

FOX Ascertainments

1st Quarter 2024, January-March

Crime

01/04/24

Missing Woman Body Found– map: 0:31

[TAKE :ON CAM]

WE START OFF WITH NEW TONIGHT.

THE BODY OF A MISSING RICHLAND WOMAN HAS BEEN FOUND IN LESLIE GROVES PARK, ACCORDING TO THE CHIEF DEPUTY CORONER.

THE RICHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED OUT TO LESLIE GROVES PARK TODAY FOR A BODY FOUND IN A CAR IN THE PARKING LOT.

[TAKE MAP]

THE CORONER AND RPD CONFIRMS THE BODY IS CASSANDRA HANSEN WHO WAS REPORTED MISSING TO R-P-D THIS MORNING.

THE CORONER'S OFFICE SAYS AN AUTOPSY WILL BE CONDUCTED SOMETIME NEXT WEEK.

RICHLAND POLICE AND THE BENTON COUNTY CORONER ARE LEADING THE INVESTIGATION.

01/04/24

Dad of 4-Year-Old Arrested and Mom in Court – mapvo&vo: 0:55

[TAKE :ON CAM]

IN CONTINUING COVERAGE NOW -- WITH AN UPDATE ON THE DEATH OF THE *FOUR YEAR OLD WHO DIED LATE LAST MONTH AT THE ECONO LODGE.

POLICE SAY A SECOND PERSON HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION TO HER DEATH.

[TAKE FULLSCREEN]

ACCORDING TO THE KENNEWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT -- ALSO THE U-S MARSHALS TASK FORCE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT -- THEY FOUND JOSEPH WALKER AT A HOME IN RICHLAND.

THEY SAY THEY TOOK HIM INTO CUSTODY AND HE WILL BE BOOKED INTO JAIL.

ACCORDING TO POLICE, HE FACES A FIRST DEGREE MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.

COURT DOCUMENTS NAME HIM AS THE FATHER OF THE CHILD.

[TAKE VO]

POLICE SAY THEY WERE CALLED ON DECEMBER 27TH -- FOR THE CHILD WHO WAS UNRESPONSIVE DUE TO FENTANYL EXPOSURE.

COURT DOCUMENTS SAY THE CHILD DIED AT THE TRIOS HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM.

[TAKE VO]

THE DOCUMENTS ALSO REVEAL THAT THE MOTHER OF THE CHILD -- JUDY BRIBIESCAS IS CHARGED WITH MANSLAUGHTER IN THE FIRST DEGREE.

SHE APPEARED IN COURT THIS WEEK.

AND OF COURSE WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED AS MORE INFORMATION COMES IN.

01/04/24

Mercado Update- vosot& fsfs: 1:45

[TAKE: ON CAM]

AN UPDATE ON THE STORY OF THE MISSING TEEN THAT ENDED IN TRAGEDY.

CREWS FOUND THE BODY OF MISSING TEEN GAGE MERCADO YESTERDAY IN THE YAKIMA RIVER -- ACCORDING TO THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

A DETECTIVE WITH THE BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE SAYS INVESTIGATORS ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON INTERVIEWING THE MORE THAN 50 PEOPLE AT THE BONFIRE THE NIGHT OF DECEMBER 30TH.

[TAKE VO]

DETECTIVES AND FAMILY SAY THAT'S THE LAST PLACE MERCADO WAS SEEN BEFORE SEARCH CREWS FOUND HIS BODY.

WE SPOKE WITH LIEUTENANT MICHAEL CLARK WITH THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE -- AND WHEN ASKED IF MERCADO'S DEATH WAS BEING INVESTIGATED AS A HOMICIDE THIS IS WHAT HE HAD TO SAY.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:07]

<It's just like anything else. until we have something that leads it to determine that. it's just a death investigation. >

[TAKE: CONT VO]

YESTERDAY THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE HAD CONFIRMED THEY FOUND MERCADO'S BODY, THIS MORNING THE BENTON COUNTY CORONER CONFIRMED THAT IT WAS HIS BODY AS WELL -- WITH NO OTHER DETAILS ON HIS DEATH RIGHT NOW.

THE CORONOR ALSO SAYS THAT HE IS WAITING ON INFORMATION FROM B-C-S-O TO DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT AN AUTOPSY WILL BE DONE.

AND THE MERCADO FAMILY HAS RELEASED A STATEMENT THAT READS...

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

"Firstly we would like to thank everyone who has helped with sharing Gage's story and helped us search for him. We are devastated by his loss. Even though the search for Gage is over, the search for answers is not....

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

....We are begging for anyone who was at that bonfire to come forward with any and all information from that night. Parents please continue to ask your teenagers and young adults questions and encourage them to come forward. Gage did not deserve this, but his family and friends deserve answers."

01/04/24

ICAC Taskforce- pkg: 2:04

[TAKE: ON CAM]

THE RICHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT IS WORKING TO SOLVE THE GROWING NUMBER OF INTERNET BASED CRIMES.

KAITLYN SMOCK SPOKE WITH THE "SOUTHEAST REGIONAL INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE" ABOUT WHAT THEY ARE DOING TO HELP SOLVE THIS ISSUE.

[TAKE PKG]

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:12]

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

<Kids of younger ages are getting devices, school are providing devices, they're just everywhere. and so therefore the opportunities for the different crimes are just expanding exponentially as well.>

DAMON JANSEN IS THE COMMANDER OF THE INVESTIGATIONS UNIT AT THE RICHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT. HE TELLS ME THAT THE SOUTHEAST REGIONAL INTERNET CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN TASK FORCE OR ICAC TASK FORCE IS MADE UP OF SEVERAL LOCAL AGENCIES INCLUDING KENNEWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:06]

<we hunt the offenders, and we do proactive investigations as well to try and stop it before it happens.>

COMMANDER JANSEN TELLS ME THAT THEY WORK TO SOLVE THE CRIMES ONCE THEY HAPPEN BUT THE GOAL IS PREVENTION.

I ALSO SPOKE WITH CLAIRE VENEMA WHO IS COMMUNITY OUTREACH SPECIALIST WITH RICHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT WHO TELLS ME THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO PROTECT YOUR KIDS ONLINE

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:12]

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

<so the biggest thing for parents i always say is, really keep in touch with your kids is a big thing. maybe don't let them take phones into the bedroom with them at night, or keep them out in a place where you can see them.>

SHE TELLS ME THAT ASKING KIDS WHAT THEY'RE DOWNLOADING AND WHY IS VERY IMPORTANT. AND IF YOU DO COME ACROSS THINGS THAT SHOULDN'T BE ON YOUR CHILD'S PHONE THERE ARE STEPS A PARENT SHOULD TAKE.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:12]

<if you do come across materials that you think shouldn't be there or conversations that shouldn't be happening preserve the evidence. your inclination first may be to delete it, get rid of it it's you know, terrible. Don't.>

SHE TELLS ME THAT WITH GROWING ACCESS TO THESE DEVICES... THE SAFETY FEATURES ON THEM ARE GREAT BUT PARENTS STILL NEED TO KEEP AN EYE OUT. SHE TELLS ME PARENTS SHOULDN'T RELY FULLY ON THE SAFETY FEATURES LIKE SETTING TIME LIMITS ON APPS, AND REQUIRING A PASSWORD OR PARENT PERMISSION FOR APP DOWNLOADS.

PARENTS SHOULD ALWAYS MONITOR WHAT THEIR KIDS ARE DOING ONLINE.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:07]

<Having those open lines of communication and understanding what is your child downloading or interaction on is going to be big.>

2/26/24

Yakima Homicide- pkg: 2:13

[TAKE: ON CAM]

IN depth TONIGHT--

THE YAKIMA COUNTY CORONER HAS CONFIRMED THE IDENTITY OF THE WOMAN FOUND DEAD LATE LAST WEEK IN YAKIMA-

THE CORNER SAYS ANA GUZMAN WAS IN HER EARLY 70S-- AND DIED FROM "SHARP FORCE INJURIES TO THE CHEST."

THE YAKIMA POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS ARRESTED ONE PERSON IN CONNECTION TO HER DEATH.

THEY SAY THE SUSPECT--JULIO GUZMAN--IS HER SON -- and HE APPEARED IN COURT TODAY --

TOMAS D'ANELLA WAS AT THE HEARING AND LOOKED THROUGH GUZMAN'S COURT DOCUMENTS --

[TAKE PKG]

[TAKE :ON CAM DURATION:0:11]

<Julio Guzman will remain in police custody after his preliminary court hearing set his bail at \$1.5 million. Police say his list of crimes include the murder of his own mother>

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:16]

<A judicial officer Judge Naught found probable cause for a burglary in the first degree. Malicious mischief and third degree felony harassment, murder in the second degree, eluding obstruction of law enforcement officer resisting arrest, and another count of eluding>

[TAKE VO]

ON FEBRUARY 23--A COWORKER CALLED POLICE TO REQUEST A WELFARE CHECK ON ANA GUZMAN WHO DID NOT SHOW UP TO WORK.

