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Adna junior Savanna Ridley holds up her first place buckle in a photo with her horse Guido after earning the gold in reining.

12 Local Equestrians Place at Regionals as Adna's Savanna Ridley Earns Gold

By Isabel Vander Stoep

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After this weekend, the riders on W.F. West's Washington High School Equestrian Team (WAHSET) deserve a little time on their high horses: 12 of the 14 girls who made it to the regional tournament in Moses Lake over the weekend placed.

Making team history, Adna junior Savanna Ridley took home a first place gold buckle in the regionals reining category with her horse Guido.

"Winning my first-ever personal belt buckle was a big accomplishment in my book," Ridley said. "I've had my horse Guido for about a year. ... I was very proud of the run we laid down at regionals."

W.F. West's WAHSET team is a collective of riders from schools throughout Lewis County including Centralia, Adna, Napavine, Onalaska, Toledo and Winlock.

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Chehalis Police: Guns Pointed at Two People After Interrupted Vehicle Prowls

CRIMES: Initial Investigation Reveals No Connections Between Separate Incidents on Southwest William Avenue Monday

By Emily Fitzgerald
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The Chehalis Police Department is investigating two separate incidents on Southwest

William Avenue early Monday morning where an unidentified man allegedly pointed a gun at someone who interrupted an attempted vehicle prowl.

The first incident occurred in the 600 block of Southwest William Avenue at approximately 2:25 a.m. The victim had reportedly interrupted six or seven subjects attempting a vehicle prowl when one of the subjects, described as a 5-foot-10 dark-skinned man possibly around 18 years of age, pulled out a gun

and pointed it at the victim.

The man reportedly had the victim empty his pockets before he and his companions left the scene, according to the Chehalis Police Department.

The second incident occurred in the 500 block of Southwest William Avenue just after 4:30 a.m. and involved three suspects, who were described as "two white skinny males" and one 6-foot-1 dark-skinned, heavy-set man, according to the Chehalis Police Department.

One of the suspects reportedly pointed a firearm at a victim who interrupted a vehicle prowl then fled the scene.

No injuries were reported in either incident.

The Chehalis Police Department has not made any connections between the two incidents as of Monday afternoon, but the cases are still under active investigation. Anyone with information related to either incident is asked to contact the Chehalis Police Department at 360-740-1105.

'Something That Should Have Happened a Long Time Ago'

Centralia Native, Medal of Honor Recipient Dexter Kerstetter Honored



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Members of Dexter Kerstetter's family gather under the sign dedicated to their relative.

By Matthew Zylstra

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On Saturday morning, a crowd gathered next to Fiddlers Coffee in Centralia for the unveiling of a sign dedicated to Medal of Honor recipient Dexter J. Kerstetter, a World War II veteran who is the only known native of Centralia to ever earn the honor.

The crowd included members of the Kerstetter family, veterans and Centralia residents excited to see a Centralian recognized for his heroism. The sign was a long time coming, with previous attempts to honor Kerstetter having failed.

"All I can say is this is something that should have happened a long time ago," said Al Gray at the beginning of the ceremony.

Gray, a retired Centralia firefighter, was the person responsible for getting the sign



Dexter Kerstetter

erected.

"Why don't they have something for him?" Gray said he asked himself after seeing signs dedicated to other individuals

along roadways.

"I went up and spoke to Marlin, one of (Kerstetter's) sons, and he was all for it," Gray said.

But the path to erecting a

sign for Kerstetter wouldn't be an easy one. According to Gray, one of Kerstetter's brothers tried to have something done to recognize him, but the efforts never went anywhere.

Gray said he reached out to the Centralia City Council where his idea received a warm reception, though his efforts stalled out once the COVID-19 pandemic began. But as the pandemic became less severe, Gray's activism began to show results, though it was too late for one member of the Kerstetter family.

"The council took it up right away after the pandemic and I called up Marlin and learned he had died," Gray said.

Beyond recognizing a local hero, Gray said there is another benefit to the sign.

"These signs go a long way in easing the pain of some of the political signs around town,"

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Swearingen, Tyler Zackeri, 21
Karandy, Jane Campbell, 60, Morton
Beckler, Deborah Colleen, 69, Salkum



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Winlock Egg Day royalty waves to the crowd during the parade Saturday. See more photographs online at chronline.com.

In Focus: Egg Days Parade in Winlock



Children scramble for candy during the Egg Days parade in Winlock Saturday.



Lewis County Sheriff Rob Snaza tosses candy to parade attendees Saturday morning in Winlock.



Tracy Murphy, a candidate for Lewis County sheriff, walks through the Egg Days parade in Winlock Saturday.



The Winlock High School mascot greets young attendees of the Egg Days parade on Saturday in Winlock.



The Egg Days Parade rolls through Winlock Saturday morning.



Heidi St. John, a candidate in the 3rd Congressional District, waves to attendees of the Egg Days parade in Winlock on Saturday.



A classic vehicle rolls by the "World's Largest Egg" in Winlock during the Egg Days parade Saturday.



Joe Kent, a candidate in the 3rd Congressional District race, walks through the Egg Days parade Saturday morning.



Lewis County Commissioner Sean Swope rides in a Lewis County Sheriff's Office boat during the Egg Days parade Saturday.



Candy is thrown from an old fire engine during the Egg Days parade in Winlock on Saturday.

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Dancers with Iglesia Centro Familiar Cristiano perform in the Swede Day Parade in Rochester on Saturday.



Members of the Larch Mountain Little League wave flags from a float during the Swede Day Parade in Rochester on Saturday.



A pirate and a Swedish Fish wave from a float in the Swede Day Parade in Rochester on Saturday.

In Focus: Swede Day Parade Rolls Through Rochester



Members of the Swede Day Court wave from a float in the Swede Day Parade in Rochester on Saturday.



Departing Rochester School District Superintendent and Swede Day Grand Marshal Kim Fry waves during the Swede Day Parade in Rochester on Saturday.



People wave as small vehicles representing the Veterans Memorial Museum pass by during the Swede Day Parade in Rochester on Saturday.



The Rochester Middle School marching band performs in the Swede Day Parade in Rochester on Saturday.



A Veterans Memorial Museum float drives through the Swede Day Parade in Rochester on Saturday.



Smokey the Bear and Tom Fitzgerald, a battalion chief for West Thurston Regional Fire Authority, pose for photos with children attending the Swede Day celebration in Rochester on Saturday.



A deputy with the Thurston County Sheriff's Office waves during the Swede Day Parade in Rochester on Saturday.

MORE PHOTOS ONLINE

Find additional photographs from Saturday's Swede Day festivities online at chronline.com.

Onalaska Man Still Waiting for Liver After Seven Years

ANOTHER YEAR, BUT STILL HOPE: Marquise Reynolds Remains on Wait List After Two Previous Transplants Eventually Failed

By Carrina Stanton
For The Chronicle

Dawn Reynolds often gets a lot of questions about her son, Marquise Reynolds, 23, and his several-year medical journey and wait for a new liver.

The biggest question: Why hasn't he gotten a transplant yet? "It doesn't happen overnight. There are people who have been on the transplant list for years," she said.

Originally from Onalaska, Marquise required an emergency liver transplant in 2015 at the age of 15 because of drug reactive eosinophilia with systematic symptoms (D.R.E.S.S) had damaged his liver. That transplant lasted about four years before failing. In 2019, Marquise's second transplant at first seemed to have gone well, but began failing within the first month. Dawn Reynolds said doctors said the first transplant failure was because of D.R.E.S.S but the doctors don't really know why the second one failed so quickly, what caused the failure or whether it will happen again.

"They told me his immune system is unlike anything they have seen before," she said.

Now living between Olympia and Tumwater to be closer to doctors, the Reynolds family is still waiting for Marquise's third chance at a new liver and the hopes it might help the myriad medical conditions he now lives with. The wait can be long and full of uncertainty. For instance, Dawn said that while Marquise is in need of a liver, his status on the transplant wait list can



Marquise Reynolds is pictured with dogs in this photograph published on the "Marquise's miracles" Facebook page.

change drastically for many different reasons such as illness or infection. On April 5, Marquise was rushed to the emergency room with what was originally thought it was high ammonia levels. Doctors soon discovered he had a brain bleed and rushed him into emergency surgery.

"They told me if I hadn't brought him in when I did, we would have woken up to him dead," Dawn said.

Such medical emergencies are not only hard for the family, but can jeopardize Marquise's place on the transplant list. He was prescribed Keppra to stop the seizures he was experiencing but cannot be re-listed until he gets a

sign off from the seizure specialist. "He's on level seven of the list so, that means if a liver became available, he will not at all be on the top of the list to get it," Dawn said. "But to get him back to the top of the list we have to do all these things and that's scary."

The illness caused by D.R.E.S.S and the need for a new liver makes Marquise very weak. Dawn explained that he uses a cane and can only walk short distances but needs to be constantly watched because he can fall. He also doesn't sleep well at night and lives with mental health struggles, often worrying if he is a burden to his family.

Marquise is one of three of

Dawn's children who still live at home and who have special medical and mental health issues. To her, he is not a burden but his plight makes her sad that he has lost so many years of his young adulthood to illness. Marquise was partially through high sophomore year in high school when he got sick. He still managed to graduate and attempted to take some college courses before he became too ill to continue. She said he has watched high school friends move onto new milestones in their life and sometimes wonders if he will ever be able to do the same.

"Some days, he breaks down 'Am I ever going to be able to pur-

HOW TO HELP

A GoFundMe.com campaign is still active for anyone wishing to help the Reynolds family with medical related expenses. Donations can be made at [Gofund.me/b5926b92](https://gofund.me/b5926b92) to follow the family's story, like and follow Marquise's Miracles on Facebook

"I know Marquise is a fighter and no matter what he's going to get through this."

Dawn Reynolds
mother

sue my dreams?" Reynolds said. "I don't know if he'll ever accomplish them but I'll fight like crazy to help him try."

Besides getting a new liver that works and becoming healthy again, Dawn said Marquise does have a few dreams for himself. First, he would like to eventually be able to live on his own outside his mom's house. And second, he has a dream to someday have a career working in the film industry. Dawn said she has great faith that there is a reason Marquise has made it this far and that he will someday be able to live a life without so many doctors and operations.

"I know Marquise is a fighter and no matter what he's going to get through this," she said. "God has done miracles in his life. I believe he will survive the next transplant and that third time's the charm and despite the obstacles he has encountered, he will have a life."

State Department of Ecology Announces New Permit System For Biosolids

By The Chronicle staff

The Washington Department of Ecology (DOE) last week announced a newly updated biosolids general permit in an effort to create a more streamlined approach to approving biosolids operations in Washington state.

Biosolids, which the announcement described as "the rich organic matter left over after domestic sewage is treated at a wastewater management facility," will face new environmental protections at all facilities and increase the ability of biosolids operations to communicate with the DOE.

"Maintaining a strong and efficient regulatory process is important as we continue developing systems to coordinate and improve management of all organic waste in Washington," said Laurie Davies, manager of Ecology's Solid Waste Management Program. "Biosolids are a valuable resource that save all of us millions of dollars every year when they are diverted from expensive landfills to beneficial uses, like low-cost fertilizer and compost."

According to the announcement from DOE, biosolids can replace petrochemical fertilizers while returning "essential nutrients" to the land and, when given proper oversight, can ensure benefits to "farmers and soil without leaching nutrients into surface or groundwater."

Because of the new general

permit, DOE will now be able to place stricter requirements on certain locations based on local environmental conditions.

DOE released a draft permit of the plan in 2021 and used public feedback to prepare the final permit language. According to the statement, the public will have 30 days to appeal the permit to Washington state's Pollution Control Hearings Board before it goes into effect.

For more information, visit DOE's website at <https://ecology.wa.gov/>.

Centralia Amateur Radio Emergency Services Team to Participate in National Radio Event

By The Chronicle staff

The Centralia Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) Team will be participating in Amateur Radio Field Day this weekend. Beginning on Saturday, June 25, at 11 a.m. and ending Sunday, June 26, at 11 a.m. the annual event occurs on the fourth Saturday of every June in the U.S. and Canada.

During the event, amateur radio operators join with their clubs, groups or friends, of which the Centralia ARES Team is one

example, and operate their radios from remote locations.

The Centralia ARES team is a group of "FCC licensed amateur radio operators who volunteer their time, expertise and equipment to provide back-up communications during emergency situations. Volunteers train to conduct urban and rural searches for lost or missing persons, as well as provide communications during community events such as parades and summer festivals."

Amateur radio, commonly known as "ham radio," has been around for a century and is an activity enjoyed worldwide.

The Amateur Radio Field Day, hosted by the Amateur Radio Relay League, is the most popular annual on-air event in the U.S.

Anyone interested in becoming an FCC licensed amateur radio operator or serving your community as a volunteer with the Centralia ARES team can go to the group's website at [K7CEM.com](https://k7cem.com).

Sixth Annual "Ride the Willapa" Bike Ride to Take Place June 25

By The Chronicle staff

Tickets are still available for

riders wanting to participate in the Ride The Willapa bike ride. The event will take place on Saturday, June 25, beginning at 4680 state Route 6, Chehalis. Check in begins at 7:30 and ends at 10 a.m. Riders are advised to arrive 20 minutes before they plan to begin.

Cyclists can ride up to 70 miles in total on routes supported by volunteers providing water and snacks at rest stations.

The ride offers five routes, ranging from the traditional routes between Adna and Pluvius as well as new routes incorporating scenic backroads near Curtis, Boistfort and Pe Ell. Most of the ride takes place on finely crushed gravel and coordinators recommend the use of bikes with wider tires rather than road bikes.

Tickets are \$30 for adults 18 and over, \$15 for children ages 10 to 17 and \$5 for kids ages 10 and younger. Tickets purchased on the day of the ride will cost an additional \$10 for each age group.

The event serves as the primary fundraiser for the Lewis County Community Trails Association, a nonprofit advocating for trail construction and maintenance in Lewis County.

For more information, visit ridethewillapa.com or go to the Ride The Willapa Facebook page.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JOHN TEMPLE MUDGE

1/15/1934 ~ 12/29/2021

and Cynthia Mudge, along with five grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. His son, John T. Mudge, Jr., passed away in 2018.

John graduated from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, in 1955 and carved out an extensive career as a CPA, becoming a banking tax expert where he enjoyed jousting with the IRS during a 17-year career with Seafirst National Bank. In 1981, he and his wife and daughter Frances ran away from the big city of Seattle to carve out a new career of raising sheep in Chehalis. He loved the farm, where he was able to live out the remainder of his life.

John's memorial service is scheduled at 11 a.m. on Friday, June 24, 2022, at St. Francis Xavier Parish located at 139 Spencer Road in Toledo, Washington. John will be laid to rest at the St. Francis Xavier cemetery with his wife.



Nothing inspired John more than being told he couldn't do something. As a young man, he was dropped from ROTC due to a serious heart murmur that he and his fiancé were told would end his life within a few years. His innate stubbornness caused him to rise to the occasion and prove them all wrong. He and his fiancé married anyway, and John thrived for 87 years before passing on Dec. 29, 2021. His wife, Celine, of more than 50 years preceded him in 2013.

John leaves behind two daughters, Frances Walker

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Sirens

CENTRALIA POLICE DEPARTMENT Catalytic Converter Theft

• A catalytic converter was reported stolen from the 200 block of Aurora Street at approximately 5:05 p.m. on June 17.

• Just before 7:40 p.m. on June 18, a catalytic converter was reported stolen from the 900 block of Goff Street sometime overnight.

• Just after 8:55 a.m. on June 19, a catalytic converter was reported stolen from the 200 block of Harrison Street sometime overnight.

Retail Theft

• A Rochester man was cited for shoplifting in the 400 block of North Tower Avenue just after 11:15 p.m. on June 17.

• An unidentified man was arrested in the 500 block of South Tower Avenue just after 5 p.m. on June 18 and was booked into the Lewis County Jail for second-degree robbery after he allegedly attempted to shove his way through security when he was stopped for shoplifting. He refused to give his name when he was arrested and jail staff are awaiting confirmation of his identity.

Vehicle Accident

• A non-injury, two-vehicle accident was reported in the 200 block of North Tower Avenue at

10:25 p.m. on June 17.

Indecent Exposure

• A Mossyrock man was cited for multiple counts of indecent exposure just after 5:10 p.m. on June 18 after he allegedly entered traffic in the 1000 block of Harrison Avenue and exposed himself.

Graffiti

• Graffiti was reported on the window of a business in the 400 block of North Tower Avenue at 10:55 p.m. on June 19.

Assault

• A juvenile girl was referred to the Lewis County Prosecutor's Office for possible fourth-degree assault charges after she allegedly assaulted another juvenile in the 1100 block of Harrison Avenue at 3:40 p.m. on June 19.

• A Centralia woman was cited for fourth-degree assault in the 1300 block of Harrison Avenue just before 7:55 p.m. on June 19.

CHEHALIS POLICE DEPARTMENT Theft

• A second-degree theft reported in the 2100 block of Southwest Woodland Circle just after 1 p.m. on June 17 is under investigation.

• A vehicle theft reported in

the 100 block of Wallace Road at approximately 7:45 p.m. on June 17.

• A vehicle theft reported in the 100 block of Southwest Cascade Avenue just before 5:10 a.m. on June 20 is under investigation.

• Just after 6 a.m. on June 20, two guns were reported stolen from a vehicle in the 1000 block of Southeast Evergreen Drive sometime overnight.

Vehicle Accidents

• A non-injury two-vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Northwest Chamber of Commerce Way and North National Avenue just after 3:15 p.m. on June 17.

• A non-injury vehicle accident was reported at the intersection of Southwest 13th Street and South Market Boulevard just after 3:25 p.m. on June 17. A vehicle reportedly struck the mirror on another vehicle as it was getting on the freeway.

Hit-and-Run

• A hit-and-run was reported in the 600 block of Southwest Parkland Drive just after 3:55 p.m. on June 17.

Assault

• A 13-year-old girl was cited for fourth-degree assault in the 200 block of Southwest 13th Street at 9:05 p.m. on June 17 af-

ter she allegedly beat up another girl.

• Just after 8:10 p.m. on June 19, a 5-year-old boy reportedly ran a bike into another juvenile in the 200 block of Southwest 11th Street and one of the children's parents hit the 5-year-old on the head. No arrests were made.

Thrown Eggs

• A subject in "a loud car" reportedly "came by and threw eggs" in the 1600 block of Southeast Aust Manor Drive at approximately 11:40 p.m. on June 18. This incident was reportedly the third time the subject has thrown eggs in that area in the last couple of weeks.

Vicious Dog

• A dog reportedly bit someone in the 1700 block of North National Avenue at 10:25 a.m. on June 19.

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Sirens are compiled by reporter Emily Fitzgerald, who can be reached at emily@chronline.com. The Centralia Police Department can be reached at 360-330-7680, the Chehalis Police Department can be reached at 360-748-8605 and the Morton Police Department can be reached at 360-496-6636. If you were a victim of physical or sexual abuse, domestic violence or sexual assault, call Hope Alliance at 360-748-6601 or the Youth Advocacy Center of Lewis County at 360-623-1990.

News in Brief

Historical State Park in Pasco, Washington.

This is the first case of avian flu confirmed in a raccoon in North America, according to the Washington state Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The agency is warning pet owners not to let their dogs and cats scavenge sick or dead birds or other wildlife or even interact with sick wildlife.

Four raccoon kits with apparent avian influenza were found at the park at the confluence of the Snake and Columbia rivers earlier this month, according to Fish and Wildlife. One was tested to confirm the disease.

Two of the kits were dead, and the other two were obviously sick and were euthanized.

Avian flu was detected in the Tri-Cities in Central Washington in baby geese in May.

Visitors to Sacajawea Park were finding dead goslings and baby geese that were walking in circles, having seizures, sitting still and letting people approach them.

That was followed by reports of more geese with avian flu across the Tri-Cities area; a mallard, a duck and a crow in Richland; a gull at Sacajawea Park; and a sandhill crane in Connell.

To date, Benton and Franklin counties are not among the 10 counties in Washington with outbreaks in backyard poultry flocks. However, flocks in Spokane and Yakima counties have tested positive.

While sick goslings in particular continue to be reported, officials have been receiving fewer reports than initially, said Staci Lehman with the Washington state Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Avian flu, or bird flu, is very contagious among birds. It is spread through saliva and feces and surfaces contaminated with them, such as the bottom of shoes.

Avian flu has previously been detected in red foxes and skunks in North America. Elsewhere in the world, it has infected pigs in Asia, domestic cats in Germany, and a domestic dog in Thailand.

There's the potential for it to infect other mammals as bird flu viruses evolve, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

However, the Washington

state Department of Fish and Wildlife does not expect the spread of avian flu to have a large impact at this time on wildlife in the state.

People should be watching for it in their backyard flocks of chickens and ducks.

One strain of avian flu, highly pathogenic avian influenza, HPAI, is generally fatal for birds. But there may be no signs of disease or mild signs such as ruffled feathers or a drop in egg production in the low pathogenic avian influenza, or LPAI, strain.

A single sick bird in a flock should be reported to your veterinarian. If multiple birds die or have an unusual illness, you are asked to call the state sick bird hotline at 800-606-3056.

There is no treatment for the disease. Avian flu is not easily transmissible from birds to people, but there are occasional cases.

Western States Group Affirms COVID-19 Vaccines as Safe and Effective for Young Children

By The Seattle Times

A regional scientific panel has given final approval for COVID-19 vaccines for young children, clearing the way for Washington medical providers to offer the shots in the coming days and weeks.

The Western States Scientific Safety Workgroup announced Sunday it had reviewed the federal process for OK'ing the Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna vaccines and concluded they are "safe and effective" for children as young as 6 months old, according to a news release from Gov. Jay Inslee's office.

Washington joined Oregon, California and Nevada in creating the scientific review group in October 2020 to review vaccine approvals by the federal government.

The group's stamp of approval had been expected after the approval of the vaccines by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Saturday.

The decision means the Moderna two-dose vaccine series and the Pfizer three-dose vaccine series will now be available to chil-

dren ages 6 months to 4 years. Vaccines had previously been authorized for older children and adults.

"This is excellent news for Washington families and I know many parents who have been eagerly awaiting the opportunity to get their youngest children vaccinated. I encourage parents to contact their trusted providers to discuss any questions or concerns," Inslee said in a statement.

Parents looking for information on vaccinations for their children can use the state Department of Health's online tool: <https://vaccinelocator.doh.wa.gov/>. They can also use the state's PrepMod tool to find even more vaccination sites.

People with questions or who need help scheduling appointments can call the state's COVID hotline at 800-525-0127, press #; or call its alternate phone number, 888-856-5816.

Death Notices

• **NORMA LOUISE MCMAHON**, 100, Centralia, died June 8 at her home. Arrangements are under the care of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.

• **MARSHALL "MIKE" RAY FREELS**, 75, Rochester, died June 8 in Olympia. Arrangements are under the care of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.

• **DENNIS WAYNE HALL**, 59, Oakville, died June 8 at his home. Arrangements are under the care of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.

• **GAIL JANICE WRZESINSKI**, 84, Chehalis, died June 14 at her home. Arrangements are under the care of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.

• **FRANCIS DALE STROUP**, 96, Centralia, died June 11. He will receive full military honors and be buried at Tahoma National Cemetery on Wednesday, June 29 at 11 a.m. Arrangements are under the care of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.

• **KENNETH HENRY SCHAEFER**, 89, Centralia, died May 29 in Winlock. Arrangements are under the care of Newell-Hoerling's Mortuary.

• **TYLER ZACKERI SWEARINGEN**, 21, died June 13 at PeaceHealth St. John Medical Center in Longview. Arrangements are under the care and direction of Brown Mortuary Service.

• **JANE CAMPBELL KARANDY**, 60, Morton died June 1 at her residence. Arrangements are under the care of Brown Mortuary Service.

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COMMENTARY: Highlighting Lewis County

Octogenarian Recalls Childhood in Centralia and Salzer Valley

After physical education class, a teacher handed Centralia sophomore Carol Matteson the key to the girls' dressing room, asking her to lock up after she and her friend, Marlene Christin, of Pe Ell, finished cleaning the shower room, putting away towels and stowing clothing baskets.

"We stepped out into the hall, and I turned to lock the door, and the door wouldn't hold still," recalled Carol (Matteson) Ponder, 88. "I couldn't get my key in the lock. And Marlene says, 'I think it's an earthquake.'"



By Julie McDonald

Indeed it was. On April 13, 1949, at 11:55 a.m., a 7.1-magnitude earthquake struck Western Washington, rumbling for 30 seconds.

The two girls staggered down the hallway of the three-story, brick Centralia High School and ran outside to an alley, where they watched students scrambling to leave the building as telephone poles swayed and brick chimneys crumbled and toppled onto the ground.

