

COVID can't dull the joy of being a new teacher

New teacher, new experiences for **EPO** third-graders

BY BOB SMITH Kitsap News Group

PORT ORCHARD — For youngsters attending East Port Orchard Élementary and South Kitsap School District's other schools, the night before the start of the 2021-2022 school year was bound to be a mix of excitement, anticipation and a sprinkling of trepidation before closing their eyes to sleep.

The same could be said for classroom teachers, whose brains were like a jumble of sticky notes jotted with schedules, changes to lesson plans and last-minute needed school supplies. And for Holly Gubser, her night before the big day on Wednesday was compounded by the nerve-wracking fact that she would realize her dream of — finally — becoming an elementary school teacher.

It's a dream that the 24-year-old Bay Area native said was nurtured by her late grandfather, a special education teacher who she says had a big influence on her life. Also serving as a pivot point to her career direction was growing up with parents who owned a surf camp in Pacifica, south of San Francisco. That business was a family affair, she said, with family members teaching kids ages 6 to 18 how to surf every day at the beach during the summer.

Gubser moved to the Puget Sound area from San Francisco about three years ago along with her fiancee, who attended the University of Washington. Concurrently she got her teaching degree from City University and subsequently student-taught second-grade



Holly Gubser is a new teacher at East Port Orchard Elementary, where she is sharing her love of learning with a classroom of third-graders.

classes with Seattle Public Schools.

After graduating in June 2020, the newly minted teacher applied for teaching jobs in the area, but few were hiring, she said. In the meantime, Gubser started her own private school with eight students, most of them third-graders.

She got her break this summer after being hired by South Kitsap School District to teach third grade at East Port Orchard Elementary. The couple moved to Port Orchard in May and purchased a home a couple of blocks away from

the school.

"I just fell in love with the grade," she said. "[The kids] are very independent but they also love their teacher a lot. It's a good balance. I hope to make an impact on these kids. I can't wait."

On Tuesday morning in the classroom where a collection of 19 or 20 eager, inquisitive third-graders are to be taught, the cheerful teacher exhibited only a few signs of anxiousness about the impending explosion of kids that were soon to enter the building the

next morning.

"I'm getting a little anxious about having the kids come in because it's been such an unprecedented time for everybody being out of the classroom and online," Gubser said of the past year of hybrid learning experiences dictated by the pandemic.

But she doesn't expect the face-maskwearing students to arrive with a dulled sense of wonderment about learning new skills and meeting new classmates. Invariably, they're likely to come



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New teacher Holly Gubser, who began teaching on Wednesday at East Port Orchard Elementary, comes from a long line of educators in her family.

equipped with the typical assortment of mayhem, silliness and sweetness that comprise third-graders.

And the new teacher is excited to be at the center of it all.

"When a classroom is kinetic and flowing, and the energy is matching in everyone — and the kids are influencing each other to do better and work harder - that's what I love the most about teaching," Gubser said. "I love when kids pick each other up and work hard for one common goal. I like to facilitate that. "The kids are so fun. They bring such

energy into the world."

Gese takes reins of Sheriff's Office

New leader focusing on implementing new police reforms, hiring

BY MIKE DE FELICE Special to the Independent

PORT ORCHARD - For six years, John Gese held the number-two spot at the Kitsap County Sheriff's office, but after being sworn in on

position, Kitsap News Group interviewed the sheriff about his new job and asked him what he sees transpiring in the days ahead. Gese said priorities for his first year include adjusting to police reforms laid out by lawmakers and sought by members of the community, and filling staff vacancies from personnel leaving the office.

proper and fair and just way," Gese noted.

Several police reform laws were recently enacted by the state Legislature. New rules on the use of force, limits on when law enforcement can engage in a vehicle pursuit, and the ability to decertify a police office are some examples he pointed out.

The sheriff's office and law enforcement agencies across



to work with the Legislature and attorney general's office and our own local legislatures to fully understand what the boundaries are in these new laws."

Prior use of force laws had been the subject of numerous court cases. Decisions from those cases helped interpret the rules, providing law enforcement with guidance as to what constituted lawful police force. The new rules have yet to undergo court review, leaving law enforcement without needed direction, he explained. "It's tough for our officers on the street. They want to do the right thing. They don't want to get in trouble or get charged with a crime. Right now, I think is a feeling-out period. I think we are being slow and cautious."

Aug. 30, he moved into the top post — becoming sheriff.

The 30-year law enforcement veteran and Seattle native who has spent his entire police career at the sheriff's office now controls the purse strings of the office's \$43 million budget and is responsible for a staff of more than 250 people.

As he settles into his new

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New ways of policing

"We are very sensitive about things that happened with the George Floyd death and all the resulting calls for social justice reform, criminal justice reform. Even here, we saw protests. That had an impact on us. It caused us to stop and rethink how we are doing things and make sure we want to do things in the

the state now have to adjust their practices to follow the new laws. "We are trying to adapt to the reforms and incorporate [them] into our training, policies and culture," he said.

That is proving to be easier said than done.

"It's been a challenge to keep up with all the new laws and make sure we understand **File photo**

Outgoing Kitsap County Sheriff Gary Simpson congratulates John Gese on his appointment as the new sheriff.

the interpretation of them," he admitted. "So, there is a lot of work going on right now. A lot of analysis of how we do business."

What now constitutes lawful use of force and when it can be utilized in a variety of situations seems to be an area of concern.

"We don't fully understand or know some of the perimeters [of when the use of force is permissible]. We are in the same boat as a lot of other agencies and trying

SHERIFF, SEE 2

Port Orchard Police say crime increased in 2020

... but COVID pandemic skewed figures from previous year

BY MIKE DE FELICE Special to the Independent

PORT ORCHARD - Port Orchard experienced a 7.4% increase in crime during 2020 the year the pandemic started with the largest increases coming in property crimes, including fraud and car thefts.

Meanwhile, crimes against individuals decreased, according to new end-of-year crime statistics released by the Port Orchard Police Department.

'The increase is not as concerning as it may have been in other years because we know what some of the issues were," Chief Matt Brown said.

Most of the issues the police chief

referred to are tied to the ripple effect of the pandemic.

over-year increase at nearly 130%.

'The increase is likely related to

your unemployment benefits were stolen by someone in Nigeria, that comes up in our stats," the chief explained.

Car thefts increased 60.5% in 2020. There were 69 such thefts last year compared to 43 in 2019.

The chief attributed the rise in motor vehicle thefts to the fact that two local car dealerships were victimized.

'We had some dealerships get hit several times by an organized group out of town," he said, explaining that thieves often break into the dealership's office and steal the car keys.

In those instances, Port Orchard officers worked with other law enforcement agencies and arrests were made, the chief added.

Burglaries saw a 38.7% jump in the city. Last year, 104 break-ins were registered, compared with 75 in 2019. Brown described these offenses as "crimes of opportunity."

"Service workers, government workers and health care workers still had to work [during the shutdown]. When you have a large section of the population stuck in their homes, you can very easily tell when people

are at work and not in their homes," Brown noted.

The chief could not say whether the rise in burglaries represents a trend or was an offshoot of the pandemic.

Drug arrests were down almost 38% as narcotic incidents dipped to 49 last year from 78 in 2019.

As with several categories of crimes, the reason there were fewer drug cases is tied to the COVID pandemic. Port Orchard officers were told to make fewer vehicle stops to reduce face-to-face contacts during the outbreak, Brown said.

Drug arrests often result from car stops, the chief said. "You pull a guy over. He has a warrant, so you have him step outside of the car and search him [following the arrest]. You find a baggie in his pocket or drug paraphernalia. Because we weren't doing as many stops, drug cases are going to do down.

