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## EPD moving forward with ALPRs

By RAY MILLER-STILL  
Editor

The Enumclaw Police Department will be moving forward with a partnership with an automatic license plate reader company after Washington state legislators passed a bill that codifies the use and restrictions of the cameras into law.

Lawmakers approved engrossed substitute Senate Bill 6002 and sent it to Gov. Bob Ferguson on March 12, the end of the session; the EPD was waiting on whether the bill passed before finalizing a contract with Flock Safety.

"With the completed legislation and guidelines, the Enumclaw Police Department will be moving forward with the installation of Flock ALPR cameras in the near future," EPD Chief Tim Floyd said. "Even with the additional limitations the recent legislation puts on law enforcement use of ALPR systems, the benefits of having this system in our crime fighting toolbox will assist us in our efforts to enhance the safety of our community."

ALPRs are what they say on the tin - cameras that automatically take photos of license plates that pass them; if the ALPR takes a photo of a car that matches a description, or has a partial or full license plate match, of a car suspected of being involved in a crime, a "hit" is sent out to the relevant police departments. The "hit" can be sent locally for low-level crimes or across a wider area for more severe cases.

Before the bill passed, automatic license plate reader (ALPR) use in Washington was mostly governed via contracts between municipalities and other governments and ALPR companies.

The new bill mostly codifies standard contract language into law, but it also limits what crimes law enforcement can use ALPRs to investigate, how long law enforcement departments can retain data, and requires departments to make annual audit reports available to the public and submit them to the legislature.

How departments can use ALPRs to make traffic stops seems relatively unchanged: officers can't use a "hit" as probable cause for a traffic stop, but instead have to

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## Protesters, preachers, and painters: 500 show up at Enumclaw 'No Kings' demonstration



PHOTOS BY RAY MILLER-STILL

A "No Kings" protester stands in the middle of a small group of counter-protesters.



Ron Montgomery spent his time at the "No Kings" protest singing and evangelizing.

By RAY MILLER-STILL  
Editor

Up to 500 Plateau and area residents gathered at the corner of Griffin St. and Porter Ave. on March 28 for the third national "No Kings" protest, joining millions across the country showing their opposition to President Donald Trump's administration and policies.

By now, the signs, flags, and chants may be familiar — some showed their support for LGBTQ or immigrant rights and protections; others called for impeachment and

imprisonment; many encouraged people to participate in democracy; and most simply labeled the president as a "traitor," "fascist," "clown," or all of the above.

Peppered among the crowd were less than a dozen supporters of the president, sporting flags with his likeness, shirts of "I 3 Ice," and the iconic red cap.

Opinions on the energy of the event were mixed among safety volunteers of Indivisible Enumclaw, the grassroots group that organizes these protests. Several commented that this demonstration was milder than the previous two,



Jon Bradham painted the "No Kings" protest to support the movement, but also because painting is a great way for him "to get through this really, really high anxiety time, seeing basically everything in our country going backwards." He can be found in Instagram @jon\_bradham\_artist.

and while many cars passing by honked in encouragement (or, on the rare occasion, sped away or rolled coal), the loudest noise came from the speakers playing songs like "God Bless the USA" and "American Idiot"; organized chants from the crowd only came near the end of the two hour demonstration.

Numbers have dwindled as well — the June 14 demonstration estimated between 800 and 1,000 people attended, and the Oct. 18 saw between 600 and 700.

But spirits were high, and

Indivisible Enumclaw saw the another \$500 in donations roll in for Plateau Outreach Ministry's food bank for a total of more than \$1,000; more than 1,300 pounds of food have also been donated, and that weight doesn't include the nine large boxes that filled Larry Boitano's truck bed on the day of the event.

"I'm happy to see that people think about their community and the need to support each other," the Indivisible

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## Black Diamond formally begins Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority annexation process

By RAY MILLER-STILL  
Editor

The city of Black Diamond has officially begun the annexation process with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority.

A resolution requesting the annexation was passed by the city council on March 3, starting the ball rolling on a two-year

process that will culminate in an annexation vote come 2028.

If residents approve the annexation, Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority will handle the area's emergency services, but at the price of increased property taxes; if the annexation is not approved, the city will be left without a designated emergency services provider.

Here's how the city arrived at an annexation.

Mountain View Fire and Rescue has been Black Diamond's contracted emergency services provider since 2006.

However, the fire department in 2019 said it would not renew its contract with the city, saying the cost of providing services

were not being covered by the city's payments.

The city and MVFR agreed to a contract with additional funds, but after five years, the department again alerted city officials that it would not renew its contract in 2028 for the same reasons — and this time, a

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# Middle school basketball team sinks second state title

BY KEVIN HANSON  
Contributor

The Enumclaw Hornets seventh-grade boys basketball feeder team has once again claimed a Washington State Middle School Tournament championship in Spokane.

After winning the sixth-grade Silver Division title last year, the team moved

up to compete in the seventh-grade Gold Division this season – and won that championship as well.

Teams qualify for the state tournament by finishing first or second in sanctioned tournaments throughout the year. Teams are divided as follows: Silver Division is for teams aligned with Class 3A and smaller

high schools; Gold Division is for teams feeding into Class 4A high schools; and a Club Division is for AAU and clubs teams and can include players from multiple schools or areas.

As a 3A program, Enumclaw competed in the Silver Division last year. However, based on their strong performance and tournament success, the state committee required

the team to move up to the Gold Division this season.

The Gold Division featured 25 of the top teams in the state, divided into eight pools. The Hornets capped off their run with a 55-47 victory over a talented Mountlake Terrace team in the championship game.

The team finished the season with an impressive 33-8 overall record.



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The state champion seventh-grade team from Enumclaw: in front (from left) are Logan Johnson, Wyatt Oliver, Payton Mercado and Tyson Thomas; in back are coach Casey Hanson, Case Stratton, Levi Hanson, Bo Barnes, Jace Martel and coach Cameron Stratton.