COURT DOCUMENTS SHOW THAT OFFICERS ENTERED HER HOME TO FIND HER DEAD IN THE DINING ROOM --AT THAT TIME---RESPONDING OFFICERS BELIEVED HER DEATH WAS A HOMICIDE -

THOSE DOCUMENTS ALSO SHOW THAT ANA'S SON - JULIO GUZMAN - WAS AT THE HOME WHEN POLICE ARRIVED--BUT DROVE AWAY WHEN OFFICERS TRIED TO TALK TO HIM

WHILE THE YAKIMA POLICE DEPARTMENT WAS STILL LOOKING THROUGH THE CRIME SCENE--GUZMAN WAS SEEN DRIVING IN ANOTHER PART OF TOWN -- COURT DOCUMENTS SAY POLICE TRIED TO STOP HIM BUT WERE UNABLE TO -

ON SATURDAY FEBRUARY 24TH --Y-P-D SAYS GUZMAN REPORTED TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WHERE HE CONFESSED TO STRANGLING AND THEN STABBING HIS MOTHER --

AT THE COURT HEARING -- THE YAKIMA COUNTY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE PUSHED HARD FOR A HIGH BAIL AMOUNT -- BECAUSE ACCORDING TO COURT DOCUMENTS -- THIS WASNT THE FIRST TIME THAT GUZMAN HAS BEEN A RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY -- EVEN GOING AS FAR AS CALLING HIM -- THE epitome of a danger to the community --

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:15]

<In one of these cases the defendant showed his danger by kicking down a door, screaming at people inside, telling them that they need to pay rent despite the defendant not being the landlord or responsible in anyway for the victim's premises.>

[TAKE :ON CAM DURATION:0:09]

<Julio Guzman's arraignment has been set for March 11. In Yakima Tomas D'Anella fox first at ten.>

2/26/24

Red Tea Garden Deadly Robbery Suspect Turns Self In- natpop&vosot: 2:04

[TAKE :ON CAM]

in continuing coverage tonight --

POLICE SAY THE SUSPECT OF THE DEADLY ROBBERY IN MILTON FREEWATER IS NOW IN CUSTODY... AFTER TURNING HERSELF IN. -

THAT SUSPECT has been identified as EMERALD JULIA PENA -- ACCORDING TO THE MILTON FREEWATER POLICE CHIEF -- JOE SHURTZ -- PENA TURNED HERSELF INTO THE UMATILLA COUNTY JAIL ON CHARGES OF MANSLAUGHTER AND ROBBERY --

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

CHIEF SHURTZ SAYS THE 39-YEAR-OLD TURNED HERSELF IN *LAST NIGHT AROUND 9:30. (SUN. FEB. 25TH) --

NOW POLICE SAY THE CASE IS BEING FORWARDED TO THE UMATILLA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE -

[TAKE VO]

LAST WEEK -- CHIEF SHURTZ TOLD US POLICE HAD PROBABLE CAUSE TO ARREST PENA FOR THE DEADLY ROBBERY THAT HAPPENED ON FEBRUARY 18TH -- AT THE RED TEA GARDEN CHINESE RESTAURANT --

ACCORDING TO POLICE - PENA WAS IN THE BAR OF THE RESTAURANT WHEN SHE TOOK THE CASH DRAWER FROM THE REGISTER AND LEFT --

POLICE SAY THAT PENA WAS CONFRONTED OUTSIDE AND THEN CAME BACK INTO THE RESTAURANT -- HOWEVER -- POLICE HAVE *NOT RELEASED THE DETAILS ABOUT HOW THE RESTAURANT OWNER DIED --

[TAKE :ON CAM]

TODAY I SPOKE TO THE VICTIMS DAUGHTER SALLY ZHU (ZOO) -- WHO IDENTIFIES THE RESTAURANT OWNER -- AS HER MOM -- SHU YI {SHOO-YEE} WU {WOO) -

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I ASKED HER HOW SHE FEELS ABOUT PENA TURNING HERSELF IN --

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:32]

<NOT ONLY DID SHE TAKE AWAY MY MOMS LIFE SHE RUINED THE LIVES OF ME AND MY SIBLINGS - SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY - IF JUST WANTED TO SAY THANK YOU SO MUCH TO EVERYONE IN THE SMALL COMMUNITY FOR ALL THE SUPPORT YOU HAVE SHOWN FOR US - IT HAS REALLY CAME AS A SURPRISE TO ME AND MY SIBLINGS

JUST HOW MANY PEOPLE LOVED AND KNEW OF MU MOM IN MILTONFREEWATER IN BOTH WALLAWALLA -- SHE WAS A VERY GENEROUS PERSON SHE SHARED HER KINDNESS OVER THERE AND SPREAD HER KINDNESS OVER THERE WITH THE COMMUNITY>

[TAKE :CONT VO]

SINCE THE ROBBERY -- A MEMORIAL HAS BEEN GROWING IN FRONT OF THE RESTAURANT SHE OWNED WITH FLOWERS AND CANDLES - FROM THE COMMUNITY --

WE HAVE REACHED BACK OUT TO POLICE AND THE WALLA WALLA CORONER TODAY FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS CASE-- WE'LL LET YOU KNOW WHEN WE HEAR BACK --

2/26/24

Two Men Indicted for Trying to Sell Meth- fsmapfs: 0:44

[TAKE: ON CAM]

IN A CRIME TRACKER ALERT--

TWO MEN ARE FACING CHARGES FOR POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE 50 GRAMS OR MORE OF PURE METH

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

THIS IS ACCORDING TO THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON --

THE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SAYS LAST MONTH (JAN. 2024), HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS (HSI) FOUND OUT ONE OF THE MEN-- JESUS BIRRUETA-MENDOZA HAD ACCESS TO 50 POUNDS OF METH AND WAS OFFERING TO "FRONT" A SAMPLE OF THE PRODUCT.

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

INVESTIGATORS SET UP A FAKE DRUG SALE - -AND SAY THE SECOND MAN WAS IN THE CAR-- AND THAT'S WHEN THEY ARRESTED BOTH OF THEM.

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

THE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SAYS AGENTS GOT A SEARCH WARRANT FOR THE CAR.

IN A BAG ON THE BACK SEAT, THEY SAY THEY FOUND 25 INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED PACKAGES OF METH.

2/27/24

Red Tea Garden Suspect Charged- fs: 0:31

[TAKE: ON CAM]

in continuing coverage tonight --

WE HAVE an update ON THE DEADLY ROBBERY IN MILTON-FREEWATER.

THE WOMAN WHO POLICE SAY TURNED HERSELF IN HAS NOW BEEN CHARGED ACCORDING TO COURT DOCUMENTS.

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

DOCUMENTS SAY EMERALD JULIA PENA WAS ARRAIGNED IN UMATILLA COUNTY YESTERDAY (MONDAY, FEB. 26) AND CHARGED WITH FIRST DEGREE ROBBERY AND SECOND DEGREE MANSLAUGHTER.

THOSE DOCUMENTS SAY THIS IS FOR THE DEADLY ROBBERY AT THE RED TEA GARDEN RESTAURANT ON FEB. 18TH.

HER BAIL HAS ALSO BEEN SET AT 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS... ACCORDING TO COURT DOCUMENTS.

2/28/24

Explosive Device Found in Student's Home- vosot: 1:16

[TAKE: ON CAM]

A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT IS BOOKED INTO THE BENTON FRANKLIN JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER FOR POSSESSION OF AN EXPLOSIVE DEVICE... ACCORDING TO THE KENNEWICK POLICE DEPARTMENT.

[TAKE VO]

K-P-D AND THE RICHLAND BOMB SQUAD INVESTIGATED A HOME ON SOUTH HARRISON STREET AFTER GETTING REPORTS OF A STUDENT POSSIBLY HAVING A BOMB... AUTHORITIES SAY THEY FOUND A DEVICE AND BOMB TECHS RENDERED IT SAFE AT THE HOME.

[TAKE VO]

YOU CAN SEE IN THIS VIDEO--

OUR REPORTER ON SCENE WATCHED AGENTS BRING SOMETHING OUT OF THE HOME IN A PINK BAG AND PUT IT IN THE BOMB SQUAD TRUCK...

K-P-D SAYS IT ALL STARTED THIS MORNING WHEN A STUDENT AT SOUTHRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL TOLD A RESOURCE OFFICER THEY THOUGHT ANOTHER STUDENT MIGHT HAVE A BOMB.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:10]

<We understand that this took a lot of courage for the student to come forward and report this, But ultimately, that student made the right decision and increased the safety for all the other students at the school.>

[TAKE :CONT VO]

COMMANDER MERKL WITH K-P-D SAYS IT WAS AFTER TALKING TO THE STUDENT WHO REPORTED IT-- THAT DETECTIVES DETERMINED THE DEVICE MAY HAVE BEEN AT THE HOME THEY SEARCHED.

OFFICERS SAY BECAUSE THE DEVICE WAS NOT FOUND ON CAMPUS THERE WAS NO DIRECT THREAT TO THE HIGH SCHOOL OR STUDENTS...

COMMANDER MERKL TELLS US THIS IS A GREAT REMINDER THAT IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING.

3/08/24

Child Molester Charged- vo: 1:07

[TAKE :ON CAM]

WE'RE LEARNING MORE ABOUT A 28-YEAR-OLD MAN WHO BENTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES ARRESTED FOR POSSIBLE CHILD SEX CRIMES...

WE WANT TO WARN YOU, SOME OF THE DETAILS IN THIS CASE ARE DISTURBING.

[TAKE VO]

28-YEAR-OLD JOSE VALENCIA FACES 3 COUNTS OF CHILD MOLESTATION AND ONE COUNT OF FOURTH DEGREE ASSAULT.

