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CRIME

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/9/18

DURATION: 54

DESCRIPTION - JUST INTO OUR NEWSROOM THIS AFTERNOON...PARENTS OF KAMIAKIN TEENS ARE ON EDGE AFTER A THREAT WRITTEN ON A BATHROOM WALL CLAIMED THERE WOULD BE A SHOOTING THIS COMING THURSDAY.

(TAKE FULLSCREEN**) WA2 4412 ACCORDING TO THIS LETTER SENT HOME TO PARENTS...THE THREAT WAS DISCOVERED ON FRIDAY AND TURNED INTO POLICE.**

THE LETTER GOES ON TO SAY THAT POLICE HAVE INVESTIGATED THE THREAT AND DO NOT BELIEVE IT IS CREDIBLE.

POLICE ARE NOT TAKING ANY CHANCES AND SCHOOL OFFICIALS SAY OFFICERS WILL HAVE A STRONG PRESENCE AT THE SCHOOL WITH MORE FREQUENT PATROLS.

THE DISTRICT SAYS ALL THREATS TO THE SCHOOL AND STUDENTS ARE TAKEN SERIOUSLY AND INVESTIGATED THOROUGHLY.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/10/18

DURATION: 48

DESCRIPTION - KENNEWICK POLICE ARE PRAISING THE HEROIC ACTIONS OF A BROTHER AND SISTER WHO SAVED A WOMAN FROM ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH.

LAST NIGHT AT ABOUT TEN ... A WOMAN WAS STANDING OUTSIDE THE RAIL OF THE CABLE BRIDGE READY TO END HER LIFE BY JUMPING IN THE FRIGID COLUMBIA RIVER.

DAVION CAMPBELL AND KYLIYAH DAVIS SAW THE WOMAN STANDING *OUTSIDE" THE RAILING OF THE CABLE BRIDGE.

THE SIBLINGS STOPPED TO HELP THE WOMAN WHILE MANY OTHERS DROVE BY.

CAMPBELL REACHED ACROSS THE RAILS AND HELD THE WOMAN IN HIS ARMS TO PREVENT HER FROM JUMPING UNTIL THE POLICE ARRIVED

THE WOMAN WAS THEN TRANSPORTED TO THE HOSPITALKENNEWICK POLICE SAY THEY'RE ETERNALLY GRATEFUL FOR THE SIBLINGS BRAVE ACT.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/11/18

DURATION: 1:06

DESCRIPTION - THE CORRECTIONS OFFICER ARRESTED FOR BEING ACCUSED OF SENDING EXPLICIT TEXT MESSAGES TO A 13-YEAR OLD GIRL IS NOW

FACING FIVE CHARGES ... PLUS ... HIS WIFE IS ALSO FACING SIMILAR CHARGES.

31-YEAR OLD ROY DAVID FARBER IS A CORRECTIONS OFFICER AT THE TWO RIVERS CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION IN UMATILLA.

TOMORROW ... HE'LL MAKE HIS FIRST COURT APPEARANCE IN BENTON COUNTY.

HE'S FACING SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF A MINOR ... POSSESSION OF DEPICTIONS OF A MINOR AND COMMUNICATION WITH A MINOR CHARGES.

KENNEWICK POLICE DETECTIVES SAY FARBER GAVE A 13-YEAR OLD GIRL FROM KENNEWICK A SECRET CELL PHONE AND THE TWO SENT EXPLICIT TEXT MESSAGES TO ONE ANOTHER ... INCLUDING PICTURES.

OFFICERS SAY THE PARENTS OF THE GIRL FOUND THE PHONE AND TURNED IT OVER TO POLICE.

OFFICERS ARRESTED FARBER EARLIER THIS WEEK AND SEARCHED HIS HOME ... CONFISCATING COMPUTERS AND CELL PHONES FOR ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE.

HIS WIFE ... KIMBERLEE ANNE FARBER ... IS ALSO CHARGED WITH COMMUNICATION WITH A MINOR FOR IMMORALE PURPOSES.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/19/18

DURATION: 15

DESCRIPTION - YAKUNW, Wash.- It all started at the YaKUNW County Juvenile Justice Center: A hearing at the center for 15-year-old Luis Medina-Beltran, who police say murdered Napoleon Prado.

Police provided extra officers to keep everyone safe. "As far as they could tell they weren't being antagonistic, but you could tell there was a sense in the air that if anybody said something, something would have happened," Casey Schilperoort with the YaKUNW County Sheriff's Office said.

As everyone was leaving the center, a fight broke out between the friends and family of Medina-Beltran and Prado. Captain Jeff Schneider with the YaKUNW Police Department said this sparked up fights across YaKUNW. With one of them ending with a 17-year-old shooting at a police officer. "That resulted basically in rolling brawls, for the lack of a better term, throughout the city and this was probably an offshoot of one of those," he said. He said they got a call about a man with a gun threatening to shoot someone. When an officer showed up to the scene, he was greeted by a hail of bullets.

"Several of the rounds hit his car and hit the window right behind his head," Schneider said.

Police arrested the shooter after a couple-hour standoff. He made his appearance in court Thursday. The judge said he previously had 12 outstanding warrants and 12 probation violations on top of that. Two of them ending in felony convictions. After everything police had to deal with after two families came together, Schneider said it was all gang related. Since he is a minor, right now, Action News is not releasing his name. His bail was set at half a million dollars. The judge said if 1st degree assault charges are filed at his next hearing on Monday. He'll be automatically charged as an adult because he's so close to being 18.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/25/18

DURATION: 2:00

DESCRIPTION - WEST RICHLAND, Wash. — An area woman is dealing with the consequence of cops catching and charging her for suspicion of driving under the influence, tonight, after an eagle-eyed citizen said they saw her driving erratically, and alerted authorities. West Richland Police said this is the seventh similar arrest in the last two days, but at least half of those wouldn't have happened without a heads up from alert citizens. It isn't news that getting behind the wheel under the influence of alcohol is a potentially deadly situation. Yet, in just the last two days, the city has seen a number of DUIs.