## SPORTS ROUNDUP

### BOYS TRACK & FIELD

#### White River 108, Kent-Meridian 37

March 26 at White River  
White River event winners: Hunter Maris 100 meters; Cannon Ross 800 meters; Mateo Anderson 1600 meters and 3200 meters; Palmer Beus 110-meter hurdles; 4x100 relay (Maris, Calix Dela Cruz, Aiden Roberts, Micah Wagoner); Kaden Pierce shot put and discus; Jordan Goethels high jump; Marcus Marlow long jump; Logan Macias triple jump; 4x400 relay.

White River second place: Wagoner 100 meters and 200 meters; Eli Long 400 meters; Jack Thatcher 800 meters; Ross 1600 meters; Jaxon DeVos 3200 meters; Dexter Smith 110-meter hurdles; Beus 300-meter hurdles; Hudson Wolschleger shot put; Creighton Peterson high jump; Marlow pole vault (tie); Dela Cruz long jump; Koda Duhon triple jump.

#### Auburn 101.5, Kentwood 92.5, Enumclaw 33

March 26 at Kentwood  
Enumclaw event winner: Cole Olson 100 meters and 200 meters.

Enumclaw second place: 4x100 relay (Sonny Borders, Brody Hardersen, Kaden Kranz, Hudson Kelsey).

### GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

#### White River 92, Kent-Meridian 57

March 26 at White River  
White River event winners: Lillian Banks 100 meters and 200 meters; Victoria Blakley 400 meters; Aislinn Howisey 800 meters; Paeton Poelman 1600 meters and 3200 meters; Trista Turgeon 100-meter hurdles; 4x100 relay (Banks, Karlie Harris, Amerie Wells, Jayna Vain); 4x200 relay (Ana Marie Anderson, Lily Robbin, Ellie Maryanski, Sophie Molen); Kaijah Young shot put; Addisyn Vanous javelin.

White River second place: Natalie Long 400 meters; Blakley 1600 meters; Maddi Larson 3200 meters; Young discus; Vain javelin; Eden Dehnert high jump; Belle Knauss pole vault; Kashlyn Scacco long jump.

#### Kentwood 99.5, Auburn 91.5, Enumclaw 52

March 26 at Kentwood  
Enumclaw event winners: Lillian Haas 400 meters; Zoey Roth javelin; Senna Burt high

jump and long jump; Julia Michael pole vault.

Enumclaw second place: Harmon Hitztaler 3200 meters; 4x100 relay (Roth, Teagin Clark, Skylee Patterson, Sadie Barrier).

### GIRLS TENNIS

#### Enumclaw 4, Kentlake 1

March 27 at Enumclaw  
No. 1 singles: Autumn Vogel (E) def. Zoie Castenada (KL) 6-1, 6-3. No. 2 singles: Ashley Diaz (E) def. Sophia Garcia (KL) 6-3, 6-4.

No. 1 doubles: Haley Dumontet/Audrey Firmkoess (E) def. Arwen Forsythe/Ellis Broom 6-3, 6-1. No. 2 doubles: Marisa Desadilla/Maddy Guzman (KL) def. Lucy Means/Marlen Hernandez (E) 7-6, 1-6, 11-9. No. 3 doubles: Molly Michael/Maddie Scott (E) def. Hope Lane/Lexi Portillo (KL) 6-1, 6-4.

#### Enumclaw 4, Todd Beamer 1

March 26 at Saghalee M.S.  
No. 1 singles: Michelle Trang (TB) def. Molly Michael (E) 6-3, 6-1. No. 2 singles: Maddie Scott (E) def. Jasmine Tanovo (TB) 4-6, 6-3, 10-5.



PHOTOS BY KEVIN HANSON

White River's Mateo Anderson dominated the distance events Thursday afternoon, winning both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter races.

No. 1 doubles: Haley Dumontet/Audrey Firmkoess (E) def. Mekite Abebe/Mariana Chim (TB) 6-0, 6-0. No. 2 doubles: Ashley Diaz/Autumn Vogel (E) def. Lucy McConnell/Abigail Marchule (TB) 6-1, 6-1. No. 3 doubles:

Lucy Means/Marlen Hernandez (E) def. Ava Siphayunyua/Gabriela Hernandez (TB) 6-0, 6-0.

#### Enumclaw 5, Kent-Meridian 0

March 23 at Kent-Meridian  
No. 1 singles: Molly

Michael (E) def. Katrine Obsekana (KM) 6-1, 6-2. No. 2 singles: Maddie Scott (E) def. Anglika Skarberchuk (KM) 6-1, 6-3.

No. 1 doubles: Haley Dumontet/Audrey Firmkoess (E) def. Camila Rodriguez/Andrea Espinoza (KM) 6-0, 6-0. No. 2 doubles: Autumn Vogel/Ashley Diaz (E) def. Olivia Barr/Simran Gill (KM) 6-0, 6-0. No. 3 doubles: Lucy Means/Marlen Hernandez (E) def. Leah Kim/Judith Gonzales (KM) 6-0, 6-0.

#### Thomas Jefferson 4, White River 1

March 23 at White River

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### BOYS LACROSSE

#### Auburn Riverside 12, Enumclaw 7

March 27 at Enumclaw Expo Center  
Enumclaw: Tucker Daigle 4 goals; Aiden Goodman 1 goal; Logan McArthur 1 goal; Michael Neal 1 goal, 6 ground balls; Kovi Poulin 5 ground balls.

Enumclaw record: 2-0 league, 2-2 overall.

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# Roundup

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## Enumclaw 13, Emerald Ridge 5

March 23 at Enumclaw Expo Center  
Enumclaw: 2-1-6-4 - 13  
Em. Ridge: 1-1-1-2 - 5  
Enumclaw: Tucker Daigle 4 goals; Logan McArthur 3 goals; Max Craighead 3 goals, 1 assist; Lathan Sturtz 1 goal, 2 assists; Michael Neall 1 goal, 1 assist; Hunter Brown 1 goal; Caleb Massey 2 assists.