AN AFFIDAVIT FROM COURT DOCUMENTS CLAIMS VALENCIA MOLESTED FOUR SEPARATE VICTIMS... THE CHILDREN RANGING IN AGE FROM 13 YEARS OLD... TO AS YOUNG AS FIVE...

AFTER ALLEGATIONS WERE MADE AGAINST VALENCIA LAST YEAR... A DETECTIVE RAN A BACKGROUND CHECK AND FOUND VALENCIA HAD LIVED IN CALIFORNIA UNTIL 2019...

THE CHECK DETAILED THAT POLICE THERE HAD ARRESTED, CITED, OR DETAINED VALENCIA FOR SEXUAL BATTERY AND LEWD ACTS WITH A CHILD UNDER 14 YEARS OLD IN 2012... WHEN HE WAS 17.

VALENCIA'S BAIL IN THIS CASE IS SET AT 250-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

IF HE POSTS BAIL, PRE-TRIAL CONDITIONS LAY OUT THAT HE CANNOT CONTACT ANY MINORS UNDER 18... AND STAY AWAY FROM ANY PLACE WHERE ACTIVITIES FOR MINORS ARE HAPPENING... LIKE POOLS, PLAYGROUNDS, AND SCHOOLS.

HIS NEXT COURT DATE IS SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 20TH.

3/08/24

Cause of Death for 13-Year-Old Killed- pkg: 1:08

[TAKE :ON CAM]

WE NOW KNOW THE CAUSE OF DEATH FOR THE 13-YEAR-OLD WHO DIED IN A SHOOTING JUST OVER A WEEK AGO.

THE BENTON COUNTY CORONER HAS COMPLETED THE AUTOPSY.

THEY FOUND THE BOY DIED FROM A GUNSHOT WOUND TO THE NECK.

MAX HUGHES HAS BEEN COVERING THIS SHOOTING SINCE IT HAPPENED AND HAS THE LATEST FROM THE CORONER'S OFFICE.

[TAKE PKG]

THE BENTON COUNTY CORNER'S OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED THIS SHOOTING AS A HOMICIDE. BUT... IN WASHINGTON STATE TAKING THE LIFE OF ANOTHER AUTOMATICALLY MAKES IT A HOMICIDE.

AS A REMINDER THIS SHOOTING OCCURRED LAST WEEK AT A HOME IN KENNEWICK.

TWO OTHER TEENAGERS WERE IN THE HOUSE AT THE TIME OF THE SHOOTING,

POLICE TELL US THE TEENAGERS INVOLVEMENT IS UNDER INVESTIGATION.

I REACHED OUT TO THE PROSECUTORS OFFICE TODAY -

THEY SAY THEY HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANYTHING FROM POLICE..... SO THERE WON'T BE ANY CHARGES UNTIL POLICE COMPLETE THE INVESTIGATION.

I REACHED OUT TO K-P-D TO GET AN UPDATE ON THE INVESTIGATION. I WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN I HEAR BACK.

LAST WEEK K-P-D REMINDED US THAT STATE LAW REQUIRES PARENTS TO KEEP FIREARMS OUT OF UNSUPERVISED KIDS HANDS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GUN SAFETY ADVICE FROM K-P-D YOU CAN VISIT OUR WEBSITE NON STOP LOCAL.COM

IN KENNEWICK MAX HUGHES NONSTOP LOCAL.

3/11/24

Trooper Gadd Procession Preview & Suspect Info- vo&vo: 1:01

in continuing coverage tonight --

WASHINGTON STATE PATROL IS PREPARING FOR TROOPER CHRISTOPHERGADD'S FUNERAL PROCESSION AND CEREMONY TOMORROW.

W-S-P SAYS THE PROCESSION WILL START AT 11...and WILL END IN EVERETT in the afternoon --

[TAKE VO]

THE MEMORIAL AT THE W-S-P HEADQUARTERS IN MARYSVILLE CONTINUES TO GROW FOR THE FALLEN TROOPER.

YOU MAY REMEMBER-- ON MARCH SECOND JUST BEFORE THREE IN THE MORNING-- W-S-P SAYS A DRIVER HIT AND KILLED TROOPER GADD ON SOUTHBOUND I-5 NEAR MARYSVILLE.

HE WAS A PASCO NATIVE.

[WIPE VO]

THE PERSON BEHIND BARS FOR KILLING him -- IS 32-YEAR-OLD RAUL BENITEZ SANTANA.

THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE SNOHOMISH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE CORRECTIONS BUREAU.

THEY SAY SANTANA STAYED AT THE SCENE AND WAS ARRESTED THAT MORNING. (MARCH 2ND)

THE CHARGES AGAINST SANTANA INCLUDE VEHICULAR HOMICIDE AND VEHICULAR ASSAULT.

HE'S BEING HELD ON A MILLION DOLLAR BOND --

ACCORDING TO THE IMMIGRATIONS AND CUSTOM ENFORCEMENT-- HE IS A MEXICAN CITIZEN AND IS ON AN IMMIGRATION DETAINER .

3/12/24

Felon Sentenced- vosot: 1:07

[ON CAM]

IN A CRIME TRACKER ALERT TONIGHT --

A KENNEWICK MAN WILL NOW SPEND MORE THAN SIX YEARS IN PRISON... ACCORDING TO THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON.

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

THE ATTORNEY'S OFFICE SAYS 60-YEAR-OLD MARK STEVEN WHITE PLEADED GUILTY TO TWO COUNTS OF "FELON IN POSSESSION OF A FIREARM."

AFTER HE'S RELEASED FROM PRISON, A JUDGE ORDERED HE MUST SERVE ANOTHER THREE YEARS UNDER SUPERVISED RELEASE.

COURT DOCUMENTS SAY IN MAY 2022- WHITE WAS INVOLVED IN A HIT-AND-RUN AND TRIED TO LEAVE THE SCENE.

HE WAS ARRESTED, BOOKED AND RELEASED.

A MONTH LATER-- A WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS ISSUED A WARRANT FOR WHITE'S ARREST.

U-S ATTORNEY VANESSA WALDREF SAYS SHE HOPES CASES LIKE THIS ONE SEND A MESSAGE.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:18]

<significant sentences in these cases that involve violent offenders who still have access to Firearms sends a message that we will not tolerate individuals who continue to cause harm in our community and we will pose federal charges that have significant sentences and significant Federal supervised release that protects our community>

WE HAVE THE FULL DETAILS FROM COURT DOCUMENTS ON OUR WEBSITE.

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01/01/24

New Washington Laws Take Effect- pkg: 1:47

[TAKE: ON CAM]

WELL IT'S OFFICIALY 20-24 AND STARTING TODAY, NEW WASHINGTON LAWS ARE GOING INTO EFFECT -- THAT'S ACCORDING TO THE STATE LEGISLATOR WEBSITE.

KAITLYN SMOCK TELLS US WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING TO BE CHANGING.

[TAKE PKG]

2024 IS BRINGING LOTS OF CHANGES TO WASHINGTON STATE LAWS,

AS OF TODAY, WASHINGTON STATE MINIMUM WAGE INCREASES TO 16 DOLLARS AND 28 CENTS.

ACCORDING TO WASHINGTON LABOR AND INDUSTRIES, THIS MINIMUM APPLIES TO ALL WORKERS OVER THE AGE OF 16. FOR WORKERS UNDER THE AGE OF 16, EMPLOYERS CAN PAY 85 PERCENT OF THE MINIMUM WHICH WILL BE 13.84.

CITIES CAN STILL SET HIGHER WAGES THAN THE STATE MINIMUM -- SEATTLE, SEATAC, AND TUKWILA HAVE HIGHER MINIMUM WAGES --

THIS WILL ALSO CHANGE MINIMUM SALARY THRESHOLDS FOR OVERTIME-EXEMPT EMPLOYEES.

THE 2024 THRESHOLD FOR OVERTIME-EXEMPT WORKERS IS TWO TIMES THE MINIMUM WAGE WHICH MEANS THESE WORKERS MUST EARN AT LEAST ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS A WEEK OR JUST UNDER SIXTY EIGHT THOUSAND A YEAR.

FOR QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE NEW WAGE INCREASE CONTACT WASHINGTON STATE LABOR AND INDUSTRIES AT 1-866-219-7321

NOW, SOME EMPLOYERS WILL NOT BE ABLE TO TEST FOR MARIJUANA USE DURING THE HIRING PROCESS UNDER HOUSE BILL 51-23.

ACCORDING TO THE FINAL BILL REPORT,

CANNABIS IS STILL CLASSIFIED AS A SCHEDULE I DRUG UNDER FEDERAL AND STATE LAW. AND SOME EXCEPTIONS TO THE NEW BILL WILL APPLY.

EMPLOYERS MAY TEST FOR CANNABIS USE IF THE JOB REQUIRES A DRUG-FREE WORKPLACE UNDER FEDERAL LAW.

THESE JOBS INCLUDE:

LAW ENFORCEMENT.

FIRST RESPONDERS INCLUDING 9-1-1 DISPATCHERS AND FIREFIGHTERS.

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS INCLUDING STAFF IN JAILS OR DETENTION FACILITIES.

AND POSITIONS IN AIRLINE OR AEROSPACE INDUSTRIES.

