real property, situated in the County of LEWIS, State of Washington, to-wit: That portion of the north half of the southeast quarter of Section 15, Township 14 North, Range 4 West, W.M., Lewis County, Washington, described as follows: BEGINNING at the intersection of the easterly line of Bunker Creek Road and the north line of said subdivision; thence east along said north line 1030 feet, more or less, to an existing fence; thence southerly along said fence 247.5 feet; thence west parallel with the north line of said Subdivision to the easterly line of Bunker Creek Road; thence northwesterly along said easterly line to the point of beginning. More commonly known as: 1696 BUNKER CREEK RD, CHEHALIS, WA 98532 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 9/13/2016, recorded 9/13/2016, under Instrument No. 3453683 records of LEWIS County, Washington,

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HOROSCOPE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Be secretive regarding your plans. Check out what it will take for you to head in a meaningful direction. Feeling good about what you do will lift your spirits and encourage you to work hard.



PISCES

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Find a unique way to invest your time, money or skills, and it will help you gain respect, recognition and support. Put more energy into initiating the changes that will make your life better.



ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Stick to what and who you know and trust. Refuse to let your emotions take control when dealing with a friend or loved one. Play fair and expect the same from others.



TAURUS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
If you pivot from one thing to another, you'll lose sight of your goal. Stick to your original plan, then move forward. A steady pace will lead to bigger and better opportunities. Enjoy time with a loved one.



GEMINI

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Leave nothing to chance. Do your part to live up to your promises. Refuse to let anyone interfere with your progress or tempt you to do something you know you shouldn't. Be wary of extravagant offers.



CANCER

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Explore what's available and how you can use your skills to surpass your expectations. Dig in and put your energy where it will turn a profit for you. Connect with like-minded people.



LEO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Stop and rethink your next move. Emotions will escalate if someone makes changes that don't fit your intentions or plans. Be persistent and head down the path that makes you feel comfortable.



VIRGO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Get into the groove and keep up with what's current. Staying fit, socializing, networking and participating in something uplifting will lead to new connections and a healthy routine.



LIBRA

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Revisit the past to figure out the best way to handle someone or something that is causing you grief. Show restraint when someone asks for too much. Look out for your interests and protect your assets.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Keep an open mind, but don't be gullible. Helping others is honorable, but make sure you don't get left doing all the work yourself. Leave plenty of time to take care of your needs.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Put your energy where it will do some good. Finish what you start before you head out with friends. Take your responsibilities seriously, and you'll avoid criticism and complaints.



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Stand up for your beliefs and put your reputation on the line. Having confidence and living up to your promises will affect the way others respond to you. Share your thoughts with a loved one.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27, 2022



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Take a step forward, show passion in your pursuits and strive for perfection, wisdom and compassion. How you treat others will determine the response you receive and how popular you will be.



PISCES

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Someone will misconstrue your colorful way of expressing your thoughts if you are too elaborate. Choose your words wisely and refrain from talking about others. Be kind and considerate.



ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Reach for the stars and refuse to let anyone derail your progress. Dedicate your time to what matters most, and you'll feel good about who you are and what you've accomplished. Be true to yourself.



TAURUS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Change because you want to, not because someone is demanding. Consider your happiness and follow through with your plans. Be original and put your energy to work for you.



GEMINI

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Make a decision and stick to it, regardless of what others say. Dedication to your beliefs will be crucial. Don't overanalyze a partnership; look at the pros and cons, and stick with it or walk away.



CANCER

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
An unusual idea or proposal needs careful consideration. Don't feel rushed or let someone push you in a direction you aren't ready to pursue. If change is something you desire, start small.



LEO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Participate in something meaningful. Take a leadership position and stand up for your rights. A dedicated approach won't please everyone, but you should focus on what feels right to you.



VIRGO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Put your emotions on the back burner and be realistic. Engage in positive events and activities that allow you to spend time with people who share your concerns and goals.



LIBRA

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
A face-to-face encounter is necessary if you want the truth. Shared expenses and responsibilities will pose a problem if equality is lacking. A difficult conversation will be necessary.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Pay attention to what others say. Be part of the conversation, and your words will have an impact. Be bold, take hold and do your part to maintain peace. Let your intuition guide you.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Express your feelings and clear up misunderstandings swiftly. Don't mince words or believe everything you hear. Be a great leader, and your comments will carry weight.



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Reconnecting with old friends will cause you to once again take up bad habits. Think twice before you indulge in something that holds you back. Be proud of your accomplishments and set a good example.