## BOYS SOCCER

### White River 2, Federal Way 2

March 28 at White River  
White River record: 1-3-1 league and overall.

### Enumclaw 3, Thomas Jefferson 0

March 27 at Thomas Jefferson  
Enumclaw: Own goal, 7'; Jared Salgado (Andrew Schneider assist) 11'; Amir Javanmiri 33'.  
Shutout in goal: Gavin Schneider.  
Enumclaw record: 4-2 league, 4-3 overall.

### Enumclaw 6, White River 0

March 25 at Enumclaw Expo Center  
Enumclaw goals: Zane Wirkkala 26'; Nery Ruiz 40'; Tristan Hiller (Amir Javanmiri assist) 40+3'; Ruiz 49'; Ruiz (penalty kick); Josh Bazail 76'.  
Shutout in goal: Gavin Schneider.

### Enumclaw 4, Todd Beamer 1

March 23 at Federal Way Memorial Field  
Enumclaw goals: Nery Ruiz (Diego Fregoso assist) 4'; Ruiz 5'; Tristan Hiller 57'; Fregoso (Zane Wirkkala) 74'.  
**Kent-Meridian 2, White River 1**  
March 23 at Kent-Meridian

## BASEBALL

### Kentlake 4, Enumclaw 0

March 27 at Kent-Meridian H.S.  
Enumclaw: 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-2-3

Kentlake: 1-0-1-0-1-1-x-4-7-0  
Enumclaw: Oliver Pots 1-2; Quinton Kuzaro 1-3.

Enumclaw pitching: Russell Zimmer 3 IP, 2 H, 2 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 2 K; Quin Nearhood 3 IP, 4 H, 2 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 4 K.

Enumclaw record: 3-2 league, 4-3 overall.

### White River 6, Todd Beamer 1

March 27 at White River  
Todd Beamer: 0-0-0-0-0-1-0-1-3-2  
White River: 3-0-1-0-2-0-x-6-7-0

White River: Jackson Rock 2-4, R, 2 SB; Kolton Jensen 1-3, R, RBI; Jackson Whiting 1-3, R, 2 SB; Lucas Brazier 1-2, 2B, R, RBI; Chaz Bailey 1-3, RBI; Gavin Mills 1-2, 2B, RBI; Alex Kelley 2 R.

White River pitching: Gavin Mills 6 IP, 3 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 9 K; Alex Kelley 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 2 K.

White River record: 2-3 league, 3-4 overall.

### Auburn Mountainview 3, Enumclaw 2

March 24 at Auburn

Mountainview  
Enumclaw: 1-0-0-0-1-0-0-2-0-1

Auburn M'view: 0-0-0-0-0-3-x-3-3-3

Enumclaw: Graham Wagner 2 R, 2 SB; Quin Nearhood RBI.

Enumclaw pitching: Oliver Potts 5.1 IP, 2 H, 3 R, 2 ER, 3 BB, 6 K; Nicholas Harris .2 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 2 K.

### Decatur 10, White River 0

March 24 at White River  
Decatur: 1-1-0-3-5-10-10-1

White River: 0-0-0-0-0-0-4-0

White River: Jaxson Whiting 2-3, 2B, 2 SB; Lucas Brazier 2-2.

White River pitching: Koldyn Kraft 3.1 IP, 3 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 7 BB, 3 K; Eric Garrison 1.2 IP, 7 H, 5 R, 5 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

### Enumclaw 3, Auburn Mountainview 2

March 23 at Enumclaw  
Auburn M'view: 0-0-0-2-0-0-0-2-7-2

Enumclaw: 0-0-0-3-0-0-x-3-4-0

Enumclaw: Quinton Kuzaro 1-2, 2B, 3 RBI.

Enumclaw pitching: Dawson Van Dam 6 IP, 7 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 1 BB, 8 K; Parker Cook 1 IP, 0 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 1 K.

### Decatur 6, White River 4

April 23 at Decatur  
White River: 0-0-0-1-0-1-2-0-0-4-7-1

Decatur: 1-0-0-0-3-0-0-0-2-6-7-2

White River: Kolton Jensen 2-4, 2B, RBI; Jackson Rock 1-3, 2 RBI; Jackson Whiting 2B, R; Gavin Mills RBI.

## FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

### Enumclaw 21, Federal Way 4

March 27 at Enumclaw Expo Center  
Enumclaw record: 5-0 league, 6-2 overall.

### White River 19, Kent-Meridian 5

March 27 at White River  
Kent-Meridian: 0-0-0-1-6-7-3-6

White River: 6-4-9-0-x



White River's Paeton Poelman dominated the distance events Thursday afternoon, winning both the 1,600- and 3,200-meter races.

### Enumclaw 26, Kent-Meridian 4

March 25 at Kent-Meridian  
Enumclaw: Ashlyn Elder 5-5, 4 2B, 4 R, 5 RBI; Adelyn Price 3-4, 2B, 2 R, 3 RBI; Lila Schmidt 3-3, 2 R, RBI; Natalie Otero 3-3, 2 R, 2 RBI; Blake Hanson 2-3, 2B, 2 R, RBI; Chloe Martel 2-2, 2B, 3B, 3 R, 5 RBI; Katherine Fettig 2-2, 3B, 2 R, 2 RBI.

Enumclaw pitching: Adelyn Price 5 IP, 6 H, 4 R, 0 ER, 0 BB, 6 K.

### White River 13, Federal Way 6

March 25 at Federal Way

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David Z. Williams, affectionately known as "Pops," passed away March 25, 2026, at the age of 82. Born August 20, 1943, in Buckley, Washington, he lived most of his life in Carbonado.

He is survived by his wife, Loretta "Lollie" Williams; son Michael (Traci) Williams; daughter Christine Vallala; six grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

A 1961 graduate of White River High School, David served in the U.S. Army and spent his career in public service as a bus driver and maintenance worker for the Carbonado School District. He also managed the town's water and sewer systems, was a volunteer firefighter, and a gifted carpenter.

He will be remembered for his strong work ethic, his deep love of family - always showing up for everyone - and his enjoyment of visiting with friends.