01/01/24

New Oregon Laws Take Effect- fssotfs: 1:07

[TAKE: ON CAM]

JUST LIKE WASHINGTON -- OREGON IS SEEING SOME CHANGES WITH THE HUNDREDS OF BILLS GOING INTO EFFECT TODAY -- SO LETS BREAK SOME OF THOSE DOWN.

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

STARTING WITH HOUSE BILL 20-10. THIS BILL SAYS THE STATE WILL START A PROGRAM TO FUND WATER SUPPLIERS AND ENHANCE DRINKING WATER.

THIS ALSO REQUIRES THE OREGON STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO STUDY THE WATER AND REPORT BACK TO TO THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 15TH.

LAURA GLEIM {GLIME} IS THE SPOKESPERSON FOR THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY -- AND SHE TELLS US TESTING WATER IS VERY IMPORTANT, ESPECIALLY FOR RESIDENTS ON PRIVATE DRINKING WATER WELLS.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:14]

<Nitrate contamination is common in ground water in agricultural areas throughout Oregon and the United States. That's because nitrogen is used in fertilizer that's applied to crop fields.>

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

HOUSE BILL 32-01 REQUIRES THE OREGON BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO GIVE FUNDS TO SUPPORT BROADBAND ACCESS AND MAKE IT AFFORDABLE. THIS WILL ALSO MAKE SURE THAT UNSERVED OR UNDERSERVED AREAS GET PREFERENCE.

YOU CAN FIND THE FULL BREAKDOWN OF THE LAWS ON OUR WEBSITE.

01/03/24

Richland Traffic Safety Program- fsvo: 0:34

[TAKE: ON CAM]

IN SAFETY NEWS NOW -- REGARDING IMPROVING NEIGHBORHOODS TO HELP KEEP YOU SAFE.

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

WELL THAT'S THE GOAL OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND'S NEW SAFETY PROGRAM -- WHICH IS CALLED THE NEIGHBORHOOD TRAFFIC SAFETY OR N-T-S PROGRAM.

THE CITY OF RICHLAND SAYS THIS AIMS TO TO IMPROVE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY BY REDUCING TRAFFIC SPEEDS AND CUT-THROUGH TRAFFIC.

[TAKE VO]

THE CITY SAYS REQUESTS FOR A STREET OR NEIGHBORHOOD REVIEW CAN BE SUBMITTED YEAR-ROUND, BUT THOSE THAT ARE RECEIVED BEFORE FEBRUARY 28TH OF EACH YEAR -- WILL BE EVALUATED AND SCORED FOR FURTHER REVIEW AND POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION THAT SAME YEAR.

01/08/24

Homelessness Services- pkg: 3:30

[TAKE: ON CAM]

GOING IN DEPTH NOW--

AP NEWS REPORTED THAT IN 2023 -- HOMELESSNESS ROSE 12 PERCENT.

THEY SAY RISING RENT PRICES AND THE DECREASE OF COVID PANDEMIC RELIEF FUNDING ARE TO BLAME.

CRISTIAN GARZA LOOKS INTO WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP PEOPLE.

[TAKE PKG]

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:16]

<POSSIBLY A LOT OF THE INCREASE HAS TO DO WITH US NOT BUILDING ENOUGH HOUSING AVAILABLE FOR EVERYBODY BUT WHEN YOU START TALKING ABOUT PEOPLE LOSING HOUSING BECAUSE OF EVICTIONS WE HAVE BEEN THERE TO SUPPORT THAT>

ACCORDING TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS -- HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT SECRETARY MARCIA FUDGE - SAYS THAT NATIONAL DATA FROM 2023'S POINT-IN-TIME SURVEY SHOWS THAT THERE IS AN URGENT NEED FOR SOLUTIONS TO HELP PEOPLE QUICKLY EXIT HOMELESSNESS AND PREVENT IT FROM HAPPENING IN THE FIRST PLACE -- AFTER IT SHOWS THAT THERE WERE 70 THOUSAND 650 MORE HOMELESS PEOPLE IN 2023 THAN A YEAR EARLIER --

IN JUST THE LAST YEAR HERE LOCALLY , PROGRAM SPECIALIST - GLORIA CALDWELL - AND HER TEAM TELL ME THAT THEY HAVE HELPED OVER 3 THOUSAND PEOPLE WHO NEED HELP PAYING RENT HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY -- SO THAT WAY THEY DONT END UP ON THE STREETS WITHOUT A PLACE TO STAY --

<THIS FUNDING COMES FROM COMMERCE ITS NOT THE COUNTIES MONEY - OR OUR TAXES MONEY HERE- ITS COMING FROM COMMERCE>

CALDWELL SAYS THAT THE FUNDING THEY GET FROM COMMERCE IS THE MONEY THAT WAS LEFT OVER FROM THE ORIGINAL COVID PANDEMIC RELIEF FUND THAT WAS GRANTED TO THEM FROM THE STATE--

CALDWELL TELLS ME THAT EVEN THOUGH HER TEAM IS SMALL - IT HAS A LOT OF PEOPLE ASKING FOR HELP TO PAY THEIR RENT - SHE SAYS THAT AT THIS POINT THEY ARE ACTUALLY 3 TO 4 WEEKS BEHIND ON ALL OF THE APPLICATIONS THEY HAVE FOR ASSISTANCE - SHE TELLS ME THAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY WORKING ON 200 APPLICATIONS -- CALDWELL TELLS ME THAT HER AND HER TEAM TRY THEIR BEST TO HELP EVERYONE WHO ASKS FOR HELP -- BUT THAT THE COMMUNITY NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND THAT --

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:13]

<THOSE PROGRAMS ARE ENDING - THEY ARE JUST THERE TO ASSIST YOU BUT NOT TO BE COMING BACK EVERY FEW MONTHS AND SAYING THAT I CANT MAKE RENT I CANT MAKE RENT>

ACCORDING TO THE ASSOCIATED PRESS - LAST YEAR OVER 650 THOUSAND PEOPLE WERE HOMELESS - WHICH IT SAYS IS THE MOST SINCE THEY STARTED THE YEARLY POINT IN TIME SURVEY - BACK IN 2007 - AP REPORTS THAT THE UNITED STATES EXPERIENCED A 12 PERCENT INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS THIS LAST YEAR ALONE - WHICH IS THE HIGHEST REPORTED LEVEL SINCE THE SURVEY BEGAN 17 YEARS AGO - I HAD THE CHANCE TO SPEAK WITH ANDREW PORTER - THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE UNION GOSPEL MISSION IN PASCO -- AND HE TELLS ME THAT FROM 2022 TO 2023 THAT --

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:14]

<WE HAVE SEEN JUST OVER A 30 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE THAT ARE COMING TO THE MISSION FOR HELP AND STAYING THE NIGHT - BETWEEN OUR MENS AND WOMENS SHELTERS - WE SEE ABOUT 140 PEOPLE A DAY RIGHT NOW THAT ARE STAYING WITH US >

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:23]

<IT WOULD BE REALLY IMPORTANT FOR OUR COMMUNITY FOR ALL THE PEOPLE TO COME TOGETHER - LIKE THE MISSION LIKE ALL THE PEOPLE WHO ASSIST THE HOMELESS ALL COME TOGETHER AND REALLY ASSESS WHAT ARE YOU HELPING THEM WITH BECAUSE BOTTOM LINE IS THAT WE NEED TO BE TOGETHER TO MAKE A CHANGE>

01/10/24

PSC Parking Rates Change- fs: 0:24

[TAKE :ON CAM]

ALSO NEW.

THE PORT OF PASCO IS RAISING PARKING RATES AT THE AIRPORT -- STARTING IN MARCH.

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

THE PORT OF PASCO SAYS THE MONEY FROM THE INCREASED PRICES WILL GO TOWARDS PARKING IMPROVEMENTS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

THE LONG-TERM AND CREDIT CARD LOTS ARE GOING UP TO 12-DOLLARS A DAY -- WHICH IS A 2-DOLLAR INCREASE.

THE SHORT-TERM LOT IS GOING UP TO 16-DOLLARS A DAY, A 3-DOLLAR RAISE.

HOURLY PARKING RATES WILL STAY THE SAME.

02/23/24

Prosser Police Chief Resigns- fsfsfs: 1:03

[TAKE: ON CAM]

THE CITY OF PROSSER ANNOUNCES THE RESIGNATION OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE.

POLICE CHIEF -- JAY KING SUBMITTED HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION TO THE CITY TODAY AND ACCORDING TO THE CITY THAT'S EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY --

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

THE CITY THANKS CHIEF KING FOR HIS SERVICE AND DEDICATION DURING HIS TENURE AND WISHES HIM THE VERY BEST IN HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS --

THE CITY SAYS SERGEANT -- JOHN MARKUS -- WILL CONTINUE IN HIS APPOINTED POSITION AS THE INTERIM POLICE CHIEF UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

ACCORDING TO THE CITY OF PROSSER -- KING WAS PLACED ON ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE BACK ON JANUARY 11TH --

THE CITY SAYS THIS WAS FOR A "THIRD PARTY INVESTIGATION" AFTER POLICE DEPARTMENT STAFF MADE ALLEGATIONS AGAINST HIM-

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

WE REACHED OUT TO KING'S OFFICE TODAY AND WE WERE SENT THIS STATEMENT THAT *HE SENT TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

IN IT-- KING SAYS HE HAS 33 YEARS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT EXPERIENCE.