What's noteworthy about these, are that at least half of the arrests are thanks to a community that wants to keep its streets safe. Police Sergeant Duane Olsen said even when off the clock, he would immediately call 911 if he saw something suspicious. "A reckless driver on the road," he explained. "Whether DUI or just someone driving recklessly, needs to be stopped. We need to see what's going on." "It's a huge help for us," Olsen said, about folks who see something and say something. "We like to work with the citizens, it's really a community that keeps it self safe when they are an active part in that." He said DUI drivers are hard to catch because the ratio is pretty high.

He said an estimate in 2016 put it as high as one in ten drivers. Sgt. Olsen told Action News that no matter how many cops they keep on the streets, there's no way they can be everywhere at once. That's why it's so important there are extra eyeballs watching with them. He said they probably wouldn't have caught last night's suspected DUI if someone hadn't called it in. "That second set of eyes, [is so important]," he said. "People who are out there and seeing things that don't fit in with normal activity," The sergeant said it's good to keep your eyes peeled for this sort of thing regardless of the time of the day, because if the person isn't intoxicated, they might be having a medical emergency.

"It's still something that we need to address," he continued. "To get that person medical assistance, because they can still create or cause a wreck so we need to get them helped and address that and get them off the road as well." If you see somebody you believe to be driving impaired

•Get a license plate number

•Describe the vehicle

•And the direction it was going •Do not follow them, especially if they are speeding.

"We partner with our community really well," Olsen said. "And most of the time they're calling in for a reason." The sergeant said the authorities would prefer you call in, even if it turns out to be a false alarm, because they'd hate for someone to get hurt because you didn't want to waste their time.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/26/18

DURATION :23

DESCRIPTION - YAKUNW COUNTY, Wash. - Two have been arrested after the Drug Task Force found stolen guns in a search. Members of the YaKUNW County Sheriff's Office, LEAD Drug Task Force and the Violent Offenders Task Force searched a home located 1800 block of Dillely Road near Tieton, according to a report from YCSO. Law enforcement found guns and other personal property stolen from victims Thursday, in an investigation that had been ongoing since August of 2016.

Officers arrested a 42-year-old man from YaKUNW County as a suspect in these burglaries. Reports said they also arrested a woman for outstanding arrest warrants from a neighboring jurisdiction. The YCSO continues to investigate this crime. Investigators are asking anyone with additional information in this case to contact YCSO at 509-574-2500 or Crime Stoppers at 800-248-9980, or online.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/30/18

DURATION :56

DESCRIPTION - WAPATO, Wash. - Police arrested a man who they say shot someone's dog in the head. Police said 30-year-old Rigoberto Torres shot and killed a dog over a week ago. Because Torres is a convicted felon, he is not allowed to have a gun.

According to police reports, the dog's owner was arguing with an unknown woman in Torres's yard and he came outside and shot the dog in the head killing it.

Police said he then pointed the gun at other people telling them to get off his lawn and they picked up their dead dog and left. Torres is charged with unlawful possession of a firearm. His bail was set at \$60,000.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 2/9/18

DURATION :24

DESCRIPTION - BENTON COUNTY, Wash. -- 38 year-old Joshua Gault faces nine separate charges including rape, voyeurism and seven counts of possession and dealing child pornography. Gault appeared before a judge today to set a pre-trial hearing for his case. According to court documents, a friend using his laptop reportedly found videos depicting explicit acts with children. Law enforcement executed a search warrant at his home and recovered a laptop, desktop tower, cell phone and other electronics. Court documents said a forensic examination of the devices revealed more than 20,000 images, depicting sexually explicit acts with children.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 3/1/18

DURATION :21

DESCRIPTION - BENTON AND YAKUNW COUNTIES, Wash. A man is now behind bars, after deputies say he stole a car and crashed it into a building, where it hung over 10 feet in the air. Just after midnight yesterday, Benton County Deputies spotted a stolen car driving on County Route 12 and Griffin Rd., between Grandview and Prosser. The driver failed to stop and led deputies on a chase across YaKUNW and Benton Counties. The driver, a 24-year-old documented gang member, eventually crashed the car into a building in Grandview and ran away. He was found hours later, when a Grandview Police officer spotted him walking. Officers arrested him and placed him in the YaKUNW County Jail.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 3/6/18

DURATION :63

DESCRIPTION - PASCO, Wash. — Police are looking for the person or people involved in a shooting on Pearl Street Saturday night. Pasco Police said they responded to the area of

13th and Pearl after someone reported hearing gunshots just before 11 o'clock. Action News spoke to a neighbor who said his family was watching TV and first that it was their television causing the noise. When they realized it was gunfire he said the family reported it to authorities. Police report finding numerous shell-casings on the street as well as bullet-holes through a home's fence and siding, five rounds of which found their way into the house. No one was hurt Officials said they'd like to hear from anyone with more information about the incident.