CRIME, SEE 2



Fraud cases saw the largest year-

Fraud reports climbed to 62 last year from 27 in 2019, a trend also seen across the state, according to the annual crime report.

unemployment fraud. When the state released unemployment funds related to COVID early in 2020, there was a large number of international frauds that occurred. This was

from organized crime that was coming from out of the country. 'If you live in Port Orchard and

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office.

term.

sheriff.

Background

The sheriff does not believe the selec-

tion process caused any division in the

Gese will serve as sheriff for the

remaining year and a half of Simpson's

Gese joined the sheriff's office in 1991,

first as a patrol deputy, then a traffic dep-

uty. In 1999, he was promoted to sergeant

ing to the level of the rank of lieutenant in

2004, he was promoted to chief of patrol.

In 2015, he was appointed undersheriff

where he worked closely with Simpson

for six years and until he was appointed

Washington University in Bellingham.

On his way to earning a degree in sociol-

ogy, Gese was torn between becoming a

"I ended up choosing police officer.

appealed to me that there was a variety to

police work, and you would have contact

While a number of issues confront the

sheriff's office, Gese proudly points out

that the citizens his deputies serve largely

"We are lucky by the fact that we are

more connected to the community. Our

community is very supportive of us, and I

like to think that is because of the reputa-

tion that we have built. So, my goal is to

not violate that trust and maintain that

"Are we an agency that the community

is proud of and can trust? I think we have

been, and I want us to continue to be."

It was a bit of a non-traditional job. It

social worker or a police office

with all sorts of people."

Community support

support his office.

reputation.

The sheriff attended college at Western

and worked in internal affairs. After ris-

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Staffing shortfall

Drive through any business district and you are likely to see a string of "Help Wanted" signs in store windows. It is no different at the sheriff's office. There are currently 25 unfilled positions in the office, which includes deputies, corrections officers and support staff, Gese noted.

"We have been running about a 10% vacancy rate. That's tough because we have a growing community. The more pressure you have on [staff], unfortunately, the chances of them not staying ... gets to be more of an issue."

The staffing drain has largely involved veteran staff eligible to retire.

"We have a lot of people who have reached that 20-, 25- or 30-year mark who are retiring out of our ranks and that has accelerated at a little bit with all the stuff that's been going on. Among tenured folks, some of them feel, 'I think this is a good time to leave.' But that is something that we expected, looking at the demographics," he said.

Gese noted his agency is not seeing newer deputies depart. In fact, the department has been hiring a number of officers from other locations who want to work in Kitsap County, he said. Recruiting efforts by the agency have been hampered by the pandemic. Normally, the office would go to job fairs and schools to seek applications, but those avenues were shut down due to COVID regulations.

Once recruiting efforts gear up, Gese said he aims to improve diversity on the

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"There were a lot of unknowns about COVID in 2020, so we said we were not stopping cars if there is a risk of contracting a deadly infectious disease unless it involved public safety," he said.

The way the vehicle stop policy played out most of last year was that if a driver was barreling down Bay Street going 60 miles per hour, public safety was involved and a stop would be initiated. Otherwise, a stop would not likely take place involving a vehicle with expired license tabs, he explained.

DUI arrests were down last year — 10 were recorded last year as compared to 24 in 2019, according to



John Gese

force. The office is reaching out to minority faith-based leaders and other prominent minority leaders to promote attract a wider variety of candidates, he said.

Gese's journey to becoming the county's new sheriff was not without issue.

Retiring Sheriff Gary Simpson was a Democrat, so Kitsap County Democratic Precinct Committee officers were responsible for pre-screening potential replacements. They then were to make a recommendation to the county commissioners as to who should fill Simpson's position.

As he was leaving, Simpson endorsed Gese as his replacement. Simpson told the Kitsap Daily News, "[Gese] understands the dynamics and many facets of the sheriff's office. He is ready to step in and take over the job now."

After research, the Democratic party officers, however, recommended Sgt. Brandon Myers, another veteran at the sheriff's office, for the job. In the end, the three Kitsap County Commissioners responsible for making the final call unanimously selected Gese for the position.

the report.

"A lot of bars were closed. People were staying home. If you were at home and you wanted to drink, normally you would not be going anywhere," he noted. "I would expect that number to start ticking up this year."

Violations of no contact/protection orders were down 11%: 55 in 2020 compared to 62 in 2019.

"A professional guess is that when we were all on lockdown, it may be possible that people called in domestic violence issues less frequently because there weren't many options [to go elsewhere]," Brown said.

When looking at 2020 crime rate statistics (displayed on the department's website under "annual reports"), the police chief stressed that it is important to pay attention to the number of incident reports rather than just relying on the percentages of increases or decreases of a particular crime. Focusing on percentages can lead to wrong impressions, he cautioned.

For example, the report indicated rapes in the city were up 33%. But the statistics revealed there were eight cases in 2020 compared to six in 2019. "As tragic as those [incidents] are, it doesn't indicate to us there is a trend of this increasing," he said.

On the flip side, statutory rapes were down 50% but there was only a single incident last year and two the previous year. Aggravated assaults were down 8.3%, which represented only four fewer incidents between 2020 and the prior year.

Comparisons to other cities

A standard way to compare the

3 more COVID-19 deaths in Kitsap, 141 total; 405 new cases

STAFF REPORT On Tuesday, the Kitsap Public Health District confirmed three more COVIDrelated deaths over the holiday weekend, bringing the countywide total to 141 since the pandemic began in March 2020 and 95 since the

start of the new year.

Information on the four most recent deaths has not yet been provided by the health district. Of the prior 137 deaths, 63 were ages 80 and older; 32 ages 70-79; 24 ages 60-69; 12 ages 50-59; four ages 40-49; and two ages 30-39.

Additionally, 405 new COVID cases were confirmed over the holiday weekend, bringing the countywide total to 12,730 since the pandemic began.

Of the new cases, South Kitsap had 121 cases, 109 in Central Kitsap, 107 in Bremerton, North Kitsap 65, and Bainbridge Island three. A total of 367 cases are in

prevalence of crime in different com-

munities is to examine the number

of crimes per 1,000 people in those

In Port Orchard, the crime rate

was higher than some other Kitsap

Bremerton's per 1,000 rate was higher

The different rates among cities

are tied to the characteristics of each

"[Port Orchard has] a number of

box stores that just by their nature,

to them. We have Highway 16 that

runs through here so that brings a

Orchard. We also have the jail, so

larger volume of traffic through Port

there are property crimes related

in 2020 per 1,000 was 86.9. This

County cities such as Bainbridge

Island, which ranked 33.3, and

Poulsbo with 51.9. Meanwhile,

areas.

at 99.5.

town, the chief said.

their recommended isolation period" (10 days after first symptoms.) 255 "total close contacts in quarantine" were

also confirmed in Kitsap, meaning they are "residents who were determined to be close contacts of confirmed cases and are in their recommended quarantine period" (14 days after the last

contact with a case). Over the past week, the county's positive case rate per 100,000 residents is 274.4, which is substantially above the "high level" of coronavirus activity — per state guidelines that means any rate 37.5 and above.

To date, the number of Kitsap County residents ages 12 and older who have initiated vaccination is 69%.

Of the 12,730 total cases, 4,003 have been reported in South Kitsap, 3,454 in Bremerton, 2,911 in Central Kitsap, 1,897 in North Kitsap, and 465 on Bainbridge Island.

crimes that occur in the jail come to us. You also have a criminal population that when they get out of jail they are in Port Orchard, so they may commit crimes here after getting released," he said.