Funeral services are April 6, 11:00 am at the Wilkeson cemetery. Reception to follow at the Buckley Eagles. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Battlefield Addiction. [www.battlefieldaddiction.com/donate](http://www.battlefieldaddiction.com/donate)

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## Publishers lose Google case, for now

Andrew Bagley fought the giant and lost, at least in round one. Bagley is publisher and co-owner of three weekly newspapers in Arkansas, including the Helena World Chronicle that was the named plaintiff in a private antitrust case against Google.

Owners of dozens of newspapers joined the suit — alleging harm from Google’s monopolies including lost profits, higher costs and lost licensing fees — and were trounced. A federal judge in Washington, D.C., sided with Google and dismissed their case on March 20.

This doesn’t bode well for the prospect of courts leveling the playing field for publishers seeking fair compensation for their work online. But there are more lawsuits pending. Some are drafting on antitrust rulings that found Google illegally monopolized search and digital ad technology. Others allege copyright theft by AI companies taking their work without permission.

Bagley said his group may appeal.

“Obviously we’re very disappointed. Our attorneys are reviewing it and then once I get advice from them, we’ll see how to go forward,” Bagley said.

Bagley doesn’t have time to sulk. He has stories to write and papers to produce, plus two other jobs keeping him afloat.

“I’ve got me, two part-time staff and some stringers trying to run three papers,” he said. “And I make so much money, I’m also the athletic director at the local community college and teach history.”

Helena World Chronicle, LLC et al v. Google LLC was “yet another in the volley of antitrust lawsuits brought against Defendant Google LLC arising from its dominance in the market for general search services,” U.S. District Judge Amit Mehta wrote in his ruling.



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Mehta noted that harms publishers suffered “may very well be” the result of stifled competition in the search market. But he decided they “are not within the general search services market at all.”

Publishers failed to establish their standing to pursue the case and failed to establish “that Google has monopoly power in the online news market,” he wrote.

Mehta must be Google’s favorite judge. He oversaw the federal case that found the company illegally monopolized search, but rejected prosecutors’ request that Google be defanged by divesting its Chrome browser and Android mobile platform.

I was surprised Mehta rejected publishers’ complaint about Google requiring them to provide royalty-free access to their work, if they want to use its industry standard search tools. Regulators in the U.K. are cracking down on this, prompting Google to consider letting publishers opt-out of the bundling.

Mehta’s ruling acknowledges the issue, writing that “this self-evidently benefits Google and harms online news sites.”

“By indexing and republishing their original content without paying a fee,” he wrote, “Google maintains artificially low costs of production in online news publishing, while at the same time raising publishers’ costs of customer acquisition, data acquisition, and protective measures (like paywalls) and diminishing



their ability to bear these costs.”

But Mehta concludes there was no illegal tying arrangement, because there wasn’t an explicit agreement requiring publishers to buy another product from Google.

Google was also found guilty in a second federal and state antitrust case, over its dominance in the digital advertising marketplace. A different judge is now considering how to remedy that situation.

The advertising antitrust case may be a stronger basis for publishers’ antitrust cases, if they aren’t made whole by remedies. That case found Google shorted publishers by effectively rigging the dominant system for buying and selling online ads.

I requested an interview or comment from Google and didn’t hear back before my deadline.

Bagley still believes small, local newspapers are getting hosed by Google, which is now worth around \$3.5 trillion.

“We experience at the local level a lot more adverse impact from Google and its related entities than I think most people realize, and I’ll just give you an example,”

Bagley said in a phone interview.

“We had a story once where we had exclusively obtained bodycam footage and put a story up behind our payroll of the incident,” he said. “And somebody ... put it on YouTube and then when you search for keywords related to that story, you had to go to the second page of Google search results to even find us. It was driving people to that YouTube page that got it after we had been the ones to fight the fight to obtain it.”

Bagley said that “gives you one example of the challenges that small news organizations face when against these online behemoths.”

“So I was a little surprised at the ruling,” he said. “I thought it was clear, after the Justice Department’s case that they are engaged in an illegal monopoly, but the judge obviously didn’t agree.”

Bagley co-owns the Helena paper, the Monroe County Argus and the Mariana Courier-Index.

Print accounts for most of their revenue but their future is online, where Bagley sees younger audiences turning for news. He said it’s “hugely important” that smaller

papers are able to get compensation from companies benefiting from their work.

“Just from that one example that I gave you, you see that we do the work, we get the story out there, and then it ends up on Google’s platform and then their search engine steers people to the Google platform,” he said. “They’re not doing the work to get this material. They’re using their AI tools, their search engine tools and other platforms to take advantage of the work we’re doing, and that’s where the expense is.”

If this isn’t resolved in courts, the news industry may need to renew its pursuit of federal legislation to help it negotiate fair compensation. That’s working in places like Canada and Australia where policymakers agreed local news is a public good that must be saved, and didn’t cave to tech giants.

A certain history teacher said that’s long overdue.

“I think this is one of those areas where there should have been legislative intervention,” Bagley said, “so we wouldn’t have had to go the courts.”

## The “secret” war over the midterm elections

Recently a relative asked me about the battle over voting rights in the upcoming midterm election. She had noticed that this is a major issue that has not been emphasized by legacy media. She wondered why.



**RICH ELFERS**  
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Since I have been tracking this issue for the last several months, I sent her newsletters from a pro-voting-rights attorney that I subscribe to. His name is Marc Elias, and his website is called Democracy Docket. His goal and my goal are to protect the upcoming election from being rigged and stolen by President Trump and the Republicans.

Since mainstream media has not given its viewers/readers the overview, this story needs to be shared with you, the American public.

For those of you who follow the news, you are aware of the fight in

the U.S. Senate over the SAVE America ACT. What many voters do not know is that SAVE in the title is an acronym for Safe-guard American Voter Eligibility. In actuality, the purpose of this bill is exactly the opposite of what it appears to advocate. Its real purpose is to strip the right to vote from millions of Americans.