•Call: Non-emergency dispatch at 509-545-3510 •Reference: Pasco Case 18-11778

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 3/9/18

DURATION :1:08

DESCRIPTION – PENDLETON, Ore. — Head of Umatilla County Search and Rescue Dwight Johnson told Action News their fledgling drone program is already valuable. "We've used it to document crime scenes and in search and rescue missions," he explained. He said he thinks the value will multiply as technology improves to include affordable heat-sensors and night-vision. Johnson said the drone's 4k camera is proving an important tool for Search and Rescue. "We'll fly a mission and bring that back and blow it up on the larger screen and be able to see things that the pilot didn't see," he said. But with that power comes great responsibility. "There's a potential for abuse of the technology," he admitted. "We're very careful with how we use it, because we don't want to lose it." Sgt. Johnson said both the State and Federal Aviation Administration have strict laws about where and when his team can fly. He said most situations require 24-hour notice and permission from the FAA before they can take the unmanned aircraft up. But occasionally the bad guy is on the run and law enforcement is forced to act quickly. For that he said there are special exceptions, or exigencies, like Wednesday's manhunt for Naythan Olney. "We've used it twice for that, once is yesterday," said the sergeant, referring to Umatilla County Sheriff's search between the Umatilla River and Interstate-82 near mile marker two. Johnson said the drone's small size and stable flight help his team scan areas of rough or dense terrain that might put a person in danger. "We can overfly it," he explained. "If we have a fairly high level of confidence in what its seeing we can actually eliminate search areas, which can be as important as actually finding something," Sgt. Johnson said his team's drone program is the first in the area, but it wont be the last. Both Walla Walla and Benton County told Action News their Sheriff's Departments are working to get a drone program up and running.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 3/12/18

DURATION :42

DESCRIPTION - GRANDVIEW, Wash. - Police say a 25-year-old was shot following a fight in Grandview. Officers with the Grandview Police Department (GPD) went to the 1100 block of Apache Drive around 10:42 p.m., Saturday on a report of a man who had been shot. Police learned shots were fired after a fight in the road. Reports said police found a Grandview man with a gunshot wound to his torso. Police administered first aid until firefighters with the Grandview Fire Department and an

ambulance from Prosser arrived.

Medics took the victim to an area hospital and he is expected to survive, according to police reports. Grandview detectives are currently investigating this shooting.

Authorities say multiple people who were at the scene where the shooting occurred were uncooperative in the investigation. Anyone with information on this incident is asked to contact GPD at 509-882-2000.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 3/14/18

DURATION :63

DESCRIPTION - YAKUNW, Wash. - Two drivers are in YaKUNW County Jail after troopers said they raced, reaching speeds over 90 miles per hour, at State Route 12. A YaKUNW trooper with the Washington State Patrol (WSP) noticed a group of vehicles known for street racing driving in YaKUNW, Friday night. The trooper followed the group and informed other troopers of the vehicles. Additional troopers were ready to respond as the group approached State Route 12, according to authorities.

Reports said 11 illegal racers reached speeds in excess of 90 miles per hour on SR 12-- a 60 mph zone. The racers then attempted to block the westbound lanes so the two cars in the lead could race each other, but troopers stopped the two vehicles while additional troopers blocked the road to arrest the other drivers involved. Troopers arrested two of the racing drivers around 11:25 p.m. and took them to YaKUNW County Jail on reckless driving charges. The remaining nine drivers were issued a ticket for speeding.

The racer cars were also impounded, according to reports.

WSP officials said no one was injured in this incident.

Troopers want to remind folks they could receive up to 364 days in jail and/or a fine of up to \$5,000 and a possible license suspension for racing, as it is considered a gross misdemeanor.

Troopers say street racing not only puts the racer's life in danger, but also the lives of those traveling in the area.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 3/16/18

DURATION :56

DESCRIPTION - YAKUNW, Wash. - Police are saying Friday that video surveillance reveals an Eisenhower student who reported being the victim in a hit and run actually rode his skateboard and struck the side of an SUV. Traffic officers with the YaKUNW Police Officers were called to the collision involving a black SUV and a pedestrian at Eisenhower High School, Monday. Medics took the student to Virginia Mason emergency room to treat his non-serious injuries. The victim, 16-year-old Nathaniel Campbell and his friend reported the collision happened at the South 44th Ave. and Tieton Dr. crosswalk, and claimed Campbell became unconscious from the crash. The SUV then drove away at a high speed without exchanging information while the witness helped the victim, according to their report.

They said once the victim regained consciousness, he went home and one hour later called for medical attention and chose to report the incident to police.

Police determined Campbell was actually riding his skateboard at Tieton Drive about 300 feet east of the South 44th intersection where he hit the side of the passing black SUV, after

reviewing video surveillance. Video also revealed the skateboarder immediately got up after the collision, grabbed his skateboard and went to the YaKUNW Transit bus stop which he boarded and left the area. The SUV stopped and pulled over in the Eisenhower parking lot, and drove away after a short time, according to police. The YaKUNW Police Department Traffic Unit is asking for anyone with additional information regarding this collision or the identity of the black Chevrolet SUV or its driver to contact them at (509)576-6566.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 3/22/18

DURATION :32

DESCRIPTION - BENTON COUNTY, Wash. -- A Benton County man accused of kicking his sleeping child in the head said he's not guilty. Tristan Derrick Landry was in court Wednesday. Court documents said Landry's eight-month-old son now has a fractured skull and possible bleeding on his brain. The documents said Landry was at Guesthouse Suites the week of March 15 when he kicked his child in the back of the head.

According to the report, a friend and witness took the child to the hospital.

Police said Landry first said it was an accident, then he admitted to them he was mad at his girlfriend and punched the walls then kicked the child--and that he doesn't know why he took it out on his son. Landry is now under a no contact order with his child and is being held under \$75,000 bail.