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from TERESA LYNN HER-
RINGTON, A UNMARRIED
WOMAN, as grantor(s), to
TITLE GUARANTY OF LEWIS
COUNTY, as original trustee,
to secure an obligation in favor
of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC
REGISTRATION SYSTEMS,
INC., AS NOMINEE FOR
BBMC MORTGAGE, LLC., ITS
SUCCESSORS AND AS-
SIGNS, as original beneficiary,
the beneficial interest in which
was subsequently assigned to
PennyMac Loan Services,
LLC, the Beneficiary, under an
assignment recorded under
Auditors File Number 3498348
II. No action commenced by
the Beneficiary of the Deed of
Trust as referenced in RCW
61.21.030(4) is now pending to
seek satisfaction of the obliga-
tion in any Court by reason of
the Borrower's or Grantor's
default on the obligation se-
cured by the Deed of
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sure is made is/are as follows:
Failure to pay when due the
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now in arrears: \$47,602.25. IV.
The sum owing on the obliga-
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\$147,257.08, together with in-
terest as provided in the Note
from 6/1/2018 on, and such
other costs, fees, and charges
as are due under the Note,
Deed of Trust, or other instru-
ment secured, and as are
provided by statute. V. The
above-described real property
will be sold to satisfy the
expense of sale and the
obligation secured by the Deed
of Trust as provided by statute.
Said sale will be made without
warranty, expressed or im-
plied, regarding title, posses-
sion or encumbrances on
2/25/2022. The defaults refer-
red to in Paragraph III must be
cured by 2/14/2022 (11 days
before the sale date), or by
other date as permitted in the
Note or Deed of Trust, to
cause a discontinuance of the
sale. The sale will be discon-
tinued and terminated if at any
time before 2/14/2022 (11 days
before the sale), or by other
date as permitted in the Note
or Deed of Trust, the default as
set forth in Paragraph III is
cured and the Trustee's fees
and costs are paid. Payment
must be in cash or with
cashiers or certified checks
from a State or federally
chartered bank. The sale may
be terminated any time after
the 2/14/2022 (11 days before
the sale date) and before the
sale, by the Borrower or
Grantor or the holder of any
recorded junior lien or encum-
brance by paying the principal
and interest, plus costs, fees
and advances, if any, made
pursuant to the terms of the
obligation and/or Deed of
Trust, and curing all other
defaults. VI. A written Notice of
Default was transmitted by the
Beneficiary or Trustee to the
Borrower(s) and Grantor(s) by
both first class and certified
mail, proof of which is in the
possession of the Trustee; and
the Borrower and Grantor were
personally served, if applica-
ble, with said written Notice of
Default or the written Notice of
Default was posted in a
conspicuous place on the real
property described in Para-
graph I above, and the Trustee
has possession of proof of
such service or posting. The
list of recipients of the Notice
of Default is listed within the
Notice of Foreclosure provided
to the Borrower(s) and Gran-
tor(s). These requirements
were completed as of
4/5/2019. VII. The Trustee
whose name and address are
set forth below will provide in
writing to anyone requesting it,

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a statement of all costs and
fees due at any time prior to
the sale. VIII. The effect of the
sale will be to deprive the
Grantor and all those who hold
by, through or under the
Grantor of all their interest in
the above-described property.
IX. Anyone having any objec-
tions to this sale on any
grounds whatsoever will be
afforded an opportunity to be
heard as to those objections if
they bring a lawsuit to restrain
the sale pursuant to RCW
61.24.130. Failure to bring
such a lawsuit may result in a
waiver of any proper grounds
for invalidating the Trustee's
sale. X. NOTICE TO OCCU-
PANTS OR TENANTS - The
purchaser at the Trustee's
Sale is entitled to possession
of the property on the 20th day
following the sale, as against
the Grantor under the deed of
trust (the owner) and anyone
having an interest junior to the
deed of trust, including occu-
pants who are not tenants.
After the 20th day following the
sale the purchaser has the
right to evict occupants who
are not tenants by summary
proceedings under Chapter
59.12 RCW. For tenant-
occupied property, the pur-
chaser shall provide a tenant
with written notice in accord-
ance with RCW 61.24.060.
THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL
STEP BEFORE THE FORE-
CLOSURE SALE OF YOUR
HOME. You may be eligible for
mediation. You have only 20
DAYS from the recording date
of this notice to pursue media-
tion. DO NOT DELAY. CON-
TACT A HOUSING COUNSELOR
OR AN ATTORNEY LICENSED
IN WASHINGTON NOW to assess
your situation and refer you to
mediation if you are eligible and
it may help you save your home.
See below for safe sources of help.
SEEKING ASSISTANCE
Housing counselors and legal
assistance may be available at
little or no cost to you. If you
would like assistance in deter-
mining your rights and opportu-
nities to keep your house, you
may contact the following: The
statewide foreclosure hotline
for assistance and referral to
housing counselors recom-
mended by the Housing Fi-
nance Commission: Toll-free:
1-877-894-4663 or Web site:
http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchse_counselors_foreclosure.htm
The United States Department
of Housing and Urban Develop-
ment: Toll-free:
1-800-569-4287 or National
Web Site: <http://portal.hud.gov/nudportal/HUD> or for Local
counseling agencies in Wash-
ington: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/ft/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=fdc>
The statewide civil legal aid hotline
for assistance and referrals to
other housing counselors and
attorneys: Telephone:
1-800-606-4819 or Web site:
<http://nwjustice.org/what-clear>
Additional information provided
by the Trustee: If you have
previously been discharged
through bankruptcy, you may
have been released of personal
liability for this loan in which
case this letter is intended to
exercise the noteholders rights
against the real property only.
The Trustee's Sale Number is
WA-19-850832-BB. Dated:
10/8/2021 Quality Loan Ser-
vice Corp. of Washington, as
Trustee By: Jeff Stenman,
President Trustee's Address:
Quality Loan Service Corp. of
Washington 108 1 st Ave
South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA
98104 For questions call toll-
free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee
Sale Number :
WA-19-850832-BB Sale Line:
800-280-2832 or Login to:
<http://wa.qualityloan.com> ID-
SPub #0175207 1/25/2022
2/15/2022