A summary of the bill comes from the Congressional Research Service, a nonpartisan division of the Library of Congress. It was published on February 9, 2026.

- In order to register to

vote in federal elections, individuals will be required to provide proof of citizenship including a valid photo ID.

- Voters for federal elections must provide documentary proof of U.S. citizenship to the states. Any noncitizens must be removed from the official lists of eligible voters. Criminal penalties will be established for some offenses.
- Individuals “using absentee ballots must submit a copy of their identification document with both the request for, and the submission of, the absentee ballot.” Since all Washington State voters vote by mail, individuals would have to provide proof they are American citizens. Registered voters just couldn’t put their ballots in a voting box, or in the mail. They’d have to be checked first somehow.

For all women who changed their names when they married, their birth certificates would not match their voter names. Providing proof would be an expensive and time-consuming process.

The stated reason for this change is to protect the nation from voter fraud and keep illegal immigrants from voting. The problem is that there is very little voter fraud, and very few illegal immigrants actually vote. It’s a solution in search of a problem. The whole issue goes back to the 2020 election and

President Trump’s false claim that the election was stolen—a claim that has been substantiated to be untrue by over 60 federal court rulings.

The U.S. Department of Justice recently filed lawsuits demanding all the voter records including names, addresses, Social Security numbers, and voting history from Washington and 29 other states, including Washington D.C. Besides being **unconstitutional** (states, not the federal government, are responsible for voting per the Constitution), DOJ missed the 90-day filing date to sue Washington and then begged the court judge to forgive their error.

The DOJ failed to follow procedure. This is a clear indication that they are incapable of protecting Washington voters’ information. Since states control the voting, the only possible reason for the federal government to want this data is to rig the midterm elections. Using the argument of massive voter fraud is itself fraudulent.

President Trump requested that voting districts be gerrymandered to give the Republicans more Republican districts. This occurred in Texas, Missouri, and North Carolina. Other Republican-controlled states have redistricted on their own without being asked. The President stated, “The Republicans should nationalize the voting.”

This is clearly unconstitutional. Three states have seen ballots seized

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### It’s not ‘reasonable’ to support DHS killings

I have to congratulate Mr Jerome Loran for writing the most vacuous letter of the week (“President Trump struck while the iron was hot,” published March 25): no small feat when Jon Buss is in the running!

Mr. Loran has expressed neither support nor opposition to the actual position espoused by the protestors. I’m left curious about Mr Loran’s perfectly “rationally reasoned” perspective on all of the extrajudicial killings committed by the DHS.

I have the same thought every time I see someone claim that their decisions are purely rational: why are you alive? Do you make an effort to stay alive? Do you think anyone is entitled to take your life from you? Do you think other people are entitled to their lives? Under what rationale? I do hope that you, Mr. Loran, won’t stoop to citing religion after all that fuff about how reasonable you are.

Have you heard about Chaofeng Ge, a disabled man lynched by the DHS? His brother compared him to Forrest Gump and said, “he was easy to manipulate. If you were friendly to him, he’d do whatever you told him to do, even if he just met you.” (“How \$154.62 in Gift Card Fraud Led to a Man’s Death in ICE Detention,” documentedny.com, March 13 2026)

I am blinded by incandescent rage over it all. How could his killing be just? How could anyone even tacitly support it? You are, Mr. Loran, when you attack without qualification the children decrying the people who murdered him. Did Chaofeng Ge deserve to die? Or, perhaps, do the angry children have a point? And if so, why did you attack them without acknowledging that?

Nancy Butler  
Enumclaw

### Our top brass have never touched grass

“The best way to end a war is to not start one.” - somebody’s proverb

When a Marine forward observer or infantry leader speaks into a microphone, gives his call sign and says “call for fire” followed by what I call codeword gibberish that would guide jets, attack helicopters and artillery on to targets; I always understood the enormous responsibility behind the words spoken. If a mistake is made, the ordnance could land on the Marines on the ground. I am a Marine Corps veteran who only had to utter these lines during training exercises. I still shudder when I think about the many potential negative consequences if I were to mess up.