ECONOMY:

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/29/18

DURATION: 2:06

DESCRIPTION - SNOQUALMIE PASS, Wash.- Restaurants and hotels in Snoqualmie Pass are on their second day of closure, and restaurant owner Dan Wood isn't sure how many more closed days the business can handle. "I have nothing coming in, and everything is going out. Regardless I still have to pay my rent," said Wood, Owner of Aardvark Express. Wood has owned Aardvark Express for eight years now and says this advisory shutdown is a first for him. "I've never experienced anything like this before, not this long. I've experienced something like one or two days," said Wood. Emergency management issued a boiling water advisory due to a unknown leak that Snoqualmie Pass Water System found earlier this week. "The good thing is where the leak was, its feeding an area that doesn't have any houses on it, the bad thing is, if you have a rupture in your system, you have to chlorinate this whole system and then test it to make sure there is no bacteria," said Darren Higashiyama, Operations Management at Kittitas County Emergency Management. This means restaurants and hotels in Snoqualmie Pass aren't allowed to serve food or house guests until the advisory is removed, and for small business owners, each day costs them. "I'm okay for about three days. Other than that thank goodness that I have credit cards," said Wood. Operations management says the process it takes to to chlorinate the water, flush the system, and do more testing to make sure the water is safe, will take about a week. "The economic impact is huge, but the department of health cannot let them open it because that can be catastrophic to hundreds of people," said Higashiyama. For now, locals who live in the area are warned not to use their shower until the water is approved, and are required to boil their water for at least one minute before using. Snoqualmie Pass Fire Department has set up a water distribution center for locals to have access to drinkable water

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 3/13/18

DURATION: 58

DESCRIPTION - PASCO, Wash. - For many families struggling to pay bills, a local wireless company in Pasco is now offering free smart phones to qualifying low-income households. The no-cost cell phone service, is provided through free government assistance. In order to qualify, customers must provide a valid license, social security number and prove they receive some form of government aid. Each month, customers will receive 350 voice minutes and unlimited texting. Manager at Assurance Wireless said it's one less bill you have to worry about and it's a great service especially when trying to maintain a job. "If you don't have an email, if you don't have some sort of communication with your managers, it's going to be really hard and a lot of people unfortunately don't have the funds to provide for a smart phone." To sign up for a free cell phone, you can visit Pasco Goodwill, Mon. through Tues. and Thur. through Fri. from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, you can call (509) 416-3240.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 3/20/18

DURATION: 1:06

DESCRIPTION - ELLENSBURG, Wash.- The Energy Facilities Site Evaluation Council (EFSE) discussed the future of whether TUUSSO Energy should build solar energy projects on five agriculture land sites in Kittitas County. Dick Carkner, director of Save Our Farms, says this decision could hurt some of the city's best farmland. "It's one thing to host green energy, wind farms, solar facilities and so on. But it's quite another to do that the expense of a major part of our economy which is agriculture," said Carkner. Locals say during the past few months they have been unable to voice their concerns during meetings. Staff on the EFSE says the community has had opportunities to comment and will be meeting with the county to discuss the issues before finalizing the plan. Members from Save our Farm had concerns about the recent environmental assessment done on the sites that were approved for the project, and have requested the council to run another environmental evaluation. Action News spoke to TUUSSO employees who will be the ones building for the solar project, and they stated they had sent out 140 letters to land owners about the project and came to an agreement with the owners of the five sites about using their land. Carkner says moving forward with the plan will affect agriculture profits. "If you replace farmland with solar, you destroy the agriculture economy. We are talking about three quarters of a million dollars of lost income," said Carkner. On April 11 the public will have an opportunity to visit each of the five solar power project each sites.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 3/27/18

DURATION: 55

DESCRIPTION - WALLA WALLA, Wash. - The City of Walla Walla will soon welcome a new Town Center Strip Mall with stores opening soon, bringing good news to shoppers looking for more options. "Absolutely delighted to see this long-desired project, finally coming out of the grounds and opening this summer," said Shawa. Walla Walla, City Manager, Nabil Shawa said the new mall will be good for city economics, bringing new jobs and an increase to local sales tax, dollars. Shawa said, "Citizens are leaving our community to shop at other communities because they can't find what their looking for, this will help keep that money locally." He said around \$15 to 18 million are lost annually. However, once all shops are open and fully going for a full year, city officials anticipate a total of 300,000 to 400,000 to be added annually, to the city budget. "It will help us fix the streets, keep our parks clean, and add to our library hours and many of our other citizen priorities," said Shawa. And local shoppers say their delighted. "I don't do stuff over the computer, I like to go out and shop," said Grace. "I love it, this mall should have been open up a long time ago, its better shopping for Walla Walla," said Crampon. In the next coming months folks will have access to their favorite stores in town. Shawa said, "In the middle of April there will be Sportsman's Warehouse, Bed Bath and Beyond is coming, Ross, Marshalls, Famous Footwear, Ulta Cosmetics, Hobby Lobby, and a few others that there still working with." Walla Walla City Manager said most stores will be open between May and June. "It's one of those rare things in city government, where

citizens are happy, this is good for local government economics and our future so we're absolutely delighted to see our town center about to re-open.”

LOCAL EDUCATION:

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/4/18

DURATION: 34

DESCRIPTION - PASCO, WA. AFTER FINDING ALMOST 40 FIXTURES WITH EITHER ELEVATED LEAD OR COPPER LEVELS IN THEIR BUILDINGS AFTER TESTING IN EARLY NOVEMBER...

EDUCATORS ARE NOW TESTING FIXTURES WHERE THOSE SAMPLES WERE FOUND A SECOND TIME

THE DISTRICT SAYS MOST OF THE POSITIVE SAMPLES CAME FROM FAUCETS NOT DRINKING FOUNTAINS.

THEY ADD THE LEAD-POSITIVE RESULTS CAME MOSTLY FROM OLDER MODELED SCHOOLS.

THE DISTRICT TELLS ACTION NEWS IT TOOK ALL OF THE POTENTIALLY CONTAMINATED FIXTURES OUT OF SERVICE.

AT ONE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL THE DISTRICT IS ALREADY REPLACING SOME FIXTURES.