"All at once is this loud crack — I mean, the loudest crack I'd ever heard," Ponder remembered. "Some of the kids screamed because we thought the building was going to come crumbling to the ground."

It didn't, but not far away, a shower of bricks plunged from the east cornice of the old bank building at the southwest corner of Tower Avenue and Main Street in Centralia, killing 69-year-old Mark Cuvric as he walked on the street below and crushing Dr. Wayland Rice's Ford, parked outside Walker's paint store. Altogether, 13 people in Lewis County reported injuries, but only Cuvric died. Regionally, the quake killed eight people, including the Castle Rock senior class president and



A young Carol Matteson Ponder is pictured.

an 11-year-old crossing guard in Tacoma.

After the earthquake, inspectors reviewed the high school, which housed the Centralia Junior College on the third floor, and deemed it safe. But they condemned the Washington Grade School, built in 1906 on Gold Street at Walnut, where Ponder attended the first eight grades of school. Her youngest sister, Evelyn, who was on a lower floor, said she thought the rumbling was from older kids pounding down the stairs.

For the rest of the school year, the district bussed the Washington students to Edison Element-

ary for classes in the afternoon, while Edison students attended in the morning.

Ponder, who turns 89 next month, recently shared memories of her childhood in Centralia and growing up in Salzer Valley, where she interviewed longtime resident Ella Lammers Lewis in 1976. I'll share stories of that interview next week and follow up with information about the history of Salzer Valley.

Many stories are fresh in Ponder's mind after she began writing her memoirs after breaking her hip in a fall and recovering at Sharon Care. Her daughter, Marilyn Gallagher,



Carol Matteson Ponder, left, and daughter Marilyn Gallagher.

brought her a pen and tablet, so she started writing.

Her paternal grandparents, John and Amanda Matteson, left from Dora, Missouri, and traveled west in two covered wagons. Just outside Laramie, Wyoming, Amanda gave birth in a wagon to a daughter, Carrie, in 1900. The family worked as sharecroppers in Huntington, Oregon, along the Snake River, where Ponder's father, John, was born, and settled in Payette, Idaho, before moving to Cowlitz County during the Great Depression to work in the mills at Longview.

The same lure brought her mother's family west. Her mother, Frances Fowler, was born in Texas, and her family lived in Arkansas before learning about jobs available at the Longview mills.

But it wasn't until both families moved to Centralia that Albert John Matteson and Frances Fay Fowler met. She was a junior at Centralia High School, and John, who was five years older than her, had quit school after seventh grade. He worked for a time for the Civilian Conservation Corps in Packwood.

During the Depression, the couple courted primarily by exploring Seminary Hill, hiking, scouring for treasures and even taking "selfie" photos. They eloped to Idaho to marry Sept. 21, 1932, and started a family quickly, with Carol arriving in July 1933 at her grandmother's home on Buckner Street in Centralia. Her grandmother, who had five kids, rode a bus to

please see **MCDONALD**, page Main 7

Responding to Morton Police Chief's Letter on Sheriff Race

This letter is in response to the letter that was written by Roger Morningstar and published in the Saturday edition of The Chronicle.

I've been a Lewis County resident since 1974 and my wife was born here. Needless to say, we are invested in our community.

This letter is a slick attempt at an ad hominem distraction — a cheap attempt to divert attention from facts by using an emotional plea. Roger Morningstar: "This, however, has been overshadowed by attacks from his opponent who is focused on optics and slander rather than actions."

There are few things in politics as frustrating as reading a letter to the editor from a public official that accuses someone of slander but avoids saying what was slanderous. The attempt to keep the good ol' boy system in power by making a statement like, "This, however, has been overshadowed by attacks from his opponent who is focused on optics and slander rather than actions," is exactly why people need to research facts.

Using quotes of historical figures to try and shift attention away from important issues like fiscal irresponsibility reminds me that, "No generalization is worth a damn, including this one." (Oliver Wendell Holmes). Inconvenient truth sucks. Then you are stuck with generalized ad hominem letters like Chief Morningstar's that try to keep truth hidden. The great thing about public disclosure requests is that things hidden in the dark (car purchases and expenditures) are brought into the light.

Questions:

1) Does Chief Morningstar speak for Chehalis and Centralia in saying Sheriff Snaza has maintained "solid partnerships with chiefs across Lewis County"? Was it his "clear vision" that pulled Lewis County out of JNET, eliminated the SWAT and the K9 programs? Simple facts about actions, not slander.

2) Was his decision to keep COVID-era jail booking restrictions in place until this month (June 2022) part of his "clear vision" during the defund to police era? How has using COVID as a reason to prevent many arrested suspects from being booked equate to working together to protect our community? Again facts about action, not slander.

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3) How does President Eisenhower's statement about teamwork actually apply here? JNET regularly offers to help Lewis County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) with drug issues and their offers of helping the community are declined. Actions speak louder than words. Here again, facts about actions, not slander.

4) "Sheriff Snaza has endeavored to build a coalition of law enforcement in Lewis County. There is more work to do, and he's not slowing down." Can Chief Morningstar offer three measurable examples of what Sheriff Snaza has built and how the examples outweigh the LCSO no longer having an active K9 program, SWAT (or other tactical team), or involvement in JNET? Just asking for facts about actions, not slander.

DARREN FERRIER
Chehalis

Disregard for Dignity of Seniors Needs to Stop

Since we moved mom in with us several years ago, we have been filing her taxes for her. This year, for the first time, we were required to show proof of her identity.

I went online and down-

loaded images of the required documents. Her driver's license was no longer valid, so I took her into the DMV and got her a state issued ID card.

Everything was provided they asked for and I thought we were done. But, I was informed that we needed to do a face to face with VerifyID and that all we needed was to show them the documents (which I had already downloaded and submitted online).

We had everything ready when they insisted mom be brought in front of my (computer) camera to be interviewed. I got her out of bed in her pajamas and the interrogation began. Mom is almost 98 years old and they asked her to recite her street address and her P.O. box. She could not hear them so I repeated the question to her; for this I was accused of answering for her. I explained to them that she could not hear the question and that she could not recite our address anyway (but she was able to tell them she lived with us in Mossyrock).

That was enough for them to terminate the call and refuse to give her clearance to receive her tax refund. Next, I was advised to go online (again) to schedule an appointment at the nearest "taxpayer assistance center."

I called them at 7:30 the next morning so that I could get through to them early. But no, I got a recording that due to high volume of calls, they could not take my call. There was no opportunity to leave a call back number or be placed on hold until someone could help. The recording instructed me to again go online and call the individual taxpayer assistance center located near me. I looked up the number for the Olympia office and it was the same number with the same recording!

In fact, every taxpayer assistance center was listed with the same number and the same recording saying they could not take calls. My mother has led a productive life as a microbiologist for the city of Seattle and she volunteered much of her free time (ironically) preparing taxes for seniors and transcribing books into braille for the library for the blind. She does not deserve the humiliation she was put through.

If this is standard protocol for VerifyID, how many other seniors are getting this treatment? This disregard for the dignity of our seniors and their caretakers needs to stop.

MARGIE MILLER
Lewis County

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Pursuing a 'Fix' to the Rise in Crime in Washington

COMMENTARY: Eyes on the Legislature

The recent rise in crime has been disturbing and unsettling. Everyone deserves to be safe at home, work and in their communities. Unfortunately, recent state and federal police reforms have contributed to making our communities less safe; especially state legislation regarding use of force and vehicular pursuits.



By Peter Abbarno

So far this year, homicide rates in the United States have increased 48% compared to this same time in 2020. A Gallup poll this year shows 72% of Americans were dissatisfied with the nation's policies to reduce or control crime, the highest this century. That's up from 65% in 2021 and 49% in 2020. In our own state, crime remains a top concern for a significant majority of Washingtonians, including Seattle.

Crime has soared in Seattle in recent years. The city saw a 95% increase in shots fired and a 171% increase in people being shot from 2021 to 2022, according to The Seattle Times. Seattle's violent crime rate, which had been steady for 30 years,

suddenly jumped 20% in 2021.

Vehicle thefts in Washington are up 99% in March 2022 compared with March of the previous year and are up 88% year-to-date, according to data compiled by the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC). And Washington now leads the nation in catalytic converter thefts.

No community is insulated from bad public safety policies coming from Olympia. In our own community, we have seen a rise in property crime, and a recent shooting occurred directly in front of my home only weeks after my vehicle was prowled.

Several news outlets reported Centralia police called off a pursuit following an attempted catalytic converter theft in front of my Centralia law office Althausen Rayan Abbarno, LLP, in May. Another pursuit was called off by Centralia police in June after a reckless driver fired three rounds from his firearm while stopped in front of my home. Finally, Lewis County Sheriff's Office issued a directive in June 2022 regarding limiting DUI-related pursuits.

The Washington State Patrol (WSP) said incidents of drivers

refusing to stop for troopers' lights and sirens has increased and continues to increase, KLCC News reported. The law enforcement agency said it logged 934 failure-to-yield incidents between Jan. 1 and May 17. That's a huge increase from previous years. It appears the criminals have no fear of accountability or respect for law enforcement.

Restricting officers' ability to pursue suspects has greatly contributed to skyrocketing crime. Just ask Seattle kidnapping suspect Isaac Sissel. Mr. Sissel called Seattle police officers during a chase, telling them a newly-passed Democrat supported law prevented them from pursuing him. "SPD is illegally chasing me over I don't know what," Sissel said to the 911 operator. "It's an illegal pursuit ... They're not supposed to be able to chase."

Last year, the Legislature enacted a suite of so-called police reform bills, with the stated purpose of establishing a uniform statewide standard for the use of force by peace officers. However, as soon as the ink from Gov. Jay Inslee's signature dried on Engrossed Second Substitute House Bill (E2SHB) 1310

(Uses of Force) and Engrossed Substitute House Bill (ESHB) 1054 (Tactics and Equipment), it became apparent these laws created confusion law enforcement and empowered criminals.

There was a significant amount of disagreement over what constituted physical force under E2SHB 1310. House Republicans, steadfast in their opposition of the flawed legislation in 2021, were instrumental in efforts to repair it in 2022 with the passage of House Bill 2037. The use of physical force is now authorized during behavioral health and certain other community custody interventions. These necessary changes helped provide clarity to the public and law enforcement and will help keep our communities safer.

Less successful were attempts to "fix" the newly codified standard for vehicular pursuits under ESHB 1054, which prohibited pursuits unless there was probable cause that a person in the vehicle had committed or was committing a violent offense or sex offense, or reasonable suspicion a person had committed a DUI offense. In 2021, it was clear from many of us who voted against ESHB 1054 that this new standard chose criminals over victims and would lead to more crime. Sadly, we were

correct.

This year, the governor and Senate Democrats blocked the passage of Senate Bill 5919 that would have helped repair the broken police pursuit law. Passage of Senate Bill 5919 would have changed the current law, which restricts what the police can do, and allow police to pursue a person based on "reasonable suspicion."

Reverting back to the "reasonable suspicion" standard currently used in other states would help reduce crime and keep our neighborhoods safer.

There is a lot of work ahead of us in the 2023 legislative session and safety will remain on the mind of voters, law enforcement and legislators. I am hopeful the governor and his majority party will work in a bipartisan way to find real solutions for the rise in crime. Reverting back to a "reasonable suspicion" standard for allowing law enforcement pursuits would go a long way towards preventing crime and delivering justice.

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How's Your Character? Are You Worth the Admiration of Others?

COMMENTARY: Cookies on the Bottom Shelf

If you have been watching the news lately concerning the Jan. 6 hearings — which I hope you haven't watched too much — you are aware that issues such as credibility, integrity, character and principles are on display for the American people to decide what's true and what's not.

This idea of a person's character and whether they are believable is based on what they say backed up by what they do. If a person is to be considered credible, their words must be met with action, otherwise their words mean nothing.

Think about the people you trust and admire. Do you have them in mind? They are more than likely people who back up what they say with exertion.

In exploring this idea of a person's character and trustworthiness,



By Richard Stride

I asked a group of my managerial staff a while back, "if you could have any superpower, what would you choose?"

Several staff said "invisibility."

Their answers got me thinking about something I recalled from a graduate philosophy class.

In Plato's "Republic, Book Two" he mentions the Ring of Gyges. The ring grants the wearer the power of invisibility at will. Plato mentions it in his book because he is dialoguing about character and morality.

I also learned from this same graduate course that the ethical standards that we live by are the standards we adhere to and hopefully practice. If we violate those ethical principles, we feel bad, and rightly so.

Morality is living and putting those ethical principles into action. For Plato, the basic ques-

tion he seeks to answer is this: Is anyone so virtuous that he or she would not do things if the fear of any sort of detection was removed?

In other words, would you use the superpower of invisibility to do good or would you do something immoral?

Now, think about that for a moment before you answer. You could do literally anything you wanted without detection. You could get away with stealing, you could get away getting back at someone who has wronged you or anything else you wanted.

Plato is implying, if you had this superpower this would reveal the character of who you really are.

Would you use the power for good or for something not so good?

Some have said that this is where J.R.R. Tolkien got his idea for the Lord of the Rings. Could be. I don't know for sure.

Think about people you have admired or do admire. More than likely what you admired about them was the fact they were — or are — persons of principle. You admired them because they stood for something. When people are asked who they admire it's usually the same answer: someone who did something or stood for something beyond their own needs and wants. Someone who did the right thing even though they didn't have to.

Regardless of which side you are on in the debate concerning the Jan. 6 hearings, I challenge you to listen and look for matters of character, morality and integrity. Whoever is talking or who they are talking about — look for integrity, or character, or both. Is the person they are talking about, or the person talking, a person of integrity?

What would you do if you had the ring from Lord of the Rings? Are the things you say backed up by the person

you are? Is the person you are backed up by your actions? Do you do the right thing even if no one is watching? I'm not talking here about not coming to a full stop at a stop sign even when there are no cars around, because that really has nothing to do with character. Not stopping has more to do with how big of a hurry you are in.

I'm talking about your actions matching your words. If you want to be considered a person of integrity, a person who others admire, back up what you say with your actions. Do the right thing, even if you don't have to.

Listen, we all have fallen short at times, but you can determine right now, today, to be a person of principle and character.

You will feel better and others will admire you for it.

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Chehalis to work in a cannery.

Her family's first home was above the First Street Grocery, where she recalled, at the age of 4, standing on the upstairs balcony over the sidewalk with her sister, Myrna, watching her father, who worked for Agnew Lumber Co., drive past in a lumber carrier so high she could almost reach out and touch it. They were expecting him, so they stood outside and watched.

"He sat there so handsome and looking so important," she recalled. "He emptied a load of lumber across the tracks and then went back. He did that twice that day, but I think the city probably got after Agnew for allowing their heavy equipment on the street."

As children, she and her sister also spent time with their parents exploring Seminary Hill, especially a large tree that had toppled onto another, leaving a trunk with legs that looked like a horse. They called it the "horsey tree."

Another early memory is of the time she swallowed a nail from a wooden toy. Her mother rushed her to the doctor's office, but he simply told her to wait a few days. "It'll show up," he said. "And sure enough, it did." They still have the nail, a family heirloom.

Shortly afterward, her family moved to Salzer Valley, three-quarters of a mile from Gold Street, at the corner of Salzer Valley and Alvord Road. On their three acres they raised their



Carol Matteson Ponder's tumbling team is pictured. She is fourth from left kneeling.

family of four children — Carol, Myrna, Larry and Evelyn — as well as one milk cow, four chickens, three pigs and rabbits. She did chores but didn't like feeding the pigs.

"I hated it when they got loose 'cause they're hard to catch," she said. One time, when they were dressed for school, her mother yelled that the pigs were out. She and her siblings chased the slimy porkers through the muddy barnyard. But the bus arrived before they had time to clean up, so they wore their muddy clothes to school.

She still has the Swiss cow bell used by their cow, Old Bossy.

Although Salzer Valley had an old schoolhouse, she and her siblings attended Washington School, a brick three-story building. Her friend attended half a year at Salzer Valley, but by Christmas 1939, the district had consolidated its schools, so the girl finished the year at Washington.

Reflecting on those early years, Ponder said, her seventh-grade teacher stands out especially — Miss Ruth Ann Sturman, who organized baseball and softball teams and cast students in play productions. She lived with her mother but devoted herself to her students.

Ponder played on the ball team and performed small parts in plays.

"Because I was so bashful, I know now that she was trying to bring me out," Ponder said with a chuckle. "I don't think it worked."

Miss Sturman also taught Ponder's daughter, Marilyn Gallagher, in middle school.

At Centralia High School, Ponder gathered for roll call on the third floor, where the college students met, in the room of Owen Wicks, a popular speech and debate teacher.

She participated in gymnastics and the Rainbow Girls, a

girls' service organization associated with the Masons. Their mother didn't learn to drive until she was 62, and with their father at work, she and her siblings walked nearly everywhere.

It was on the way home from one of those meetings when a handsome young man stopped to offer them a ride home. That led to what the late radio broadcaster Paul Harvey used to call "the rest of the story."

I'll share more in next week's column.

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Sex Offender Accused of Sexually Assaulting Child in Morton

By Emily Fitzgerald
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Bail has been set at \$500,000 for a Seattle sex offender accused of sexually assaulting a child in Morton for several years.

The victim was 10 years old when the abuse was reported to the Lewis County Sheriff's Office in late May 2022.

The defendant, Kevin G. Larson, 41, is accused of "licking, sucking and biting" the victim's toes and touching her sexually, beginning when the victim was 5 or 6 years old, according to court documents.

Larson was previously convicted for three counts of first-degree child molestation following his arrest in December 2010 "after a lengthy investigation



Kevin G. Larson, 41, of Seattle, appears virtually in Lewis County Superior Court on Friday.

involving multiple victims, including a 9-year-old female who reportedly awoke to Larson lick-

ing her toes while fondling her chest," according to court documents.

Within that report, witnesses mentioned that Larson "was infatuated with feet and feet were the first things he noticed about females," according to court documents.

Larson was on probation for that case when these offenses allegedly occurred.

His conditions of release prohibited Larson from having any contact with minors and from leaving King County without permission, according to court documents.

Larson was arrested and was booked into the Lewis County Jail on Thursday and has since been charged with five counts of first-degree child molestation.

During his preliminary appearance hearing in Lewis County Superior Court on Fri-

day, Deputy Prosecutor Brad Meagher asked Judge James Lawler to set the high bail amount "based primarily on the nature of the offense alleged."

Meagher additionally referenced Larson's previous conviction out of King County as a reason for the high bail.

While Defense Attorney Rachael Tiller asked Lawler to set bail no higher than \$100,000 due to Larson's financial situation, Lawler said he agreed with Meagher's argument and granted the \$500,000 bail request.

Lawler also issued a sexual assault protection order protecting the alleged victim.

Larson's next court appearance is an arraignment hearing scheduled for Thursday, June 23.

Thurston County Judge Sentences Adult for Giving Teen Fentanyl, Causing Overdose Death

By The Olympian

A 31-year-old man has been sentenced to five years in prison for causing the death of an Olympia teen who overdosed on narcotics.

Thurston County Superior Court Judge Indu Thomas sentenced Isaiah James Middleton on June 6 after he pleaded guilty to controlled substance homicide on April 27. The Prosecuting Attorney's Office announced Middleton's sentencing in a news release.

Kadin Butler-Blood, 17, was pronounced brain dead a few days after Tumwater police found him with Middleton in a motel room on the 400 block of Lee Street Southwest on Aug. 2, 2021, according to court documents.

Butler-Blood died at Providence St. Peter Hospital on Aug. 11, according to his obituary.

Middleton also overdosed in the motel room, but the release says he was revived with Narcan.

At the hospital, Middleton told a detective he obtained the drugs from a friend at the motel and gave them to Butler-Blood, according to court documents. Police also collected 11 pills from Middleton and a blue powdery substance in the motel room.

An autopsy determined Butler-Blood died after overdosing on fentanyl, a synthetic opioid about 100 times stronger than morphine. A laboratory report later determined some of the drugs collected by police contained fentanyl, according to court documents.

Fentanyl overdose deaths more than doubled between 2020 and 2021, The Olympian previously reported. The opioid is often mixed with other substances, sometimes without the knowledge of the user, and can be lethal in small amounts.

Kyle Butler, the oldest brother to Kadin Butler-Blood, submitted a victim's statement to the court. In it, he called the time after his brother's death "incomprehensible."

"The feeble 'what if' thoughts are no match for the reality of death," Kyle Butler said in his statement. "They are no match for the haunting memories of watching Kadin's body fight to stay alive, as we slowly understood that the part of Kadin that makes each one of us our brilliant selves would never return."

He went on to say he wished for Middleton to be sentenced within the standard range, 51-68 months in this case, and later go through a graduated reentry program.

Middleton's attorney, Jose Villanueva, requested the court impose a Mental Health Sentencing Alternative, a reduced sentence for eligible defendants diagnosed with serious mental illness.

In court documents, Villanueva said Middleton suffers

from severe bipolar and anxiety disorders as well as addiction issues that have led him to become homeless.

"Mr. Middleton is not a violent person and poses no harm to anyone," Villanueva said in his sentencing memorandum. "He is aware that substance use in violation of a court order will lead to incarceration. Mr. Middleton is crying out for help. He had no intention of causing harm to anyone."

He also had an offender score of 0, meaning he had no prior criminal history that would have affected his sentence.

However, Thomas opted to sentence Middleton within the standard range as recommended by Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Elizabeth McMullen, according to court documents.

McMullen questioned an evaluator's determination that Middleton suffered from serious mental illness that could have limited major life activities. She noted he previously earned

a bachelor's degree in computer science at the University of Washington and worked at Boeing for three years.

"A MHSA sentence is not intended for a defendant who suddenly self-reports that they suffer from mental health issues and are able to obtain a report stating the same in order to avoid incarceration," McMullen said in her sentencing memorandum.

Middleton could still receive mental health treatment while prison, she said. Furthermore, she argued the alternative would not be appropriate in this case.

"When an individual, in this case an adult, buys drugs off the street and gives them to others, in this case a child whose brain was not fully developed, he/she is spreading poison in the community," McMullen said in her memorandum.

Anti-Predator Groups Posing as Children Help Washington Police Arrest Suspect

By The News Tribune

Two organizations whose members pose as children to catch suspected child predators helped Tacoma police arrest a registered sex offender from Adams County this week, officials say.

Workers with Predator Poachers and Women Against Predators, pretending to be four girls between the ages of 11 and 13, arranged for the 79-year-old man to meet them in the 2300 block of South Washington Street in Tacoma, according to a news release.

Detectives determined they had enough evidence for the man to be charged with multiple counts of attempted child rape and communicating with a minor for immoral purposes, according to a news release. Police did not release the man's name.

A Pierce County Superior Court judge issued an arrest warrant Tuesday, and police arrested the man in Adams County on Wednesday, according to a news release. Police said he would be transported to Pierce County Jail but did not confirm if he had been booked.

Another Pierce County Homicide: 22-Year-Old JBLM Soldier Killed

By The News Tribune

A 22-year-old active duty soldier stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord was fatally shot Saturday in Parkland, according to the Pierce County Sheriff's Department.

An online statement from the department said emergency dispatchers received a call at 6:04 p.m. Deputies responded to a residence in the 1600 block of 112th Street South in Parkland, not far from Sales Elementary School. They found the 22-year-old man inside with an apparent gunshot wound. First-aid efforts failed; the man died at the scene.

The department statement said the shooting took place during a gathering at the residence, attended by the victim and the shooting suspect. Deputies searched the area after reaching the scene, but did not locate the suspect. The circumstances that led to the shooting remained unclear Saturday evening.

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News in Brief

One Effort to Repeal Capital Gains Tax Comes to an End

By The Columbian

Initiative 1929, an effort by some of Washington's wealthier residents to repeal the capital gains tax passed by the legislature in 2021, has come to an end. Organizers, which included venture capital and hedge fund executives Matt McIlwain and Brian Heywood, pulled the plug last week.

The committee behind I-1929 said they will instead leave it to the courts to decide on whether to "overturn this illegal tax."

Had it been successful, the initiative would have repealed Senate Bill 5096, which created a 7 percent tax on capital gains greater than \$250,000. The tax on profits from sales of long-term assets, such as stocks and bonds, went into effect on Jan. 1. There are several exemptions though: Sales of real estate, retirement accounts, timber and livestock used in farming or ranching are entirely exempt, while sales of family-owned businesses get a special deduction. The first payments are due in 2023.

According to the Washington State Budget and Policy Center, a Seattle-based nonpartisan research and policy organization, repealing the tax would have benefitted around 8,200 households, each with an average income above \$2 million or more.

The fight isn't over yet. Passage of the capital gains tax led to several lawsuits being filed. On March 1, Douglas County Superior Court Judge Brian Huber ruled the tax was an unconstitutional graduated income tax. The state constitution says property, which includes income as a type of property, must be taxed uniformly, meaning the state cannot charge people different rates based on their income.