121005 LP19-00001
Notice of Continued Hearing

**NOTICE OF
CONTINUED PUBLIC
HEARING BEFORE
THE LEWIS COUNTY
HEARING EXAMINER**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIV-
EN that the LEWIS COUN-
TY HEARING EXAMINER
will hold a CONTINUED
virtual land use public
hearing on Friday, March
18, 2022, starting at 9:00
a.m., for the purpose of
taking public testimony and
rendering a recommenda-
tion to the Board of County
Commissioners concerning
a **Type IV Subdivision
application - Formal
Long Plat** (LP19-00001)
submitted by Steven &
Sarah Johnson for:
The creation of a nine (9)
lot cluster subdivision
named "Subdivision of
Douglas Lane Acres" to
include the construction of
a new private road "Doug-
las Lane" of roughly 1,300
linear feet. Proposed Lots
2 through 9 will be served
by a new Group B Public
Water System and individ-
ual septic systems. Pro-
posed Lot 1 has one
existing single family resi-
dence and one existing
accessory dwelling unit
served by an existing
shared well and individual
septic system. The parcel
is 67.45 acres in size. The
continued hearing will re-
view the reconfigured lot
line layout.

The project is located at
2431 SR 508, Onalaska on
p a r c e l n u m b e r
032629001002 in Lewis
County, WA - Section 22,
Township 13 North, Range
01 East, WM.
This hearing will be by
remote virtual hearing only.
The Lewis County Hearing
Examiner is providing pub-
lic access to the land use
hearing through alternative
means (online and by
phone). The hearing room
will not be open for in-
person public access. To
participate via Zoom (on-
line), go to:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84392395448?pwd=VE8wV0d0WFJBY1ZZZVJiYmhSQQJlVQT09>
The Meeting ID is 843
9239 5448 and the pass-
code is 653335. To partici-
pate by phone, call
888.475.4499.

**Please note: Zoom ac-
cess for this land use
hearing will open at 8:45
a.m. and the Hearing
Examiner will join (and
the Hearing will begin) at
9:00 a.m.**

For an accurate land use
record, the public is re-
quested to sign up at the
following link if they will be
attending the hearing, pro-
viding verbal public testi-
mony at the hearing, are
requesting to be a party of
record or for those who
would like to receive a
copy of the decision on this
project: <https://lewiscounty.wa.gov/departments/community-development/land-use-hearing-registration/>
All interested persons are
invited to present testimo-
ny relevant to the above-
related requested action(s).
If unable to attend
via Zoom access, written
statements may be submit-
ted by e-mail at
karen.witherspoon@lewiscountywa.gov

@lewiscountywa.gov or by
mail to Lewis County Com-
munity Development De-
partment, Attn: Hearing
Examiner, 2025 NE Kresky
Avenue, Chehalis, WA
98532. Statements must
be received by 4:00 p.m.
on the business day pre-
ceding the hearing. Verbal
and written testimony will
be accepted at the virtual
hearing. Phone calls to
staff are not considered
part of the hearing record.
The complete application,
including supplemental
materials of the proposal
and additional guidance for
the virtual hearing are
available for review elec-
tronically on the county
website at <https://lewiscountywa.gov/departments/community-development/current-planning-applications/johnson-cluster-subdivision-douglas-lane-acres/>
For questions concerning
the above project, please
contact **Karen Witherspoon, AICP at
360-740-2637 or by email,
karen.witherspoon@lewiscountywa.gov**
This meeting site is barrier
free. People needing spe-
cial assistance or accom-
modations should contact
the Clerk of the Board 72
hours in advance of the
meeting. Phone (360)
740-1419