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THE DISTRICT SAYS THEY'RE WAITING ON RESULTS BACK FROM THREE MORE SCHOOLS.

THEY SHOULD HAVE TWO OF THREE BY THE END OF THE WEEK.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/12/18

DURATION: 60

DESCRIPTION - ANOTHER ELECTION IS COMING UP ... AND KENNEWICK VOTERS WILL HAVE A CHANCE TO VOTE ON TWO SCHOOL LEVIES. THE FIRST IS THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM LEVY...THAT WILL PAY FOR THINGS LIKE EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITES.

IT'S A REPLACEMENT LEVY.

THE SECOND IS THE TECHNOLOGY LEVY... IT'S A NEW LEVY THAT WILL PAY FOR THINGS LIKE DEVICES FOR STUDENTS TO USE IN CLASS. IF VOTERS PASS THESE TWO LEVIES ON FEBUARY 13TH ... THEIR TAXES WILL ACTUALLY GO DOWN.

THE CURRENT RATE IS \$3.35 FOR EVERY 1-THOUSAND DOLLARS OF ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE... AND THE NEW RATE WOULD BE TWO DOLLARS.

CANIDATES/POLITICAL/RACES/NEWS

HEALTH/SAFETY/COMMUNITY

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/2/18

DURATION: 30

DESCRIPTION - WALLA WALLA, Wash. - Three people are without a home after a fire caused significant damage to a house attic. Firefighters were called to the 100 block of Malcolm Street around 2:57 a.m., Tuesday. All three occupants were able to escape safely and officials said no one was hurt in the fire. Investigators said the blaze likely started from wood stove chimney heat in the attic. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish flames. Reports said smoke and fire primarily did damage to the attic area. The three people living in the home are currently staying in a motel as firefighters said house conditions are currently unsafe for living.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/3/2018

DURATION: 46

DESCRIPTION - YAKUNW, Wash.- The YaKUNW Fire Department has been granted funding that will help hire three additional firefighters to the team. YaKUNW Fire Chief Bob Stewart sent in the request to city council due the department being short staffed. "Currently I believe we slightly below average in the number of firefighters that we have," said Stewart. YaKUNW has 90 official crew members, 30 of them working together each shift. The high amount of overtime played a role in what lead to the grant request. "We have an extraordinary reliance on overtime funding. The overtime funding is more than it probably should be," said Stewart. Public Affairs Director Randy Beehler says the grant will also help with firefighters transitioning into retirement. "These three firefighters will then step into those positions eventually," said Beehler. During the first two years, 75 percent of the funding will be provided through the SAFER Grant, and the city would pay for the remaining 25 percent. "In the third year, that flips around. The city is responsible for 75 percent of the funding. Then after that the city is responsible for the full cost of those three firefighters," said Beehler. YaKUNW Fire Department has one position already open and fully funded, but they need to hire more crew members before hiring someone for that position. "We do our own in house fire academy, and it's completely inefficient and expensive for us to do it with one member. So we typically wait to have two or more vacancies to put that on," said Stewart. Stewart says they hope to add four firefighters to the

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/5/18

DURATION: 29

DESCRIPTION - TWO EMERGENCY RESPONDERS WERE INJURED THIS WEEK ON OUR ROADWAYS WHILE RESPONDING TO COLLISIONS...TROOPERS SAY BECAUSE DRIVERS WEREN'T FOLLOWING THE MOVE OVER LAW. STATE LAW REQUIRES DRIVERS TRAVELING IN THE SAME DIRECTION AS EMERGENCY VEHICLES,...INCLUDING TOW TRUCKS... TO SLOW DOWN AND MOVE OVER WHEN SAFE TO DO SO...

THIS WEEK A PARAMEDIC AND A TOW TRUCK DRIVER IN OUR AREA WERE BOTH INJURED BY DRIVERS FAILING TO RESPECT THE MOVE OVER LAW... OUTCUE= THEY'RE IMPATIENT

"17;30 it just takes that one person to ruin somebody's life because they didn't want to move over or they're impatient. "

(CONT VO**)**

ACCORDING TO THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION...

HUNDREDS OF EMERGENCY RESPONDERS DIE EACH YEAR ON OUR NATIONS HIGHWAYS...

TROOPERS SAY THIS IS A MUCH NEEDED REMINDER FOR DRIVERS TO SLOW DOWN AND MOVE OVER WHEN THEY SEE THOSE FLASHING LIGHTS...

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/8/18

DURATION: 1:00

DESCRIPTION - ALL OF THE SNOW ON THE GROUNDS IS MAKING IT HARDER FOR DRIVERS-

AND THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IS REMINDING EVERYONE TO GO SLOW.

(TAKE VO**)-WA2 4416 EXPERTS TELL ACTION NEWS THERE'S A LOT OF COMPACT SNOW AND THE WIND IS BLOWING MORE SNOW INTO THE AIR- WHICH IS MAKING IT HARDER TO SEE BEHIND THE WHEEL.**

THAT'S WHY THEY'RE ASKING DRIVERS TO LEAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO GET TO WHERE THEY'RE GOING AND TO TAKE IT EASY.

DRIVERS WE TALKED TO SUNDAY SAID IT'S DEFINITELY A WINTER TO REMEMBER.

WSDOT SAYS THEY HAVE CREWS MONITORING THE ROADS AND WILL CLOSE SOME DOWN IF THEY'RE TOO DANGEROUS TO DRIVE ON. WE'LL KEEP YOU UPDATED ON THOSE AS THEY BECOME AVAILABALE.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/15/18

DURATION: 1:10

DESCRIPTION - THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING ANNOUNCED TODAY...IT'S TAKING IMMEDIATE STEPS TO STOP DISCLOSING OF INFORMATION TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES.