When comparing Port Orchard's crime stats against state averages — Port Orchard's 7.4% increase in crime in 2019 was close to the state's average increase of 7.1%, according to the city report.

Crimes against property locally were up by 14%, nearly matching the state's average increase of 13.6%. Crimes against persons remained nearly the same in the city, compared to a reduction statewide of 4.7%. Meanwhile, crimes against society (such as drug offenses) were down 33% locally and 3.6% lower across the Evergreen State.





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Volunteers help spruce up new emergency shelter grounds

Community organizations partner to 'adopt' the Port Orchard property

BY BOB SMITH Kitsap News Group

PORT ORCHARD — At least 35 volunteers joined forces earlier this month to clean up property surrounding a building on Mile Hill Road in South Kitsap that was purchased by Kitsap County last spring to provide a temporary emergency housing shelter.

Community organizations partnered to "adopt" the property, which formerly housed a health fitness center, and held a work party to start on improvements to the exterior of the building, including clearing out overgrowth from landscaping and the parking areas.

Partner organizations adopting the facility who joined the work party included Project Share, Northwest Hospitality, League of Women Voters Housing Committee and the Port Orchard Homeless Action Team. A number of neigh-



At least 35 volunteers joined forces earlier this month to clean up property surrounding a building on Mile Hill Road in South Kitsap that was purchased by Kitsap County last spring to provide a temporary emergency housing shelter.

bors of the property and Port Orchard residents also helped out, according to Judy-Rae Karlsen, project coordinator with the Kitsap County Department of Human

Services Division of Housing and Homelessness. Volunteers from various county departments also pitched in to help.

Karlsen said volunteers not only improved neglected landscaped areas but optimized security and fire prevention by clearing out overgrown brush, invasive weeds and downed branches, and hauling away other debris from the parking areas and along fences.

"The county purchased this property to provide a temporary housing facility for men, women and chil-

dren who have no home, said Doug Washburn, director of the county Department of Human Services.

"Thanks to Northwest Hospitality and Project Share for embracing the shelter project and initiating this facility adoption program. They gathered neighbors and friends to revitalize the property and its park-like atmosphere. The facility will be a beautiful place to live."

County Commissioner Charlotte Garrido said she was gratified to see the gathering of volunteers support the project.

'There is an urgent need to get this shelter open to give people currently unhoused a place to live where it's easier to get them the services and resources they need."

Future volunteer work parties will take place at the site, officials said. and other individuals and organizations are invited to participate by contacting jrkarlsen@co.kitsap. wa.us. To learn more about the temporary emergency shelter and to find housing resources, visit kcowa.us/ skhousing.





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The 2020 Toyko Olympics were billed as the "Hydrogen Olympics!" Postponing the games until 2021 cost Japan billions and thwarted its efforts to showcase the Japanese "Green Growth" strategies.

Japan, like the United States, plans to become carbon-neutral by 2050. While countries like China are betting on lithium batteries, Japan's centerpiece is hydrogen. As Japanese researchers develop new tech-

nology using renewable electricity generated by wind, solar and hydropower to produce hydrogen, those projects could work in Washington state as well.

Hopefully, one of those pilot projects will be sited in the Wenatchee area. Legislation sponsored by Sen. Brad Hawkins, R-East Wenatchee, and 32 of his colleagues gives Douglas PUD the authority to use excess hydro, wind and solar electricity to

produce renewable hydrogen. Douglas PUD is now researching a 2-3 megawatt test plant.

In the past 18 months, COVID changed everything. It's not just the disease itself — it's the supply chain disruption, wrote Tess Joosse, an editorial fellow at Scientific American, on July 30. The pandemic's ripple effect is continuing to have a "major impact on all kinds of industries in unexpected ways that nobody would have really been able to prepare for."

For example, Tokyo's Olympic Village, home to the athletes during the Games, was slated to run on hydrogen. One hundred hydrogen-fuel-cell-powered buses and 500 hydrogen-powered cars were supposed to transport competitors and staff between venues. However, when the Olympics opened, only one building in the village and the Olympic flame cauldron in Tokyo's National Stadium were hydrogen-powered.

COVID hasn't dampened Japan's enthusiasm for hydrogen development, Keith Wipke, a hydrogen and fuel cell researcher at the U.S. National Renewable Energy Laboratory, told Scientific American. "I certainly have seen no indications that Japan or any other country has backed off on their quite ambitious aspirations for hydrogen - if anything, I think they have doubled down."

Japan built the world's third-largest economy on an industrial base powered by imported oil, gas and coal. However, its leader concluded Japan can't achieve its zero-emissions goal with renewable sources like solar and wind alone, Wall Street Journal's Phred Dvorak wrote. They are betting heavily on hydrogen largely because it emits water, not carbon dioxide.

One key problem is hydrogen isn't found by itself in nature, which means it must be extracted from compounds such as water or fossil fuels, Dvorak added. Currently, the most economical way is extracting it from natural gas and coal, but that process also produces carbon dioxide.

The long-term goal is to make hydrogen the "green" way, using electricity from renewable energy sources to break down water - but for now, that is more costly.

Japan is working to reduce green hydrogen production costs from breaking apart water through electrolysis; however, electrolysis uses lots of electricity. A Japanese consortium started constructing a large-scale (10 megawatts) renewable energy-powered hydrogen production unit, the largest of its class in the world. It will take electricity from a large 20-megawatt solar farm built on the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster site where a 9.0 earthquake hit in 2011.

Hydrogen produced at Fukushima Hydrogen Energy Research Field (FH2R) will also be used to power hydrogen fuel cells in cars, buses, trucks - and possibly airplanes. While the facility is also tied into the electrical grid as backup, it is designed to use surplus wind and solar electricity.

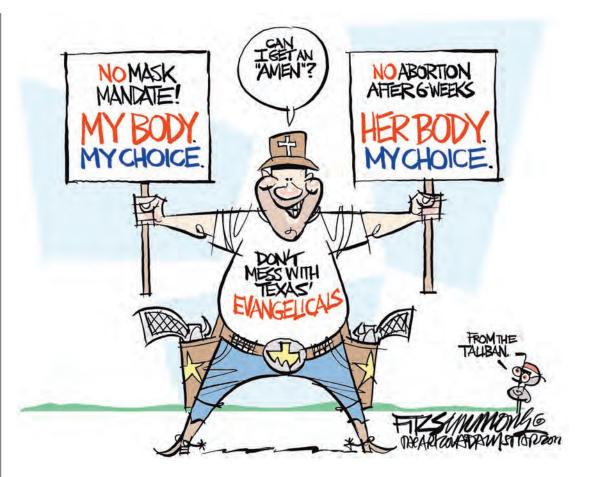
If the Fukushima and Douglas PUD test projects are successful, that technology could be applicable in the Columbia River Basin where hydro, nuclear, wind and solar produce high volumes of CO2-free electricity. Imagine a series of green hydrogen production facilities in Washington, which make liquid hydrogen as a replacement for gasoline and diesel? Hopefully, it could happen.

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Everything we know about work is wrong. And the COVID-19 pandemic has proved it.

So what can the plight of a little cafe tell you about the state of the American economy and the changing face of

work? A lot, as it turns out.

The other week, the bistro where my family and I have been grabbing brunch every Sunday since the start of the pandemic announced that it would be shuttering on weekends and shifting to a more limited, weekday schedule. The reason was a familiar one: The owner couldn't find the staff they needed to both function effectively and to keep themselves and their current staff from being ground into dust from the punishing pace.