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120936 NTC: Claycamp

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS In the Matter of the Estate Of STEVEN HENRY CLAYCAMP, Deceased. NO. 22-4-00014-21 NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Co-Personal Representa-
tives named below has been
appointed as Co-Personal
Representatives of the estate.
Any person having a claim
against the decedent must,
before the time the claim
would be barred by any
otherwise applicable statute
of limitations, present the claim
in the manner as provided in
RCW 11.40.070 by serving on
or mailing to the Co-Personal
Representatives or the Co-
Personal Representative's at-
torney at the address stated
below a copy of the claim
and filing the original of the
claim with the Court. The claim
must be presented within the
later of: (1) Thirty days after
the Co-Personal Representa-
tives served or mailed the notice
to the creditor as provided under
RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four
months after the date of first
publication of the notice. If
the claim is not presented
within this time frame, the claim
is forever barred, except as
otherwise provided in RCW
11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This
bar is effective as to claims
against both the decedent's
probate and nonprobate as-
sets.

Date of First Publication:
January 18, 2022
Personal Representative:
LINDA CLAYCAMP
Attorney for the Personal
Representative:
LAUREL L. TILLER
Address for Mailing or Service:
THE TILLER LAW FIRM
Attorneys at Law
Post Office Box 58
Centralia, WA 98531
/s/ Linda Claycamp
LINDA CLAYCAMP
Personal Representative

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Dated: JANUARY 13, 2022.
THE TILLER LAW FIRM
/s/ Laurel L. Tiller
LAUREL L. TILLER
WSBA #3341
Attorney for the Estate

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February 1, 2022

121007 NTC: Heinricher

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS In the Matter of the Estate of FRANK B. HEINRICHER, Deceased. NO. 22-4-0002121 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The Co-Personal representa-
tives named below have been
appointed and have qualified
as Co-Personal Representa-
tives of this estate. Any person
having a claim against the
decedent must, before the time
the claim would be barred by
any otherwise applicable statu-
te of limitations, present the
claim in the manner as provid-
ed in RCW 11.40.070 by
serving on or mailing to the
personal representatives, or
the personal representatives'
attorney, at the address stated
below, a copy of the claim and
filing the original of the claim
with the Court. The claim must
be presented within the later
of: (1) Thirty (30) days after the
personal representative served
or mailed the notice to the
creditor as provided under
RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four
(4) months after the date of
first publication of the notice. If
the claim is not presented
within this time frame, the
claim is forever barred, except
as otherwise provided in RCW
11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This
bar is effective as to claims
against both the decedent's
probate and nonprobate assets
of the decedent.
**DATE OF FIRST
PUBLICATION:
January 25, 2022
VON B. HEINRICHER
Co-Personal Representative
CHRISTINE I. BLASER
Co-Personal Representative
ATTORNEY FOR
PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVE:
LARRY W. FAGERNESS
ADDRESS FOR MAILING
AND SERVICE OF CLAIMS:
Fagerness Law Office
P. O. Box 88
3508 Galvin Road
Centralia, WA 98531
(360) 736-7400
**COURT OF PROBATE
PROCEEDINGS AND
CAUSE NUMBER:
Lewis County Superior Court
#22-4-0002121****

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120935 NTC: Howard

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS In the Matter of the Estate of EUNICE L. HOWARD, Deceased. NO. 22-4-00012-21 PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)

The personal representative
named below has been ap-
pointed and has qualified as
Personal Representative of
this estate. Any person having
a claim against the decedent
must, before the time the claim
would be barred by any
otherwise applicable statute
of limitations, present the claim
in the manner as provided in
RCW 11.40.070 by serving on
or mailing to the personal
representative, or the personal
representative's attorney, at
the address stated below, a
copy of the claim and filing the
original of the claim with the
Court. The claim must be
presented within the later of:
(1) Thirty (30) days after the
personal representative served
or mailed the notice to the
creditor as provided under
RCW 11.40.020(3); or (2) four
(4) months after the date of
first publication of the notice. If
the claim is not presented
within this time frame, the
claim is forever barred, except
as otherwise provided in RCW
11.40.051 and 11.40.060. This
bar is effective as to claims
against both the decedent's
probate and nonprobate assets
of the decedent.
**DATE OF FIRST
PUBLICATION:
January 18, 2022
JUDITH B. HOWARD
Personal Representative
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