HE GOES ON TO SAY IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN HIS INTENTION TO DO WHAT'S BEST FOR THE DEPARTMENT AND HE BELIEVES RIGHT NOW IT MAY BE SERVED BETTER BY SOMEONE ELSE.

02/23/24

Biden Admin. Historic Agreement with Tribes- vosotsot: 1:52

[TAKE :ON CAM]

IN A BIG STORY--

TODAY AN HISTORIC AGREEMENT WAS SIGNED BETWEEN THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION AND THE "SIX SOVEREIGNS" REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE UPPER COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN.

[TAKE VO]

ICE HARBOR DAM IS ONE OF MANY DAMS IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST-- AND IS PART OF THAT AGREEMENT-- TO HELP RESTORE NATURAL RESOURCES TO THE AREA.

ACCORDING TO A WHITE HOUSE FACT SHEET -- THE AGREEMENT IS A *10 YEAR PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN BOTH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND TRIBES WITHIN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST --

THE ULTIMATE GOAL-- IS TO NOT ONLY RESTORE WILD FISH POPULATION BUT ALSO TO EXPAND CLEAN ENERGY AND ENSURE ENERGY STABILITY FOR EVERY COMMUNITY THAT RELIES ON THESE WATER SYSTEM FOR AGRICULTURE, RECREATION AND TRANSPORTATION-- ACCORDING TO THE FACT SHEET.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:16]

<we can and must restore Columbia basin salmon and working together we can and will do so in a way that ensures all our communities have the energy and other resources they need for generations to come>

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:11]

<there is an important component of this agreement that is not fish it's energy - its the opportunity to build our clean energy economy - which is so inspiring and gives us such cause for optimism>

[TAKE: CONT VO]

HOWEVER -- STATE LEADERS - LIKE CONGRESSWOMAN CATHY MCMORRIS RODGERS - HAVE AND CONTINUE TO CHIME IN ABOUT THE AGREEMENT'S IMPACT ON THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST -- SAYING HOW NOT ENOUGH VOICES WERE HEARD FROM POWER AND AGRICULTURE BUSINESSES WHEN IT WAS INITIALLY DISCUSSED --

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:12]

<its not how government was designed to work setting public policy through a secret negotiated agreement rather than the people and the peoples representative>

[TAKE :CONT VO]

TO FIND MORE INFORMATION ON WHAT LOCAL LEADERS BOTH FOR AND AGAINST THE AGREEMENT -- WE HAVE IN DEPTH COVERAGE OF EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ON OUR WEBSITE.

02/23/24

Two Cultures Community Powwow- vosot: 0:55

[TAKE :ON CAM]

AND IN CASE YOU MISSED THIS...

THE TWO CULTURES ONE COMMUNITY POWWOW IN PENDLETON KICKS OFF TODAY!

[TAKE VO]

THE POWWOW IS A NATIVE AMERICAN CEREMONY THAT TRADITIONALLY WAS HELD WHEN WARRIORS CAME BACK FROM BATTLE.

THIS IS THE FIRST POWWOW HOSTED AT THE CONVENTION CENTER.

THE POWWOW HAS CONCERTS, DANCES AND DRUMMING CONTESTS.

WE SPOKE WITH A MEMBER OF TWO CULTURES ONE COMMUNITY WHO SPENDS HIS TIME HELPING LOCAL SCHOOLS.

HE HOPES THIS EVENT HELPS NOT JUST NATIVE AMERICANS BUT NON-NATIVES TOO.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:19]

<Hopefully they'll go away with the know good feeling and understanding what it is and how we appreciate who we are and that we just appreciate one another as people what our elders had had stood for. You know, maintaining, retaining culture, language and mainly respect again.>

[TAKE: CONT VO]

YOU CAN CHECK IT OUT TONIGHT UNTIL 11 PM, FROM NOON TO MIDNIGHT TOMORROW AND NOON TO 6 ON SUNDAY.

02/28/24

Tri-Cities Airport Coville Art Displays- vosot: 0:56

[TAKE: ON CAM]

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT--

THE NEXT TIME YOU WALK THROUGH THE TRI-CITIES AIRPORT TO CATCH A FLIGHT-- YOU'LL SEE NEW ARTWORK ON THE WALLS.

[TAKE VO]

IT'S A NEW THREE-PIECE ART DISPLAY-- FROM THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF COLVILLE.

AIRPORT DIRECTOR BUCK TAFT TELLS US EACH PIECE REPRESENTS A DIFFERENT CORE THEME-- LIKE HISTORY, HOMELAND AND TRIBAL COMMUNITY AMONG THE 12 BANDS.

TAFT TELLS US THESE ROTATING DISPLAYS AIM TO HIGHLIGHT LOCAL TRADITIONS AND SHOW OFF THE REGION.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:18]

<I think it's always nice to have that historical and cultural feel and identity and idea in the airport and make sure the traveling public knows about our area and about about the people that that make up this this area.>

[TAKE: CONT VO]

TAFT SAYS THE DISPLAYS ARE ALL INTERACTIVE AND HAVE Q-R CODES YOU CAN SCAN TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THAT PIECE AND THE HISTORY IT'S HIGHLIGHTING.

03/08/24

International Women's Day- vosot: 1:01

[TAKE: ON CAM]

TODAY IS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY!

EACH YEAR THE UNITED NATIONS CHOOSES A THEME... THIS YEAR'S IS "INVEST IN WOMEN: ACCELERATE PROGRESS"

[TAKE VO]

ACCORDING TO FORBES, ALMOST 40 PERCENT OF ALL SMALL-BUSINESSES IN THE U-S ARE WOMEN-OWNED.

WE SPOKE WITH TWO SISTERS WHO OWN A BAKERY IN KENNEWICK ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF INVESTING IN WOMEN.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:28]

<Honestly, I feel like sometimes people are still surprise when they find out a business is completely women owned and there's not a man involved in any way. And I think it's important to highlight women owned business because we are here, and we are highly capable. And I think that's important to show that. Not only for other women but for little girls coming up, to give them an example to show them 'hey this is what you can do too.' you know- this is not impossible you are capable you can do this. >

[TAKE :CONT VO]

THE CO-OWNER OF LAYERED CAKE ARTISTRY SAYS THEY ARE VERY PROUD TO BE PART OF A COMMUNITY THAT UPLIFTS WOMEN RUNNING SMALL BUSINESSES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BAKERY AND THE OWNERS, HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE.

03/12/24

Clover Island Award- vosot: 0:48

[TAKE: ON CAM]

SHARING THE GOOD TONIGHT...

THE PORT OF KENNEWICK IS GIFTED AN AWARD FOR ITS RESTORATION OF CLOVER ISLAND. THAT RESTORATION TOOK NEARLY TWO YEARS.

[TAKE VO]

GOVERNOR JAY INSLEE'S OFFICE GAVE OUT THE AWARD.

THE PORT OF KENNEWICK PARTNERED WITH MULTIPLE ORGANIZATIONS AND THE CONFEDERATED TRIBE OF THE UMATILLA INDIAN RESERVATION ON THE PROJECT. THE RESTORATION HELPED TURN THE SHORELINE INTO A MORE SUSTAINABLE HABITAT.

[TAKE SOT DURATION: 0:14]

<It's very important that we do these things. It's not just for our tribe, but for the communities. It's a great thing when a community can recognize each other.>

[TAKE: CONT VO]

HE ALSO SAYS ITS IMPORTANT TO PROTECT PLACES LIKE THIS SO THE ARTISTRY AND RESOURCES ARE PRESERVED FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

03/14/24

Gov. Signs Bill to Recognize Lunar New Year- vo: 0:30

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT--

MORE REASONS TO CELEBRATE...

LUNAR NEW YEAR IS NOW RECOGNIZED AS A HOLIDAY IN THE STATE OF WASHINGTON .

[TAKE VO]

GOVERNOR INSLEE WAS JOINED BY MEMBERS OF THE ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER (AANHPI) COMMUNITIES YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY) TO SIGN HOUSE BILL 2209.

UNDER THE LEGISLATION, LUNAR NEW YEAR IS ESTABLISHED AS A LEGISLATIVELY RECOGNIZED HOLIDAY IN WASHINGTON.

THE DEMOCRATS SAY THIS HISTORIC MOVE CELEBRATES DIVERSITY AND CULTURAL RICHNESS IN THE STATE WOVEN BY THE A-A-N-H-P-I COMMUNITIES.

03/15/24

Polar Plunge Preview- vosot: 1:00

[TAKE VO]

SHARING THE GOOD--

HUNDREDS OF BRAVE TRI-CITIANAS WILL JUMP INTO THE COLUMBIA RIVER SATURDAY MORNING FOR THE POLAR PLUNGE.

IT'S A WAY TO RAISE MONEY FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS WASHINGTON!

THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS SAYS THEIR STAFF POSTPONED THE POLAR PLUNGE THIS PAST JANUARY BECAUSE OF THE *DANGEROUSLY COLD TEMPERATURES.

KOBE BOWER IS A COORDINATOR FOR THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS SHE TELLS US *SOME PEOPLE TRY TO PREPARE IN ADVANCE.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:13]

<They will do lots of ice baths, they'll be running in the cold water, excuse me the cold weather and try to do that. Most of them, they just try to fundraise and then hope it's not too cold that day.>

[TAKE: CONTINUE VO]

BOWER SAYS AFTER PLUNGING IN THE COLD WATER, THEY *WILL HAVE WAYS FOR THOSE TO GET WARM.