The news was heartbreaking, if entirely unsurprising. Employers across the nation are struggling with a labor shortage so profound that one Alabama pizzeria vowed to hire "literally anyone" just to keep the doors open, according to Business Insider.

Business leaders have falsely blamed the crisis on generous pandemic unemployment benefits, arguing that they're a disincentive to return to the labor force. Study after study has proven this is not the case. Instead, more seismic forces are at work. In April of this year, a staggering 4 million people quit their jobs, in a phenomenon that's come to be called "The Great Resignation," Vox reported. It's not that people don't want to work, but rather it's that, after an earth-shattering 16 months that have seen hundreds of thousands of our family members, friends and neighbors die at the hands of an implacable and indiscriminate foe, there's just a genuine question of whether grinding it out for 40 hours a week at a job with substandard pay, low benefits and little work-home balance is really worth it. Increasingly, the answer is a resounding "No." Hospitality and leisure workers, who staff restaurants, bars and hotels, and who had to bear the brunt of pandemic-induced rage for low wages and little dignity, are leading that exodus. In April, the sector lost more than 740,000 people. In the midst of the pandemic, workers across industries discovered something: When they weren't tethered to desks or jobs, there was time for something miraculous: family and community, the hobby they'd been putting off learning, the time to retrain and search for new, and more ful-

Admittedly, not everyone had this luxury. Working parents had to scramble to find child care or balance the demands of remote

work against acting as

their children's home-

room teacher. The shift was particularly hard for lowincome workers. Frontline workers didn't have the luxury of stepping back at all.

Even so, "We have changed. Work has changed. The way we think about time and space has changed," Harvard Business School professor Tsedal Neeley told NPR. Having been given time and space and flexibility by the pandemic, workers now crave and demand it, she told NPR.

And then something else happened, because of unprecedented direct payments from the federal government — as much as \$3,200 each — the number of Americans in poverty began to fall, according to Vox, from 12.8% in 2018 to 8.5%. That's based on projections researchers at Columbia University made in March.

lus and vaccines, Reuters reported. Good policy choices drive down poverty. And American workers, by now accustomed to the flexibility of the post-pandemic economy and the regular flow of stimulus checks, are unlikely to want to backtrack on that.

But it can't end there. To help both employers and workers, Washington needs to step up and do a couple of things.

One of them is finally making the wealthiest Americans, who grew even richer during the pandemic, pay their fair share.

Earlier this week, new research by a coalition of Pennsylvania advocates showed that that if a wealth tax proposed by Sen. Elizabeth Warren had been in effect in 2020, "the nation's billionaires alone would have paid \$114 billion for that year—and would pay an estimated combined total of \$1.4 trillion over 10 years."

That would pay for roughly half the \$3.5 trillion budget resolution backed by the Biden administration that would dramatically remake the post-pandemic economy. Approving it would pay for child care and a host of other programs that would enable Americans to go back to work in a sustainable and healthy way. We also need to stop tying health coverage and other benefits to employment. The United States stands nearly alone in tying health coverage and other key benefits to work. The pandemic proved that everything we know about work is wrong. And there's no stepping back from it now. An award-winning political journalist, John L. Micek is editor-inchief of The Pennsylvania Capital-Star in Harrisburg, Pennyslvania. Email him at jmicek@penncapitalstar.com and follow him on Twitter @ByJohnLMicek.



My college student will choose church over parties

Many parents (including my wife and I) are currently in the process of moving their precious partly grown child-people (and some of their credit cards) to institutions of higher education for the first time so that these students can gain vital professional knowledge and skills, including how to get those pad thingies back into sports bras correctly when they come out of the dryer.

Based on my vast lack of expertise, other than my own college experience back in the 1990s when it was cool to dress like a disheveled version of the Brawny paper towel dude, I have a few tips to help incoming college freshpersons (especially my eldest and most-expensive daughter) adapt to spending their parents' money away from home.

Before embarking on this new adventure, college students need to secure a few key items, including an industrialstrength toilet brush and plunger set. Because typical college students consume a steady diet of pizza, Kraft macaroni and

cheese and microwaved nachos, the plunger is sure to be put to regular use. And although the toilet brush is unlikely ever to be employed for its intended purpose, it makes a handy back scratcher during extended potty/cell phone time.

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Separate research by the Urban Institute, also cited by Vox, projected that 2021 poverty will be about 7%, nearly cutting the 2018 rate in half.

The Biden White House's child tax credit program — monthly payments of up to \$300 per child to American families — is similarly expected to lift millions of children out of poverty. Republicans argue against such largess, saying it perpetuates the welfare state.

It is hard to deny the bottom line reality: When you give people money, they are less poor, happier and more likely to inject that money back into the economy. In fact, economists expect economic growth of about 7% this year, and 4.9% in 2022, fueled by the stimu-



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COVID-19 cases are climbing higher than ever

In South Kitsap, 59% of residents have initiated getting vaccinated

BY STEVEN POWELL *Kitsap News Group*

The highly contagious delta variant and unvaccinated people, along with summer travel and events, have led to the worst COVID-19 numbers in Kitsap County, including South Kitsap, since the pandemic began.

Dr. Gib Morrow of the Kitsap Public Health District recommended last week that businesses require employees and customers to get vaccinated.

Morrow supports vaccinatedonly businesses for workers and patrons. "Show some evidence to get in the door," he said, adding it's worked at concerts and elsewhere. "It's good for business. We need a full-court press - a critical mass of local businesses to jump into that."

"My body, my choice is true," Morrow said of those refusing to get COVID shots. However, business owners have just as much right to not hire and to refuse service to those people.

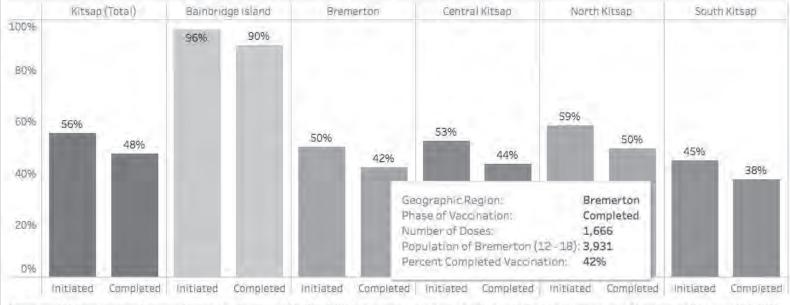
That tough stance already is in place for state workers. Health care and school personnel also are under that same mandate before Oct. 18 or they could lose their jobs. There already is a shortage of health care workers, and it could get worse. Morrow said he doesn't understand why anyone in that profession wouldn't get a vaccine.

"They've taken a sacred vow to do no harm," he said, adding they've been known to go out with friends, and it spreads to people they are providing care for. "It should not be happening." He hopes teachers also get the vaccine. "I hope what happens is people get vaccinated. That's what everybody has to do if we want to end this."

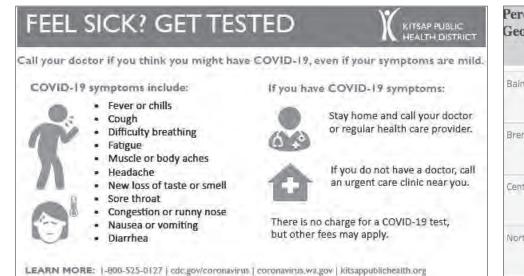
In Kitsap County among those ages 12 and older, 69% have at least initiated the vaccination protocol. But the rate of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 people per 7 days is 274.4 cases, the highest level ever.