Attorneys for the state have argued the capital gains tax is an excise tax, which are legal in Washington, and not an income tax. Huber disagreed, saying the capital gains tax "shows the hallmarks of an income tax rather than an excise tax." Washington is the only state to categorize income as a type of property.

Since Huber's ruling, Attorney General Bob Ferguson has asked the state Supreme Court to accept the case on direct appeal.

The Supreme Court has yet to decide if it will hear the case and it could be months before the court makes that decision.

The capital gains tax wasn't initially favored by voters, either. An advisory measure on whether to repeal the tax was passed by more than 60 percent of voters in November. However, recent polling numbers show voters may be changing their minds.

"A modest tax on extraordinary profits to pay for childcare and education is broadly supported by the public, as evidenced both by recent public opinion polling and by the tens of thousands of individuals who sent emails and letters to elected leaders, testified in support of the policy, and spoke out in support over the past decade," said Misha Werschkul, executive director for the Washington State Budget and Policy Center.

Proceeds from the capital gains tax will go to funding education, childcare and early learning programs.

"Washingtonians get it. They clearly do not support a massive tax cut for the super-rich," said Adam Glickman of Service Employees International Union 775. "The proponents of this initiative tried to establish a campaign, hired some big-shot national consultants and spent six months trying to make it go."

"This initiative would have given the wealthiest 2 percent of Washingtonians an unnecessary tax cut and it's clear the efforts to get this going were no match for the broad-based coalition working to make Washington's tax code more equitable," Werschkul said.

JNET: Drug Trafficking Case Stemming From Centralia Traffic Stop Goes Federal

By Emily Fitzgerald

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Two subjects who were charged for drug trafficking-related offenses in Lewis County Superior Court last week were remanded into federal custody on Friday.

David A. Berryhill, 47, of Bremerton, and Jamie J. Kelly, 50, of Seabeck, were released to federal agents just after 3:40 p.m. on June 17, according to jail records.

Berryhill and Kelly had been in custody since Tuesday, after members of the Joint Narcotic Enforcement Team (JNET) and a

Centralia Police Department K9 Team, Officer Ruben Ramirez and K9 Pax, found 8 pounds of suspected methamphetamine and 10,000 pills suspected to contain fentanyl following following a traffic stop on northbound Interstate 5 in Centralia.

The subjects' vehicle had been traveling 85 mph in a posted 70 mph zone, prompting the traffic stop, according to court documents.

Local law enforcement had also received a tip from the state drug enforcement that the subjects' vehicle — a white Toyota Tacoma — "might be carrying

large quantities of illegal controlled substances," according to court documents.

Ramirez deployed Pax as soon as officers made contact with Berryhill, who was driving. The officers obtained a search warrant to search the vehicle after Pax alerted to the odor of narcotics.

According to a JNET detective, "Berryhill and Kelly have been driving through a variety of states, and the DEA has been tracking them."

The Tacoma they were driving at the time of their arrest had been rented out of California, ac-

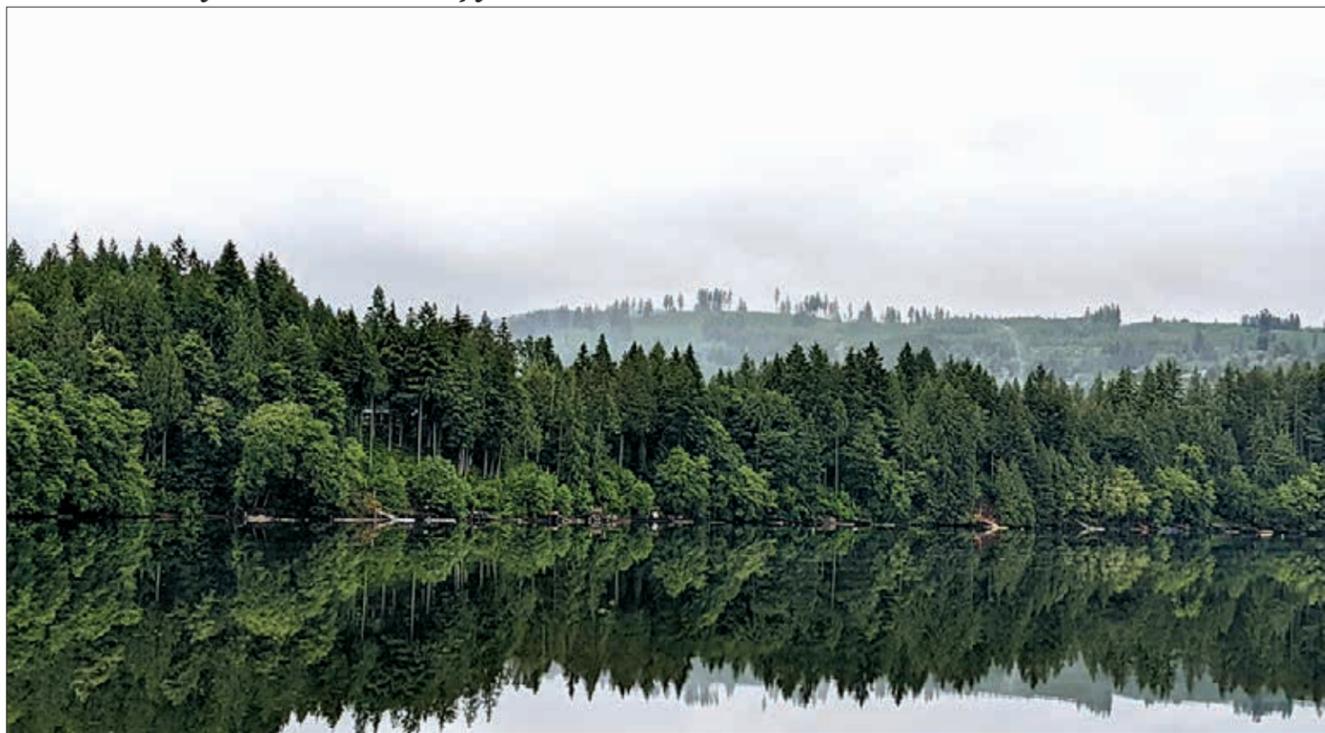
ording to court documents.

"As a result of this stop, JNET prevented approximately 8 pounds of suspected methamphetamine and 10,000 pills suspected to contain fentanyl, from hitting the streets of our communities," stated JNET in a news release on Tuesday.

Bremerton and Kelly were initially charged in Lewis County Superior Court with the understanding that "it is likely this case will go federal," according to court documents.

The federal case was filed on Friday, according to Deputy Prosecutor Brad Meagher.

Weekend Reflections on Mayfield Lake



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Reflections are seen in Mayfield Lake on a calm but overcast Saturday morning.

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Lesser-Known Congressional Candidates State Their Cases

By Rick Bannan

For The Chronicle

With the August primary for the 2022 elections fewer than two months away, eight challengers are seeking to unseat U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, who is running for a seventh term representing Washington's 3rd Congressional District.

Though most of the momentum working against Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground, comes from her own Republican Party through Joe Kent, Heidi St. John, Vicki Kraft and Leslie French, the congresswoman also faces two Democratic challengers, an independent and a third-party candidate.



Davy Ray



Chris Byrd

Ray Wants a Better Nation for His Grandkids

While Democrat Marie Gluesenkamp Perez has received the most support from her party, Davy Ray, of Stevenson, is taking another shot at Congress under the party banner.

In 2020, he picked up about 1.5% of the August primary vote, which he characterized as a "dry run" for this year.

"I literally jumped into the race 10 minutes before the deadline to get on the ballot," Ray said. "I had no illusions that I was going to unseat anybody. I just wanted to get my name out there."

Ray moved to the Pacific Northwest in 2000 and taught music at the University of Oregon for about 10 years before moving into the district in 2011. He worked in the music industry in Nashville for more than a decade, primarily in music publishing, then switched gears to work at companies that manufacture airplane parts.

Currently, Ray said he is "pandemic retired" and will likely rejoin the workforce if the Congressional run does not pan out in his favor.

Ray said with local Democrats backing Gluesenkamp Perez he had to make a "gut-wrenching decision" to continue in the race. Acknowledging it might seem cliché, Ray said he decided to run while thinking about the future of his grandchildren.

"I just cannot in good conscience leave this world to them in the shape that it's in," Ray said.

Issues spurring his continuation in the race include the potential reconsideration of Roe v. Wade, the invasion of Ukraine by Russia and recent mass shootings across the country. As a gun owner himself, Ray said work on gun control is necessary given the shootings, more so than the "weak tea" legislation currently put forward in the shootings' wake.

Ray has been on the Stevenson Planning Commission since 2020, and holds a master's degree in public policy planning and management from the

University of Oregon. He said through his degree program he was involved with soliciting government funds for disaster mitigation in the Columbia River Gorge, an experience he said would help him in Washington, D.C.

"My political resume is kind of thin, but my resolve is not," Ray said.

Infrastructure is Ray's chief policy focus. Regarding the most prominent infrastructure project in Clark County, the replacement of the Interstate 5 bridge over the Columbia River, Ray said he is in favor of the bridge replacement project's current concept which would extend Portland's MAX light rail system across the bridge into Vancouver. The current plan has the MAX line running to Evergreen Boulevard, allowing for connectivity through Clark County's C-Tran bus service through the rest of the county.

Like most of the other lesser-known candidates for the congressional seat, Ray said political division has been a blight on Congress' ability to put forth good policy.

"I think we have more in common than we actually think we do," Ray said. "We all want good stuff for our kids. We all want good economic opportunities."

Byrd Seeks Improvement of Political Division

The current political division is the chief focus of challenger Chris Byrd, who is a social studies and history teacher at Toutle Lake Junior-Senior High School. As a Toutle resident, Byrd said his teaching subjects have spurred an interest in politics for some time.

"I thought about it in the past," Byrd said. "The timing was right for me to give my best shot at it."

The trend toward negative politics helped spur him to take the plunge and finally file for the congressional race.

"It seems we are so divided ... with partisan polarization,



Oliver Black

and it doesn't seem like things are getting done for the people," Byrd said.

Byrd is running as the only independent candidate in the race. Fitting with his lack of a political party, he said he tries not to see issues in black-and-white terms.

He gave an example of law enforcement and said his opinion is based on more than being strictly pro or anti-cop.

"We need to be able to try to provide resources for law enforcement to do their job, but also at the same time provide resources to help people that might not have that most positive view about what's going on to get (them) on board," Byrd said.

Byrd also wants to reform how much money influences political decisions in Congress.

"There's so much money involved and there are so many influences out there that I think what's doing best for the people gets lost," Byrd said.

Byrd said continued political division would end up hurting any progress to solving the nation's problems.

"Our future looks bleak if we can't right this trend of digging deeper and deeper trenches

that's not the same thing that we've had forever and seems to be working less and less."

The party also espouses support for labor movements. Black said he wants to incentivize companies to become employee-owned.

"If we just keep raising minimum wage, all that does is it gets passed on ... to consumers to maintain their large profit margins," Black said.

Alongside a push for businesses run by those doing the labor, he also supports unionization efforts at large corporations.

Black supports efforts toward a clean and sustainable environment, and reforms in criminal justice. He wants to increase job training for incarcerated individuals and make sure imprisonment prepares convicts for life after prison rather than being just punitive.

Black is also in favor of election reform.

"Running as a third party I know just how much of a challenge it is to win, and I think there's a way that's fairer to represent more people than what we have now," Black said.

He is in favor of STAR voting where voters assign values to candidates based on their preferences which are used to determine the winner. Though he doesn't believe ranked choice voting, another process gaining momentum locally and elsewhere, is the best system, he feels it would be better than the current first-past-the-post system in place.

Black said the infighting among Republicans in the Third Congressional District race is indicative of why the two-party system doesn't work.

"I think lots of primaries are just races to the extreme," Black said.

He reasoned that phenomenon leads to more radical candidates eventually making their way into office.

"When they get to Washington, they don't really get stuff done. They just make grand gestures that accomplish nothing," Black said.

He said his goal in running is to give "people an option

Black Pushes Profile for Third Party

Oliver Black is explicitly trying to buck the two-party dominance, running as an anti-abortion, pro-labor candidate.

Black, a history teacher at Three Rivers Christian School in Longview, is part of the state committee of the American Solidarity Party. He described the party as supportive of "consistent life ethic" which opposes abortion, euthanasia and capital punishment.

Black said he felt disenfranchised with what the major parties were doing after 2016, leading him to seek out another option.

"I didn't really see a future for America by continuing to support two parties that just continued to divide the country and weren't really passing legislation that most Americans agreed on," Black said.

He said his goal in running is to give "people an option

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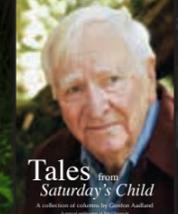
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The W.F. West Equestrian Team poses for a photo with chalkboards.

Regionals

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This year for the first time, a Mossyrock student, Madison Smith, earned her way to regionals as well.

Adam Kasper, who's been coaching the team since 2009, said the tournament was a great success for the girls individually and the team as a whole.

He said Ridley "broke a barrier" with her first place reining win.

"I'm very proud," he said. "Quite happy for her."

After placing third in the state out of 11 large teams, W.F.

West's Washington High School Equestrian Team (WAHSET) 10-rider drill team moved on to regionals to compete against the top five teams from Washington and Oregon. At regionals, the 10 girls again took the bronze buckle in third place.

The drill team was composed of Ridley, Clara Price, Cyndle Haller, Jaydean Hellem, Hailee Hellem and Katelyn Dipo, all of Adna, along with Jeznee Journee, of Centralia, Madelynn Zembas, of Toledo, Raylee Anderson, of W.F. West, Zoie Due, of Onalaska and Charlotte Barber, of Napavine.

"There's 10 horses out there all at once, running patterns that

run at each other and all around each other. It's a choreographed event that takes a high level of concentration both for the rider and for the horse," Kasper said. "There's a lot to it that you don't see at the surface."

Due, along with Shaylie Flanery, of Toledo, also earned second place in the bi-rangle western category, a timed event where riders run a pattern around two poles in a relay style.

"What's difficult about that particular event is when they have to cross each other but they can't cross the starting line at the same time," Kasper said. "That timing of what we call 'the cross' is the biggest important

thing about that entire event."

Flanery and Price also earned second place in team cow sorting, a 90-second timed event where two riders move cows from one pen to another in a certain sequence. Cows are numbered zero to nine, and judges give the riders one number to begin with. If the athletes are directed to start with cow three, for example, the cows must be herded into the pen beginning with cow three, then four, five, and after cow nine, cow zero, and so on.

If a cow enters the pen out of sequence, also called a "dirty cow," the riders get a "no-time" run, essentially disqualifying

them.

Navea Dunn from Napavine earned third place in jumping. Kasper was especially proud of Dunn because she rode a rescue horse all the way to the regional tournament. She had to work very hard all year to get her horse's muscles up to snuff, Kasper said.

"We're just very proud of them, of course. I've been doing this since 2009 and I don't really place any kid above the other. They all work just as hard as the others, even if they don't place quite as high," Kasper said, adding, "It really is very satisfying. Moving. 'Satisfying' seems almost not enough to describe it."

Honored

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Gray said.

Kerstetter was awarded the Medal of Honor at the White House by President Harry Truman on Oct. 12, 1945.

"Kerstetter was born in Centralia on December 21, 1907. He joined the Army in March of 1942. By April of 1945 he was serving as a Private First Class in Company C, 130th Infantry Regiment, 33rd Infantry Division. During a fight to take a ridge near Galiano, Luzon, Philippines, he advanced alone ahead of his squad and engaged the Japanese soldiers until he ran out of ammunition. For these actions he was awarded the Medal of Honor," according to a statement from the city.

In total, Kerstetter killed 16 Japanese soldiers that day as he fired his rifle and threw grenades at the scattering opposition, according to the Medal of

Honor Society.

Kerstetter left the Army on Nov. 1, 1945, and returned to Washington state. He began working at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in 1954. He drowned on July 9, 1972. His body was never recovered. A memorial gravesite was dedicated in his honor at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent.

Kerstetter's daughter, Sandy Jones, addressed the crowd Saturday.

"It'll be 50 years since he drowned on July 9," Jones said. "He was doing something he loved, he was fishing."

"I danced on his shoes, my sister and I. He treated us like princesses. We just wanted to say thank you to the City of Centralia because it's his hometown and he was from here," Jones said before letting her cousin, Carolyn Kerstetter, speak.

"Uncle Dex was very proud, but he wasn't one to talk about what he did during the war," Carolyn Kerstetter said.

According to Carolyn Kerstetter, her family has deep roots in the area, having come to Washington before it was a state.

"He saved three people's lives in the Columbia River, they would have drowned," Carolyn Kerstetter added, providing another example of her uncle's heroism.

After members of the family had finished speaking, the crowd moved in front of Fiddlers Coffee on Mellen Street to watch the unveiling of the sign. As Jones stood below her father's sign, the crowd watched as the wrapping was removed. After the crowd cheered, the rest of Kerstetter's family joined Jones under the sign for photographs.

After the sign unveiling, Jones spoke to The Chronicle about her father.

"You know, honestly, he was so humble. He would be so proud. He joined the Army when he was 37 years old and they called him 'pops,'" Jones said. "He was a cook but thought

that was boring so he volunteered to be a scout."

"He got shot in the bottom, his hands were severely burned, but he just kept going," Jones said regarding her father's actions that earned him the Medal of Honor.

Jones said after returning to Washington state, her father moved to Bremerton, where Jones still lives, to work at the Naval Shipyard. While working at the shipyards, Jones said her father was granted leave to attend the inaugurations of presidents John F. Kennedy, Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon all of which he was invited to due to his status as a Medal of Honor recipient.

Another one of Kerstetter's nieces, Becky Core, also spoke to The Chronicle about the event.

"I thought it went very smoothly, I wish they would do more to recognize important people (like Kerstetter)," Core said.

"He would have been so proud," Core added. "He was re-

ally quiet and he never bragged, that's the kind of person he was."

According to the U.S. Congressional Medal of Honor Society, the accolade is the "United States' highest award for military valor in action" for any U.S. service member who "distinguishes himself conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty; (or) while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States; (or) while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party."

The award had been given to only 3,527 service members in its 160 years of existence as of last year. Following a rigorous application and verification process, the Medal of Honor is often awarded to the soldier by the president at a public ceremony.



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Arbor Health Adds Two New Medical Providers

By The Chronicle staff

Arbor Health, the parent organization of Morton Hospital, Rapid Care Clinic and Morton, Mossyrock and Randle primary care clinics, has added two providers to its medical staff.

Crystal Florek, ARNP, is filling two roles. She was recently hired as a provider for the Rapid Care Clinic, which is located within the Morton Clinic building. The addition of Florek to the medical staff has enabled staff to open the walk-in clinic for full-time hours Friday through Monday. Because of limited staffing, the clinic had initially been opened at only half capacity.

In addition, Florek is also

serving as a women's health specialist at the Morton Clinic. She is available for appointment in this capacity at 360-496-3641.

Prior to coming to Arbor Health, Florek worked as a primary care provider at PeaceHealth St. John's Medical Center in Longview.

Jason Whitney, ARNP, was hired to be the full-time provider at the future Arbor Health Packwood Clinic, planned to open this fall. Until then, Whitney will fill staffing voids in the Morton and Randle clinics. Whitney was a pediatric and adult family medicine provider for PeaceHealth St. John's Medical Center in Longview.

Merrell Cooper, DO, will retire on July 15 and Fabiola Puga, MD, who was hired to take over Cooper's patients, will not arrive Aug. 1. Also, Tonya Goodson, ARNP, at the Randle Clinic, is moving from the area, leaving her position open. Whitney will take over her patient load until another provider is hired or the Packwood Clinic opens, whichever occurs first.

"We are thrilled to welcome both of these providers," CEO Leianne Everett stated in a news release. "Both Crystal and Jason are highly skilled and experienced medical providers. The timing of their availability could not have been better for Arbor Health and our community."



Jason Whitney



Crystal Florek

News in Brief

Navy SEAL Use of State Parks Appears Over as State Declines to Appeal Judge's Decision

By The Seattle Times

The Washington Attorney General's office has declined to appeal a judge's ruling that bans Navy SEAL or other military training in Washington state parks.

This appears to mark the demise of a high-profile, controversial permitting process that would have expanded to possibly 17 or more parks under a motion approved by the State Parks and Recreation Commission in January 2021.

"This should be the end of the road to the Navy's using the state parks," said Zachary Griefen, an attorney representing Whidbey Environmental Action Network, which filed a lawsuit in state Superior Court challenging the commission's action.

The state had 30 days to file an appeal to the judge's ruling, which was issued May 13.

It found that the commission lacked the statutory authority to permit the training and also failed to adequately consider the impacts of such training in violation of a state environmental law.

Brianna Aho, a spokesperson for the state Attorney General, deferred to the Parks and Recreation Commission to comment on the decision not to file an appeal.

A commission representative could not be reached for comment Friday afternoon.

Navy SEALs, elite special-operations forces, began training at state parks in the early 1980s. But they have not been able to use them since 2020, when permits to use five parks expired.

A new review process got underway after the January 2021 commission vote but had yet to result in any new permits being issued, according to an April statement from Becki Ellison, executive assistant to the state Parks and Recreation Commission.

The SEAL training involves submersible vessels that navi-

gate through offshore waters and unarmed SEAL team trainees in groups of six to eight who then make their way to shore, typically under cover of darkness. Once on land, they conceal themselves for 24 to 48 hours to conduct surveillance, then depart by water.

"With the Washington State Parks unavailable, the military members who need this critical training, which takes place only a few months each year, will have fewer options to hone their unique skills," said a statement released by Joe Overton, a deputy public affairs officer for Navy Region Northwest. "They will continue to train in the other areas in Washington state through rights-of-entry agreements."

Ex-Amazon Worker Convicted in Massive Capital One Hack

By The Seattle Times

A former Amazon engineer was convicted Friday on federal charges stemming from a 2019 hack that compromised the ac-

counts of 100 million credit card users.

A jury empaneled in Seattle found Paige Thompson guilty on seven counts related to computer and wire fraud. The verdict, delivered Friday afternoon, comes after eight days of testimony and one day of deliberations.

Thompson, 36, was responsible for one of the largest data breaches in U.S. history, in which she downloaded data from more than 100 million Capital One customers in 2019. The data included about 120,000 Social Security Numbers and about 77,000 bank account numbers.

To get that data, Thompson, who worked as a systems engineer for Amazon Web Services but left years before the hack, looked for AWS clients with misconfigured firewalls.

She then exploited those weakness to impersonate an authorized user, the government argued.

Because Capital One's internal system then recognized Thompson's queries as coming from a "friendly" computer, the

system fulfilled her requests for data. Prosecutors argued she also planted cryptocurrency mining software on the companies' servers, essentially mooching their computing power to mine currency for her own benefit.

Thompson was convicted of one count of wire fraud and six counts of computer fraud and abuse. She was acquitted of one count of access device fraud and one count of aggravated identity theft.

"We're thrilled with the verdict," said Nick Brown, U.S. attorney for the Western District of Washington. "Hopefully it's good deterrence for other people, like Ms. Thompson, who purport to be good-faith hackers, but who are in fact engaged in something far more dangerous."

At the center of Thompson's case were two differing interpretations of the key phrase "without authorization." The U.S. Computer Fraud and Abuse Act, which Thompson was accused of violating, makes it illegal for anyone to intentionally access a computer "without authorization" or "exceeding authorized access."

In its closing arguments, the government emphasized that Thompson did not have authorized access because she lacked explicit permission from Capital One or other breached companies to view and download their data.

The defense contended that Thompson's actions were legal because the breached companies' systems performed as they were programmed, and anyone with access to a web browser could've taken the same actions as Thompson.

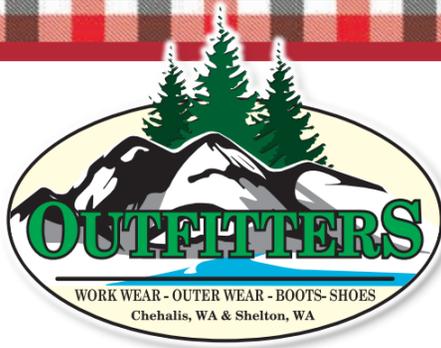
As a rebuttal, the government used the analogy of hiding a house key under a door mat. Someone could walk through the neighborhood searching under every door mat and find the key, but just because it fits the lock doesn't mean that the intruder had "authorization" to enter the house.

The government also used a sampling of Thompson's tweets, Slack messages and chat board posts to argue that she was a calculated hacker motivated by greed, rather than a noble "white-hat hacker" trying to identify and patch vulnerabilities in companies' online defenses.

Thompson's attorney, federal public defender Mohammad Hamoudi, emphasized in closing arguments Thursday that even though Thompson didn't have an engineering or computer science degree, computers helped her connect to people and communities outside her unstable home life. That same cold and inhuman world of computers could also make Thompson feel isolated and prompt her to act out.