THERE WILL BE HOT TUBS AND HOT CHOCOLATE, AND HEATED CHANGING ROOMS.

IF YOU WANT TO TAKE THE PLUNGE-- YOU CAN REGISTER UP UNTIL THE EVENT AND THAT OPENS AT NINE TOMORROW MORNING.

BOWER SAYS SHE WILL BE JUMPING IN TOO-- TELLING US SHE *WOULDN'T ASK PEOPLE TO DO IT IF SHE WASN'T GOING TO *DO IT HERSELF.

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Education

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FAFSA Changes Causing Problems- vosot: 0:47

[TAKE :ON CAM]

IN YOUR MONEY NEWS.

A NEW VERSION OF THE FEDERAL STUDENT AID APPLICATION -- BETTER KNOWN AS FAFSA WAS SET TO OFFICIALLY OPEN UP FOR FAMILIES ON DECEMBER 30TH -- BUT IT'S HAD A ROCKY LAUNCH.

[TAKE VO]

THE SITE WAS ONLY ABLE TO HANDLE A LIMITED Number of USERS -- LEAVING THE REST TO DEAL WITH GLITCHES AND OTHERS BEING LOGGED OFF COMPLETELY.

THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION EXPECTS MORE THAN 17 MILLION TEENAGERS TO APPLY THIS YEAR BUT THE HICCUPS IN THE SYSTEM HAVE CAUSED FAMILIES TO PANIC.

[TAKE SOT]

<we can't make any decisions about college until we have the financial aid information even my daughter were to receive acceptance letter we wouldn't be able to accept until we get that financial information through the fafsa">

[TAKE :CONT VO]

MAJOR CHANGES WERE MADE TO THE FORM FOR 2024 LIKE SHORTENING IT DOWN TO JUST UNDER 40 QUESTIONS.

01/04/24

Yakima Library Winter Reading Challenge- fsfs: 0:35

SHARING THE GOD NOW!

CALLING ALL READERS, THE YAKIMA VALLEY LIBRARIES' WINTER READING CHALLENGE IS NOW UNDERWAY!

IT RUNS UNTIL APRIL FIRST.

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

Y-V-L STAFF CAME UP WITH TWENTY-FOUR VARIOUS CREATIVE BOOK CATEGORIES ON A BOOK BINGO GAME CARD.

IF YOU GET A BINGO, MULTIPLE BINGOS, OR A BLACKOUT – YOU WILL BE ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE.

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

AND FOR THE FIRST TIME -- KIDS CAN TAKE PART THIS YEAR IN THE KIDS' WINTER ADVENTURE GAME.

LIBRARY CUSTOMERS CAN PICK UP THEIR BOOK BINGO CARD AT ANY OF Y-V-L'S SIXTEEN LIBRARY LOCATIONS OR THE BOOKMOBILE OR YOU CAN EVEN PRINT IT ONLINE.

WE HAVE THE LINK TO THAT UP ON OUR WEBSITE.

2/23/24

SSD Preschool for Migrant Students- vo: 0:33

[TAKE :ON CAM]

THE SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT IS REACHING OUT TO YOUNG LEARNERS IN A NEW WAY.

[TAKE VO]

THE DISTRICT SAYS ON MONDAY... SUN VALLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WILL WELCOME STUDENTS TO ITS NEW PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FOR MIGRANT STUDENTS.

S-S-D SAYS THEY'VE BEEN WORKING WITH A COLLABORTIVE ACTION TEAM SINCE LAST YEAR TO WORK OUT FUNDING, CURRICULUM AND ENROLLMENT FOR THE NEW PROGRAM.

TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM STUDENTS WILL NEED TO HAVE AN ACTIVE CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY TO VERIFY THEIR FAMILY HAS A BACKGROUND IN MIGRANT FARMWORK.

2/23/24

Sunnyside District Forum- fs: 0:27

MORE FROM THE SUNNYSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT--

THE LOWER YAKIMA VALLEY LATIN-X COALITION IS HOSTING AN OPEN FORUM ABOUT THE DISTRICT.

[TAKE: CG FULL PAGE]

THIS FORUM IS FOR PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO EXPRESS THEIR THOUGHTS AND CONCERNS ON ISSUES IN THE DISTRICT.

EVERYTHING DISCUSSED IN THIS FORUM WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE SCHOOL BOARD MEETING NEXT THURSDAY.

THE OPEN FORUM IS NEXT TUESDAY AT REMI'S EVENT CENTER IN SUNNYSIDE FROM 5:30 TO 7:30 PM.

2/20/24

KSD Board Meeting on Legislation- vosotsot: 1:44

[TAKE :ON CAM]

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT --

THE KENNEWICK SCHOOL BOARD UNANIMOUSLY PASSED A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE TWO WASHINGTON EDUCATION BILLS MAKING THEIR WAY THROUGH THE STATE SENATE TODAY.

[TAKE VO]

THE TWO BILLS--ARE RELATED TO BOOKS AND CURRICULUM THAT FOCUS ON MARGINALIZED GROUPS --

WE HAVE SEEN A LOT OF UPSET COMMUNITY MEMBERS, PARENTS, FORMER TEACHERS WHO WERE ANGERED ABOUT THE SCHOOL BOARD'S PROPOSAL.

THE K-S-D SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT TELLS US THE REASON FOR THE BOARD'S RESOLUTION IS TO KEEP LOCAL EDUCATION DECISIONS IN THE HANDS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD.

THE BOARD FEELS THESE BILLS WOULD RESTRICT WHAT KENNEWICK SCHOOLS TEACH.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:16]

<We're just asking the state not to mandate the curriculum and those things we spend our time going through this entire long process. Instructional process to make an approval on it and we're just asking that they don't encroach on that.>

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

HOUSE BILL 23-31 SAYS SCHOOL BOARDS CAN'T REFUSE TO APPROVE OR BAN INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS LIKE BOOKS THAT RELATES TO A PROTECTED CLASS --

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

SENATE BILL 54-62 IF PASSED WOULD REQUIRE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES THAT WOULD INCLUDE THE HISTORIES AS WELL AS CONTRIBUTIONS OF MARGINALIZED GROUPS.

[TAKE :ON CAM]

ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO OPPOSED THE K-S-D RESOLUTION WAS FORMER PASCO SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER AARON BEASLEY WHOSE KIDS WERE TAUGHT IN THE KENNEWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT.

HE SAYS THE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEEDS TO SLOW DOWN AND RESEARCH MORE.

2/23/24

Yakima Scholarships- fs: 0:25

IN YOUR MONEY NEWS--

YAKIMA FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN IS NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR ITS AWARD FOR ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM.

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

THE BANK SAYS IT HAS FUNDED THE PROGRAM WITH MORE THAN 200-THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR AWARDS TO SENIORS GRADUATING IN THE AREA.

THE INDIVIDUAL AWARDS ARE \$2,500 EACH.

THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS FRIDAY, APRIL 15TH AND WE HAVE A LIST OF REQUIREMENTS ON OUR WEBSITE.

3/15/24

Not Enough Childcare Investments- vosot: 0:51

ADVOCATES FOR ACCESSIBLE CHILD CARE SAW SOME WINS DURING WASHINGTON'S LEGISLATIVE SESSION BUT STILL SEE ROOM FOR IMPROVEMENT.

[TAKE VO]

LAWMAKERS INVESTED IN A NUMBER OF PROGRAMS THAT INCREASE FUNDING FOR CHILD-CARE PROVIDERS.

CHILD CARE AWARE OF WASHINGTON SAYS THE STATE IS BUILDING A FOUNDATION FOR UNIVERSAL ACCESS FOR FAMILIES.... BUT GAPS STILL REMAIN.

<"The funding this year and the funding so far doesn't address the child-care crisis for middle-income families, and it doesn't solve the issue of child-care providers not being able to make a living wage.">

[TAKE: CONT VO]

SOME OF THE INVESTMENTS INCLUDE...

ONE-POINT-75 MILLION DOLLARS FOR FREE INFANT AND EARLY CHILDHOOD MENTAL HEALTH CONSULTATIONS--

MORE THAN EIGHT MILLION FOR THE EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM--

AND NEARLY SEVEN MILLION IN ADDITIONAL GRANT MONEY FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR EARLY LEARNING FACILITIES.

3/14/24

Washington Students Mental Health Improves- fs: 0:44

[TAKE :ON CAM]

RESULTS OF THE 20-23 WASHINGTON HEALTHY YOUTH SURVEY WERE RELEASED YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY)...

ITS FINDINGS SHOW IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH IN STUDENTS.

ACCORDING TO THE WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THE STATE FEEL THAT THEY HAVE MORE SOCIAL SUPPORT.

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

D-O-H SCIENCE OFFICER DOCTOR TAO KWAN-GETT IS ENCOURAGED BY THE POSITIVE DATA TRENDS SAYING "WE SEE THESE AS A SIGN THAT OUR STATE'S SYSTEM OF FAMILIES, SCHOOLS, COMMUNITIES, AND PROGRAMS ARE HELPING TO SUPPORT YOUTH AND MAKE POSITIVE CHANGE...IT'S UP TO US TO KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM AND KEEP THINGS MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION,"

[TAKE :ON CAM]

OVERALL, THERE HAS BEEN A GRADUAL RECOVERY FROM THE HISTORICALLY LOW MENTAL HEALTH OUTCOMES DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN 20-21.