In South Kitsap, 59% of residents have initiated getting vaccinated. Also, 71% of South Kitsap residents 65 and older have gotten vaccinated; 59% of those 12 and older have also done so. In the 12-18 age range, 45% have initiated getting vaccinated; 38% have completed the process.

Morrow said governmentmandated vaccinations have not been an issue historically. For example, it wasn't an issue when Percent Vaccinated for 12 - 18 Year Olds by Geographic Region of Kitsap - Updated Tuesdays



Sources: (1) Washington Disease Reporting System, WA DOH (2) Vaccination data reported to WA State Immunization Information System (WA IIS) as of 8/14/2021, Note: Addresses may not be most current address of vaccine recipients. (3) WA State Office of Financial Management, Population Estimates, 2019, 2020



those age 16 and older. Since it just happened, there hasn't been an uptick yet in some holdouts getting the vaccine, but Morrow hopes it happens soon.

^{*}It's not like they've been waiting for the moment so they could get it the next day," Morrow joked about people who said they pass because it wasn't FDA approved. Fewer people were being vaccinated in mid-July, but Morrow said that is drifting upward: "But [it's] a little bit slower than I'd like to see."

He said it's hard to know if those finally getting shots now are longtime holdouts or those with compromised immune systems — like cancer, HIV or organ transplant patients. While third doses for them have been approved by the FDA, still to come is a decision on third doses for Moderna and Pfizer vaccine recipients who received their second doses eight months ago. When that is OK'd, the best decision is for a patient to "stick with the same (vaccine) as the first time around."

because there can be problems with Labor and Industries, the Liquor and Cannabis Board, and the Health District. When the state fully reopened

June 30 after 1½ years of COVID closures,

172 years of COVID closures, it happened after a "long, slow descent in case activity with people getting vaccinated finally," Morrow said. But for various reasons, it's "hands down the highest rate we've seen in Kitsap County" now. It's above the peak in January and twice what it was in April, he added.

"Don't go to Vegas," he said, adding travel has been an issue. He said there were a number of Kitsap cases related to the Watershed Music Festival at the Gorge and also from a Bible camp in Idaho. The unvaccinated are spreading it to not only others who are unvaccinated, but to those who are vaccinated as well.

"They don't get as sick, and

Morrow said he is quite concerned with schools starting in person because the delta variant is hitting young people. But he added districts learned last year how important it is for kids to be in school.

"Schools know what to do at this point," he said, adding parents need to keep their kids home if they are symptomatic, regardless of severity. Kids need to be tested and isolated for a minimum of 10 days if positive. Other kids in the classroom also must be tested. Schools need to be active in case investigation, contact tracing and notifying families.

With such high COVID numbers, Morrow's not sure what will happen next. "I don't have a crystal ball," he said. However, he said it doesn't look like Inslee is willing to shut down businesses again. "I'm glad to see vaccinations will be the primary driver." Morrow said getting a vaccination is important for personal safety and the safety of others. "We need to get those people off the fence," he said of the unvaccinated. "It's a tremendous cost to our society — the ongoing destruction this disease is causing economically, scholastically for kids and for our health care situation"

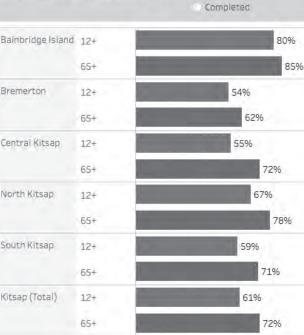
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Percent of Vaccinated Kitsap Residents by Geographic Region and Age:



Fast COVID facts for Kitsap County

• 96% of BI students ages 12-18 have initiated vaccines; Poulsbo is second at 59%. South Kitsap is 45%.

• 44 residents are hospitalized, including 26 new cases in the past week.

• 56 of the 67 hospitalizations in August were not fully vaccinated.

• There were seven deaths in August, but 33 in January. As of Sept. 6, total deaths were 141.

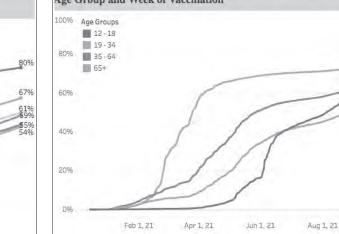
- County cases last week numbered 652, the most ever.
- The risk of COVID is almost four times higher if not fully vaccinated.
- Ages 19-34 have the highest rate of cases this month, followed by ages 35-64, 12-18, 0-11 and over 65.
- The highest age group in the number of cases is 20-29 at 21.4%. Those 60 and older are 18.2%.

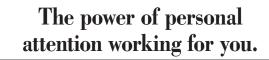
George Washington ordered smallpox shots for soldiers at Valley Forge. It hasn't been an issue for Hepatitis B either. "They are safe vaccines. It's a dysfunctional political view, which is a terrible thing to have" during a pandemic, he said.

The Food and Drug Administration recently endorsed the Pfizer vaccine for Morrow said he wishes more people older than age 5 would follow Gov. Jay Inslee's order to wear masks indoors, no matter their vaccination status. Even though it can be hard for businesses to enforce, they need to they don't end up in the hospital, but they can still transmit" it to others, Morrow said.

He added that many "vocal 'anti-vaxers' at the last minute change their mind, but that's not helpful once they are sick. They regret not buying into the reality of the whole thing. They absolutely regret that fact when they are sick and on a ventilator."

Percent of Kitsap Residents who have Initiated Vaccination by Age Group and Week of Vaccination







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- In the last four weeks, Hispanic or Latinx have the highest rate, followed by non-white and white.
- 96% of intensive care unit beds are occupied, half with COVID; 108% of ventilators are in use.
- Women are 66% vaccinated, men 54%. "They're used to taking care of themselves and others," Morrow said of women.

Richard E. Lopez February 14, 1978 - August 22, 2021



Richard "Richie" Lopez, 43, of Port Orchard, Washington passed away on Sunday August 22, 2021. Richie was born on February 14, 1978 in Bremerton, Washington to Christine Maxwell and Richard Moncure Lopez. Richie loved his home town so much that he did not

stray far and ultimately settled down in near-by Port Orchard. Richie and his son Cristo met Jessica and Kaizen in 2011 in Port Orchard and on 5 July 2012 Richie married Jessica and they became an instant blended family. Richie was active in his community serving as a board member, coach, and umpire at SKELL, a local business owner, and sponsor of youth sports, as well as a local volunteer. Ever the ultimate father, son, husband, and friend, Richie was loved by all and will be missed by many.

Richie was preceded in death by his father Richard Lopez, grandfather Ambler Lopez, grandmother Evelyn Lopez, grandfather Gene Armbruster, and grandmother Barbara Rockman.

Richie is survived by his wife Jessica Lopez, sons Cristo Lopez and Kaizen McCann of Port Orchard, Washington; mother Christine Maxwell of Manchester, Washington; grandmother Diane Armbruster of Manchester, Washington; sister Amanda Cheatwood of Port Orchard, Washington; his step siblings Charlie, Jake, and Nichole and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews.

A viewing for close friends and family only will be held at Rill Chapel in Port Orchard on 4 September 2021 and a memorial service will be held at the Family Worship Center on Sydney Rd in Port Orchard on 11 September 2021 at 2 pm. For details please email the family at jasminesimms79@gmail.com.