He reminded the jury that Thompson's friends testified to her often frenzied messages, sent from the apt username "erratic," and asked the members to not give strong weight to the government's handful of example messages.

Thompson remains free on bond pending sentencing later this year.



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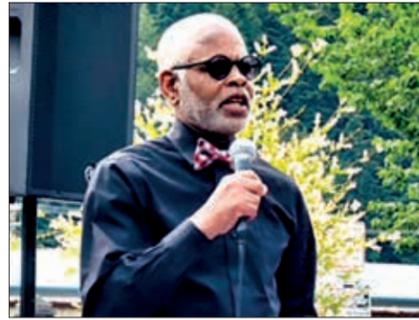


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In Focus: Juneteenth Celebrated With Ceremony in Centralia



Photos by Antonio Hernandez

From left, Michael Green sings "Lift Every Voice and Sing," Lujan Rodriguez provides the history of George Washington, Roland "Chuck" Champs speaks and Jim McCully of Centralia talks on his experience and importance of Juneteenth. Multiculturally Minded of Lewis County organized a Juneteenth celebration that began at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Pine Street Plaza in downtown Centralia. Usha Brooks and Lujan Rodriguez organized the event, which was cosponsored by the Centralia Downtown Association. "Juneteenth is a celebration of freedom from slavery for African-Americans," Centralia Mayor Kelly Smith Johnston said in a statement. "As a country, America is proudly rooted in freedom, but historically freedom for some has come at the price of freedom for others. This celebration recognizes the continued effort toward freedom and justice for all in our country. As a city founded by a Black man who was the son of a slave, Juneteenth has special significance. We benefit from the freedoms George Washington experienced here to own land and his generosity to build the town through donating his own land is a legacy we still enjoy today."

Osprey Chicks on Cowlitz PUD Livestream Killed by Bald Eagles

By Brennen Kauffman

The Daily News

Over a 48-hour period this week, all three osprey chicks in a livestreamed nest in Cowlitz County were picked off by bald eagles.

The Cowlitz Public Utility District has two cameras livestreaming a nest maintained by the utility, which it shares through YouTube and its Facebook page. The recorded nest is one of seven that the PUD maintains for ospreys around Cowlitz County.

The official Facebook page for the osprey cam posted clips of the eagle picking off one chick on Wednesday and a second chick on Thursday.

Hours later, viewers of the cam began sharing clips of the third and final chick being taken in the comments.

"The Cowlitz PUD Osprey Cam shows nature unfolding before our eyes showing us both life and death," the utility posted after the first and second chicks were taken.

Video clips show the mother osprey, nicknamed Electra by the Cowlitz PUD, leaving the nest. Seconds later, a bald eagle swoops into frame and snatches a chick out with its talons.

Bald eagles are competitive



Amanda Froberg / contributed file photo

A female osprey is caught on the Cowlitz Public Utility District's live feed on March 27. Last week, bald eagles picked off three chicks.

predators who have been recorded preying on osprey nests or directly fighting with ospreys for fish. A 2019 article in the Journal of Animal Ecology found that as the bald eagle population re-

bounded at Voyageurs National Park in Minnesota, osprey populations declined.

In 2021, the osprey hatchlings at the PUD nest died of complications from the record-

breaking heat wave at the end of June. Prior to that, the nest had five offspring survive long enough to take off over five mating seasons.

"We really thought this was

going to the year for our osprey family and are so saddened by this outcome. Thank you for viewing and following along with us this season," the PUD posted on Facebook Thursday.

State Plans to Remove Camps Near Freeways as Thurston County OKs \$5 Million Agreement

By The Olympian

People camped near highways in Thurston County will be removed and offered housing solutions under a new agreement between the county and Washington state.

Last week, the Board of County Commissioners unanimously approved an interagency agreement with the state Department of Commerce as part of Gov. Jay Inslee's Rights-of-Way Initiative.

The three-year agreement provides \$5 million for the county to spend on shelter beds for affected individuals and hotel stays for those fleeing domestic violence. The funds also will go toward targeted outreach to the camps and administrative costs.

Prior to the vote, Commissioner and Board Chair Carolina Mejia commented on the agreement and thanked staff for devising this proposal with the cities of Olympia and Lacey.

"It's finally being done," Mejia said. "It's great to see the state is finally pitching in and doing their part."

State officials plan to remove seven homeless encampments on Washington state Department of Transportation rights-of-way in the county, according to county documents. Two out of the top three camps will be prioritized this month.

When asked, Penny Thomas, a spokesperson for the Commerce Department, declined to share where or when the removals will take place. In a statement, she said the state will announce removals only within 72 hours' notice.

"Together, Commerce, WSDOT and (Washington State Patrol) will move forward as local

housing and outreach services are available for residents of an encampment and security is available from local law enforcement or WSP," Thomas said.

Thurston County declined to share a draft copy of the agreement with The Olympian, citing an objection from the state. Thomas said the agreement has yet to be finalized.

The Olympian has submitted a public records request for the draft agreement.

Keylee Marineau, Thurston County's Homeless and Affordable Housing Coordinator, called the agreement a first step.

"This is just the beginning of what we hope to be a series of steps towards addressing the governor's urgency on having folks living on the rights-of-ways relocated," Marineau said.

Inslee's initiative came after the state legislature did not pass Senate Bill 5662 during the 2021-2022 session. The bill aimed to help transition people camped on state rights-of-way to permanent housing solutions.

Rather than drop the issue, Inslee's office introduced a budget proviso to accomplish the same goal. The proviso sets aside \$60 million for capitol purchases to provide housing for those displaced from state rights-of-way and \$45 million for housing services, according to county documents.

Thomas said the state has immediate plans to conduct similar camp removals in Pierce, King, Snohomish and Spokane counties as well. But she said the effort is a statewide priority.

Thomas objected to the removals being called "sweeps." She described the effort as a safety initiative aimed at getting people living on rights-of-ways into safer housing.

"Encampments along rights-of-way pose a clear safety risk to the residents, highway maintenance crews and the general traveling public," Thomas said.

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"This is a joint effort with several state agencies and local jurisdictions."

To remove encampments, Thomas said people living there must be offered shelter, services and storage for their belongings. Additionally, she said the state must ensure the safety and security of people on site and work crews as they clean up the property.

In May, Inslee spoke about his plan to have State Patrol and the Commerce Department remove individuals near roadways as early as mid-June.

He called his plans a "moral obligation" that will "remove this blight along the rights-of-way in the state of Washington," The Olympian previously reported.

The initiative came after the legislature approved \$50 million in new funding to expand options and action to reduce homelessness, Thomas said.

Next week, the county board plans to vote on a \$3.4 million contract with Interfaith Works to fund 24 shelter beds for three years, according to a draft agenda.

The board also will consider whether to approve a request for proposals for agencies to provide outreach and hotel leasing to unsheltered households affected by the initiative.

At least \$300,000 of the \$5 million from the state will be set aside for the outreach and hotel leasing efforts, County Manager Ramiro Chavez told the board.

Commissioner Tye Menser asked Marineau how the state and the county decided on setting aside 24 shelter beds.

"The 24 shelter beds are actually what we can offer immediately," Marineau said. "The number of beds being offered are not adequate to meet the need of the number of people living in the encampments."

Marineau said Interfaith Works presently had just 24 beds available. The state's fund-

ing will not go toward increasing the stock of beds in the county, which is already strained.

Outreach workers will go to the camps and offer to put people on a priority list for coordinated entry, an emergency housing system that connects people with programs and services based on vulnerability, she said.

However, she added individuals can decline the invitation.

Once at the shelter, Marineau said individuals will be offered support services and meals. In response to a question from Commissioner Gary Edwards, she said the shelter will enforce a behavioral agreement with clients forbidding illicit substance use as is standard practice.

Washington Attorney General Seeks to Require Pierce County Sheriff Ed Troyer to Post \$10,000 Bail

By The Seattle Times

The state Attorney General's office is seeking to require Pierce County Sheriff Ed Troyer to post bail of \$10,000 as a condition of continued release pending his upcoming trial on charges of false reporting.

The motion, filed Friday, seeks to revoke Troyer's previous no-bail release on his personal recognizance in the case stemming from his controversial con-

frontation last year with a Black newspaper carrier.

A hearing on whether to grant the bail motion is scheduled for July 1.

The request by prosecutors follows a recent decision by a Pierce County judge to impose a one-year anti-harassment order against Troyer, requiring him to stay 1,000 feet away from Sedrick Altheimer, the newspaper carrier, due to continuing incidents of "unlawful harassment."

In issuing that order, Pierce County District Court Pro Tem Judge Christine Chin cited multiple incidents in recent months in which Altheimer said Troyer followed him in his unmarked SUV, circling around and flashing his lights as he delivered newspapers in Tacoma.

Through his attorney, Troyer has denied those encounters, saying he has only run into Altheimer once in April, when Altheimer delivered a newspaper to Troyer's father.

The motion filed Friday asserts that Troyer should be required to post \$10,000 bail cash or bond and that his conditions of release should be amended to require "strict compliance" with the anti-harassment order.

"Defendant's actions are a clear and willful violation of this court's order that he have NO CONTACT with Sedrick Altheimer," wrote assistant attorneys general Melanie Tratnik and Barbara Serrano, in the motion seeking bail.

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Treasury Secretary Says High Inflation Locked in for the Rest of 2022

By Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said that “unacceptably high” prices are likely to stick with consumers through 2022, and that the U.S. economy is likely to slow down.

“We’ve had high inflation so far this year, and that locks in higher inflation for the rest of the year,” she said Sunday on ABC’s “This Week.”

“I expect the economy to slow,” she said, adding: “But I don’t think a recession at all inevitable.”

U.S. inflation accelerated to 8.6% in May, a fresh 40-year high that signals price pressures are becoming entrenched in the economy. Those figures dashed any hope that inflation was starting to ebb, prompting the Federal Reserve to unleash its biggest interest rate increase since 1994.

The reasons behind stubborn inflation are “global, not



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Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen testifies before the House Financial Services Committee in the Rayburn House Office Building on Capitol Hill on May 12, 2022, in Washington, D.C.

local,” according to Yellen, who pointed to disruption in energy supply from the war in Ukraine and goods coming in from China where COVID-related lockdowns continue.

“These factors are unlikely to

diminish immediately,” she said.

Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland President Loretta Mester echoed Yellen’s view that growth will slow down, saying that threat of a U.S. recession is increasing.

Nation and World News in Brief

Energy Secretary Sees ‘Tough Summer’ for U.S. Drivers as Fuel Demand Rises

By Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm warned U.S. drivers against expecting quick relief on gasoline prices amid tight oil supplies worldwide.

While the U.S. Energy Information Administration projected in its June short-term outlook that U.S. prices at the pump will average about \$4.27 per gallon in the third quarter, the forecast could be “completely upended” by world events, for instance if the European Union were to fully cut off Russian oil, Granholm said on CNN’s “State of the Union.”

“But we know this is going to be a tough summer because driving season just started,” she said. “And we know that there will be continued upward pull on demand.”

The U.S. national average, which briefly topped \$5 per gallon this month, stood at \$4.98 on Sunday, according to the AAA auto club.

With President Joe Biden scheduled to visit Saudi Arabia in July, Granholm said the president “has asked for all suppliers around the globe to increase production.”

Biden’s trip marks a reversal of his pledge to make the kingdom a “pariah” over its human rights record, including the slaying of Jamal Khashoggi, a U.S. resident and Washington Post columnist.

Biden is “very concerned” about human rights in Saudi Arabia and surely will raise the issue, Granholm said.

“But he’s also very concerned about what people are experiencing at the pump and Saudi Arabia is head of OPEC,” she said. “We need to have increased production so that everyday citizens in America will not be feeling this pain that they’re feeling right now.”

Gas Rationing Is Getting Closer for Europe

By Tribune News Service

Throughout the entire Cold War and in the decades since, Russia was a stable supplier of gas to Europe. That changed this week.

Russia slashed gas supplies in apparent retaliation over Europe’s support for Kyiv. After its biggest moves yet to use energy as a weapon, gas rationing in the region is now a very real prospect.

The squeeze caused prices to surge, added pressure to the region’s economy and could strain European solidarity — all victories for the Kremlin that came as European leaders underlined support for Ukraine during a high-profile trip to the country.

With European utilities forced to tap reserves intended to cover needs for the winter,

government controls of gas distribution could start within months. If Russia completely shuts its main link, the region could run out of supplies by January, according consultant Wood Mackenzie Ltd.

“It’s a serious situation, a tense situation,” Germany Economy Minister Robert Habeck said in an interview with ARD television on Thursday. “It’s a trial of strength between Western allies and Russia.”

The heightened alarm was triggered after the Kremlin cut flows by about 60% through the Nord Stream pipeline, which pumps gas straight to Germany. The diminished deliveries had a knock-on effect for France, Austria and the Czech Republic.

Germany’s Uniper SE, the biggest buyer of Russian gas in Europe, is receiving 60% less gas than ordered. Italy’s Eni SpA received just half of its requested volumes from state-owned Gazprom PJSC on Friday, and France’s Engie SA and Austria’s OMV AG have been hit as well.

President Vladimir Putin upended decades of reliable energy relations by gradually curbing supplies in small steps since the war started in late February, and then accelerated the moves this week.

“This further reduction is to make storage-refilling challenging at the EU level and to test the EU’s fragile unity,” said Thierry Bros, a professor at the Paris Institute of Political Studies. “This will continue until the tap is completely shut off.”

As Colorado River Reservoirs Drop, Western States Urged to ‘Act Now’

By Tribune News Service

With the Colorado River’s depleted reservoirs continuing to drop to new lows, the federal government has taken the unprecedented step of telling the seven Western states that rely on the river to find ways of drastically cutting the amount of water they take in the next two months.

The Interior Department is seeking the emergency cuts to reduce the risks of Lake Mead and Lake Powell, the country’s two largest reservoirs, declining to dangerously low levels next year.

“We have urgent needs to act now,” Tanya Trujillo, the Interior Department’s assistant secretary for water and science, said during a speech on Thursday. “We need to be taking action in all states, in all sectors, and in all available ways.”

Trujillo’s virtual remarks to a conference at the University of Colorado Law School in Boulder underscored the dire state of the river under the stresses of climate change, and the urgency of scaling up the region’s response to stop the reservoirs from falling further. She provided details about the federal government’s approach to the crisis two days after Reclamation Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton announced that major cuts of

between 2 million and 4 million acre-feet will be needed next year to keep reservoirs from dropping to “critical levels.”

For comparison, California, Arizona and Nevada used a total of about 7 million acre-feet of Colorado River water last year.

State officials and managers of water agencies have yet to determine how they could accomplish such large reductions in water use. Finding ways of achieving the cutbacks will be the focus of negotiations in the coming weeks between representatives of the seven states and the Biden administration.

“The Colorado River Basin faces greater risks than any other time in our modern history,” Trujillo said.

“There is much more work to be done in the basin because the conditions continue to worsen and deeper shortages are projected,” Trujillo said. “We need to do more than we’ve ever done before.”

After more than 22 years of drought compounded by warmer temperatures with climate change, Lake Mead and Lake Powell have declined to their lowest levels since they were filled. The two reservoirs now sit nearly three-fourths empty, at just 28% of full capacity.

The latest projections from the federal government show that absent large shifts in water use, the reservoirs are expected to continue dropping over the next two years.

Lake Powell, on the Utah-Arizona border, is forecast to decline more than 30 feet by March, putting the water level about 16 feet from the point at which Glen Canyon Dam would no longer generate electricity.

The surface of Lake Mead, the country’s largest reservoir, now stands at 1,045 feet above sea level. It’s forecast to drop more than 26 feet by July 2023. If Lake Mead were to keep dropping, the level would eventually approach a danger zone at 895 feet, below which water would no longer pass through Hoover Dam to supply California, Arizona and Mexico — a level known as “dead pool.”

Israel Headed for New Election as Parliament to Disband

By Tribune News Service

Israel’s parliament, the Knesset, will disband next week after efforts to stabilize the governing coalition failed, according to a spokesperson for the prime minister.

Foreign Minister Yair Lapid will become caretaker premier, replacing Naftali Bennett, until a new government is formed after the next elections, as laid out in the terms of the coalition agreement.

Israel’s fifth election in 3 1/2 years could be held as early as Oct. 25, the Jerusalem Post reported.

Lapid “will become Prime Minister until a new government is formed,” Hillel Fertouk, a member of Meretz, one of the parties in the coalition government, confirmed separately.

“The recession risks are going up partly because monetary policy could have pivoted a little bit earlier than it did,” she said on Sunday on CBS’ “Face the Nation,” referring to criticism that the Fed failed to raise rates at the first signs of runaway inflation late last year.

Mester sees it taking several years for the year-on-year headline inflation rate to return close to the Fed’s 2% goal.

Soaring prices are hurting Americans and an economic downturn by the start of 2024, barely even on the radar just a few months ago, is now close to a 3-in-4 probability, according to the latest estimates by Bloomberg Economics.

Brian Deese, director of Biden’s National Economic Council, painted a rosier picture of the economy than Yellen and what Fed officials are saying. Deese referred to “independent forecasters” who “see inflation beginning to moderate over the

course of this year.”

He also expressed hope that congressional passage of a bill that would lower the cost of prescription drugs, offer tax incentives for energy and other measures will take the pressure off of household finances. Yellen said a gasoline tax holiday is “worth considering” if it could help consumers weather inflation.

“We have real strengths in this economy,” Deese said on CBS, citing high household savings and a jobless rate of 3.6%. He says the administration seeks to bring down inflation in a way “where we don’t have to give up all of those economic gains.”

Still, the Fed on Wednesday forecast that a key price index would only increase in coming months, leading to the distinct possibility of another jumbo three-quarter percentage point increase in July.

Higher interest rates are seen driving unemployment to 4.5%, according to one Fed official.

forces have notched incremental but inexorable-seeming gains.

While the West for months has been seeking to punish Putin for the war with sweeping sanctions, allies of Ukraine are themselves experiencing painful economic blowback in the form of runaway inflation and soaring energy prices. The European Union is struggling to maintain a unified front in the face of disparate national interests, and Ukraine is describing the scale of Western-supplied weaponry as woefully inadequate.

All that comes against the ominous backdrop of a developing global food crisis that the Kremlin shows every sign of seeking to weaponize in coming months, with vast stores of Ukrainian grain mired in blockaded seaports and negotiations to ship it out to a hungry world at an apparent impasse.

Putin, speaking at an economic forum Friday in St. Petersburg, mocked the idea that his war caused record-setting inflation in the United States and Europe, or could trigger famine in parts of the developing world.

“We all hear about so-called ‘Putin inflation’ in the West,” he said, calling the notion “stupid.” As for the blockaded grain, he declared that resulting hunger would be “on the conscience of the U.S. administration and the Eurocrats.”

As was the case during the run-up to the war, Putin’s motives can be read as both bafflingly opaque and blindingly obvious. In Western capitals, the war is generally viewed as a huge miscalculation on the Russian leader’s part. But to many observers, there is a dogged internal consistency to his actions.

“I don’t see Putin’s worldview as shaken and changed” by setbacks such as the failure to capture Kyiv and topple President Volodymyr Zelenskyy’s government in the war’s early days, said Gustav Gressel, a Ukraine expert at the European Council on Foreign Relations. “The destruction of Ukraine as a whole is still the aim, the eradication of the Ukrainian nation.”

Western unity, though, faces an array of challenges. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization has been energized by the war, but the alliance’s annual summit at the end of the month is throwing internal tensions into sharp relief. Membership applications from Sweden and Finland, galvanized by the Russian invasion, are on hold while NATO weighs how to assuage Turkey’s anger over the two nations’ relationships with Kurdish separatists.

Russian state television daily depicts a West in disarray and decline, a propaganda effort helped along by gruesome real-life events such as mass shootings in the United States and the drumbeat of revelations over the Capitol insurrection in 2021.

But last week saw a significant symbolic boost for the image of Western unity, when the leaders of France, Germany and Italy visited Kyiv, and notably refrained from putting any public pressure on Zelenskyy to seek a negotiated end to the fighting.

Bennett and Lapid are due to address the public at 8 p.m. local time, the spokesperson said.

Bennett’s administration cobbled together secular and religious factions, hawks and doves, free marketeers and social democrats, as well as an Arab party for the first time in Israeli history.

The coalition has been without a majority since April, following the resignation of Idit Silman, a member of Bennett’s own party.

Shaky since its inception in June last year, the coalition was formed primarily around a desire to unseat then-Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu after four inconclusive elections in a two-year period, and was dependent on the willingness of its members to compromise to survive.

Putin Alert for Signs of Eroding Western Unity on Ukraine

By Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Vladimir Putin looked very much at ease.

In a much-viewed video this month, the Russian president settled deep into his armchair, wearing an expression of bored nonchalance. In a matter-of-fact tone, he likened himself to a modern-day Peter the Great, the empire-building Russian czar, and suggested that the conquest of a sovereign neighbor’s territory was not only justifiable, but laudable.

“Taking it back and strengthening it,” the 69-year-old Putin said, describing Peter’s 18th-century seizure of a strategic stretch of Baltic seacoast from Sweden. Now, he serenely told a group of Russian entrepreneurs, this duty “has also fallen to us.”

It might have been a deliberately over-the-top performance calculated to rattle Western allies at a particularly challenging juncture of the nearly 4-month-old Ukraine war. Such stagecraft comes naturally to the onetime KGB operative, longtime Putin watchers say.

But some observers saw something more: a mask not so much torn off as casually discarded. In launching his full-scale invasion on Feb. 24, Putin cited elaborate pretexts including an unfounded need to “de-Nazify” Ukraine; in the new video, he appeared to revert to an articulation of raw imperial ambition.

“The body language spoke volumes,” said Peter Dickinson, Ukraine editor for the Atlantic Council, a Washington-based think tank. “I think he really looked like a man with a weight off his shoulders — that he felt a sense of relief that the burden of maintaining these lies had been lifted.”

Since its early days, the war’s course has whipsawed from expectations of a swift Russian rollover of the government in Kyiv to an unexpectedly fierce and effective Ukrainian resistance and a grinding stalemate in the country’s industrial heartland, in which Russian

3rd Congressional Candidates Herrera Beutler, Kent Weigh in on Federal Gun Bills After Recent Shootings

D.C.: Incumbent, Challenger Both Say They Are Waiting for Details After Bipartisan Group Releases Framework for Reform

By Brennen Kauffman
The Daily News

The local congresswoman in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as her Trump-endorsed opponent in this fall's election, are questioning proposed legislation in light of recent mass shootings.

Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Battleground, and Joe Kent, a Republican from Yacolt, want to review the constitutionality of the legislation lawmakers are most hopeful of passage: a proposed Senate package addressing school safety and gun control that could be voted on within the next few weeks and would also need support in the House.

On June 12, a bipartisan group of U.S. senators announced the package, which includes funding for states to enforce or create "red flag" programs, expanded background checks for firearm buyers between the ages of 18 and 21 and money for school-based safety and mental health policies.

The proposal was announced about four weeks after an 18-year-old shooter killed 19 children and two adults on May 24 inside an Uvalde, Texas elementary school. On May 14, another 18-year-old gunman killed 10 Black people at a supermarket



Challenger Joe Kent, left, and U.S. Rep. Jaime Herrera Beutler, R-Battle Ground.

in Buffalo, New York.

Red Flag Laws

Kent, who was endorsed by former President Donald Trump in the fall, called himself a second-amendment absolutist. Kent told The Daily News he fully opposed measures such as red flag laws, which he called a possibly unconstitutional government overreach.

"This is 100% about keeping the government in check. The government is supposed to have a healthy fear of its citizens and that's why the second amendment exists," Kent said.

Washington state already has a red flag law, officially known as extreme-risk protection orders, which was established by ballot initiative in 2016 with a supermajority of voter support. The policy allows law enforcement, family members and household members to file with the court to request a temporary seizure of firearms from people who are a "significant danger" to themselves or others.

'Careful Review'

Herrera Beutler said she wanted to see if the final set of

reforms in the Senate package would be effective and constitutional.

"The framework produced by the Senate is just that – a framework without specific legislative text. Whatever text is passed by the Senate will require careful review," Herrera Beutler's campaign said in a written statement.

In the past, Herrera Beutler has shown support for the types of mental health and school security policies that could end up in the Senate package. Herrera Beutler co-sponsored a 2021 bill that would have required elementary and secondary schools to install

silent alarms to alert police about safety issues and provided training for school resource officers.

About two weeks after the Texas shooting, the House of Representatives passed a bill that would ban the sale of large capacity magazines and raise the age for buying semi-automatic rifles to 21. Herrera Beutler and nearly all House Republicans voted against the bill, which is not expected to succeed in the Senate.