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Health

01/05/24

Newhouse 3rd Fentanyl Taskforce Meeting- vosot: 1:18

[TAKE :ON CAM]

TAKLING ABOUT THE FENTANYL CRISIS NOW.

TODAY REPRESENTATIVE DAN NEWHOUSE HOSTED ANOTHER FENTANYL TASK FORCE MEETING WITH AUTHORITIES, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS AND THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS

[TAKE VO]

THE TASK FORCE MET TODAY FOR THE THIRD TIME AND IS WORKING WITH ALL OF THESE VOICES IN THE COMMUNITY TO IDENTIFY THE PROBLEM, THAT'S ACCORDING TO NEWHOUSE

NEWHOUSE SAYS PEOPLE WORKING TO TREAT SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND OTHER AREAS NEED RESOURCES.

A SENTIMENT ECHOED AT A ROUND TABLE WITH A SIMILAR GROUP IN KENNEWICK WITH GOVERNOR INSLEE AT THE END OF LAST YEAR.

HE SAYS THE DATA THEY'RE COLLECTING IS NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME, BUT WILL HELP MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ON WHAT IS WORKING AND SHOWS A NEED FOR THOSE RESOURCES TO STATE, LOCAL AND EVEN FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS.

[TAKE SOT]

<Every community in our country is experiencing the devastating impacts of these drugs. And now we're starting to collect that data that illustrates that. And I think that that's going to help bring the resources necessary to bear to try to address some of these problems.>

[TAKE: CONT VO]

HE SAYS ONE THING THEY'RE LOOKING AT ARE THE OVERDOSE DEATH STATISTICS IN YAKIMA -- WITH 94 PEOPLE DYING IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 20-23 OUT OF THOUSANDS SAVED BY RESPONSE TEAMS.

WITH THOSE SUCCESSES AND FAILURES EACH GIVING THEM A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE THE TASK FORCE IS TRYING TO SOLVE.

01/08/24

Mabton Drinking Water- vosot: 0:51

[TAKE: ON CAM]

IN CONTINUING COVERAGE...

THE QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER ISN'T A NEW ISSUE FOR THE CITY OF MABTON.

ACCORDING TO A REPORT DONE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH IN 2014 -- ONE OF THE WELLS IN MABTON SHOWED LEVELS OF HYDROGEN SULFIDE IN THE WATER.

[TAKE VO]

PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN MABTON ARE STILL UPSET ABOUT THE PROBLEM.

ACCORDING TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH THE WATER IS SAFE TO DRINK BUT SOME PEOPLE WHO LIVE THERE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR ANSWERS.

RUBEN OLIVAREZ HAS LIVED IN MABTON HIS ENTIRE LIFE AND TELLS US IT'S PREVENTING HIM FROM DOING EVERYDAY TASKS.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:12]

<My wife uses bottled water for cooking. We use bottled water to drink and it's only me and her. When we shower I let the water run out of the faucet for a couple minutes before I jump in.>

[TAKE: CONT VO]

WE CALLED MABTON CITY HALL TO TRY TO GET SOME ANSWERS ABOUT THE DRINKING WATER.

THEY TOLD OUR REPORTER THEY "WEREN'T INTERESTED" IN COMMENTING.

01/09/24

Merit Recovery- llpkg: 1:54

[TAKE: ON CAM]

IN NEW INFORMATION.

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE IS LINKING A SPIKE IN DRUG INVOLVED OVERDOSE DEATHS -- IN PART-- TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

WE'VE SEEN POLITICANS LOOKING INTO HOW TO HELP PEOPLE FACING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS.

ONE PROMINENT SUGGESTION SUPPORTING MORE RECOVERY SERVICES.

MAX HUGHES SHOWS US HOW ONE PROGRAM IS DEMONSTRATING THAT.

[TAKE PKG]

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:12]

<You know, I was so down and out that I was grateful for any help at all. I mean, I didn't know I could be that grateful. You know it was my life.>

JAMES LOWE SAYS HE WAS ON THE VERGE OF DEATH AFTER THE COVID EVICTION MORATORIUM ENDED.

HE SAYS HE FOUND HIMSELF HOMELESS WHEN HIS FORMER LAND LORD RAISED THE COST OF RENT AND HE COULDN'T AFFORD IT.

AND HE TELLS ME AROUND LAST JANUARY HE RELAPSED AND DRANK FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER TWENTY YEARS.

AFTER TALKING WITH OTHER PEOPLE WORKING ON RECOVERY HE SAYS HE'S LEARNED IT CAN HAPPEN TO ANYBODY AND ALL IT TAKES IS THE PERFECT STORM.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:09]

<It's like getting sucker punch. You know? One minute you're standing there, the next minute you're on the floor going, What the hell happened? And you're dying.>

HIS SISTER SAYS SHE RECOMMENDED THE RECOVERY NAVIGATOR PROGRAM TO HIM AFTER SHE SAW HIS HEALTH GETTING WORSE.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:07]

<There's no words that I can wrap around. Seeing him on the streets, going down, down, down.>

SHE SAYS THE PROGRAM HELPED HIM, BUT IT DIDN'T DO ALL THE WORK FOR HIM,

WORKING WITH HIM TO GET RESOURCES HE NEEDS TO GET OUT OF A DIFFICULT PLACE IN LIFE.

LOWE SAYS AFTER WORKING WITH THE RECOVERY PROGRAM HE'S BEEN ABLE TO RECONNECT WITH HIS SON AND GRANDDAUGHTER AND HAS FOUND HOPE.

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:13]

<But just letting people know that there is help and that it is so isn't hopeless. You know, there are things that can be done. Resources. That's what they're called. Navigators, I suppose. >

01/10/24

Yakima Water P-FAS Free- fs: 0:12

[TAKE: ON CAM]

IN NEW INFORMATION.

TESTING CONTINUES AFTER CONTAMINATION FROM THE YAKIMA TRAINING CENTER.

FOR OVER A YEAR -- THE CITY OF YAKIMA HAS BEEN WORKING TO ENSURE THAT PEOPLE HAVE CLEAN WATER BY TESTING FOR {Pee-fuhs) P-FAS.

THE WATER AND IRRIGATION MANAGER FOR THE CITY SAYS IN PART--

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

"We tested all of our sources; four wells and our surface water (Naches River). Like last September, results showing PFAS not detected is great news, especially given the health and environmental concerns associated with these substances."

01/11/24

Library Warming Center Prep- pkg: 1:38

[TAKE :ON CAM]

LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE PLAYING A PART IN KEEPING PEOPLE WARM IN THE COMING FRIGID TEMPERATURES. THE MID COLUMBIA LIBRARIES ARE OPENING THEIR DOORS TO KEEP COMMUNITY MEMBERS SAFE.

DAN HANSON SPOKE TO THE UNION BRANCH ASSISTANT MANAGER AND SHE SAYS THAT BECAUSE IT HASN'T BEEN THAT COLD -- THERE HAVEN'T BEEN A LOT OF PEOPLE, BUT THEY EXPECT THAT TO CHANGE...

[TAKE PKG]

[TAKE SOT]

<A lot of times people will come in to find something to do just to stay warm.>

KATIE AMES IS THE ASSISTANT MANAGER AT THE MID COLUMBIA LIBRARIES UNION BRANCH IN KENNEWICK. SHE TELLS ME THEY ARE ONE OF THE MANY BRANCHES OPENING THEIR DOORS TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF THE COLD

<We have a really great fireplace that helps to keep people warm as well and it's just a cozy place to be.>

AMES TELLS ME WITH THE RISING HOME PRICES THEY ARE SEEING A LOT OF HOMELESS COME IN. COLTEN WEBB IS A RESIDENT AT THE UNION GOSPEL MISSION HE TELLS ME WHEN HE USED TO BE HOMELESS AND NEEDED A PLACE TO GO TO GET WARM, THEY TOOK HIM IN.

<A warming station is a good place to come and get warm. There's no judgement here and all the staff members care deeply.>

UNION GOSPEL MISSION DIRECTOR AARON BURTNER TELLS ME THEY ARE NO STRANGER TO WARMING CENTERS. HE SAYS THEY DO THIS YEAR AFTER YEAR AND HAVE THE ROUTINE DOWN.

<We open up our day room to folks that just need to get in out of the cold, out of the wind out of the snow out of the rain and that's available 24 hours a day.>

THE UNION GOSPEL MISSION TELLS ME IF YOU DO NEED TO GET TO THEM YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND A WAY THERE AS THEY DON'T PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION.

AMES TELLS ME SINCE MOVING TO THIS COMMUNITY SHE'S BLOWN AWAY ABOUT HOW CARING IT IS

<They want to make sure that people are not left behind and that means kids, that means adults, teenagers, that means anybody.>

01/11/24

Walla Walla Homeless Alliance- pkg: 1:45

WITH THE COLD POTENTIALLY REACHING SINGLE DIGITS OVER THE NEXT FEW DAYS, POSSIBLY FEELING EVEN COLDER WITH WIND CHILLS -- IT CAN BE DANGEROUS TO BRAVE THE ELEMENTS FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME.

MAX HUGHES GIVES US A LOOK OUT HOW AN ORGANIZATION IN WALLA WALLA IS HELPING PEOPLE WITHOUT HOMES SURVIVE.