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Percent of 12 + Kitsap Residents who have Initiated Vaccination

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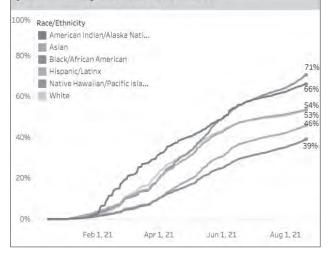
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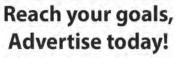
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877-446-0347 & get free	or mailing to the Per- sonal Representative or	must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise	pointed and has quali- fied as personal repre-	206-477-2310 , 8:00 a.m 4:30 p.m.]Said	sonal Representative of this estate. Any person having a claim against	CAROLL ANN MAS- TERS, and serve a copy	PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS (RCW 11.40.030)	Vandeberg Johnson & Gandara LLP has been appointed Trustee under
der. (Open M-F)	the Personal Represen- tative's attorney at the address stated below a	applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the manner as	sentative or is the attor- ney of record of the above entitled estate:	November 4, 2021, at the hour of 8:30 a.m., at	the decedent must, be- fore the time the claim would be barred by any	undersigned attorneys for plaintiffs SPENCER	The Co-Administrators named below have been appointed as Co-Admin-	said Deed of Trust. II. No action commenced by the Beneficiary of the
Expand your	copy of the claim and filing the original of the	provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on or mailing to the Co-	that all persons having claims against said de-	Clark Children & Family Justice Center, 1211 E.	otherwise applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the	CAROLL ANN MASTERS at his office below stat-	istrators of this Estate. Any person having a claim against the Dece-	Deed of Trust is now pending to seek satis- faction of the obligation
market!	which the probate pro- ceedings were com-	Personal Representa- tives or the Co-Personal Representatives' attor-	quired to serve the same, duly executed, on	tle, WA 98122. Appear- ance at this hearing is	manner as provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serv- ing on or mailing to the	failure so to do, judg- ment will be rendered	dent must, before the time the claim would be barred by any otherwise	of the Borrower's or Grantor's default on the
classifieds today	be presented within the later of: (1) thirty days	ney at the address stat- ed below a copy of the claim and filing the	tative or the attorneys of record, at the address	person or by telephone. Parties may appear by	Personal Representative or the Personal Representative's attor-	the demand of the Third Amended Complaint,	applicable statute of limitations, present the claim in the matter as	obligations secured by the Deed of Trust. III. The default(s) for which
1-800-388-2527 classified@	resentative served or mailed the notice to the	original of the claim with the court. The claim must be presented	executed copy of same with the Clerk of said	206-263-8114 and using the following PIN	ney at the address stat- ed below a copy the claim and filing the	with the clerk of said court. The object of the	provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving or mailing to the Co-Ad-	this foreclosure is made is/are as follows: A. Failure to pay when
soundpublishing.com www.SoundClassifieds.com	d e r RCW 11.40.020(1)(c);	within the later of: (1) THIRTY (30) days after the Co-Personal Repre-	proof of such service, within four (4) months	for Seattle cases - 92245251#, before a	original of the claim with the Court. The claim must be presented within the later of: (1)	against you and in favor of the plaintiffs as to	ministrators or the Co-	due the following amounts which are now in arrears: Monthly in- stallments under the



w.SoundClassifieds.com or (2) four months after the Co-Personal Repre- after the filing of a copy	92240201#, DEIULE a	claim must be presented	of the plaintiffs as to	at the address stated	in arrears: Monthly in-
() · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	juuge of the above enti-	within the later of: (1) Thirty (30) days after	ownersnip in real prop-	below a copy of the	stallments under the terms of the Note from
	you are directed to ap-	the Personal Represen-	County, known as Sid-	claim and filing the	November 5, 2020 to
	pear and answer the	tative served or mailed	nev Cemetery with a le-	original of the claim with the Court. The	June 5, 2021 at \$683.40
What is only a few	said petition or the peti-	the notice to the creditor		claim must be presented	per month \$5,467.20
	tion will be granted and	as provided under RCW 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2)	ney Cemetery, as per plat recorded in Volume	within the later of: (1)	Late charges for: No- vember 2020 to June
in the set off and some many	the court such as shall	four (4) months after	2 of Plats, page 22.	Thirty (30) days after	2021 payments at
inches tall and can move	appear to be for the wel-	the date of first publica-	records of Kitsap	the Co-Administrators served or mailed the no-	\$34.17 per month
	fare of the said child.	tion of the notice. If the	County, Kitsap County	tice to the creditor as	\$273.36 Total Amount
almost anything?	DATED this 1st day of September 2021.	claim is not presented within this time frame.	4052-000-001-0008	provided in RCW	Past Due \$ 5,740.56 B. Default other than
ainiustanytinig:	BARBARA MINER	the claim is forever	more particularly de-	11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) four (4) months after	failure to make monthly
, .	KING COUNTY	barred, except as other-	scribed as follows:	the date of first publica-	payments: Failure to pay
	SUPERIOR COURT CLERK	wise provided in RCW 11.40.051 and RCW	TH PIN OF SW1/4 SEC	tion of the notice. If the	real property taxes when due. IV. The sum now
	BY: KAB, Deputy Clerk	11.40.060. This bar is	WH IS 1683FT E OF THE	claim is not presented	owing on the obligation
	Date of first publication:	effective as to claims	COR TO SEC'S 34 &	within this time frame, the claim is forever	secured by the Deed of
	September 10, 2021 Date of last publication:	against both the	35-24-1E & SEC'S 2 & 3-23-1E TH N18*E	barred, except as other-	Trust is: Principal
	September 24, 2021	non-probate assets.	595FT TH F 440FT TH	wise provided in RCW	\$108,860.67, together with interest as provided
	(POI937387)	DATE OF FIRST PUBLI-	S18*W 595FT TH W	11.40.051 and RCW 11.40.060. This bar is	in the note or other in-
		CATION: September 10, 2021Personal Repre-	440FT TO POB DATED this 31st day of	effective as to claims	strument secured, from
	IN THE SUPERIOR	sentative: Todd Eggers	August, 2021.	against both the	the 7th day of October, 2020, plus any advanc-
	COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON	Registered Agent/Attor-	PHILIP J. HAVERS,	Decedent's probate and non-probate assets.	es as set forth in Para-
	IN AND FOR THE	ney for Estate: Bruce A Buskirk WSBA	WSBA #33877 Of HAVERS LAW OFFIC-	DATE OF FIRST PUBLI-	graph III above, and such other costs and
	COUNTY OF KITSAP	#7876	ES, INC. P.S.	CATION: August 27,	fees as are due under
	A & A TREE FARMS, INC., a Washington cor-	Buskirk Legal PC	3212 NW Byron St,	2021 Co-Administrators:	the note or other instru-
	poration,	11200101110100	Suite 106 Silverdale, Kitsap	KARA LITTLEWOLF and	ment secured and as are provided by statute. V.
	Plaintiffs,	service: 8116 State	County, Washington	AUSTIN LITTLEWOLF	The above described
	vs. AGATE ASSOCIATES, a	Route 302 NW, Gig Har-	Attorneys for Plaintiffs	Attorney of Estate: RICHMOND LAW PLLC	real property will be
	joint venture; all un-	bor, WA 98329 Date of first publication:	Date of first publication: September 3, 2021	Address for mailing or	sold to satisfy the ex- pense of sale and the
	known partners of Agate	September 10, 2021	Date of last publication:	service: 1521 Piperber- ry Way SE, Suite 135	obligation secured by
	Associates; and all per- sons or parties un-		October 8, 2021	Port Orchard WA 98366	the Deed of Trust as
	known claiming any	September 24, 2021 (POI937123)	(P0I935829)	Date of first publication:	provided by statute. The sale will be made
	right, title, estate, lien or	()		August 27, 2021 Date of last publication:	without warranty, ex-
an ad in Sound Classifieds!	interest in the real prop- erty described in the	IN THE SUPERIOR	IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF	Septmeber 10, 2021	press or implied, re-
an au in Sound Classineus;	Complaint,	COURT OF WASHING-	WASHINGTON FOR	(P0I935400)	garding title, possession or encumbrances on the
	Defendants.	TON FOR KITSAP	KITSAP COUNTY		24th day of September,
	Case No.21-2-01191-18	COUNTY SPENCER ROBERT	IN RE THE ESTATE OF- KARL RICHARD	NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S Sale	2021. The default(s) re-
		MASTERS and CAROLL	PRESHAW. Deceased.	Grantor (Borrower):	ferred to in Paragraph III must be cured by the
Cound Classifieds	DANTS	ANN MASTERS,	NO. 21-4-00757-18		13th day of September,
Sound Classifieds	The State of Washing- ton to: Defendants,		PROBATE NOTICE TO CREDITORS RCW	woman Current Beneficiary:D u -	2021 (11 days before the sale date) to cause a
	AGATE ASSOCIATES, a	THE UNKNOWN HEIRS	11.40.030.	ane Thomas Shuster,	discontinuance of the
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in print & online!	Associates: and all per-	NEURENBERGER aka	appointed as adminis-	F. Shuster	discontinued and termi- nated if at any time on
	sons or parties un-	NUERNBERGER, fka	trator of this estate.	Current Trustee: Vande-	or before the 13th day
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to place an ad	interest in the real estate	first husband and HOL-	claim against the dece- dent must, before the	Legal Description (ab-	days before the sale date) the default(s) as
	described in the Com-	LISTER GERALD FOR-	time the claim would be	breviated): Lot 79,	set fórth in Paragràph III
call: toll free 1-800-388-2527	plaint. Each of you is hereby summoned to	KESTER, Ner Second hushand all deceased:	barred by any otherwise applicable statute of	BIOCK I, WYE LAKE Assessor's Tax Parcel	is/are cured and the
	appear within sixty (60)	THE UNKNOWN HEIRS	limitations, present the	ID#:4857-	Trustee's fees and costs are paid. The sale may
email: classifieds@soundpublishing.com	days after the date of	OF ERNEST NEUREN-	claim in the manner as	001-079-0000	
· -	this Summons, to wit	BERGER and JANE DOF	provided in RCW 11.40.070 by serving on	ments Released or As-	Continued on
	within sixty (60) days	NEURENBERGER aka	or mailing to the admin-	signed: 201709070196	next page