WE LEARNED LAST WEEK THAT THE LICENSING DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN REGULARLY PROVIDING IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT WITH PHOTOS AND DRIVER'S LICENSE APPLICATIONS...ACCORDING TO A DEPARTMENT SPOKESPERSON.

TODAY THE D-O-L DIRECTOR PAT KOHLER RELEASED A STATEMENT SAYING THEY WERE SORRY THEIR WORK DID NOT ALIGN WITH WASHINGTON STATE'S VALUES.

THE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCED SEVERAL CHANGES WITH THE DEPARTMENT TODAY AS WELL...TAKE A LOOK.

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PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/17/18

DURATION: 2:00

DESCRIPTION - YAKUNW, Wash. - A YaKUNW woman's Facebook post went viral with more than 5,000 likes and 1,000 shares, it was about how she helped a young man get a new bike. Dirk Mackin said he was walking miles down Nob Hill Blvd on Monday afternoon when a woman offered to give him a ride. He told her he usually rides his bike but it was stolen. Next thing you know, the lady came back with a bike for Mackin. "What was going through my mind, I was like yes, finally got a bike," Mackin said. The bike was from Bearded Monkey Cycling and owner Lance Reese said when he received a call about this young man's stolen bike he knew he had to help out. "A situation like this where you can actually have an individual recipient benefiting, where somebody's directly taking something and impacting somebody's life in such a positive way that you can recognize what's happening there," Reese said. "It was pretty cool." But Reese said the best part was Mackin's reaction. "Just the joy that this young man has was so nice to see, so we were so happy to be a part of that," Reese said. Mackin said these last few days have been eventful and he is grateful to those who helped him out. Now, he is looking forward to getting back on a bike. "Now that I got a bike again I told my mom just if you ever need me to go to the store, I would do it," he said. "I just want to look for more excuses to ride my bike more often and get back into it." Reese said Mackin came to the shop Wednesday and he was able to give him a bike lock so this bike wouldn't get stolen. Mackin said he is very grateful to Bearded Monkey Cycling for his bike and he said next he wants to save up for a light for his new bike.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/18/18

DURATION: 60

DESCRIPTION - PASCO, Wash. — A new consumer trend has people drinking raw water, but it's leaving health experts concerned. According to the Washington State Department of Health, raw water is untreated and untested water. That means water drinkers don't know what's actually in the water, which could have harmful parasites, viruses and bacteria such as E. coli. The Department of Health reports health consequences can include nausea and vomiting. In some cases, especially for vulnerable groups such as the elderly, hospitalization and death are also possible. "Fact of the matter is, your tap water is safe to drink and it is checked continuously by your water system to make sure it is safe and remains safe," says Department of Health

public information officer Anthony James.

James says if you do have questions about your drinking water, call your water supplier to find out more.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/23/18

DURATION: 1:45

DESCRIPTION - NACHES, Wash. - YaKUNW County Fire District 3 covers one of the largest zones from Naches all the way to White Pass. Fire Chief Alan Baird said that due to the large zoning area, they need equipment for house fires to water rescue and the room to store all their gear is just about full. "Fire services change.

The amount of calls, the type of calls. All of that has changed. Our equipment has increased, the size of equipment has increased over the years," he said. Firefighters at District 3 have made the most of the space they've been given. However, over the years that space has run out.

The building they're currently using was a super market, which means it wasn't made to accommodate everything fire fighters may need. The volunteer based fire station has been in the old market building for about the last 60 years, but their staff and emergency call-outs have more than doubled since then. They needed to add the water line and a tall drive -thru bay for the trucks and engines just to make it function as a fire station. "It never was designed as a fire station," Baird said. "The efficiency and moving things around has been pretty limited." District three fire commissioner Bob Tripp was an active firefighter for about 10 years at this station. He said it's not only outdated but it puts the firefighters, who serve their community, in danger. "The ventilation system in here pretty much doesn't exist," Tripp said. "So, when the trucks start up, there's black smoke floating all around here and everybody is breathing it." During the next election in February, the county will vote to approve a \$1.8 million bond to start working on a new fire station in Naches. If passed, home owners in the district would pay an extra \$70 for every \$100,000 of property and it would be paid off in 20 years.

Tripp said they don't need a top-of-the-line facility, but one that gives firefighters the versatility they need. "Last thing you want to see is your house on fire and the fireman standing at the station wondering how to get the door open," he said. If the bond gets passed, Fire Chief Baird said they would tear down the current station and build a new one in the same space. He said the land is already owned by the county and it's in the perfect location to protect the community.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/24/18

DURATION :56

DESCRIPTION - KENNEWICK, Wash. — Felipa Barron, whose son has Autism, said she thinks the Tri-Cities Autism Thrift Store is filling a need many in the area-- other parents, even-- might not know exists. "There are a lot of people in the community just like my son," she said. "Their special needs are not met in the workforce, people just don't understand them." But Barron said this store is different. It's

somewhere parents are comfortable sending their children because their individual needs are understood. Store manager Jared Ackerman said that's exactly what they were going for.

But they hit a rough patch when they found out they had to wait to register as a non-profit with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The minor set-

back lasted more than two months, finally ending Dec. 22. "It's not all doom and gloom," laughed Ackerman, before clarifying why the delayed status has them playing catch up. For-profit businesses can't fund-raise, or ask for donations.

That's why Ackerman said they're asking the community for help: so they can train even more clients and volunteers. "There was a lot of legal loopholes we had to go through. There was a lot of waiting, a lot of paperwork," he explained. "Now we're where we'd like to be but we'd like to expand."

A move Barron said she'd support for families like hers. "It's a great first step for the training skills, the job skills needed to be employed," she said.