Why does the United States call it aggression when

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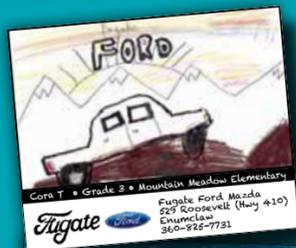
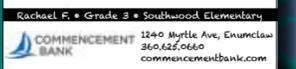
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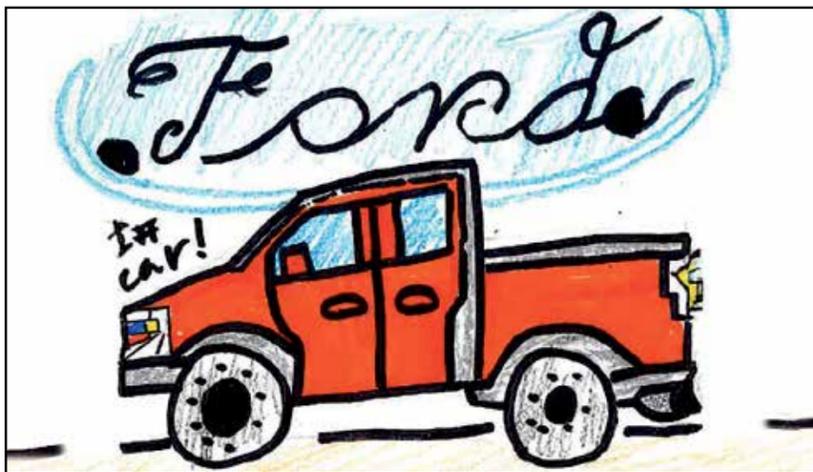
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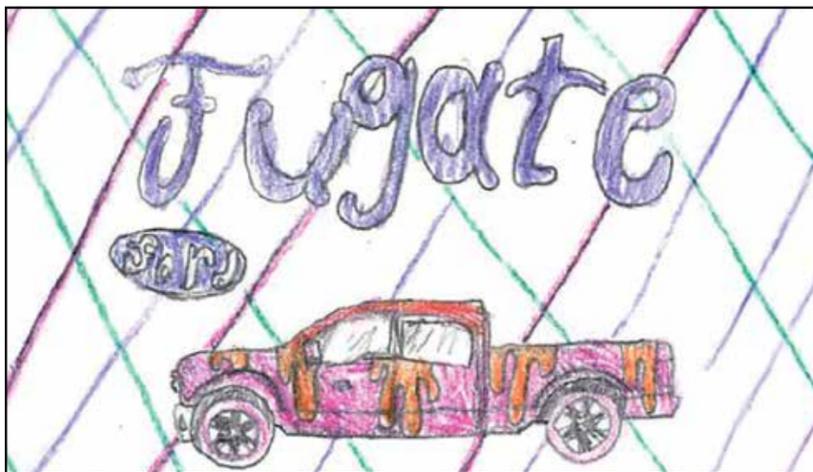
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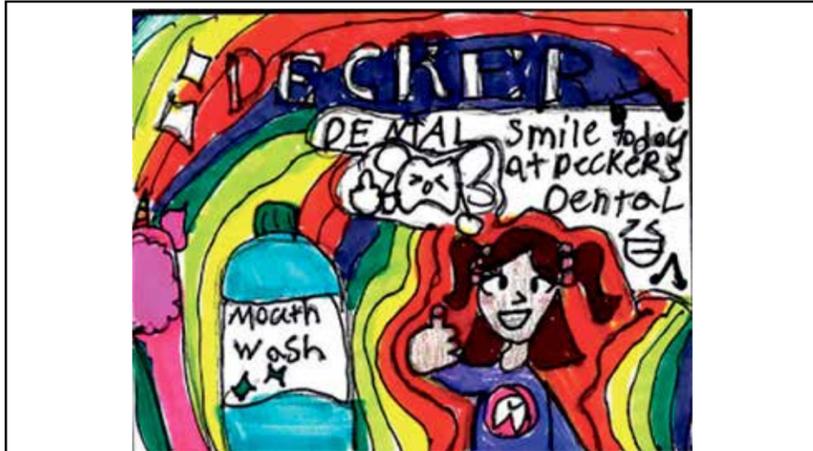
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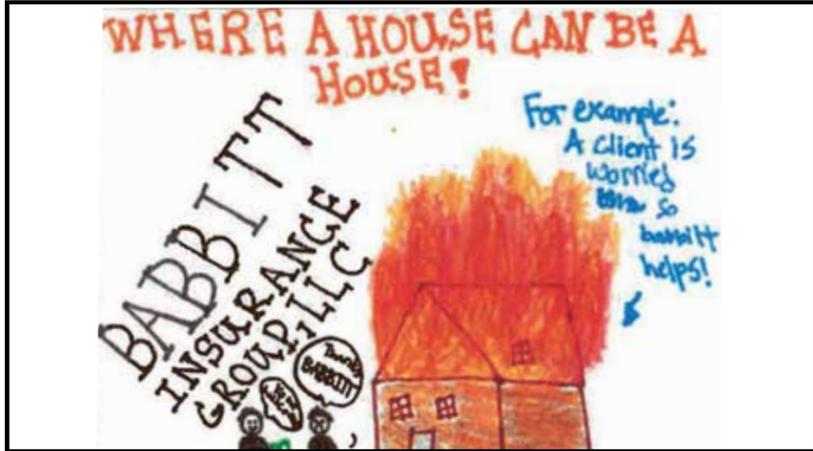
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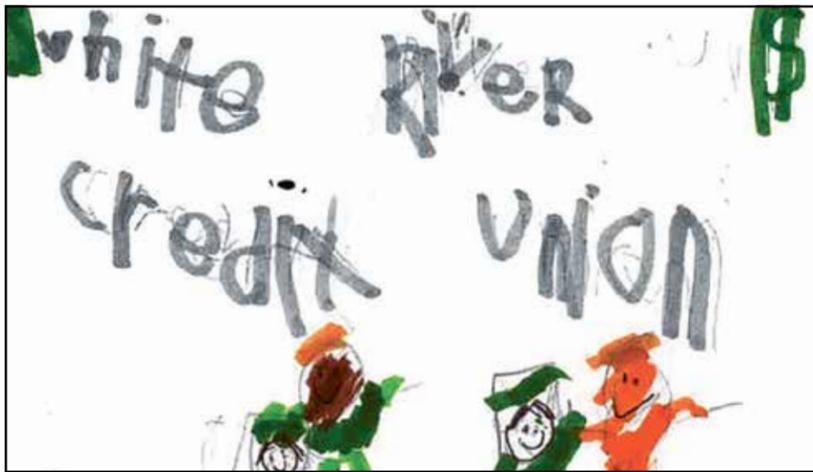
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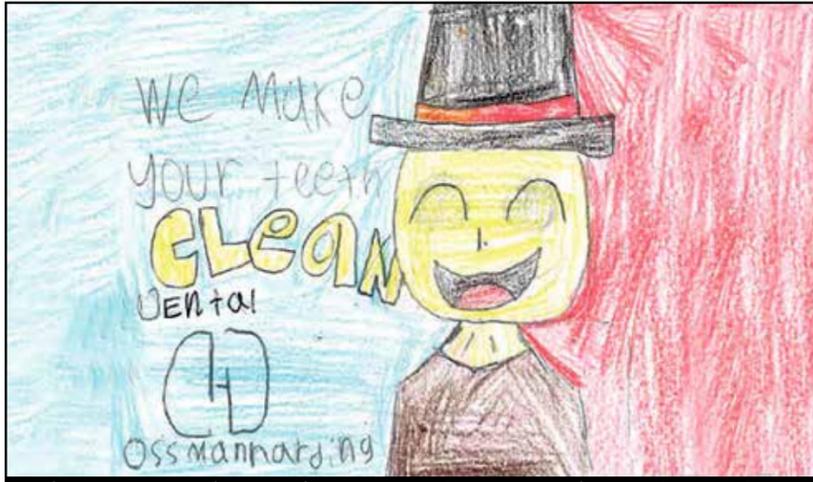
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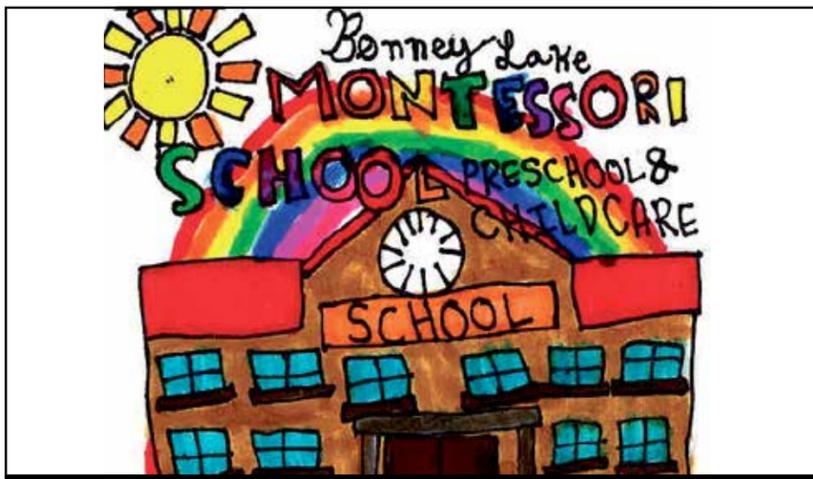
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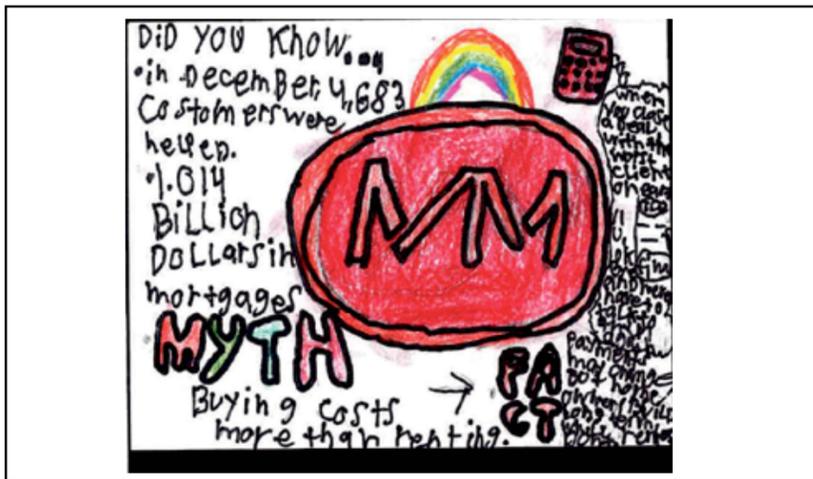