Bremerton man pleads not guilty for killing girlfriend

Man feared girlfriend was going to tell authorities he violated a no-contact order

BY MIKE DE FELICE *Special to the Independent*

PORT ORCHARD - A Bremerton man fearing his girlfriend was going to tell authorities he repeatedly violated a no-contact order between the two, allegedly stabbed the woman to death, and has now has pleaded not guilty to aggravated firstdegree murder, according to court documents.

Michael Robert Mathwig, Jr., 38, entered a plea of not guilty Monday in Kitsap County Superior Court. Judge Tina Robinson ordered the man to be held without bail. Mathwig had been with the victim, Stacy Lynn Hansen, 40, at his residence on the day she was killed, according to a statement of probable cause. After Hansen showed Mathwig surveillance that she collected showing him with her in violation of the order, a fight broke out between the couple, according to court filings.

The defendant begged his girlfriend to leave, and she refused unless she had "the evidence" she had collected on him — video recordings on a thumb drive. She threatened to take the recordings to the police and report everything, police said.

He then picked up a knife from the nightstand and hit Hansen in the throat two to three times, Mathwig told detectives, according to the report.

After killing her, police said, Mathwig took the thumb drive containing the recordings and drove to his mother's house where he took her car and cell phone, then drove away without an explanation.

A week later, the vehicle Mathwig was driving was captured on an automatic license plate reader in Red Bluff, California. Bremerton police contacted the Red Bluff Police Department and asked detectives to check for the vehicle. A short time later,

California authorities located the car Mathwig was driving and attempted to stop and arrest him. He tried to evade the police but drove into a parking lot and found himself blocked in, according to court paperwork.

Bremerton detectives



File photo | Independent Kitsap County Superior Court in Port Orchard.

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Once college students are settled in, they should try to get to know their professors on the rare occasions when said students actually attend class. It's advisable for students to visit the professor during office hours when the professor is probably bored and watching reruns of "Little House on the Prairie" on Amazon Prime. During these meetings, students have a chance to distinguish themselves through small gestures of kindness, like offering to hose off the professor's electric vehicles – or children.

If students want to make an especially positive impression, they could volunteer to give the professor's cat its pills. When the professor is averaging grades at the end of the semester, it couldn't hurt to be recognized as the student who risked a thorough eyeball clawing so Miss Whiskers could be worm-free.

Because the weekly grind of sleeping through classes and starting the weekend on Tuesday afternoon can be extremely stressful for a college student, it's important to let off some steam every once in a while. However, any leisure activities must exclude the following at all costs: sex, drugs, facial tattoos, sex, drinking, public nudity, sex, watching "Outer Banks," dressing up like stuffed animals, sex — and sex. Other than these strictly prohibited activities, enjoy.

One worthwhile extracurricular pursuit that I've strongly recommended to my daughter is regular church attendance. Let's say she's invited to an "Animal House"style toga party by a young man who needs a good kick in the baptistry. As an alternative, she should go down to the local First Church of the Immaculate Covered Dish for Sunday services, throw on a choir robe and have a party near the pulpit. I've assured her that plenty of cool and interesting guys will be there, including the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Despite my words of advice and all of the preparations we've made, I must admit that I'm still a little nervous about sending our daughter off to college. She'll face lots of challenges as she decides how to most efficiently squander our life savings.

Seriously, though, at least her mother and I can find comfort in knowing that she's well-equipped for college life with a high-quality toilet brush and plunger set.

Jase Graves is an awardwinning humor columnist from East Texas. Contact him at susanjase@sbcglobal.net. traveled to Red Bluff and interviewed Mathwig in the Tahama County jail.

The suspect said after he was shown the recordings by Hansen, he begged her to leave his house, but she refused to do so without the recordings, according to detectives. He reportedly told police, "If she left, I was going to go to prison forever!"

An autopsy of the victim indicated she died of homicidal violence, including multiple sharp force instrument injuries to the neck, police said. She also suffered several injuries to her hands and arms indicative of "defensive wounds," according to the probable cause statement.

Mathwig's next court date is an omnibus hearing on Oct. 1.