Armed Teachers

Kent said he wanted an expanded presence for school resource officers and policies to allow teachers to be armed at school. Kent said the state "took away" the ability for teachers like the one killed in Uvalde from carrying guns in their classrooms.

Texas does, in fact, have two programs in place where districts can opt in to certify teachers as armed marshals or "guardians." Roughly a quarter of Texas school districts participate in one of the programs. More than 75% of Texas educators surveyed by the Texas American Federation of Teachers said they would not want to be armed at school.

Talks on the Senate package have slowed over disputes on what has been called a "boyfriend loophole," which allows convicted domestic abusers to buy a gun if they are not married to or living with the domestic abuse victim. Senators have said they want to finalize the legislation and vote on it before the Fourth of July.

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Prep Basketball



Courtesy Photo

Onalaska boys basketball coach Brent Wood directs his team during a game while helping out as a coach at Reardan High School last winter.

Summer Baseball

Renegades Split at GSL Father's Day Classic

By The Chronicle staff

Playing in a four-game tournament in Puyallup, the I-5 Jeep Renegades split its games over the weekend, dropping its first two contests, 11-1 and 2-1, before coming back to win its last two, 5-3 and 6-1 in American Legion Single-A baseball action.

In the first game, an 11-1 loss to GbG Hooks, the Renegades managed just three hits and struggled on defense, committing three errors and walking five in the four-inning game. Danner Hoinowski knocked in the Renegades lone run of the game in the top of the fourth.

The Renegades lost a much closer game in their second, dropping a 2-1 contest to the Renton Rebels. The Rebels dropped a two-spot on the Renegades in the first inning, and that would be enough to get the win for Renton.

Though the Renegades threatened in the seventh, scoring a single run, it wasn't enough to get the win. The Renegades managed two hits, with Carlos Vallejo knocking in the run to score Ross Kelley. Kelley also pitched six solid innings, allowing just three hits with two strikeouts and two earned runs in the first.

The Renegades finally got in the win column in their third

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Golf

Brady Calkins Finishes U.S. Open Nine Over Par

By The Chronicle staff

Though he improved from his first day, W.F. West graduate Brady Calkins missed the cutoff for the second half of action at the U.S. Open at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts to finish tied for 126th Friday.

After finishing the first day six over par, Calkins shot just three over par Friday, hitting three birdies, six bogeys, and hitting for par eight times.

Shooting for a 76 on Thursday and a 73 on Friday, Calkins finished with a two-day score of 149.

Fellow Washington native Joel Dahmen, of Clarkston, made the cut and contended for the U.S. Open championship sitting at four under par after two days of competition. Dahmen led the field after Thursday, shooting a 67, and finished the tournament tied for 10th at 1-over par for a \$407,220 prize.

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Toledo's Brent Wood Hired as Ony Hoops Coach

By Alec Dietz

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One of the better 3-point shooters in Lewis County is returning to the hardwood, and not long after his career at Toledo wrapped up in 2015.

After seven years away, working on a nursing degree at Eastern Washington University and then Washington State University of Spokane, Brent Wood is trading in his red and black Toledo attire for purple this upcoming winter, taking the reins of the Onalaska boys basketball program.

For Wood, it was simply a matter of when — not if — he would return to his old stomping grounds as a hoops coach.

"I want to give back to all those that have given to me in this county," Wood said. Lewis County has been very generous to me. I had to take the job."

While wrapping up his degree on the east side of Washington, Wood started to get some calls and interest from back home, asking if he'd be interested in a couple of jobs.

Grady Fallon, Toledo's long-time coach and former coach of Wood, has been asking the 2015 alum for years when he was going to come back and coach under him.

Several jobs opened up in Southwest Washington, including down in Castle Rock. But with Wood heading home, he wouldn't settle for anywhere outside of Lewis County. When the Ony job opened up, it was a no-brainer.

"The Onalaska parents were



File Photo / The Chronicle

Toledo's Brent Wood passes during a 2B District 4 tournament game in 2015. Wood has been hired as the head boys basketball coach at Onalaska High School.

in my ear, my dad mentioned something as well," Wood said. "I didn't even apply to some of those other jobs that were available because I knew the culture and parent support I was going to get over here."

Though Wood graduated from Toledo, his father went to Onalaska, and a lot of his family are in town. It's a place he's always had a connection with.

"I've gotten so much parental support, and the kids are hard workers," he said. "A bunch of farm kids who are tough guys, my theory is if you can play tough, you can be successful. There's a way you can find success if you play hard. That's

all I've seen so far at Ony is the hard work. I don't really have any doubt in my mind that they'll get back to having a culture of excellence and find that consistency they had before. It's the Logger tradition."

A sharpshooter and Toledo's all-time leader in 3-pointers made, Wood has a winning pedigree. He started on a state championship squad as a sophomore point guard, and since day one has been as cerebral and level-headed as they come, per his former coach.

"He's a basketball guy," Fallon said. "His demeanor, he never gets really excited or frustrated. He played hard and made

no excuses. He left his mark on Toledo. He's a great kid."

Fallon laments that of all places, though, Wood found his way back to the Central 2B League, where the former coach and player will now fight for positioning in an extremely competitive league.

After Wood's job acceptance was made public, several former Toledo players gave him a call to congratulate him, and tell him they'd have to root against him any time he played against his alma mater.

"I'm excited for him," Fallon said. "We've been doing these

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WNBA

Replacing Sue Bird: Could Plum or Vandersloot Answer a Call From the Storm?

By Percy Allen

The Seattle Times

For the first time in what seems like forever, the Storm will have to plan on a future without Sue Bird, their quintessential point guard who plans to retire at the end of the season.

Since her arrival in the 2002 WNBA draft as the No. 1 overall pick, the 41-year-old star has become synonymous with the 22-year-old franchise while playing 19 seasons over 21 years.

Together, they've won four league championships (2004, 2010, 2018 and 2020), two conference titles and the 2021 inaugural WNBA Commissioner's Cup.

Bird, who sat out 2013 and 2019 due to knee injuries, has started in each of her 614 games, including playoffs, while compiling a 352-262 overall record. The 5-foot-9 playmaker has played in 78% of the Storm's all-time games and 84.2% of the team's wins.

Before the Storm raise her No. 10 jersey to the rafters, build her a statue outside Climate Pledge Arena and possibly rename a street Sue Bird Pass, they'll need to do what was once unthinkable and find another point guard to lead Seattle.

"We're never going to replace Sue Bird," coach Noelle Quinn succinctly said. "We can cross that bridge when it comes."

Quinn is keenly focused on wrapping up Seattle's five-game road trip on a positive note following a fourth-quarter meltdown in Friday night's 82-71 defeat against the Connecticut Sun, which halted a four-game win streak.

The Storm (9-6) face the New York Liberty (6-9) at 9 a.m. PT Sunday, which is the last time Bird, a Syosset, New York native, will play in her home state.

And Seattle's overarching goal is to put itself in position to compete for a WNBA championship.

But when the season ends in September, the Storm will be in the market for Bird's replace-



Dean Rutz / The Seattle Times

The Las Vegas Aces' Kelsey Plum watches the action against the Seattle Storm on May 31, 2018, at KeyArena in Seattle.

ment.

Considering Bird's backup, 35-year-old Briann January, has said this will be her last year in the WNBA and repeatedly refused to change her mind, Seattle will likely need to look elsewhere for its next point guard.

Here's a look at a few possible candidates to replace Bird.

Kelsey Plum

Las Vegas Aces — 5-8 — 5th year

Analysis: This might be the most favorable scenario for Seattle-area fans who watched the former Washington Huskies star set the NCAA all-time scoring record and carry UW to three NCAA tournaments, including the 2016 Final Four. It's still somewhat inexplicable that Washington hasn't retired her No. 10 jersey.

Admittedly, Plum, the No. 1 overall WNBA draft pick in 2016, struggled her first three years in the league. Last year, she won the league's Sixth Woman of the Year award and captured an Olympic gold medal with the U.S. 3x3 women's basketball team.

This season, the 27-year-old Plum is second in the WNBA in scoring (20.1 points per game), tied for fourth in assists (5.9) and will likely be selected to her first WNBA All-Star Game.

Plum is an unrestricted free agent after the season, but Las Vegas could use its core designation to retain her.

Courtney Vandersloot

Chicago Sky — 5-8 — 12th year

Analysis: The 33-year-old Kent, Washington, native who starred at Gonzaga reportedly met with the Storm in the off-season and discussed plans to finish her brilliant WNBA career at home.

If anyone has the cache to fill Bird's shoes, it's Vandersloot, who is fourth on the WNBA's all-time assist list at 2,278 behind Bird (3,118), Tina Penicheiro (2,600) and Lindsay Whalen (2,348).

Vandersloot, who has led the league in passing in each of the last five seasons, is second this season at 7.0. She's also averaging 11.1 points, 4.4 rebounds and 1.1 steals.

Vandersloot helped Chicago to its first WNBA title last year, but the two sides engaged in prolonged contract negotiations during the offseason before she signed a one-year deal.

Vandersloot has several ties to the Storm, including assistant Pokey Chatman, who was her former Sky head coach, and Breanna Stewart, her teammate with the Russian team UMMC Ekaterinburg.

It should be noted, Vandersloot and her wife Allie Quigley are believed to be a package deal and both are unrestricted free agents.

Jordin Canada

Los Angeles Sparks — 5-6 — 5th year

Analysis: There was a time when the Storm considered their No. 5 overall pick in the 2018 draft would be Bird's successor. Canada spent three years as Bird's understudy and filled in admirably in 2019 while Bird sat out and helped the Storm to an 18-16 record and a playoff win.

At her best, Canada is a defensive menace who led the WNBA with 2.3 steals in 2019

and a quick playmaker who can score around the rim.

However, the Storm ultimately soured on Canada, perhaps in part due to her career 17% three-point shooting percentage and didn't re-sign the restricted free agent this year. She landed with Los Angeles on a bargain one-year deal worth \$98,000.

This season, she's averaging career highs in points (10.4) and assists (5.4). Canada is shooting a career-high 47.1% on two-point shots, but has converted just 2 of 18 three-point attempts (11.1%).

Kiana Williams

5-10 — 2nd year

Analysis: The Storm drafted the former Stanford standout with the No. 18 overall pick in the second round of the 2021 WNBA draft. Due to a logjam in the backcourt, Williams appeared in just eight games last year before being released on June 28.

Williams began the 2022 season with the Phoenix Mercury and was released at the end of training camp. When Bird went on the league's health and safety protocols, Williams joined the Storm and appeared in three games while averaging 1.7 points, 1.7 assists and 9.0 minutes.

Jade Melbourne

Australia — 5-10 — Rookie

Analysis: The Storm took a flyer on the 19-year-old Aussie and secured her WNBA rights with the third-round pick in the 2022 draft.

Much like fellow countrywoman Ezi Magbegor, who was 19 and selected by Seattle in the 2019 draft, Melbourne is staying home for at least a year and playing with the Australian national team this year.

Early reports have been promising, but it remains to be seen if Melbourne is more suited to be a point guard or shooting guard.

Sue Bird's Farewell Tour Makes Memorable Stop as Storm Notch 81-72 Win in New York

By Percy Allen

The Seattle Times

The Sue Bird farewell tour continued with a bang Sunday afternoon in Brooklyn, and Gabby Williams made sure the Storm star secured a win in her last game in the Big Apple.

Williams tallied a season-high 23 points, nine rebounds and three assists while Breanna Stewart added 18 points and nine rebounds to lead Seattle to an 81-72 win over the New York Liberty.

And the 41-year-old Bird, who announced she's retiring after the season, finished with 11 points on 4-for-9 shooting, including three three-pointers, and four assists in a game she'll never forget.

"It's no Kobe Bryant dropping 60, but it feels pretty good," said a smiling Bird, who was cheered and revered during a two-hour lovefest by the crowd of 6,859 at the Barclays Center. "To be honest, it wasn't about the game. It wasn't about how I played. It was really about soaking it all in, enjoying the moment and knowing there's people here that ... have been so instrumental in my journey to get to where I'm sitting right now. It was really about that."

"And then once the ball gets tipped, you play to win. I would have taken the win even if I would have had zero points, zero assists and 10 turnovers. I would have been thrilled. It wouldn't have mattered. ... A fairy-tale ending would have been 30

points and 20 assists, but this felt pretty much like a fairy tale."

The pregame festivities were all about Bird, who grew up about 30 miles away in Syosset, New York, and played her last game in her home state in front of a large contingent of family and friends.

During warmups, the Liberty players wore black T-shirts that read: "Thank you, Sue. Love, New York." And several fans clad in Storm gear carried signs that read, "Sue York City" and "Sue Bird: Hometown Hero."

Before the game, Liberty players Natasha Howard and Sami Whitcomb, who won a pair of WNBA titles with Bird in Seattle, gave her a New York-themed jersey and jacket during a midcourt presentation.

And Bird was nearly brought to tears by a pregame video montage honoring the WNBA's all-time assists leader, which included her fiancée Megan Rapinoe, former WNBA president Val Ackerman and sports celebrities Billie Jean King, Nancy Lieberman, Swin Cash and Steve Nash.

"It was really special right from warmups," Bird said. "Once I looked in the crowd, there were tons of Seattle jerseys and I saw tons of posters, so of course, thank you to all of those fans. And they were definitely cheering for us. It was just special. It was a special, special day. To cap it off with a win."

"I couldn't have written this any better. It's been a really fun day."

Bird received big assists from Williams, Stewart and Ezi Magbegor (10 points and five rebounds) who made this a homecoming to remember.

Jewell Loyd (nine points on 3-for-16 shooting) finished with a season-high tying seven assists, but she struggled to score for a second straight game after connecting on 3 of 10 shots for eight points on Friday.

It hardly mattered because Williams made up the difference while producing her finest performance as a Storm. The versatile 5-foot-11 forward consistently scored with a variety of dribble drive layups and perimeter shots to break out of a season-long scoring slump.

Williams previous season high was nine points and she tallied the most points since notching a personal best 26 on June 8, 2018, as a rookie with the Chicago Sky.

"I felt like the way we were flowing and moving today, it helped me a lot," said Williams, who attempted a career-high 15 field goals and converted 10, which tied a personal best. "I'm really thankful my teammates have been very supportive and positive with me and patient and understanding even when I'm not so much with myself. I really just give it to my teammates for holding my hand and letting me get here."

Williams scored 14 points and Stewart had 11 to carry the Storm to a 39-37 lead at halftime.

Seattle led 45-37 early in the third quarter when New York

used a 13-4 run to go up 50-49 after Marine Johannes' three-pointer.

Midway in the fourth, Stewart's three-point play unlocked a tie and gave the Storm a 66-63 lead they would not surrender.

Johannes (23 points and five three-pointers) drilled another three-pointer to pull the Liberty to 73-72 when Williams answered with two clutch baskets — a driving finger roll layup and a dagger three-pointer on the right side with 53.7 seconds left that put the game away.

Perhaps fittingly, Bird capped the scoring and beat the shot clock buzzer with a three-pointer from the top of the arc that rattled out of the rim and bounced high off the glass before falling in as the crowd erupted in cheers.

"Normally, I'm not big on scoring, but that three-pointer at the end, I will remember that forever," Bird said. "My teammates were making fun of me because I held my follow through. It was bouncing around and I knew it needed it. I can't say anything else other than it was a special day, and I want to thank everyone who helped make it special."

During the final seconds, the Barclays Center crowd serenaded Bird one last time with a standing ovation as she waved from the sideline and said, "Thank you."

"There was a moment when I wanted to start clapping," coach Noelle Quinn said. "Sue means the world to our game and ob-

MLB

Twins Give Up Four Homers in 7-1 Loss to Arizona

PHOENIX — Sorry, Buddy Kennedy, the Twins are leaving town. You'll have to get to Cooperstown without them.

On Friday, the Arizona infielder made his major league

debut, grounding a ball through the infield for his first big-league hit. On Saturday, the rookie collected his first extra-base hit, a triple to center field, and scored the Diamondbacks' lone run. But that was just the warmup for the dream that Kennedy lived out on Sunday.

With more than a dozen friends and family members

making a ruckus behind home plate and a teammate occupying every base, Kennedy turned on a high 3-0 fastball from Caleb Thielbar and launched it into the left-field seats, the last and most emphatic of Arizona's four home runs in a 7-1 blowout at Chase Field.

That it was home runs that did all the damage Sunday was

particularly surprising. Starter Chris Archer hadn't given up a home run in his past six starts, second-longest streak of his career, and Griffin Jax and Thielbar had each gone nine straight appearances without one, streaks stretching nearly a month.

Yet Christian Walker connected twice against Archer, a

pair of solo shots that first tied the game and then gave Arizona the lead. Pavin Smith, batting just .188 entering the game, ambushed a Jax fastball and belted a 420-footer. And Kennedy, given the green light on 3-0 in just his third MLB game, took advantage of Thielbar's control problems and pummeled a fastball into the seats.

MLB

Mariners Shut Out by Angels Again, Ending a Disappointing Homestand

By Ryan Divish

The Seattle Times

As sunshine made an unexpected appearance on an otherwise mostly cloudy Father's Day, a large crowd of 39,052 fans at T-Mobile Park, largely disappointed by what they'd been watching, was briefly energized by a hint of warmer, if not better, days ahead for them and the baseball team.

Following another abysmal, and not altogether surprising, offensive performance where they couldn't muster a solitary run, let alone two or three, and yet another highlight for the Mike Trout for American League MVP campaign, the Mariners closed out a miserable homestand by getting shut out for the second straight game in a 4-0 loss to the Los Angeles Angels.

"Not the Father's Day, nor the homestand, we were looking for. I guess the best way to put it was it rains it pours," manager Scott Servais said with a beleaguered tone. "We're in a slump right now, we've not played good baseball, for a number of different reasons. Not a whole lot to say about this one. Great crowd today. A lot of people out here, the sun was finally out. And unfortunately, we did not take advantage of anything."

A healthy amount of deserved boos initially rained down on the Mariners when Adam Frazier struck out to end the game. Those likely won't be the last or the loudest in the months ahead.

The booing was short-lived as fans quickly turned their attention to the exits in the search of something else to do with their Sunday. That feeling of interest elsewhere also won't fade.

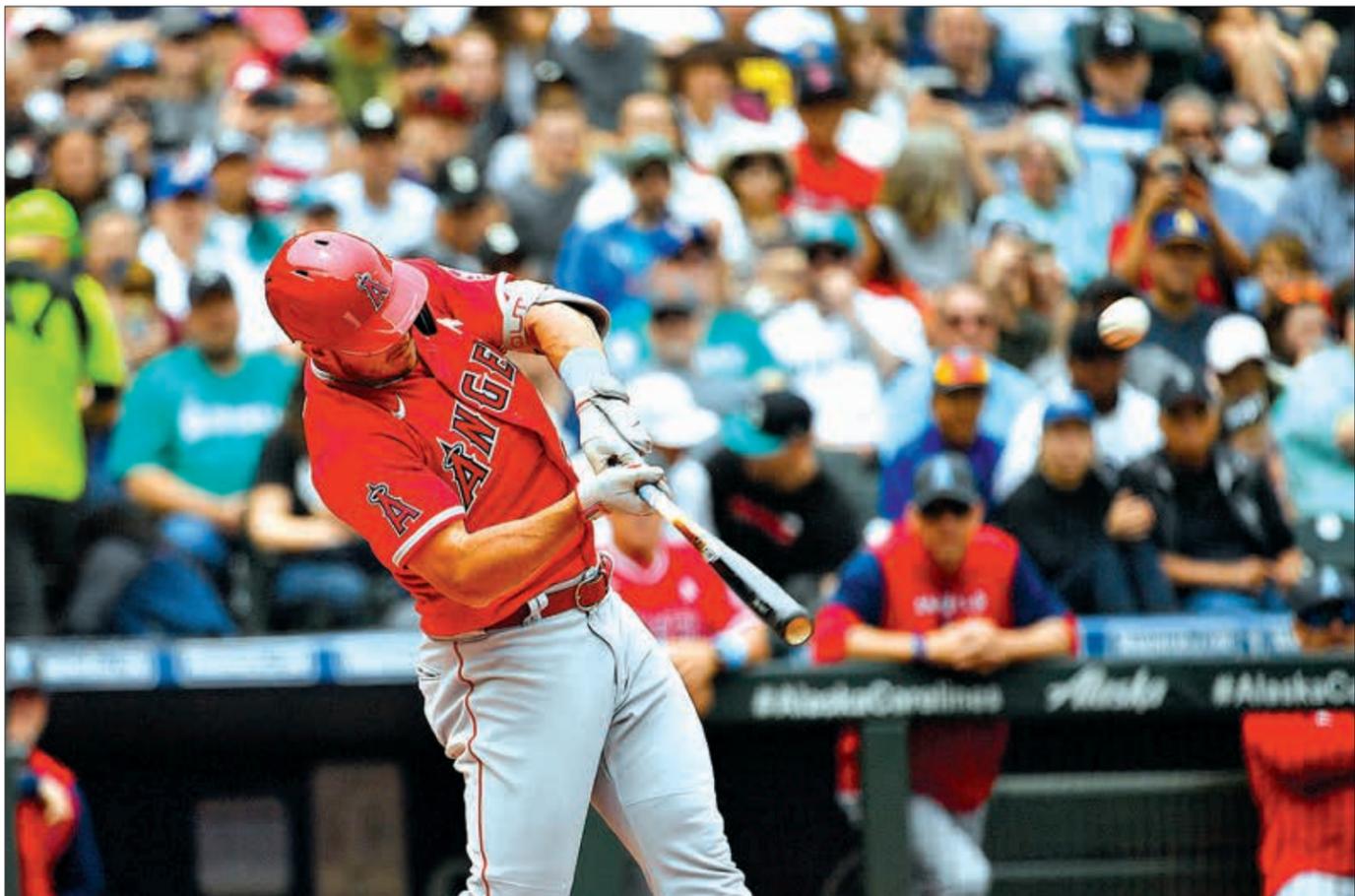
Summer will officially arrive in two days even if it felt like spring was skipped this year.

Given the disappointing and underachieving start to this season filled with expectations, and what has transpired on an 11-game homestand where they finished 3-8, the current trend of lackluster performances and the lingering absence of key players, it seems there will be another summer of baseball irrelevance in Seattle.

The Mariners are now 29-39 on the season and going nowhere slowly. They lost four of five games to the Angels, who recently went on a 2-17 stretch that led to the firing of manager Joe Maddon.

They've stopped saying it's early.

But is it too late? "It's really frustrating," shortstop J.P. Crawford said. "We had a big series right there, and we could have turned the tide a little



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Mike Trout (27) of the Los Angeles Angels hits a two-run home run in the fourth inning against the Seattle Mariners at T-Mobile Park on Sunday in Seattle.

bit. Instead, we dug ourselves a bigger hole to get out of. We've got to really flip the switch ... now."

Now 10 games below .500 and eight games back of the third wild-card spot with five teams ahead of them, only the Tigers (26-40), Royals (23-42) and A's (23-45) have worse records than the Mariners in the American League.

The five-game series vs. the Angels started a stretch of 18 straight games vs. teams that also had losing records. It was supposed to be a time when the Mariners could build off their previous 6-3 road trip that featured series wins over Baltimore, Texas and Houston and get healthy against teams that they feel they should beat.

But those teams, and with good reason, feel the same about Seattle.

For the Mariners to even finish .500 at 81-81 on the season, they need to go 52-42 the rest of the season. They've never been more than five games over this season and haven't been over .500 since May 2.

"You have to grind through it, this is baseball," Servais said. "Throughout the course of a long season, you're gonna have ups and downs, you're gonna have slumps, you're gonna have hot streaks. We just got beat four out

of five by a team that had lost 14 in a row not too long ago. So it does turn. It flips. But that being said, it has to come from within our clubhouse."

When the flashing lights and buzzing sounds of a fire alarm went off in the sixth inning at T-Mobile Park, delaying the game for more than five minutes, the easy metaphor to purvey on social media was it signaled the season is sinking.

But getting shut out in back-to-back games by a collection of pitchers, who as a whole are borderline big-leaguers, is a sign the Mariners might have already hit bottom.

With no game Monday and an afternoon flight to Oakland, there is a growing belief that the embarrassing failures of this homestand are the tipping point to force changes.

But what changes? The Mariners held a meeting before the game to allow players to air some opinions or thoughts about their struggles and what needs to be done. But those meetings are meaningless without action or results.

"It's a do-good business, a do-good league," Servais said. "If you do good, everybody sticks around and is happy. If not, then you look to make changes."

Would Mariners chairman John Stanton fire general manager Jerry Dipoto, who constructed

this team with promises of adding impact players and an expectation of the postseason? Would Dipoto sacrifice Servais, his longtime friend and colleague, and fire him in the hopes that a different voice would somehow mend a broken roster filled with under-performers while also appeasing an angry fanbase pointing to the manager as the one to blame?