[TAKE PKG]

[TAKE SOT DURATION:0:14]

<last year I experienced, shamefully enough, your bladder doesn't want to connect to your brain and so you will, all of the sudden you will just - you have to pee and you have to pee right now.>

KIMBERLY HOWARD SAYS THE COLD GETS TO A POINT WHERE SHE CAN FEEL IT IN HER BONES... WITH DIFFICULTY WARMING THEM UP.

SHE SAYS WHILE THE SHELTERS IN THE CAMP AREN'T THE BEST AT WARMING UP, SHE'S GRATEFUL FOR A PLACE TO STAY, USING HER DOG MISSY AND MANY MANY BLANKETS TO STAY WARM.

<My little dog helps a lot.>

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, JORDAN GREEN, SAYS THE ORGANIZATION STARTED WITH THE GOAL TO MEET THE BASIC NEEDS OF LOCAL PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND KEEP PEOPLE ALIVE.

<We recognize the need to just keep people alive. And when temperatures drop to the temperatures that we're looking to see, that's something that is a very real reality. And people living in tents on the street, it just doesn't cut it. >

GREEN SAYS THE CAMP GIVES PEOPLE ACCESS TO WARM SHOWERS, BEDDING, WEATHER APPROPRIATE CLOTHING DEPENDING ON THE SEASON, AND A HEATED COMMON ROOM - SERVING WARM SOUP.

THINGS THAT ALL WORK TO HELP WHEN THE WIND PICKS UP AND THE TEMPS GET BELOW FREEZING.

HOWARD SAYS SHE'S TRYING TO HAVE A MORE POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND EVEN PLANS TO GO BACK TO COLLEGE AT 58 - HOPING TO ONE DAY GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY HERSELF.

<You never know when or where you could be in this situation. And it's not easy.>

02/13/24

Bubonic Plague in Oregon- vofs: 0:38

[TAKE :ON CAM]

IN YOUR HEALTH NEWS TONIGHT...

A PERSON LIVING IN OREGON TESTS POSITIVE FOR THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

[TAKE VO]

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY THAT THE RESIDENT LIKELY GOT IT FROM A PET CAT --

THE HEALTH OFFICER FOR DESCHUTES COUNTY SAYS IT WAS TREATED IN THE EARLY STAGES AND POSES A VERY SMALL RISK TO THE COMMUNITY.

SOME SYMPTOMS OF BUBONIC PLAGUE INCLUDE:

[TAKE :FULLSCREEN]

SUDDEN FEVER OR NAUSEA,

WEAKNESS OR CHILLS

AND MUSCLE ACHES,

COUNTY HEALTH SERVICES SAYS SYMPTOMS START TWO TO EIGHT DAYS AFTER EXPOSURE TO AN INFECTED ANIMAL OR FLEA --

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE BUBONIC PLAGUE AND WHAT AFFECTS IT HAS ON THE HUMAN BODY --HEAD TO OUR WEBSITE --

02/21/24

Indigenous Mental Health Line- vo: 0:30

[TAKE: ON CAM]

IN YOUR HEALTH NEWS...

THE BUREAU OF INDIAN EDUCATION IS LAUNCHING A NEW MENTAL HEALTH HOTLINE FOR INDIGENOUS SCHOOL CHILDREN.

[TAKE VO]

THE BUREAU SAYS STUDENTS AND STAFF AT TRIBAL SCHOOLS WILL BE ABLE TO CALL A TOLL-FREE NUMBER FOR COUNSELING...

THEY SAY THEY WILL HAVE INDIGENOUS COUNSELS WITH EXPERIENCE SERVING NATIVE COMMUNITIES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE PHONE.

HOTLINE OPERATORS CAN PROVIDE BOTH EMERGENCY CRISIS SUPPORT AS WELL AS NON-CRISIS RELATED FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES.

02/28/24

Narcan Bill Passes House and Senate-vidbox: 0:24

[TAKE: ON CAM]

A NARCAN BILL IS ONE STEP CLOSER TO BECOMING LAW AFTER IT UNANIMOUSLY PASSES THE HOUSE AND SENATE.

[TAKE :VIDBOX]

LAST NIGHT THE HOUSE VOTED TO PUSH FORWARD SENATE BILL 58-04, WHICH WOULD INCREASE NARCAN AVAILABILITY IN ALL SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE STATE, REGARDLESS OF SIZE...

THE BILL WAS AMENDED IN THE HOUSE AND NOW HEADS BACK TO THE SENATE FOR A CONCURRENCE VOTE BEFORE IT HEADS TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK.

03/08/24

Man Dies of Plague- vo: 0:33

[TAKE: ON CAM]

IN YOUR HEALTH NEWS--

NEW MEXICO HEALTH OFFICIALS SAY A LINCOLN COUNTY MAN DIED OF PLAGUE.

[TAKE VO]

THEY SAY IT'S THE FIRST HUMAN CASE OF PLAGUE IN THE STATE SINCE 2021 -- AND THE FIRST DEATH THERE SINCE 2020.

THE AGE OF THE VICTIM WAS NOT RELEASED.

NEW MEXICO STATE HEALTH WORKERS ARE CONDUCTING OUTREACH TO RESIDENTS AND SAYS THERE WILL BE AN ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT TO LOOK FOR ONGOING RISK.

THE PLAGUE IS MOST OFTEN SPREAD FROM RODENTS TO HUMANS BY A FLEA BITE AND CAN BE TREATED WITH ANTIBIOTICS IF DIAGNOSED QUICKLY ENOUGH.

03/08/24

Hand Washing Lie Detectors- vo: 0:36

[TAKE :ON CAM]

THE FOOD INDUSTRY IS FIGHTING GERMS HAND OVER FIST.

[TAKE VO]

ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION MOST FOOD WORKERS WASH THEIR HANDS ABOUT A THIRD AS MUCH AS THEY SHOULD. TO COMBAT THIS, A TECH START-UP IN NEW YORK CALLED "PATHSPOT" CREATED THE "HANDSCANNER"...

AND IT'S BASICALLY A LIE-DETECTOR AT THE SINK.

AFTER EMPLOYEES WASH THEIR HANDS, THEY PLACE THEM UNDER THE DEVICE'S SCANNER.

THE SCANNER LOOKS FOR DIRT OF ANY SORT ON THE SKIN AND GIVES RESULTS WITHIN SECONDS.

IF GERMS ARE STILL PRESENT, EMPLOYEES WILL BE PROMPTED TO WASH THEIR HANDS AND SCAN AGAIN.

03/11/24

COVID 4 Year Anniversary- vidbox: 1:10

IN YOUR HEALTH NEWS--

TODAY MARKS FOUR YEARS SINCE THE START OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

ACCORDING TO THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION'S COVID TIMELINE-- THE VIRUS WAS FIRST NOTICED IN CHINA IN DECEMBER OF 2019.

THEN IN JANUARY 2020- THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION CONFIRMED THE VIRUS HAD SPREAD TO THE U-S AND BEGAN ISSUING TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS.

[TAKE VIDBOX]

ON FEBRUARY 11TH- WE FINALLY GOT A NAME TO THE VIRUS-- THE 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK ALSO KNOWN AS COVID-19.

HOSPITALIZATIONS INCREASED OVER THE NEXT MONTH UNTIL THE W-H-O MADE IT'S PANDEMIC DECLARATION ON MARCH 11TH-- THEN THE STATE SHUTDOWNS STARTED FOUR DAYS LATER ON MARCH 15TH.

THE FIRST COVID TEST WASN'T APPROVED FOR THE PUBLIC UNTIL MAY OF 2020. THEN STARTING IN JUNE-- COMPANIES STARTED WORKING ON FREE COVID-19 VACCINES.

IT WASN'T UNTIL DECEMBER THAT THE VACCINES WERE ROLLED OUT TO THE ENTIRE PUBLIC- BUT THEY WENT TO HEALTHCARE WORKERS AND OLDER ADULTS LIVING IN LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES FIRST.

THE CDC SAYS ONE MILLION DOSES OF THE VACCINE WERE GIVEN OUT WITHIN THE FIRST 10 DAYS ONCE THEY WERE GIVEN THE GREEN LIGHT AFTER CLINICAL TRIALS.

03/11/24

Daylight Saving Time and Your Health- vosot: 0:53

[TAKE: ON CAM]

ALSO IN HEALTH NEWS TONIGHT--

WE HAVE OFFICIALLY SPRUNG FORWARD -- which means we lost an hour of sleep -- and my body knows it --

[TAKE VO]

TODAY WE TALKED WITH A UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SLEEP CENTER DIRECTOR ABOUT HOW THE DAY IMPACTS OUR HEALTH.

HE TELLS US NOW WE ARE GOING TO BED LATER AND WAKING UP EARLIER AND THAT CAN CAUSE PROBLEMS.

[TAKE SOT DURATION: 0:15]

<"Leads to an acute sleep loss um that's most prominent in the first day or two after the transition where were more sleep deprived, more likely to make mistakes, more likely to get into motor vehicle accidents and things like that.">

[TAKE: CONT VO]

WHEN IT COMES TO MEDICAL CONDITIONS-- THE DOCTOR TELLS US THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN CARDIOVASCULAR ISSUES, HEART ATTACKS AND STROKE HOSPITALIZATIONS AFTER WE SPRING FORWARD.

HE SAYS THE BEST YOU CAN DO TO AVOID THESE THINGS IS TRY TO MAKE SURE YOU GET TO BED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.