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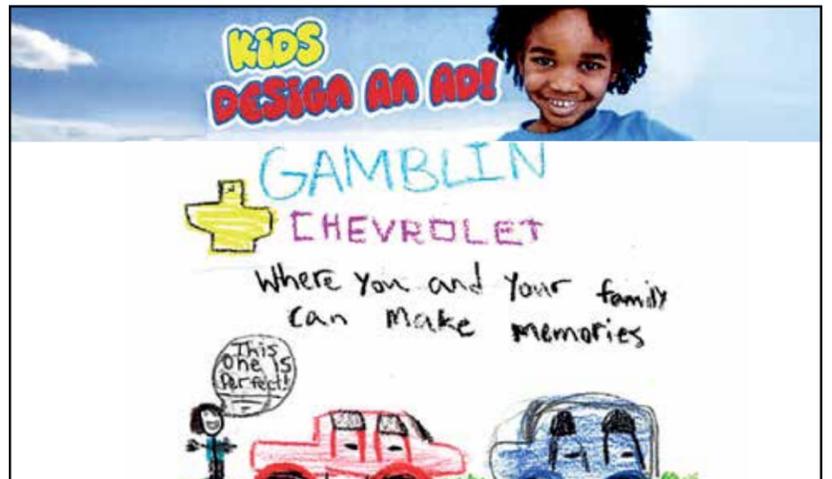
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others attack us, but an "excursion" when America attacks other countries? From the Vietnam War to the Iraq War -where 4,419 Americans were killed and nearly 32,000 wounded -presidents have repeatedly justified interventions that later proved disastrous.

Will someone please tell Frump that an excursion is when vacationers get off cruise ships in port to see the sights.

On the 20th anniversary of the 2003 Iraq invasion, reporters from *The New York Times* revisited veterans they had embedded

with in Baghdad. Many of these veterans wanted to have beer with "W" and to ask him "What was the purpose of the war?" One soldier filmed in 2003 was proudly discussing his having earned the Army's prestigious Combat Infantry Badge. He thought the badge was "cool." Unfortunately, he did not live to see the 20th anniversary. He survived Iraq, arrived home and later took his own life. Why?

Hegseth, lacking wisdom, sounds like a bloodthirsty adolescent with his braggadocio while speaking flippantly and bombastically in front of the TV cameras. It's easy to do if you have never experienced combat.

Trump took advantage of

his privilege and managed to dishonestly receive five deferments. Overweening Hegseth was a National Guard soldier who never fired his weapon while performing support roles during the Iraqi war. Their children haven't or will never wear the uniform.

Trump's unique evil, cruelty, doltish, uncouth behaviors and utterances surrounding combat deaths of service-members continues to be sickening and pathetic. Trump showed contempt towards and was dismissive of the Gold Star Khan parents when they spoke at the 2016 Democratic National Convention. Trump didn't know the reason for placing a wreath at the USS Arizona Memorial. He called WWI

American war dead "suckers and losers." Trump wore a ball cap during a recent dignified transfer of remains. He doesn't care or contemplate the risk of loss of American lives because this narcissist will ignorantly tell you, "that's what they signed up for," and

"That's the way it is." It's obvious Trump lacks empathy, self-awareness and will continue to never consider the consequences of his reckless, pathological, illegal and irresponsible actions.