Both Dipoto and Servais received multi-year extensions last season, meaning they are under contract for this season, the 2023 season and supposedly have an option with a healthy buyout for 2024. Traditionally, the Mariners only pay players who aren't with the organization.

Seattle's ownership group has been anything but reactionary when it comes to employment termination. It would mean the weight of failed expectations would overpower all the reasons why Stanton, who sat in his front-row seat watching Sunday's mess, approved those extensions late last season.

The Mariners can't make Mitch Haniger and Kyle Lewis heal faster, or make Jesse Winker and Adam Frazier suddenly find their old form or turn Abraham Toro and Dylan Moore into something they can't be.

"There's no quick fix, there's no magic pill or potion or anything like that you can throw on

it," Servais said. "There's no rah-rah speech that's going to work."

Like his fellow starters on this homestand, Logan Gilbert gave his team a start good enough to win, going six innings and allowing two runs on four hits with no walks and six strikeouts. It was his seventh consecutive quality start (six-plus innings pitched, three runs or fewer allowed). Unfortunately, a perfect effort wouldn't have been enough.

In the fourth inning, Gilbert gave up a single to Taylor Ward and then battled Trout. A 3-2 fastball that was supposed to be at the top of the zone, stayed in the middle of the plate. Trout turned it into a two-run homer to right-center.

It was Trout's fifth homer of the series and 52nd of his career against Seattle, though it feels like more. It ties with him with Rafael Palmeiro for the franchise record of most homers by an opposing player.

That was more than enough run support. But the Angels tacked on two more runs late in the game. Meanwhile, lefty Keny Rosenberg, who came into the game with a 7.50 ERA and relievers Jose Quijada, Andrew Wantz, Aaron Loup, Ryan Tepera and Raisel Iglesias combined to hold the Mariners scoreless in a game for the 10th time this season.

Newcomers Adam Frazier and Jesse Winker Slumping When Mariners Need Them to Soar

By Matt Calkins

The Seattle Times

Two 2021 All-Stars, two struggling hitters, two plates of food — one unpleasant conversation.

After a day game last week, the Mariners' Adam Frazier and Jesse Winker went out for dinner. They usually don't talk about baseball when dining together, but the topic seemed unavoidable this time.

At one point during the meal, Frazier mentioned to Winker that they were both All-Stars last year but were currently hitting in the low .200s. According to Adam, Jesse paused for a second or two before replying, "Damn, tough game."

Let's be real for a second — the Mariners (29-39) have zoomed past bad and are in full-fledged disaster territory. They have lost seven of their past nine games, 33 of their past 51 and have been shut out in four of their past nine. The hitting is far more to blame than the pitching for their struggles, and if you're looking for a pair of players epitomizing the offensive disappointment, it's Frazier and Winker.

Sentences like the one above are never pleasant to write. The two recent acquisitions might each be making over \$7 million per year, but they're still competitors with pride and all the other human emotions. Nevertheless, the Grand Canyon-sized chasms



Jennifer Buchanan / The Seattle Times

Umpire Nick Mahrley signals out as Seattle Mariners pinch hitter Adam Frazier walks back to the dugout after striking out to end the game Sunday.

between their production this year vs. last year are impossible to overlook.

Frazier had a WAR of 4.1 in 155 games with the Padres and Pirates last season and a career-high OPS of .836. This year, the second baseman has a WAR of -0.1 and a career-low OPS of .600.

Winker had a WAR of 2.7 in 110 games with Reds last season and a career-high OPS of .949. This year, the outfielder has a WAR of -0.5 and a career-low OPS of .626.

They aren't not helping the Mariners — they're outright hurting them. So Saturday, I popped into the clubhouse to get their perspective on their short-

comings.

First up was Frazier, whose demeanor was even-keeled but frustration apparent.

"I've never had it go on for this long. I've had a bad month or so and then figured it out, but I've never had a bad two and a half months," said Frazier, who is batting .227 with a .306 slugging percentage. "I felt great in the spring, then it was kind of hit and miss for the first couple weeks of the season, and then there was some tough luck and that's when you start pressing."

What do you think happened?

"I don't know. That's part of hitting. You go from being in nice

weather in Arizona, then you go play in snow for a few days and that makes it a little tough to be consistently where you want to be. But you go through that every year," Frazier added. "Baseball is a tough game. You can be on top of the world at one point and other times you're searching and feeling like you don't know what you're doing."

Next up was Winker, who clearly didn't want to talk. Can't really blame him. Our (brief) conversation took place after the first game of Saturday's doubleheader, when he struck out looking in the 10th inning to give the Angels the win.

"I'm not playing well and that's just as simple as it can get," said Winker, who leads the American League with 42 walks but is batting .209 and slugging .299. "I just gotta figure it out."

Expectations were obviously high. Can you speak to the level of frustration you're feeling and maybe what you expected of yourself?" I asked, more than somewhat awkwardly.

"Things are obviously not going well," replied Winker, insisting his slump is not due to a mechanical issue. "What I expected was not that, and it's my job to figure out why and to turn it around."

It's hard not to think that Mariners manager Scott Servais has lost some confidence in this duo. Winker didn't start in either game Saturday. Frazier didn't start in the first game Saturday

or in Sunday's 4-0 loss. This is what happens when you have a negative WAR and, out of 158 qualified MLB players, rank 142nd (Winker) and 147th (Frazier) in OPS.

What's going on, Scott?

"It's been a struggle for Wink and Frazee to get it going. Their track record says one thing, and what we're seeing this year says something totally different, which is concerning," Servais said. "Those are two guys coming into the season that we were weighing heavily on. They needed to carry out a big chunk of the offensive load."

He continued.

"They need to make adjustments. One thing about this league is that if you're deficient in a certain area, a certain type of pitch or part of the strike zone, you will get exposed. And I think with both guys, teams are recognizing certain areas or pitches they're struggling against and that's what they're getting flooded with."

I don't know how things will turn out for Frazier or Winker. I'd like to say that things can't get worse, but we're talking about a team that hasn't made the playoffs for 21 years.

A season ago, Frazier and Winker were playing at an All-Star level. I think at this point, the Mariners and their fans would settle for them simply playing at a Major-League level.

Golf

There's No Place Like 'Home' as Matt Fitzpatrick Wins U.S. Open

By Keith Pearson

Boston Herald

BROOKLINE, Mass. — Nobody in the field of the 122nd U.S. Open had as much experience on The Country Club layout since Gil Hanse's redesign than Matt Fitzpatrick.

He played seven rounds on the fabled track in 2013 on his way to winning the U.S. Amateur and returned multiple times to visit. The Sheffield, England, native felt that local knowledge gave him an advantage over everyone else.

On Sunday, he became Brookline's favorite son by making a par from the fairway bunker on the 72nd hole to win his first major at 6-under-par 274 following a 68. He was one shot better than Will Zalatoris (69) and Masters champion Scottie Scheffler (67).

"The expectations were for me to play well, but I feel like having won the U.S. Amateur here as well, I just felt so comfortable around this place," Fitzpatrick said. "Know where to hit it; know where to miss it."

"Yeah, just happy to be unbeaten around this place."

He joins Jack Nicklaus as the only men to win the U.S. Amateur and U.S. Open at the same place. The Golden Bear won the 1961 Amateur and 1972 Open at Pebble Beach and placed a phone call to Fitzpatrick following the trophy presentation.

Fitzpatrick grabbed the lead for good on the 15th hole. Following a wait of nearly 10 minutes at the tee, both Fitzpatrick and Zalatoris drove their ball into the right rough. Fitzpatrick was wild enough to find a trampled down area and hit the green with a 5-iron from 230 yards. He proceeded to roll in the 19-foot birdie putt to get to 6 under, while Zalatoris was unable to get up and down from the front left bunker and dropped to 4 under.

The two-shot lead did not last long as Scheffler, playing two groups ahead, moved to 5 under with a birdie at the 17th hole, one which factored in so heavily in the three previous Opens at The Country Club. Zalatoris, who has only reinforced the belief that his time will eventually come, delivered a 6-iron to within 6 feet at the 16th to get



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Matt Fitzpatrick of England celebrates with the U.S. Open Championship trophy after winning during the final round of the 122nd U.S. Open Championship at The Country Club on Sunday in Brookline, Massachusetts.

to 5 under.

There was one more bid for 71st-hole magic, but Zalatoris' 12-foot bid did not have enough pace to hold the line and fell off to the left.

Zalatoris piped his drive at the last and had just 128 yards in. Fitzpatrick, who hit 11 of the first 13 fairways, put a 3-wood into the front left fairway bunker.

He was 156 yards from the championship, but with a significant lip in front of him, the thoughts of a fourth playoff in as many Opens filled the air around TCC's stately clubhouse.

He and veteran caddie Billy Foster went with a 9-iron. The lip proved to be no obstacle, the shot finding the middle of the green, 19 feet above the hole.

"Never a doubt," said Foster, who finally got a major after so many chances over the years, of the club choice.

Said Fitzpatrick, "One good thing is the way the lie was is it forced me not to go towards the

pin. It kind of forced me to go well left anyway. If I had to hit straight, it was kind of a chip across the green or whatever it was."

"But I just feel like I'm a fast player, and when I look back, it just all happened so fast. It was like just kind of natural ability took over and just played the shot that was at hand, if I was a junior trying to hit it close."

"And I didn't mean to do that, but I just committed to the shot we kind of planned and came out of it squeezey fade. Yeah, it was amazing."

He also described it as the perfect number.

Fitzpatrick nearly rolled in the putt, but it was an all-world par considering the enormity of the situation.

But it left the door open for Zalatoris to force a playoff, and it was on a similar line as Fitzpatrick. The 15-footer was moving down the hill, slightly left-to-right, but stayed just outside the left edge, securing the victory

for the Englishman and leaving Zalatoris shocked.

"With about six feet to go, I thought I had it," said Zalatoris, who at just 25 years old has been a runner-up in three majors.

Scheffler got hot early, making four birdies over the first six holes to get to 6 under, briefly taking the solo lead.

His round sputtered from there though, he had his third into the par-5 eighth roll back down the hill leading up to the green, resulting in a par. His second shot at the par-4 10th went through the green and into the back bunker, leading to a bogey. Scheffler found trouble at the short 11th once again, three-putting.

"The putts were going around the hole instead of in today," the Masters champion said.

The duel between Fitzpatrick and Zalatoris picked up on No. 11 as Zalatoris moved to 6 under with a birdie from 18 feet and Fitzpatrick three-putted from nearly the identical spot to drop

to 4 under.

Zalatoris dropped a shot on the 12th, paying the price for a wild drive to the right. He did the same on the 13th, but managed to save par. But Fitzpatrick pulled even by rolling in a 48-foot putt from the left edge of the green to pull back into a share of the lead.

But on this day, The Country Club belonged to Fitzpatrick, who became the first Englishman to win the U.S. Open since Justin Rose in 2013 at Merion.

Hideki Matsuyama had the best round of the tournament with a 65 on Sunday to finish fourth at 3 under. Rory McIlroy (69) and Collin Morikawa (66) tied for fifth at 2 under.

Keegan Bradley, who was trying to be the first New Englander to win the Open since Julius Boros did in 1963 at The Country Club, made a bogey on the first three holes before turning in a 71 to tie for seventh with Adam Hadwin (71) and Denny McCarthy (68).

With No LIV Golfers in Contention, U.S. Open a Giant Success for PGA Tour

By Jason Mastrodonato

Boston Herald

BROOKLINE, Mass. — LIV Golf players wanted more free time.

They got it. PGA players wanted to compete against the best in the world on storied courses with historical significance while boosting their legacy in the world of golf.

They got it. Everybody won at the U.S. Open in Brookline this week, most importantly the sport, which survived a doomsday scenario in which an LIV Golf entrant captured a major championship.

The Country Club ate up the pretenders and allowed only true contenders to emerge.

Matthew Fitzpatrick, the cheery 27-year-old from the United Kingdom, lifted the trophy after an incredible week in which he finished with a 6-under-par 274 score.

Fitzpatrick, who had never won on the PGA Tour but won the 2013 U.S. Amateur at this course, outlasted a couple of young Americans, Will Zalatoris and Scottie Scheffler, to capture the title.

The leaderboard was an adventure on Sunday, with many of the world's finest players in the hunt until the very end. But there was one group of golfers noticeably absent from contention: all 15 of the LIV Golf series participants who, despite being banned from the PGA Tour due to their defection, will be allowed to compete in all four major tournaments because they're not hosted by the PGA Tour itself.

It was clear on Thursday and remained obvious right through Sunday: the LIV Golf guys couldn't cut it.



Stuart Cahill / Boston Herald

Dustin Johnson, left, and Matt Fitzpatrick chat on six on the first day of the U.S. Open Championship on June 16 in Brookline, Massachusetts.

are mostly has-beens and never-wills. Still, there's unquestionably talent on that tour, from 52-year-old Phil Mickelson to a pair of top-30 players in Dustin Johnson (No. 16) and Bryson DeChambeau (No. 29).

They were all reportedly paid between \$100 million and \$200 million by the Saudi's "Public Investment Fund" to defect, but said they were doing so not only for the financial benefit, but because they preferred the new format. There are only eight LIV Golf events this year. There are only 48 players in each event. There are no qualifiers. There are no cuts. There are only three days of golf.

The players wanted more rest to be with their families, they said. They got plenty of it as 11 of the 15 LIV Golf participants got the weekend off after they

missed the cut.

Only four survived: Johnson, DeChambeau, Patrick Reed and Richard Bland.

And how'd they finish? Not well. Johnson was the best of them all at 4 over par, and he finished T24th. Bland (8 over) was 43rd, Reed (10 over) was 46th and DeChambeau (13 over) was 49th.

Every single contender was a PGA Tour member who has grinded through the grueling schedule this year and qualified for a major championship that prides itself on requiring players to earn their spot.

To gain entry to the U.S. Open, more than 9,300 entered the qualification process. They came from all 50 states and 80 countries. They ranged from 13 years old to 79 years old.

LIV Golf events have no such thing as qualification.

Despite missing the cut with an awful performance of 11-over par through two rounds, Mickelson made \$10,000 along with 81 other golfers who didn't make the cut this weekend. Last weekend, he shot 10-over par in London at the LIV Golf event but made \$146,000.

Moral indications aside, it's hard to blame a player for taking the money overseas when he isn't good enough to earn it here.

The U.S. Open reminded us what really matters: competition. Consider one of Fitzpatrick's signature moments on Sunday, when he shanked his drive into the crowd on No. 15 and needed to push through a sea of fans to find it. The crowd was so deep that, even after police and event staff pushed some of them back, Fitzpatrick's caddie ran ahead and requested more clearance.

Crowds aren't really something the LIV Golf players have to contend with; reports out of the series' first event in London last weekend indicated sparse attendance.

Fitzpatrick sank a 48-foot putt to birdie No. 13. He had to be a magician to par No. 18 after he hit his tee shot into the bunker, then hit a 143-yard beauty out of the sand to leave him with two putts from 11 feet to win the tournament.

As he presented Fitzpatrick with the trophy, NBC's Mike Tirico joked that The Country Club should rename the bunker on No. 18 after the Englishman.

Hitting big shots under pressure is how champions are born and the greatest moments in sports are made.

We won't soon forget Fitzpatrick's performance in Brookline at a course that players praised as being "brutal" but enjoyable to play on.

"I thought it was great," said Rory McIlroy, who was in the hunt until the end and finished 2-under par, four strokes off the lead. "There were a few funky tee shots, a few tee shots I'm happy to not see again for a few years. But overall, really good setup, great U.S. Open."

Then McIlroy appeared to take a dig at the LIV Golf series, which, in September, is hosting a tournament at The International in Bolton, more than an hour away from downtown Boston.

"To be able to play this championship, especially so close to big cities, I think that's really, really important," McIlroy said. "Great atmosphere; great crowds. It was a really good week."

It was better than good. Without any LIV Golf players in contention, it was arguably a historically-great week for the PGA.

NBA

Payton, Porter and Looney Want to Stay — Can the Warriors Keep Their Big Free Agents?

By Shayna Rubin

The Mercury News

SAN FRANCISCO — The champagne buzz is still wearing off from the party in Boston and a parade is planned in San Francisco Monday to celebrate the Warriors' fourth NBA title in eight years. But the Warriors have one eye looking forward to free agency that starts July 1.

This championship proved that, even with the core in their mid-30s, the contention window is still wide open. Pressure is on the front office to keep the roster well-equipped to run it back in 2023 and beyond.

Nine Warriors will be free agents, seven unrestricted: Gary Payton II, Andre Iguodala, Kevin Looney, Otto Porter Jr., Nemanja Bjelica, Damion Lee and Chris Chiozza are free agents. Juan Toscano-Anderson and Quinn-Dary Weatherspoon are restricted free agents.

With Golden State boasting the league's highest payroll, will ownership and management be willing to spend to keep the team mostly intact? Or will they lean on some of their cheaper lottery picks to cut down on the luxury tax spending?

For the 2021 season, the Warriors held a \$178 million payroll pre-tax and \$170 million in luxury tax payments, totaling over \$346 million in payroll. They've led the NBA in spending in four of the last five seasons. So trends tell us Warriors owner Joe Lacob won't shy away from spending big again. With existing contracts, the Warriors have \$171 million on the books pre-tax. By their own standard, there's room to spend.

Payton, Looney and Porter in particular were key to the Warriors' success this season and voiced their desire to stay in



Golden State Warriors guard Gary Payton II (0) waves a towel in the fourth quarter of Game 5 of the NBA Finals at the Chase Center in San Francisco on June 13.

Jose Carlos Fajardo / Bay Area News Group

Golden State.

"I always want to be back here," said Looney, the Warriors' 2015 first-round pick. "I want to come back and try to defend what we just won and be a part of something special again."

The Warriors own Looney's Bird rights, which means they have no limitations on what they can offer him. After playing all 104 games this year, regular season and playoffs included, Looney

evolved as one of the team's most valuable players and their only true center with James Wiseman sidelined injured.

The Warriors also own Payton's early-Bird rights, which means the Warriors can offer Payton up to 105 percent of this season's league average salary. That would be just over \$10 million. Payton said he would "absolutely" love to come back to the Warriors next season, but

the longtime journeyman who bounced between six G-League teams and four NBA teams is looking for a multi-year deal.

"I get to choose this time, I think so it'll be interesting," Payton said. "Looking forward to it though."

Plenty of teams will be interested in Payton for his ability to defend wings despite his 6-foot-3 height, but the Warriors may feel the need to keep and pay their

discovery.

Porter signed a one-year deal on a veteran minimum contract and shined, his 3-point shooting spacing the floor with Steph Curry and Klay Thompson. Porter's non-Bird rights for this free agency period means the Warriors can't offer him much. But they could offer him the luxury tax-payer mid-level exception, which could be worth \$6 million.

Porter, whose career has been mired by injuries, may be willing to sign on for that.

"I do know that this team can compete again for another championship and it would be a great opportunity if I could stay here," Porter said. "It would be amazing to be here with that group of guys again and do it all over again."

Iguodala, 38, has yet to announce if he will retire from the league or give another season. He missed the majority of the playoffs and portions of the regular season dealing with a multitude of injuries, but his presence on the sideline was invaluable.

But if the Warriors decide to extend Andrew Wiggins or Jordan Poole — or both — there may be other money to consider flooding the books and squeezing one, if not all, of the more expensive free agent prospects out of the frame.

Plus, the Warriors could just pivot their spending habit and lean into their lottery picks. Jonathan Kuminga and Moses Moody can theoretically step into Porter and Payton's roles and Wiseman can take over for Looney at a much cheaper rate.

The Warriors are not afraid to spend big, but plenty of factors may not guarantee the title team will all return.

Inside the Amazing, Convoluted Journey MarJon Beauchamp Took from Yakima to the NBA Draft

By Larry Stone

The Seattle Times

MarJon Beauchamp found out on Wednesday he was one of 20 players invited to sit with his family in the green room at the NBA draft in Brooklyn, an honor reserved for those expected to be picked highest next week.

"I was the last (green room) selection, but I feel like that's part of my story," Beauchamp said with a soft chuckle by phone from Charlotte, where he was preparing for one of a dozen or so pre-draft workouts with NBA teams.

And what an amazing, convoluted story Beauchamp has woven as he sits on the verge of an NBA career that has been a lifetime dream — an obsession, really — but seemed a dim possibility just a year ago. Now he's projected to go anywhere from as high as No. 8 to early in the second round, with most mock drafts pegging him No. 20 to 26 overall.

Beauchamp will be alongside other local stars including O'Dea's Paolo Banchemo and Gonzaga's Chet Holmgren Thursday night, while Garfield standout Tari Eason is also expected to be taken in the first round.

"I feel like everything I went through prepared me for this moment," Beauchamp said. "The struggles, the adversity I went through, it only made me stronger. I feel like a lot of people didn't have to go through this, so I feel ready. I'm just excited that I'm in this situation. And I always knew I would be in the situation, but I just didn't know when."

It's a story that began in his hometown of Yakima, where Beauchamp started to make a name for himself on the AAU youth hoops circuit — so much so that he caught the attention of Brandon Roy, newly named coach at Nathan Hale. MarJon and his dad, Jon Beauchamp, took off to live in Seattle after eighth grade to play for Roy, winning a state title as a freshman. They followed Roy to Garfield, winning another title as a sophomore before moving yet again, this time to Rainier Beach, to play his junior year.

It was at Beach in 2018-19, under coach Mike Bethea, that Beauchamp really blossomed,

averaging 26 points, 11 rebounds and five assists and winning Metro League Player of the Year as the Vikings finished fifth in state. And then, seeking an even higher level of play, Beauchamp took off one more time, this time to Arizona, to play his senior year at Dream City Christian School in Glendale — his fourth high school in four years. Dream City is a private school that plays many of its home games in, of all places, Kentucky, as part of the "Grind Session" circuit, chock full of Division 1 prospects.

Beauchamp, a 6-foot-6 wing, was one of those five-star prospects, ranked 40th in the country by ESPN, but he made yet another unorthodox move after high school. Instead of going to college — he was heavily recruited by Washington and most of the D-1 powerhouses — Beauchamp elected to cast his lot in San Francisco with former NBA trainer Frank Matriciano. Beauchamp was the first client in Matriciano's "Chameleon BX" program, designed to get players ready for the NBA draft without attending college. Training as hard as he ever had in his life in the summer of 2020, and reaping the benefits, Beauchamp was aiming for the 2021 draft. But when COVID-19 hit with a vengeance, Matriciano had to shut things down.

"That was the wild card. COVID came out of nowhere and kicked us in the gut, man," Jon Beauchamp said. "Just when you thought you had the right answer to what was going on in our lives, boom. He's becoming the Superman that you thought he would be, and then COVID."

Beauchamp, despondent, returned to Yakima early in 2021. Chameleon was supposed to have exposed him to NBA personnel, but COVID thwarted that. Suddenly, he wasn't on anyone's radar, and his basketball future was muddled. And then Beauchamp caught COVID himself. It was, he said, the low point of his life.

"Depressed is too strong a term, but he was definitely having some 'woe is me' type feelings," said Ray Funk, a longtime family friend who is athletic director at Yakima Valley College. "Here he went from being on some draft boards back then, and definitely a high-major type

player, but everything, all the opportunities, kind of dried up."

"The depressing part was coming home," added Jon Beauchamp. "Coming home after all those moves we made. I didn't want him here. I mean, it's awesome. We love Yakima. We're from Yakima. But when you're in that little mode, or that little mood, Yakima could be a sink-hole."

Beauchamp and his dad looked into colleges, but realized the best place for MarJon was right under their nose. With Yakima Valley College resuming its season on a limited basis in March 2021, Beauchamp enrolled in school and played for the Yaks, joining a group of his old childhood buddies. The coach, London Wilson, was a longtime friend of MarJon's mother, Denise Pleasant. It was a rejuvenating experience for Beauchamp, who scored 50 in one game and averaged 30.7 points, 10.5 rebounds and 4.8 assists over the 12-game season.

"After not playing for a year and a half, getting to play with some friends that I grew up playing with and being coached by people that I grew up with, was just what I needed," Beauchamp said. "Coach London would always tell me, you're going to play for me one day. It's crazy how it came full circle. And, man, it was an amazing experience, because I found the love for the game again."

Added Jon Beauchamp: "It was a beautiful thing, because he didn't get to play high school here. The only bad part was Yakima didn't get to see him because they didn't let anyone in the gym for the games (because of COVID)."

Suddenly, the radar was back on Beauchamp. Funk, also an assistant coach at YVC, recalls a Houston Rockets scout showing up for a Yaks game. Beauchamp's winding road to the NBA had one more detour left: Last September, he accepted an offer to play in NBA's G League with Ignite, a team comprised mainly of recent high-school graduates and international players looking for an alternative route to the NBA. Ignite had three players selected in the 2021 NBA draft, including No. 2 overall pick Jalen Green and No. 7 Jonathan Kuminga, and could have three first-

rounders in Thursday's draft.