Volunteer Garrett Bigley agrees the skills he's learning are important.

He told Action News he's had jobs before, but they were stressful because he said he doesn't socialize very well. "I was good friends with my co-workers, and even some of the customers," he explained. "But when you have constant interaction with people I don't even know, it kind of got to me."

But he said working at a place like this, somewhere less-busy with a calm, patient atmosphere and clients that become regular customers makes all the difference. "I'm getting to know my co-workers and it's been really calming to me," Bigley said. Tales like Bigley's are why Ackerman said they want to expand: to help more people with similar stories.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 1/31/18

DURATION: 65

DESCRIPTION - YAKUNW Wash. - Crews at the YaKUNW Air Terminal are getting some new tools to make sure you don't get delayed. The airport purchased a new broom machine. It is a \$600,000 piece of equipment that removes all snow off the runway, leaving bare asphalt so snow can't re-freeze. Airport Director Rob Peterson said any form of ice on the runway causes the airport to shut down and begin their de-icing process. "One icing event will cause the airport to spend about \$5,000-\$10,000 depending on how much equipment and how much de-ice is required to put down on the surface," he said.

Peterson said crews are working on using a liquid de-icer that can go in the grooves of the runway for the 2018-19 snow season. The airport also plans to buy two more broom machines and a snow blower that will cost around \$1.8 million. Peterson said local tax dollars are not used to pay for the airport's equipment, that money comes from federal grants.,

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 2/5/18

DURATION: 55

DESCRIPTION - KENNEWICK, Wash. - Hansen Park is getting a makeover. The City of Kennewick announced Tuesday the 25-acre park, at 602 S Columbia Center Blvd., is set to get a new asphalt path that will stretch over 4,000 feet. Gardeners will have access to a community vegetable garden and a community heritage garden placed along the new path. Other additions to the park will include two picnic shelters, a restroom, a parking lot, street lights and much more. A map that includes the new improvements to Hansen Park is attached to this story. Community member feedback prioritized these improvements, according to the news release. Park visitors are asked to stay clear of work areas while improvements are underway. City leaders said the project is expected to be completed by

the end of July 2018.

The City is teaming up with the State of Washington Recreation Conservation Office in completing this project. The City is also calling on the community for help. Those interested in lending a hand for this project can click here for more information.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 2/6/18

DURATION: 1:43

DESCRIPTION - TRI-CITIES, Wash. – Lawmakers are pushing for a bill that would raise the age of buying tobacco products from 18 to 21. Legislators hope it could help prevent long-term addiction down the road, but opponents say it could hurt business in town. The American Cancer Society reports each day about 40 teens in our state under the age of 18 start smoking. Lawmakers in Washington want to get the influence of tobacco out of high schools. "There's not one redeeming thing that comes from smoking a cigarette," said Rep. Paul Harris - (R), of the 17th Legislative District and the the bill's main sponsor. "The only thing it does do is take about 3-6 seconds off your life." Two bills in the house (HB1054) and senate (SB5025) would raise the age of sale for tobacco and vapor products in Washington state from 18 to 21.

Our local Rep. Larry Haler is a sponsor of the legislation and favors the change. "Both my parents died of smoking-related illnesses and they started smoking when they were 18," said Rep. Haler, of the 8th Legislative District. The state reports if current smoking rates don't change in our state, more than 100,000 kids alive today will die early from tobacco related illness. The National Academy of Medicine reports raising the age would result in a 25 percent decrease in tobacco use among 15 to 17-year-olds. "I opt for the healthy life," Rep. Haler said.

Opponents argue stores would have substantial revenue loss. "I know that there are some vape shops that it would make the difference for them in order to close their doors," said Ashley Britain, a community activist and vape business owner. As an advocate for the vaping industry, Britain said she agrees with raising the age for tobacco and cigarettes, but believes the legal vaping age should remain at 18. "Because we're here to help the youth the help everyone to get off cigarettes to lead a healthier lifestyle," she said. Britain said there is no tobacco in any vaping product, but varying levels of nicotine can be added. However, medical professionals are concerned about the adverse effects of vaping. "They're causing the same kind of damage as cigarettes do," said Dr. Sheila Rege said, an oncologist out of Kennewick with the Northwest Cancer Clinic and serves on the WSMA Board of Trustees. "Gum disease, mouth sores, the gas and particles going into the lungs." The measure is still in the rules committee, and did not get through appropriations on Tuesday. The bill sponsors worry it may be losing some steam. "If it doesn't pass this year, I believe it truly is just a matter of time," Rep. Harris said. If the bill passes in the house and senate, Washington would become the sixth state to adopt such laws, alongside Oregon, California, Hawaii, New Jersey and Maine.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 2/14/18

DURATION: 1:13

DESCRIPTION - YAKUNW, Wash— With enough funds to move forward with the building of the Downtown Central Plaza, one would think from here, it's smooth sailing.

Not so much. “The ordinance is what they passed in order to tax all the nearby property owners to pay for the parking lot, and what they agreed is, if you folks agree to this tax, we will agree to build this parking lot and leave it a parking lot forever,” said Bruce Smith of the YaKUNW Valley Business Times. Smith spearheads a group called Preserve Downtown Parking, a group of people, he says including nearby business owners, who are against the plaza being built in the proposed parking lot, downtown. Their attorney sent a letter to the city, asking them to drop the plaza plans, stating, building anything there is illegal, because nearby property owners paid for the parking lot.

The letter also points out an ordinance which states the city may in the future construct buildings for public use, including use as a convention center, but in the air space above the parking lot.

“It says that’s parking today. It’s parking, tomorrow, it’s gonna be parking forever, and unless they wanna build a convention center over it, there’s nothing in the law that says they’re gonna be able to build a plaza there,” said Smith.