IT IS ALMOST TIME FOR YOU TO DETERMINE WHO IS THE BEST OF KITSAPI

Continued from previous page Legal Notices to those objections if debt and any informa- dous Aquino. The trus- ing the child to the peti-SUPERIOR COURT OF SUPERIOR COURT OF service: 1521 Piperberbar is effective as to Legal Notices they bring a lawsuit to tion obtained will be tee has not received any tioner, permanently ter-WASHINGTON ry Way SE, Suite 135 WASHINGTON claims against both the FOR KITSAP COUNTY written notice from any minating your parent-COUNTY OF KITSAP restrain the sale pursuused for that purpose. Port Orchard WA 98366 decedent's probate and No. 21-4-00830-18 be terminated anytime ant to RCW 61.24.130. 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The court hearing terest secured by the property on the 20th of the trustee states, Date of first publication: must present the claim: of this Estate. Any per-ESTATE OF 104. Suite 151 on this matter shall be Kingston, WA 98346 Court of Probate Pro-(a) Before the time son having a claim when the claim would against the Decedent THOMAS Deed of Trust, plus day following the sale, costs, fees, and advanc- as against the grantor subject to penalties of August 20, 2021 GFORGE on October 19, 2021 at Date of lst publication: ERATH, JR., Deceased. perjury pursuant to the 11:00 a.m. at the Kitsap laws of the State of September 10, 2021 ceedings and cause es, if any, made pursu- under the deed of trust be barred by any appli- must, before the time NO: 21-4-00828-18 County Superior Court, cable statute of limita- the claim would be Washington, that the ant to the terms of the (the owner) anyone hav-(PO1935683) PROBATE NOTICE TO number: Kitsap County Adoption Calendar. tions, and (b) In the barred by any otherwise obligation and/or Deed ing an interest junior to following is true and CREDITORS Court, Washington Room 206 or as othermanner provided in applicable statute of RCW 11.40.070: (i) By limitations, present the filing the original of the claim in the matter as (RCW 11.40.020, of Trust and curing all the deed of trust, includ- correct: The trustee has State. Cause #: wise assigned, 614 Divi-SUPERIOR COURT OF 21-4-00828-18 other defaults. VI. A ing occupants who are reason to believe the 11.40.030) The personal written notice of default not tenants. After the THE STATE OF sion Street, Port Orborrower/grantor is derepresentative named Date of first publication: was transmitted by the 20th day following the WASHINGTON chard, WA 98366. Any claim with the foregoing provided in RCW ceased. Pursuant to below has been appoint-September 10, 2021 Beneficiary or Trustee to sale the purchaser has RCW 61.24.030(10), the FOR KITSAP COUNTY Court, and (ii) By serv- 11.40.070 by serving or ed as personal repreindigent, non-consent-Date of last publication: trustee has used reaing parent or alleged fa- ing on or mailing to me mailing to the Personal the Borrower, Grantor the right to evict occu-IN RE THE INTERESTS sentative of this estate. September 24, 2021 OF BABY GIRL FRYE, ther has the right to be at the address below a Representative or the (POI937656) and Guarantors at the pants who are not tensonable diligence to as-Any person having a represented by an attor- copy of the claim. The P e r s o n a l new if so requested and claim must be presented Representative's attorfollowing addresses: by ants by summary pro-both first class and cer- ceedings under chapter certain the names and A child under the age of claim against the deceaddresses of any eighteen years. dent must, before the ney if so requested; and, NO. 21-5-00102-18 by the later of: (a) Thirty ney at the address stattified mail on March 2, 59.12 RCW. For tenantspouse, child, or parent time the claim would be upon such request one 2021 and March 9, occupied property, the of the borrower/grantor. SUMMONS AND NO-(30) days after I served ed below a copy of the barred by any otherwise Here's will be appointed. Your 2021, proof of which is purchaser shall provide The trustee has **TICE OF PETITION AND** in the possession of the a tenant or subtenant searched in Kitsap **HEARING RE RELIN**or mailed this Notice as claim and filing the applicable statute of provided in RCW original of the claim limitations, present the TICE OF PETITION AND failure to file a claim of paternity under chapter a great 11.40.020(1)(c), or (b) with the Court. The claim in the manner as Four (4) months after claim must be presented provided in RCW County the public **QUISHMENT OF CHILD** records for an obituary, **AND TERMINATION OF** Trustee; and said writ- with written notice in 26.26 RCW or your failten notice or the written accordance with RCW ure to respond to the notice of default was 61.24.060. XI. NOTICE will, and death certfi- PARENT CHILD RELAthe date of first publica- within the later of: (1) 11.40.070 by serving on Petition within thirty tion of this Notice. If the Thirty (30) days after idea! TO TENANTS - RESI-DENTS OF PROPERTY The trustee did TIONSHIP posted in a conspicuous ciate. or mailing to the per-(30) days of the date of place on the real propernot find an obituary or TO: JOHN DOE, Natural claim is not presented the Personal Represensonal representative or service of Summons ty described in Para-graph I above on March <u>SUBJECT TO FORECLO-</u> 12, 2021, and the trus-closure process has bewill. The trustee's re-quests for a copy of a CHILD'S DREAM, has and Notice upon you, is the claim will be forever death certificate have filed a Petition for Ter-grounds to terminate barred except as provid-as provided in RCW the personal representative's attorney at the ad-Advertise dress stated below a tee has possession of gun on this property, been denied. The trus- mination of Parent-Child your parent-child rela- ed in RCW 11.40.051 11.40.020(1)(c); or (2) copy of the claim and with us! tee searched court clerk Relationship praying tionship with respect to and 11.40.060. This bar four (4) months after proof of such service or which may affect your filing the original of the posting. VII. The Trus- right to continue to live records but found no that the parent-child rethe child. FILE ORIGI- is effective for claims the date of first publicaclaim with the court in tee whose name and ad- in this property. Ninety probate for the borrow- lationships between the NAL OF YOUR ANSWER against both the Dece-tion of the notice. If the drys or more after the er/grantor's estate. The above-named alleged AND OTHER DOCU- dent's probate and non- claim is not presented Over which the probate prodent's probate and non- claim is not presented ceedings were com-85 percent low will provide in writ- date of this notice, this trustee has not been and natural fathers and MENTS WITH Kitsap probate assets. menced. The claim within this time frame. ing to anyone request- property may be sold at able to ascertain the child be terminated. You County Superior Court, the claim is forever of our Connie L. Maver must be presented withnames and addresses of may respond to the Kitsap county Courting it, a statement of all foreclosure. If you are Personal Representative barred, except as otherin the later of: (1) Thirty community costs and fees due at renting this property, the borrow/grantor's Summons and Petition house 614 Division 6671 East Blvd NE wise provided in RCW days after the personal costs and fees due at refining this property, the borrow/grantor of by filing a written re-any time prior to the the new property owner parents, the name or ad-sale. VIII. The effect of may either give you a dress of any spouse sponse with the Clerk of the sale will be to de-new rental agreement or other than Edguar Ivan the Court and serving a OF YOUR ANSWER Bremerton, WA 98311 11.40.051 and RCW representative served or newspaper Date of first publication: 11.40.060. This bar is mailed the notice to the readers the sale will be to de- new rental agreement or September 3, 2021 effective as to claims against both the creditor as provided un-Aquino as described in copy on the person AND OTHER DOCUprive the Grantor and all provide you with a sixty-Date of last publication: der RCW 11.40.020(1) check the those who hold by, day notice to vacate the that certain petition for signing the Summons. September 17, 2021 Decedent's probate and (c); or (2) four months MENTS ON: classifed ads dissolution of a commit- If you do not serve your non-probate assets. DATE OF FIRST PUBLIthrough or under the property. You may wish (POI936562) after the date of first Jaime S. Huff PO Box Grantor of all their inter-est in the above-de-your local legal aid or ship (Kitsap County Su-thirty (30) days after the publication of the no-911 Seabeck, WA 98380 CATION: September 10, tice. If the claim is not Phone (360) 443-6563 Shop for bargains in housing counseling perior Court Case No. date this Summons was 1-800-388-2527 scribed property, IX. 2021 presented within this Date of first publication: the Classifieds. From 19-3-00485-18), or the served on you, the court Anyone having any ob- agency to discuss any Personal Representatime frame, the claim is tools and appliances to September 3, 2021 names and addresses of may, without further notive: ANN SATTLER jection to the sale on rights that you may forever barred, except furniture and Date of last publication: assifieds@soundpublishing.co any grounds whatsoever have. This notice if from the grantor's children tice, enter an Order of as otherwise provided in Attorney of Estate: collectables. RICHMOND LAW PLLC RCW 11.40.051 and Address for mailing or RCW 11.40.060. 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