The G League turned out to be a fortuitous landing spot for Beauchamp, who averaged 15.1 points, 7.3 rebounds and 2.3 assists for Ignite and shot up the mock draft boards. The exposure to NBA executives was priceless.

"I remember the first couple of practices, scouts were in there, Mike Schmitz (ESPN's NBA draft analyst) was in there, and everyone was like, 'Who is this kid?'" Beauchamp said. "As the season kept going, you'd see mock drafts where the highest was, I think, 11, after not being on mock drafts at all before the season. It's just crazy to see where I am now."

Rainier Beach's Bethea looks at Beauchamp's hoops game and sees Golden State's Jordan Poole, a first-round pick in 2019, as a comp.

"He can shoot from anywhere, he can score off the dribble, he's really long and I think his best basketball is going to be ahead of him," Bethea said. "He and I used to talk about it. I think he could be a heck of a defender with those long arms. He reminds me of a longer version of Baby Boy (former Husky Dejounte Murray, now starring for the San Antonio Spurs), as far as stature. I mean, Dejounte has proved it in the NBA, and MarJon still has to, but that's what he reminds me of — a long seven-foot something wing span, right? He's athletic. He has all the tools to become a good NBA player."

As he makes the pre-draft circuit, working out for teams, Beauchamp believes that his nomadic career, while trying at times, will serve him well in the NBA.

"I feel like I can come on to any basketball system, and I'll figure it out," he said. "That's what I took from going to four different schools. I can come in right away and play."

Or as his dad put it, "He's so ready for the NBA, it's not funny."

Beauchamp feels closely connected to the Seattle basketball community, but he also cherishes his roots in Yakima, where his grandfather, Henry Beauchamp, was the first African-American mayor. MarJon has told Funk and others that he plans to give back to the community, including help renovating the Henry

Beauchamp Community Center. Funk calls MarJon "a great kid — a very nice, authentic, loyal type of kid. I've known him a long time, and he's the kind of guy who will give you the shirt off his back."

"Yakima's always going to be my first place in my heart, because that's where it all started," Beauchamp said. "My dad pushed me hard like make it out of there. He always had me in the gym, staying away from the negative stuff, and it paid off. Yakima has always had the most support there always, and they still support me. There's always going to be love for them."

Beauchamp, now 21, admits that it wasn't easy to leave Yakima after his eighth-grade year.

"Looking back at that, it was definitely tough on me," he said. "Leaving my friends and not going to high school with them, leaving my mom and little brother and sister, because they didn't come with us. My mom sacrificed a lot for me to not be in my life for four years, and looking back, I kind of feel it affected me mentally. But I got through it. And we got through it."

Asked when he first felt MarJon could be an NBA player, Jon Beauchamp replied, "Seven."

And now that it's on the brink of happening, after a route that is about as untraditional as can be imagined — though perhaps it will be less so in the future as the fabric of college sports is being substantially altered — Jon said: "We pretty much followed our process. We didn't really fall into other people's ideals or processes."

He added, "I've made some tough decisions along the way. It was a long road, but we did it. Me and him did it together. It was kind of a soul-searching deal — on my part, too. MarJon did all the work. He got himself there. It was a struggle to keep his mindset. But he held strong."

Now the final steps of that journey are days away. On Thursday, MarJon and his family will sit in the green room and hear his name called — likely in the first round of the NBA draft.

"It doesn't even feel real, to be honest," MarJon said. "But I can't wait for that day."

NHL



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The Colorado Avalanche's Valeri Nichushkin (13) celebrates his goal with teammate Mikko Rantanen (96) as Tampa Bay Lightning goaltender Andrei Vasilevskiy (88) looks on during the second period in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final at Ball Arena on Saturday in Denver.

Avalanche Dominates Lightning, 7-0, in Game 2 of Stanley Cup Final

By Ryan O'Halloran

The Denver Post

DENVER — They come at you in waves, this Avalanche team.

Length-of-the-rink speed that puts even experienced opponents on their heels. Four lines that can explode onto the score sheet. A power play that has carried momentum from the previous round. And a no-frills, detail-oriented defense that doesn't allow any breathing room.

Did we mention the speed?

Moving like it had rocket boosters attached to its skate blades, the Avalanche overwhelmed the Tampa Bay Lightning in Saturday's Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final, scoring early and often in a commanding 7-0 win at a raucous Ball Arena.

The Avalanche are two wins from its first Cup in 21 years, two wins from ending the Lightning's two-year reign over the NHL, two wins from putting an exclamation point on the franchise's reclamation and two wins from possibly beginning its own era of dominance.

Such lofty thoughts shouldn't be dismissed.

That's how good the Avs played to take a 2-0 series lead and, well, how lethargic, tired and worn out Tampa Bay appears to be.

Valeri Nichushkin and Cale Makar scored two goals apiece, two of five Avalanche players who had at least two points. Josh Manson, Andre Burakovsky and Darren Helm also scored.

The series shifts to Tampa for Games 3-4 on Monday and Wednesday, respectively. The Avalanche was 7-0 on road ice in the first three rounds, the longest road winning streak to open a postseason since the 2012 Cup-winning Los Angeles Kings won their first 10 games.

Since 2010 (not counting the "bubble" postseason in '20), a team has led the final series 2-0 eight times and hoisted the Cup six of them, the exception being Vancouver in '11, and only the Canucks were pushed to a seventh game.

Only a total collapse would keep the Avs from winning the Cup. Who sees this team in its current form losing four times in the next five games?

The Avalanche struck quickly for a 1-0 lead. J.T. Compher drew a roughing penalty on Tampa Bay's Ryan McDonagh 61 seconds into the game. From the right half-wall, Burakovsky centered a pass that Nichushkin — left alone in front of the net for some reason — slammed past Andrei Vasilevskiy for his seventh goal of the postseason

only 2:54 in.

Five minutes later, it was 2-0 when Manson, unable to pass across to Andrew Cogliano, wristed a shot past Vasilevskiy. The goal showed Tampa Bay's shocking neglect for details. The Lightning's three forwards were below the Avs' goal-line and then McDonagh made a haphazard decision to pinch, leading to the odd-man rush.

Less than six minutes later, it was 3-0 when Mikko Rantanen's slap shot from the right circle was turned away by Vasilevskiy, but right to Burakovsky for the goal. Again, the Avs had a man completely open in front of the goal.

The building was buzzing.

The Lightning was listing.

And the Avalanche was awesome.

Tampa Bay wanted a better start ... it was down two goals less than eight minutes into Game 1. Tampa Bay wanted to be assertive offensively from the hop ... it had one non-threatening shot on goal in the first 10 minutes. And Tampa Bay wanted to pick up its collective pace ... the Avs wouldn't allow it.

Much to the Avs' credit, their collective foot remained on the figurative gas pedal in the second period. Were they aggressive offensively? Yes, but not in

a reckless way. Were they on-point defensively? No doubt.

The lead stretched to 4-0 at 4:51 of the second when Rantanen forced a Lightning turnover behind the Tampa Bay goal and centered to the high slot where Nichushkin's one-timer beat Vasilevskiy. Helm made it 5-0 off a break that ended with a wrist shot that beat Vasilevskiy above the glove.

Avalanche goalie Darcy Kuemper didn't have to be spectacular, stopping 12 shots through two periods as the Avs clamped down in the neutral zone, preventing free entries by the Lightning's forwards. The Avs' penalty killers continue to do great work; Tampa Bay's power play is broken through two games and Makar scored a short-handed goal to make it 6-0 early in the third period. Makar added a power-play goal to put the Avalanche up by a touchdown with 10:11 remaining.

Can the Lightning hit the reset button on its charter flight back home Sunday morning? Of course.

In the last round, Tampa Bay was down 2-0 to the New York Rangers and won four consecutive games to keep its three-peat alive. The Avs are better than the Rangers, though. Much better, as Saturday night exhibited.

MLS

Rusnak Nets First MLS Goal of Season, but Sounders Draw With LAFC

By Jayda Evans

The Seattle Times

Albert Rusnak has been here before — getting looks at goal but not breaking the plane for long stretches of a season.

The Sounders midfielder had two of those "how did he miss that?" attempts in the opening half against Los Angeles FC on Saturday. The first sailed over the net and the second, a left-footed hook shot outside the box, was saved by keeper Maxime Crepeau.

As the sides headed into half-time goalless at Lumen Field, it seemed Rusnak would remain without an MLS goal for his new team. The playmaker was the biggest intraleague free-agent signing in two decades when he left Real Salt Lake for Seattle in January. The little moves Rusnak makes that steady the team — especially without Joao Paulo available due to a season-ending knee injury — is worth the money.

But the Sounders expect the goals and assists, too. Rusnak had a career-high 11 goals and 11 assists for RSL last year — all of which started in June.

After the first-half misses Saturday, Rusnak finally scored his first MLS goal of the season. The Sounders couldn't hold onto the clean sheet, though, conceding a late goal for a 1-1 draw at Lumen Field.

"I understand that as a player, you're going to go through some rough spells; that's what I did last year," Rusnak said recently. "The start of the season, espe-

cially, the first six, seven games — no goals, no assists.

"All of a sudden, the people wanted to start pointing fingers and saying, 'Oh, he's not good enough' and this and that. Then you end the season and everybody wants to lift you up in their arms. I understand that is the life of an athlete. ... It's not always going to be pretty and if it was, everybody would be playing well all the time."

Rusnak's strike was a gift from Crepeau crafted by pressure Sounders coach Brian Schmetzer wants his team to continue. Crepeau had a quick goal kick into space as Sounders midfielder Nico Lodeiro charged toward him. Rusnak jumped the pass to dribble the ball right back into the box for a right-footed shot in the 58th minute.

Crepeau crumpled to the turf in attempting to make the save, then arguing with teammates as the announced crowd of 34,642 cheered for Rusnak. The Slovakian international also bagged a goal and an assist during the CONCACAF Champions League tournament this season.

"I'm sure the goalkeeper knows it wasn't the best pass, but it was the right pass to make," Rusnak said. "If that pass is good and they connect the next pass, then they're off. A game of presses is tricky, and it doesn't work all the time, but it is something we want to apply more when we play at home. But it (the final result) feels like a loss right now."

The Sounders missed out on two chances to clear a ball out of the box in the 79th minute that led to Cristian Arango's equalizer off a header.

The botched defense, including Sounders keeper Stefan Frei missing the save, overshadowed Frei's strong performance. He finished with six saves.

Schmetzer wondered if his substitution decisions were a factor in LAFC's score. Center back Xavier Arreaga was subbed off for Kelyn Rowe in the 74th minute due to an apparent injury, which is being evaluated. Nouhou could've shifted over or Schmetzer could've called on center back AB Cissoko.

"I'll reflect on our decisions as a coaching staff," Schmetzer said.

Eyes stayed glued at goal in the 29th minute. Frei made a tough save with his midsection but took a long time to get back onto his feet. The Sounders advanced the ball and had a near chance at the other end as Frei rose and waved off medical attention.

Frei stopped three more LAFC shot attempts, including a kick save in the 43rd minute, to help the Sounders stay level at the break.

"(LAFC forward Kwadwo Opoku's shot) was one of those where it was just so close that he just tried to hit it as hard as he could," Frei said. "You try to hold your ground. The fact that he hit it and it was still rising, he caught me on the lowest rib and right in the knee. There's not much protection for your

lungs there. ... I was gasping trying to find some air, thankfully I found it about 20 seconds later."

Seattle played without striker Raul Ruidiaz, who suffered a left hamstring injury during its win over the Vancouver Whitecaps on Tuesday. Center back Yeimar Gomez Andrade remained out due to a right hamstring injury.

But internationals Jordan Morris (U.S.), Cristian Roldan (U.S.), Rusnak and Nouhou (Cameroon) returned from national duty and were able to make the start.

LAFC star Carlos Vela surprisingly didn't start, entering the match in the 46th minute. The Mexican international leads the team with six goals this season and has started 12 of his 13 appearances. But his contract expires June 30 and there haven't been any reports that he's close to signing a new deal.

First-year LAFC coach Steve Cherundolo used Arango, Danny Musovski and Opoku in the attack. And LAFC also had a different defensive look as this season's mainstays Mamadou Fall and Kellyn Acosta weren't in the starting lineup but available as subs.

LAFC (9-3-3) continued the hot start to the season to remain ahead in the league's Supporters' Shield race.

Seattle (6-6-2) continues its homestand against Sporting Kansas City on June 25.

"They're just the leaders," Schmetzer said of LAFC. "We're disappointed."

Wood

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summer league games and I look across and see my guys. I wish them the best. It would be a lot easier to root for them if they didn't play in our league, but I'll root for them whenever we don't play them."

Ultimately, it was a job Wood couldn't turn down. He'd been coaching on the side while finishing up his degree, helping out a Reardan squad last season as a coach, before the move this year.

While he didn't give everything away, Wood did say he — like many others in Southwest Washington — will follow in a long line of coaches to develop schemes from long-time Mark Morris coach Bill Bakamus and former Toledo head man Scott Merzoian.

"It's that coaching tree, I like what they do," Wood said. "That's the type of culture and system that I want to bring. Everyone knows who Bill Bakamus is, and Scott Merzoian. If that gives it away too much, so be it."

Wood will bring his championship pedigree and deep knowledge of basketball inside and out of Lewis County and the C2BL this fall, where the Loggers have tentatively scheduled their first game of the season against Raymond on the road November 29.

Legion

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game, beating the Washington Select Warriors, 5-3. Miles Martin got the win on the mound, pitching 6 2/3 innings with two earned runs against him and five strikeouts. The Renegades finally picked up timely hits, racking up five with Weston Potter knocking in two RBIs. Kelley, Vallejo, and Alex Stafford also added RBI knocks.

Rounding out the weekend with a victory, the Renegades beat Arsenal 15u 6-1 in their final game of the Father's Day tournament with nine team hits and Potter picking up the win on the mound.

He pitched six innings with three hits, no earned runs and eight strikeouts. Cal Bullock, Vallejo, and Luke Mohney knocked in runs for the Renegades.

The Renegades will head to another tournament on Thursday, taking part in the Brent Edward Memorial Tournament in Selah.

Local Track

Nubbe Wins Discus, Hammer National Championships

By The Chronicle staff

Avenging a loss last year at the Nike Outdoor Nationals meet in Eugene, Oregon at Hayward Field, Rainier graduate Jeremiah Nubbe repped his school and state one last time at the meet, winning both the discus and hammer for home two national championships Sunday.

Washington's all-time discus leader, Nubbe fouled off three of his six discus attempts, and sat just short of first heading into his fifth, and second to last throw last Sunday in the championship event.

Then Nubbe launched a 200 foot, one inch rocket to take the title by more than a meter and a half. Carson City, Michigan's Zane Forist was the defending champ, and he finished fourth overall. JSerra's Brendon See, from California, was the runner-up.

In the hammer throw, Nubbe was dominant. Though he was hovering above the rest throughout most of his throws, it was again his fifth throw that saw the best mark at 236 feet and four inches.

The runner-up, Caden Hottman from Hermiston, Oregon, threw for 204 feet and 10 inches.

The medals are yet more items to add to Nubbe's ever-growing trophy case. He won two state titles this spring.

Next up for Nubbe is a trip to Austin, Texas, where he'll attend the University of Texas and compete for the Longhorns.

Life

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Hikers stand near the bathroom at Panorama Point, over 6,000 feet up Mount Rainier as snow falls on Saturday.

How to Prepare for Whatever Trail and Weather Conditions Await During Washington Shoulder Season

By David Gladish

The Seattle Times

Summer in the Pacific Northwest, if it ever comes, is a prime time for hiking, with long days and (allegedly) reliable weather — but in many parts of Washington, we aren't quite there yet.

If you, like a record number of Washingtonians, are getting ready to lace up your hiking boots and hit the dusty (or wet) trail, you need to prepare for different conditions depending on the time of year, elevation and other factors.

It can be tempting to wait until midsummer to venture into the mountains, but with some logistical and gear prep, shoulder season hikers are rewarded with lighter crowds, wildflowers poking out of the snow and fewer bugs. Here's how to prepare for hiking in the shoulder season.

Expect the Unexpected

Joe Sawyer is the gear manager for Seattle mountaineering, hiking and climbing guide service Mountain Madness. As the guru for packing out trips into the Cascade and Olympic mountains, he has witnessed many trips during shoulder season go awry.

"Utilizing the shoulder seasons to get in the mountains can be both finicky and rewarding," he said. "It becomes a balancing act of tracking weather, in addition to being flexible on your goals and objectives."

Inclement weather may bring a mix of rain, snow or hail, and with precipitation comes opportunities to get into predicaments. In the mountains, a bluebird day can quickly turn into a stormy one, leaving you in a dangerous situation unless you have the right gear, a stoic attitude and solid preparation skills.

The Ten Essentials are a given year-round; in shoulder season, you also should bring gear to accommodate a sudden change in weather.

June-uary

Bringing the right gear during shoulder season isn't as cut-and-dried as other times of the year. Bring too much and you'll be weighed down with unnecessary baggage, taking the fun out of hiking or backpacking. Carry too little and you may get cold, wet and, ultimately, turned around quickly.

Jerry Casson, a longtime employee at Ascent Outdoors, a



Hikers and climbers make their way up Mount Rainier in snow and wind on Saturday as fog hides the top of the mountain and its surrounding range.



Snowshoers shed their layers as they near the top of the treeline on Mount Rainier on Saturday.

specialty outdoor hiking, skiing and climbing shop in Ballard, is an expert at helping people prepare for mountain adventures. He says June isn't always your friend.

"If you are new to the Northwest, you might not have experienced the classic late season start to summer in the Cascades. But this year, here it is: Welcome to 'June-uary,'" he said. "This means that a lot of your favorite summer hiking trails are still covered in snow, or at least partially covered ... think April-like conditions."

You need to be prepared for hiking in snow, particularly if you are venturing into Olympic, North Cascades or Mount Rain-

ier national parks, which hold snow well into summer.

"In addition to your normal summer hiking gear, you might add a few early season essentials," he said. "For starters, think about what you need for snow travel and some wet and muddy conditions. On your feet you want to have traction and you want to stay dry."

Comfort Is King

To enjoy hiking in the shoulder season, you must be comfortable.

As a sales representative for Perpetual Motion NW, a small outdoor sales agency based in Fall City, Michael Meehan has a

strong pulse on what type of gear sells during different periods of the year. Despite the wide variety of high-tech outdoor gear, Meehan says simplicity and comfort are most important to him.

"The main piece of gear I bring in shoulder season is a tarp so I can stay dry under it or sit on to keep a little padding on the ground," he said.

Good waterproof clothing is essential as well.

"I tend to stick with Gore-Tex products due to their durability and breathability when compared to other waterproof products," Sawyer said. "In addition, having a pair of waterproof pants with full side zippers allows you the flexibility of put-

ting on and removing them on the fly as conditions change."

Navigate Safely

In the middle of summer, hiking trails are more straightforward: Well-worn paths are clearly marked and beaten in by hikers. In shoulder seasons, trails are often snow-free near the trailhead, but patches of snow accumulate or cloak the trail entirely as you reach higher elevations.

To combat this confusion, Casson emphasized improving basic navigation skills.

"Snow-covered trails can be difficult to follow," he said. "You may follow footprints in the snow only to find yourself wildly off-trail and lost. When in doubt, always consult a map and/or GPS device."

Snowmelt causes rivers and streams to swell, making trails that go through water difficult and sometimes dangerous to navigate, adding another variable in planning where to hike. Casson recommends consulting trip reports such as those found on the Washington Trails Association website, wta.org. There you will find postings from other hikers regarding what conditions they experienced on a particular day on a specific trail.

Meehan, recalling a May trip in the mountains, says to prep well, but that surprises are part of the shoulder season adventure. "There's a little bit of unexpected," he said, "and that's part of the fun."

Puzzles

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 - 5 Bribe
 - 8 Ice fishing need
 - 12 Pilaf base
 - 13 Tijuana "Mrs."
 - 14 Tiny guitars
 - 15 Malden or Marx
 - 16 Try to impress, in a way (hyph.)
 - 18 Is sorry about
 - 20 DJ's platters
 - 21 Novelist — Beattie
 - 22 Hull filler
 - 25 Website suffix
 - 28 Lock openers
 - 29 Hideous giant
 - 33 Cruel dude
 - 35 Plunder
 - 36 "Waterloo" pop group
 - 37 Ballpark snack (2 wds.)