He says it’s to his understanding that city attorneys are meeting and discussing the issue with city council. I reached out to City Attorney Jeff Cutter who says it’s too early for him to comment.

Smith, however, says he doesn’t think this will end up in court, but that he’s willing to take it that far. “We hope they get good legal advice and if they get good legal advice, they’re only gonna have one conclusion. Which is they can’t build it there; they have to build it somewhere else. And if they don’t, that’s OK. This is America, and we’ll just exercise our rights to go to the courts and have the courts stop them,” said Smith.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 2/15/18

DURATION: 58

DESCRIPTION - YAKUNW, Wash. - Many young people look up to star athletes, celebrities or family members for guidance and advice. However, if one of those role models commits suicide, studies show there’s usually an increase in young teenager deaths as well. Courtney Hesla with Comprehensive Health said the recent death of Washington State football player Tyler Hilinski can be used as an example.

“Often time they start to consider suicide more of an option for themselves if they start experiencing depression or other stressers in their life,” she said.

While homicides get more attention, there have been far more suicide deaths in YaKUNW County over the last few years according to YaKUNW County Coroner Jack Hawkins. “There’re going up. The numbers stay very close to the same but we seem to pick up a few every year,” he said.

From 2014 to 2016 there were 104 suicides combined, compared to 67 homicides and 99 car related deaths. Hesla said there are many factors to look out for when it comes to the people around you. Changes in mood, a drop-in work or school performance and withdrawal from socializing are some red flags.

“That’s usually a good time to start paying attention and maybe sit down that individual and point out what you’re noticing, and not being afraid to ask the question if you are having thoughts about suicide,” Hesla said. Just sitting down with that person could be all the difference when it comes to saving their life.

She said ideas of suicide are more of a spectrum rather than black and white. “Suicidal thoughts can range anywhere from: I just wish I wouldn’t wake up tomorrow to having very specific ideas about how to take their life and when to do it.

Either one of those we need to take seriously,” she said. Helsa said just asking someone if

they are having suicidal thoughts can lessen the chance of it happening. If you or someone you know is having suicidal thoughts you can call the crisis line at 1-800-273-8255.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 2/26/18

DURATION: 53

DESCRIPTION - TRI-CITIES, Wash. — Sunday's winds caused headaches for residents all over our area, including the Tri-Cities. Viewers sent Action News pictures of collapsed gazebos, overturned trampolines, and run-away swimming pools. All courtesy of strong gusts of wind. In Richland's Fred Meyer's parking lot, Sheena Kerr said she was loading groceries into her truck when the wind hit the lift-gate just right. It shattered the window and sent glass flying. Thankfully no one was injured. West Richland police said the Tri-Cities area is growing fast, and folks new to the area might not know they need to secure their outdoor items. They suggest storing an item indoors if you can't guarantee it will stay put in the wind.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 3/19/18

DURATION: 1:05

DESCRIPTION - YAKUNW, Wash. - A bag fee or an outright ban to reduce plastic bag waste? It's a movement that's been done in Ellensburg, Seattle, Bellingham and other cities all over the nation, but will YaKUNW be open to the concept? "I know we aren't rated very high on sustainability and conservation in YaKUNW, but the plastic bag industry is a multi-billion dollar industry here in YaKUNW so I honestly don't know what the majority would think about it," said City Council Member Jason White.

YaKUNW shoppers here say there are many pros and cons about the idea.

"It's a good idea, because I think these thrifty habits are good for people, especially when they're young," said Pablo Marquez, a YaKUNW shopper. "I would probably disagree just because we all use so many of them, it would be an added expense for sure. I really wouldn't want to pay that," said Debbie Gorman, a YaKUNW shopper. On average one person uses about 500 grocery bags a year, and at the Terrace Heights Landfill site, workers here say they see it just about everywhere. "Plastic bags are very difficult for us to deal with because they don't bury very well, it's a problem for us. It's a disposable item that actually lives forever in the landfill," said Marci Venable, Program Coordinator at YaKUNW County. Venable says cities with bag fee's have seen a decrease in plastic waste. "Statistically, those carry out fees which is what they are doing in Ellensburg work better than a ban," said Venable. White says the council is working on environmental projects, one being turning our waste into actual reusable energy, and says he supports any ideas that will help improve YaKUNW. "There's a big movement towards conservation and a big demand for it, but the route that we go about it is definitely up in the air," said White.

PROGRAM: KUNW TV NEWS 6p

DATE: 3/29/18

DURATION: 1:10

**DESCRIPTION - Over 300 hazardous sites marked in YaKUNW
YAKUNW, Wash.- Here in YaKUNW, you are more than likely living somewhere near a hazardous site. Hundreds of companies here are dealing with all forms of chemicals every**

day, and all of them are monitored by the Department of Ecology.

"A lot of times properties will become contaminated if a gas station leaks or if an old dry cleaner had used products and those leak," said Toxics Cleanup Program Manager Valerie Bound. Bound says about 200 of those sites have been cleaned up and the rest are in the process of being contained. More than half of the contaminated sites in YaKUNW fall under gasoline, agricultural contamination and dry cleaning chemicals.

The Department of Ecology runs these evaluations to prevent toxins like oil and pesticides from getting into our ground water. "Washington state considers all ground water to potentially be drinking water. So we just want to protect it so that we could drink it if we wanted to," said Bound. With many potentially harmful areas, some may wonder if this could affect them. "Contamination can be serious, but nothing in YaKUNW right now is what I would consider an imminent health threat or anyone is in danger. If that was the case ecology would take steps right away," said Bound. The Department of Ecology sends out fact sheets to the community about sites they are managing near your area, but Bound says you can also punch in your zip code or address on their website and get a full list of what's happening near you.