- 39 Say hoarsely
 - 40 Pet plea
 - 42 Sault — Marie
 - 43 Teensy bit
 - 46 Fall guy
 - 49 Rural addr.
 - 50 Half asleep
 - 53 Multiplying
 - 56 Masterstroke
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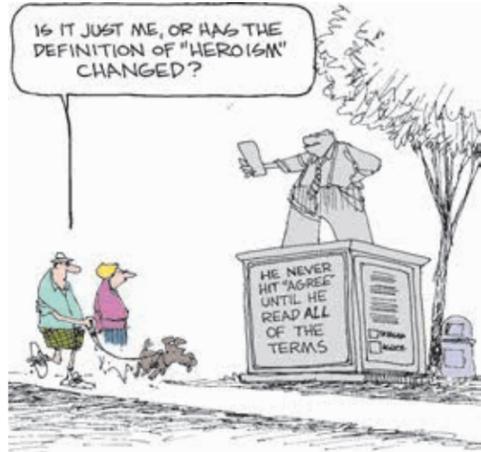
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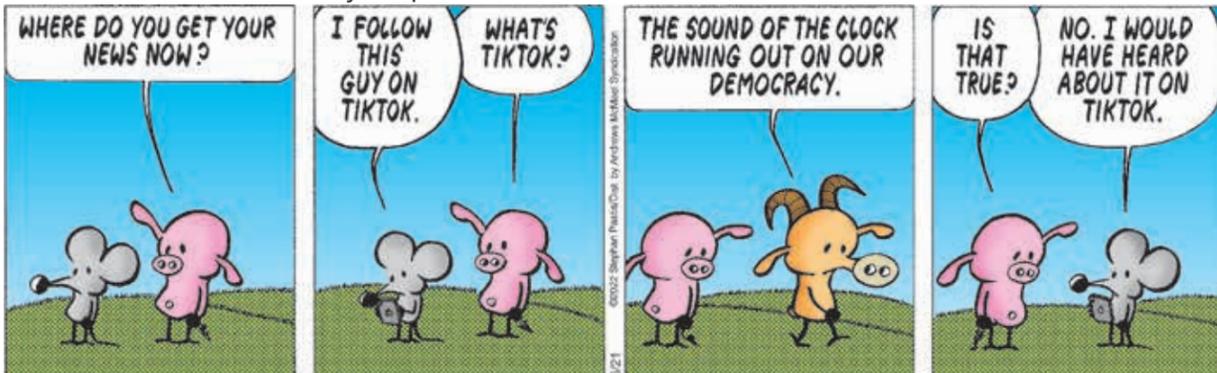
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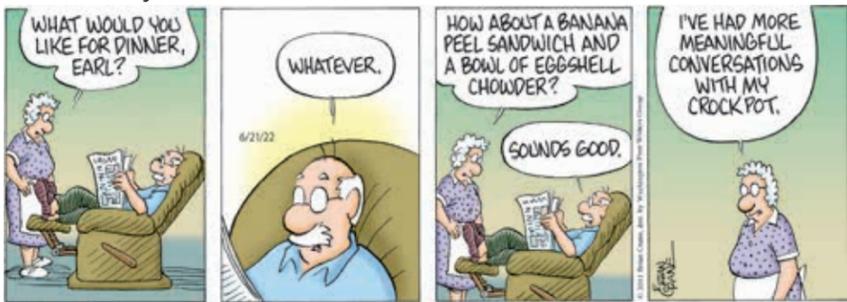
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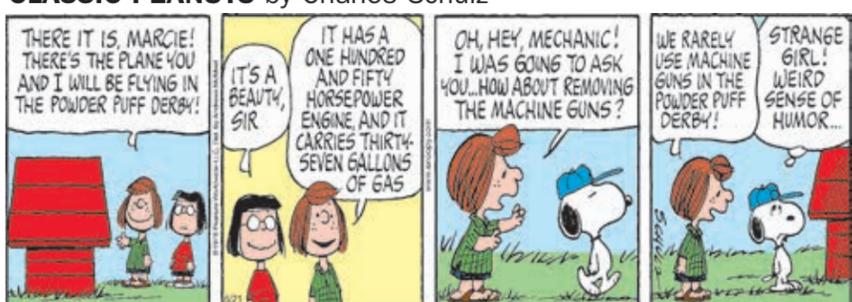
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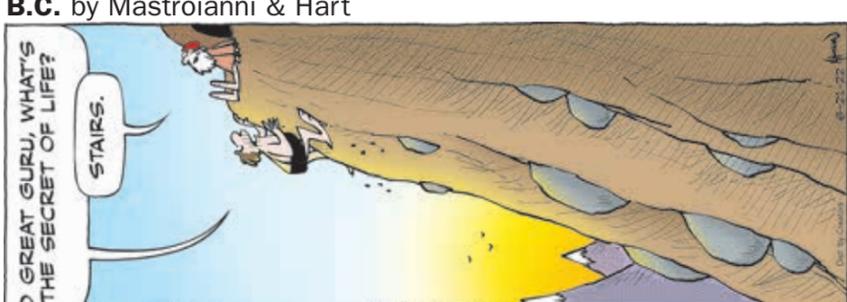
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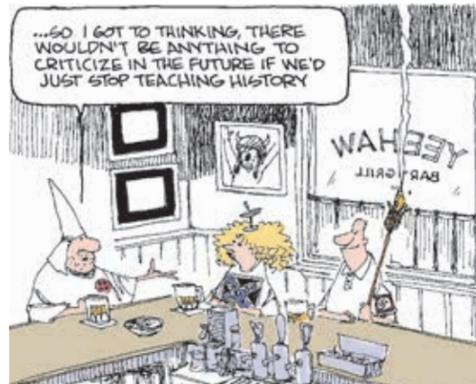
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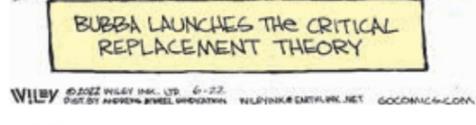
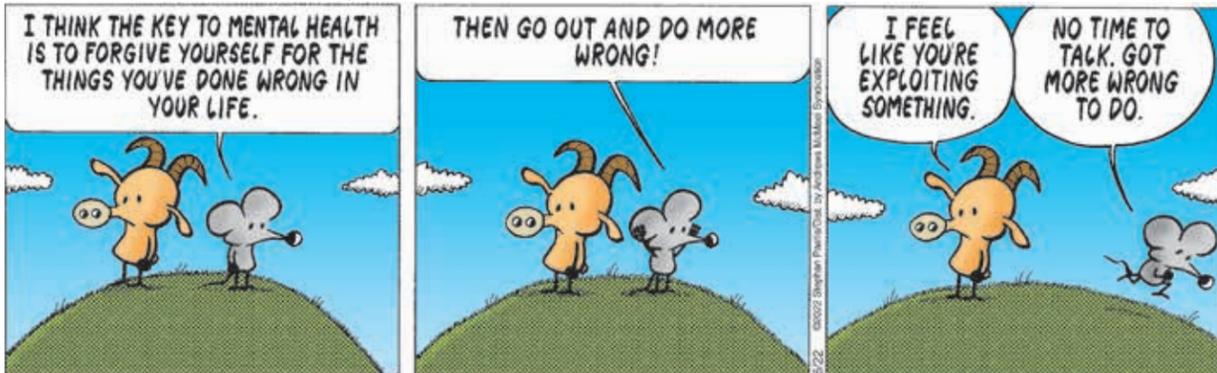
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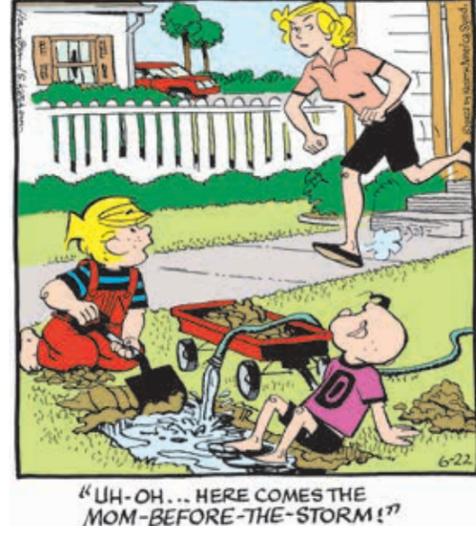
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The Chehalis School District will be holding a public sale of surplus June 22nd - 23rd from 9am-3pm. Sale may close early if all items are sold. The surplus sale will be located at the Olympic Elementary Gym located at 2057 SW Salisbury Ave Chehalis, WA 98532. Items include but are not limited to: office furniture, cafeteria equipment/supplies, cafeteria tables, bookshelves, books, tables, student desks and chairs, storage units, filing cabinets, tables. Also, Apple laptops and desktops, PC laptops and desktops, laptops, monitors, document cameras, printers, and miscellaneous network equipment. Items will be sold "AS IS" and must be removed immediately by the purchaser and no holds will be allowed, so please come prepared to take items. District officials are unable to help move or transport items. Only cash and checks will be accepted. **No Restrooms will be available.**

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HELP WANTED

Warehouseman



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Caregiver needed to assist paralyzed person with daily living activities. This position has the option to work daily or live-in with room, board & salary. 360-388-6250

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WORK WANTED

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It's that time of year again! Slippery decks & dirty concrete. Our services include houses, out buildings, fences. Cascade Pressure Washing. Check out our website. Glen, 503-899-9055 (local) or Shauna, 360-623-9620.

Residential Cleaning

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plus bathroom, available July 1, \$700 a month, includes all utilities, cable, internet & home phone. Wanted Single Female, 420 friendly, no animals, you provide your own food. Contact Evelyn at 360-996-4461.

COMMERCIAL SPACES

COMMERCIAL SPACE FOR RENT
Right off Harrison Ave., Centralia WA, ample off street parking, 1200 sq ft, private 1/2 bath, rent \$1700/month as is. Will remodel for yearly lease. Call 360-669-0785 or drive by 1311 Harrison Ave. Centralia, 98531

STORAGE SPACE



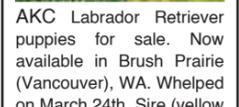
HELP WANTED - Part time yard maintenance person or service. Weeding, shrub trimming, etc. Possible mowing. Send contact to t_a_u_s_c_h_e_r@campprime.com.

LIVESTOCK & PETS

PET & PET SUPPLIES



AKC Labrador Retriever puppies for sale. Now available in Brush Prairie (Vancouver), WA. Whelped on March 24th. Sire (yellow American Labrador) and Dam (chocolate English Labrador) are AKC certified. Litter has been registered with AKC. Rear dew claws have been removed. All puppies have been dewormed and are current on vaccinations. Very social with adults, children & other dogs. Two yellow females and one black male left. Please contact Alicia at 360-607-6729 with any questions or to schedule a time to meet them. \$800/Puppy, will consider offers.



Dachshund puppies 1 long hair male, 2 smooth hair females, parents are on-site, first shot on June 11th & dewormed, \$800 for long hair & \$600 for the short hair. 360-785-0464, no calls after 7 pm.

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FREE KITTENS
2 Black with white feet & 2 white.
Call: 360-985-2338

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AUCTIONS SALES

SILENT AUCTION! PNW UNIVERSAL MISS
Saturday, June 25, 2022 3pm to 6pm.
Chehalis Eagles
1993 S. Market Blvd, Chehalis, WA 98532.

All donations will go towards PNW Universal Miss fees & expenses. Tessa McNurlin Universal Miss Washington Elite & her daughter Hayden Abbott Universal Miss Universal Entertainer 2022 are competing at Nationals in Florida July 2022. Stop by and bring a friend. Hayden can't wait to show everyone how she got her title. Thank you in Advance for your support!
For questions about this event call Tessa, 360-324-0317 or email missnessa_01@hotmail.com PNW Universal Miss

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GARAGE SALES CENTRALIA

NEW TODAY!

VISIT VISITED

BEST BEST BEST GARAGE SALE EVER!
Fri & Sat, June 24 & 25, 8-4.
1511 S Gold St, Centralia, WA 98531.

Centralia Bible Baptist. In front of Bowling Alley. A benefit sale!

GARAGE SALES CENTRALIA

NEW TODAY!

VISIT VISITED

Trying to sell your home? More information about the home will get you better results.

GARAGE SALES CENTRALIA

NEW TODAY!

VISIT VISITED GARAGE SALE!
Fri & Sat, June 24 & 25, 9-?.
1304 Greenwood Ln., Centralia, WA 98531.

40 years of accumulation of mechanic tools, table saw, skill saws, chop saw, jacks, tool boxes, bins of tools, pile of wood, household & much! Lots of girl stuff as well. Tools, Tools & more Tools.

GARAGE SALES CHEHALIS

VISIT VISITED MOVING SALE!
Friday & Sat June 24 & 25, 9-4.
107 raymond place Chehalis, 98532

Mission style queen bed frame, lamps, end tables, 2 twin antique bed frames, Firstgear Kilimonjaru motorcycle jackets, pants and other jackets, Lifespan treadmill, holiday decor, mens clothing M-L, generator, household misc. items & lots more.

NEW TODAY!

VISIT VISITED MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE!
Fri & Sat, June 24 & 25, 9-3.
67 SW 3rd St, Chehalis, WA 98532.

Furniture, household items clothing, gardening & much more.

AUTOMOTIVE

MOTOR HOMES

WANTED: Motorhome or truck & travel trailer, any type, size, condition considered, cash buyer. Call Paul or Maryann 360-434-3993.

LEGAL NOTICES

122653 Westlund/Knight
Grantor: Becka Knight. Current beneficiary of the deed of trust: Security State Bank as Custodian FBO Trevor Westlund Roth IRA. Current trustee of the deed of trust: Marc Wheeler. Current mortgage servicer of the deed of trust: Security State Bank Trust Department Reference number of the deed of trust: 3496791 Parcel number(s): 011672-000-000

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 22, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. outside the main entrance of the Historic Lewis County Courthouse, 360 NW North Street, Chehalis, Washington, the undersigned Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest and best bidder, payable at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in Lewis County, Washington:

That part of Government Lot 8 in Section 19, Township 11 North, Range 1 West, W.M., described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the Easterly line of Section 19, Township 11 North, Range 1 West, W.M., and the South line of P.S. Highway No. 1; thence Westerly along the Southerly line of said Highway 500 feet; thence South parallel to the East line of said Section 19, 400 feet; thence East to the East line of Section 19; thence North to the Place of Beginning. EXCEPTING any portion thereof lying within county or public road.

the postal address of which is more commonly known as 102

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Lone Yew Road, Toledo, Washington 98591, which is subject to that certain deed of trust dated January 18, 2019, and recorded January 23, 2019, under Auditor's File No. 3496791, records of Lewis County, Washington, from Becka Knight to Lewis County Title Company as Trustee, (Marc Wheeler was appointed as Successor Trustee on August 2, 2019), to secure an obligation in favor of Security State Bank as Custodian FBO Trevor Westlund Roth IRA as Beneficiary.

NAME/ADDRESS

Becka J. Knight and "John Doe" Knight
102 Lone Yew Road
Toledo, WA 98591

Current Residents
102 Lone Yew Road
Toledo, WA 98591

No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the deed of trust or the Beneficiary's successor is now pending to seek satisfaction of the obligation in any Court by reason of Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the deed of trust.

The defaults for which the foreclosure is made are as follows:

- Monthly payments due from 3/1/2020 at \$317.19/month \$7,612.56
- Title report for foreclosure purposes \$486.90
- Posting fees \$55.00
- Recording fees \$204.50
- Certified mailing and postage fees \$50.00
- Attorney fee \$1,000.00
- TOTAL PRINCIPAL, LATE CHARGES & FEES \$9,408.96

The sum owing on the obligation secured by the deed of trust is \$21,149.90, together with interest as provided in the note or other instrument secured from February 1, 2020, and such other costs and fees as are due under the note or other instrument secured, and as are provided by statute.

The above-described real property will be sold to satisfy the expenses of sale and the obligation secured by the deed of trust as provided by statute. The sale will be made without warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances on July 11, 2022. The defaults referred to in paragraph III must be cured by July 11, 2022, (11 days before the sale date) to cause a discontinuance of the sale. The sale will be discontinued and terminated if at any time on or before July 11, 2022, (11 days before the sale date) the defaults as set forth in paragraph III are cured and the Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may be terminated any time after July 11, 2022, (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale by

The effect of the sale will be to deprive Grantor and all those who hold by, through or under Grantor of all of their interest in the above-described property.

Anyone having any objection to the 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 property grounds for invalidating the Trustee's Sale.

NOTICE TO OCCUPANTS OR TENANTS

The purchaser at the trustee's sale is entitled to possession of the property on the 20th day

of the month of July 2022.

transmitted by the Beneficiary or Successor Trustee to the Borrower and Grantor at the following addresses:

by both first class and certified mail on January 21, 2022, the proof of which is in the possession of the Successor Trustee; and the notice of default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in paragraph I above, and/or the occupants of the real property were personally served, on January 22, 2022, with said written notice of default by the Beneficiary or Successor Trustee, and the Successor Trustee has possession of proof of such posting or service.

of the month of July 2022.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22, 2022



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Put everything you've got into what you want to achieve. Invest in yourself and your skills, and you'll find an exciting way to raise your earning potential. A romantic gesture will pay off.



PISCES

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
Take better care of yourself mentally and physically. Don't take a risk or let someone put you in an awkward position. Truth matters. Avoid anything that promotes infidelity.



ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Recognize what and who you are up against, then adjust how you do things to avoid controversy. Don't share too much information until you have the feedback you need to ensure smooth sailing.



TAURUS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
An energetic approach to whatever you do will help you outshine the competition. Use the element of surprise to keep everyone guessing and waiting to see what you'll do next.



GEMINI

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Your charismatic appeal will attract plenty of attention. Speak up, offer insight and adjust to fit trends. How you use your energy and dedicate your time will determine your success.



CANCER

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Take a minimalist approach to life, love and work. Don't take on too much or expect too much in return. Look for ways to ensure you reach your target without hitting many obstacles.



LEO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Trust your instincts and share your thoughts. Speak up and protect yourself from pushy people trying to persuade you to do something that doesn't feel right. Deal with something that's hampering you.



VIRGO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Don't buy into something unfamiliar to you. Knowing what you are up against is your best defense. A physical effort will be key. Put your heart and soul into your dreams, hopes and wishes.



LIBRA

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
You can talk your way in or out of anything if you use your intelligence. A positive attitude will draw attention, but exaggeration will cause problems if you can't keep your promises.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
Clear up money matters. Stay away from joint ventures, shared expenses and discussions that can cost you emotionally or financially. Look for multiple solutions, and be flexible.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
Get out and have fun. An energetic challenge will motivate you to take responsibility for your happiness and bring about positive changes at home. Now's the time to swing for the fences.



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Anger will build if you can't agree with a close associate. Take nothing for granted, and you won't be disappointed. The more you do for yourself, the easier it will be to get what you want.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2022



AQUARIUS

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)
Keep your emotions under control, and use intelligence and charm to persuade others to see things your way. Pay attention to how much things cost and what you can afford.



PISCES

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)
A quiet pursuit will ensure success. Look at what's possible, and don't hesitate to go for the brass ring. Change begins with you, so take control and make things happen.



ARIES

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Spice things up, speak up and use your experience as a guide. Be bold and confident, and keep your eye on what's ahead of you. A dynamic display of how you operate will draw interest.



TAURUS

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Keep secrets until you feel comfortable sharing them. Your vision of how things will unfold may not resemble what transpires. Be ready to do some fancy footwork to maintain the status quo.



GEMINI

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Use your charm to win acceptance and favors. Get involved in something you care about. Your manner and accomplishments will win you compliments and valuable interest.



CANCER

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Cover your bases and prepare to counter anything or anyone who gets in your way. Have a plan in place, and put your energy where it will do some good. Avoid temptation and extravagance.



LEO

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Take the high road, adjust to whatever challenges you encounter and give your all until you feel confident you did your best. You will come up with new and exciting options if you do some research.



VIRGO

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
A lifestyle change will lead to personal growth, new connections and better relationships with friends, family and co-workers. Invest time and energy into something you enjoy doing.



LIBRA

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
Don't let uncertainty lead to loss. Keep track of your assets and liabilities to ensure you don't miss an opportunity. Use intelligence to charm someone with whom you'd like to work.



SCORPIO

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)
A change will lift your spirits and help you figure out what's best for you. Back away from pressure. Let your intuition guide you, and something good will unfold.



SAGITTARIUS

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)
A responsible attitude will give you the edge in a competitive situation. By opening your doors to friends and relatives, you will gain valuable insight. Romance is favored.



CAPRICORN

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
You'll quickly figure out what's expected of you if you discuss your intentions with a friend, relative or loved one. Be quick to make adjustments that will help keep the peace.

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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 occupants and tenants. After the 20th day following the sale the purchaser has the right to evict occupants who are not tenants by summary proceedings under the unlawful detainer act, Chapter 59.12 RCW. For tenant-occupied property, the purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060.

"THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME."
You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date on this notice to pursue mediation. **DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT 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 determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following:

- The statewide FREE foreclosure counselors recommended by the Washington State Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: **1-877-894-HOME (1-877-894-4663)** http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm
- United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: **Local counseling agencies in Washington:** <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fo/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dcfc>
- The statewide civil legal aid hotline for assistance and referrals to other housing counselors and attorneys: **Toll-free: 1-800-606-4819** <http://nwjustice.org/what-clear>

DATED: March 14, 2022.

MARC WHEELER, Successor Trustee
1303 Grand Avenue
Centralia, WA 98531
(360) 623-1009

Published: The Chronicle
June 21, 2022
July 12, 2022

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND MITIGATED DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE

Description of proposal: Construct an approximate 100,000 sq. ft. distribution warehouse with all associated infrastructure. Fill/grade approximately 3,530 CY. The intent of the warehouse is storage of plastic and paper goods for grocery store distribution.

Proponent: Fuller Designs
SEPA #: 2022 0308
Date of Notice: June 16, 2022

Location of proposal:
3704 Ives Road,
tax parcel #024005-001-001

Date of Application: 5/20/2022

Date of Notice of Completeness: 6/16/2022

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Lead agency: Centralia Community Development

Project Permits: SEPA, Civil Plan, Building, Fill/Grade, Construction Stormwater General Permit.

Environmental Documents on file: SEPA Checklist, Inadvertent Discovery Plan, Geotechnical Report.

The City of Centralia Community Development Dept. has determined this project does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment with mitigating conditions. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed environmental checklist and other information on file with the City. The proposal will include mitigation measures under applicable codes and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. This information is available to the public upon request.

This MDNS is issued under WAC 197-11-350; the City of Centralia will not act on this proposal for 15-days from the date of publication. Comments are due by: July 8, 2022.

Notes and conditions:

1. Work may not commence until all required permits and approvals are obtained.
 2. Pursuant to CMC 16.04.100.F and CMC 16.04.160.B, mitigation fees will be required for adverse impacts related to traffic, schools, floodplain, etc. that cannot be mitigated by development plan alteration(s). The exact amount of the fee(s) will be determined at the time of civil and construction plan review and must be satisfied prior to the issuance of any permits.
 3. In the event any archaeological or historic materials are encountered during project activity, the Inadvertent Discover Plan on file must be followed.
 4. A Port of Centralia Determination of Master Plan Compliance must be obtained and submitted prior to any permit issuance.
 5. All recommendations of the Quality Geo NW geotechnical report, dated March 22, 2022, must be followed.
- Responsible official:
Hillary Hoke
Position/Title: Asst. Director, Centralia Community Development
Phone: (360) 330-7684
Email: hhoke@cityofcentralia.com
Address: PO Box 609, Centralia WA 98531

The complete application may be viewed at the Community Development Dept. located at 118 W Maple, Centralia, WA 98531, during regular business hours, M-F. Any person(s) may comment on the proposal, in writing, via mail or email at the addresses above. You may appeal this determination to City of Centralia - Community Development. All appeals must be filed in writing, with the appropriate fee, by 5:00 pm on 7/15/2022. You should be prepared to make specific factual objections. If you have any questions regarding the SEPA or appeal processes please contact the Responsible Official.

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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 Sale No.: WA-18-809625-SH Title Order No.: DEF-375606 Reference Number of Deed of Trust: Instrument No. 3249391 Parcel Number(s): 014698-001-001 Grantor(s) for Recording Purposes under RCW 65.04.015: CARL E. NELSEN, AS HIS SEPARATE ESTATE Current Beneficiary of the Deed of Trust and Grantee (for Recording Purposes under RCW

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65.04.015): THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-BC5 Current Trustee of the Deed of Trust: Quality Loan Service Corporation of Washington Current Loan Mortgage Servicer of the Deed of Trust: NewRez LLC, f/k/a New Penn Financial, LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing I.NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, the undersigned Trustee, will on 7/1/2022, 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: PARCEL A OF BOUNDARY LINE ADJUSTMENT NO. BLA-00-0027 RECORDED IN BOOK 1 OF B.L.A.M, PAGE 14 UNDER AUDITOR'S FILE NO. 3096274, BEING A PORTION OF THE EAST HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 12 NORTH, RANGE 1 WEST, W.M. More commonly known as: 250 CLASSE ROAD, TOLLEDO, WA 98591 Subject to that certain Deed of Trust dated 4/7/2006, recorded 4/19/2006, under Instrument No. 3249391 records of LEWIS County, Washington, from CARL E. NELSEN, AS HIS SEPARATE ESTATE, as grantor(s), to LSI, as original trustee, to secure an obligation in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS"), AS NOMINEE FOR SECURED FUNDING CORP., A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as original beneficiary, the beneficial interest in which was subsequently assigned to THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-BC5, the Beneficiary, under an assignment recorded under Auditors File Number 3374868 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 obligation of any Court by reason of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust/Mortgage. III. The default(s) for which this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: Failure to pay when due the following amounts which are now in arrears: \$170,476.66. IV. The sum owing on the obligation secured by the Deed of Trust is: The principal sum of \$163,323.05, together with interest as provided in the Note from 11/1/2013 on, and such other costs, fees, and charges as are due under the Note, Deed of Trust, or other instrument 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 implied, regarding title, possession or encumbrances on 7/1/2022. The defaults referred to in Paragraph III must be cured by 6/20/2022 (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 discontinued and terminated if at any time before 6/20/2022 (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

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be terminated any time after the 6/20/2022 (11 days before the sale date) and before the sale, by the Borrower or Grantor or the holder of any recorded junior lien or encumbrance 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 applicable, with said written Notice of Default or the written Notice of Default was posted in a conspicuous place on the real property described in Paragraph 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 Grantor(s). These requirements were completed as of 8/16/2019. VII. The Trustee whose name and address are set forth below will provide in writing to anyone requesting it, 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 objections 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 OCCUPANTS 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 occupants 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 purchaser shall provide a tenant with written notice in accordance with RCW 61.24.060. THIS NOTICE IS THE FINAL STEP BEFORE THE FORECLOSURE SALE OF YOUR HOME. You may be eligible for mediation. You have only 20 DAYS from the recording date of this notice to pursue mediation. DO NOT DELAY. CONTACT 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 determining your rights and opportunities to keep your house, you may contact the following: The statewide foreclosure hotline for assistance and referral to housing counselors recommended by the Housing Finance Commission: Toll-free: 1-877-894-4663 or Web site: http://www.dfi.wa.gov/consumers/homeownership/post_purchase_counselors_foreclosure.htm The United States Department of Housing and Urban Development: Toll-free: 1-800-569-4287 or National Web Site: <http://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/HUD> or for Local counseling agencies in Washington: <http://www.hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hcc/fo/index.cfm?webListAction=search&searchstate=WA&filterSvc=dcfc> 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-18-809625-SH. Dated: 2/16/2022 Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington, as Trustee By: Maria Montana, Assistant Secretary Trustee's Address: Quality Loan Service Corp. of Washington 108 1st Ave South, Suite 202, Seattle, WA 98104 For questions call toll-free: (866) 925-0241 Trustee Sale Number: WA-18-809625-SH Sale Line: 800-280-2832 or Login to: <http://wa.qualityloan.com> IDSPub #0176880 5/31/2022 6/21/2022

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF LEWIS In the Matter of the Estate Of DONALD WAYNE BAILEY Deceased. NO. 22-4-00247-21 NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW 11.40.030

The Personal Representative named below has been appointed as Personal Representative 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 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 days after the Personal Representative 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 assets.

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SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF WASHINGTON COUNTY OF LEWIS BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A. AS TRUSTEE FOR MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT SERIES I TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. UNKNOWN HEIRS OF LEO HAUBRICK, Defendants. NO. 22-2-00256-21 SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

TO: (1) Unknown Heirs of Leo Haubrick and (2) Unknown Claimants to the Real Property.

You are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to wit, within sixty days after the 14th day of May, 2022, and defend the above-entitled action in the above-entitled court, and answer the complaint of the Plaintiff and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorney for Plaintiff at his office below stated; and in case of your failure to do so, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint, which has been filed with the clerk of said court. The basis for the complaint is for quiet title as to Property in this County commonly known as 106 Jalyn Street Centralia, WA 98531.

DATED May 12, 2022.
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