Trump and Hegseth called for war but never had to call for a fire mission. How many more will die needlessly because of Trump's messing up?  
**Stanley McKie**

# Elections

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by the DOJ or by Republican candidates. Ballots have been seized in Virginia and Arizona. In California, a Republican candidate for governor, a sheriff, seized 650,000 2025 ballots. All claimed voter fraud, without evidence.

The question that the legacy media has not asked nor answered is why these events are occurring as part of a larger pattern. The simple answer is that President Trump has acted illegally and unconstitutionally. He is very unpopular. He knows that if the Democrats win the U.S. House of Representatives in the midterms, he will be impeached for a third time. It has also become statistically possible for the Democrats to take control of the U.S. Senate.

For more evidence, go to Democracy Docket. Look for Marc Elias on YouTube.

Hopefully, now you can see the pattern: The man who claims that the 2020 election was rigged is now trying to rig the 2026 midterm elections. Irony of ironies!

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# With April showers come... weeds and slugs

Marianne Binetti will be hosting a free Zoom class on "Spring Pruning" on April 7 at 6 p.m. Sign up cascade-water.org/water-efficiency/cascade-gardener/.

She will also have a free class on "Color Pops and Top Performers in your Garden" on April 11 at Windmill Gardens, starting at 10 a.m. Registration is required at windmillgardens.com.



**MARIANNE BINETTI**  
THE COMPLEAT HOME GARDENER

The first week of April may find you traveling the primrose path to early spring color but this is the week to remove those rosy colored glasses so you can better see those sneaky weeds that are trying to take over the landscape.

Controlling deep rooted weeds such as thistle, dandelion and blackberries is easiest in the month of April, when the ground is wet but the top growth is visible so the weeds can be dug, tugged or pulled.

For short, annual weeds such as shot weed or pulsane, a hoe can uproot them, or a rake can dislodge

them from the soil. Mulch is another way to smother small, or low growing weeds. All plants need sunlight and covering young weeds with bark, compost or leaf mold can smother a multitude of sinners.

## REMEMBER THE SLIMY "A" MONTHS!

Got slugs and snails? April and August are the two months that begin with the letter "A" and also the two months of the year when applying a pet safe slug bait such as "Worry Free" is most effective.

You want to control the slugs now before they begin the mating and egg laying routine that builds the population. You can also hand-pick slugs after a rainstorm, leer them to bowls of beer to drown or spray tiny slugs with a mix of one part ammonia to two parts water.

**Tip:** You must spray the ammonia and water mix directly onto the bodies of the slugs as it is not a bait, but a spray that kills on contact while it fertilizes your plants. This home-made spray is not as effective on snails as they can retreat into their shells. Ammonia converts into nitrogen to act as a fertilizer but can burn tender seedlings and ferns.

Weeding and slug control may not be as fun as heading to the nursery and buying more plants, but your dividends will multiply and your problems subtract if you invest in weeding and slug control now.

**Q.** I saw some of adorable new pansies that I saw at a garden center. These pansies

had ruffled petals and flowers that were held more upright rather than looking down at the ground. The problem is I am dirt cheap gardener and I know pansies are not so easy to grow from cuttings. Can I grow these ruffled pansies from seed? D.C., Buckley

**A.** Yes! Pansy seeds are easy to grow in our cool, Western Washington climate, and you can start seeds this week in a bright window and transplant the seedling out door by the first of May. Look for the ruffled pansy "Frizzle Sizzle" or "Flirty Skirts" by going online or checking the seed racks of your local garden center. The best advice for growing any plant from seed is to read and follow the instructions on the seed pack. The seed sellers really want you to have growing success so trust them when they tell you how deep to plant the seeds, how far apart to space the seedlings and when to set them outdoors into the garden.

**Tip:** Think you can't stretch the budget for more seeds or

plants this spring? Look at your grocery cart. Remove one or two "treats" that are not the healthiest (chips, soda or ice cream perhaps) and buy plants instead. You are making the world more beautiful.

**Q.** I am interested in the plant called Pulmonaria to provide nectar for the early pollinators in our area. Would you recommend this perennial plant? I do not have a large garden so do not want something invasive. I was warned that this plant would take over. B., Tacoma

**A.** I am pleased to recommend Pulmonaria as a well-behaved, not invasive and low growing perennial that flowers early and thrives in our mild climate. This plant also goes by the name 'Lungwort' as a way to describe the lung shaped but spotted leaves and it has the most delightful small blossoms that change from pink to blue depending on the acidity of the soil. In my garden the Pulmonaria plants are deer, slug and drought resistant

and bloom in shade and part sun. There are several new varieties, some with more red blooms ('Raspberry Splash') and some with more spectacular leaf color ('Spot On.') Plant Pulmonarias under camellias, rhododendrons and azaleas or use as an accent plant in shady corners. After blooming if the foliage begins to fade or look tattered, just get snippy with it by cutting the stems back to ground level. Pulmonaria is a cool weather plant that may take a nap in the summer but will return refreshed and bloom again in the fall.

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## No Kings

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Enumclaw representative said. "It's all a blessing."

Also looking to support the community was Ron Montgomery — though he was solely focused on the protesters' spirituality, singing a stylized version of "The Star Spangled Banner" in an American Flag shirt and hat as he evangelized.

"I'd like to help people understand the misguidedness about their position as 'No Kings,'" the Air Force Veteran senior said. "There is a king, but He's the King of Glory, the King of Kings... I'm here because I love and I don't want to see anyone live an unfruitful life or go to a devil's hell."

Weaving through the crowd with a reflective vest was Cristy Hammond, one of Indivisible Enumclaw's



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safety volunteers tasked with making

sure people stayed out of the street and be

non-confrontational; she described the protests as

"exhilarating." "You find a lot of

people who are line-minded with you, and it energizes you to keep fighting," she said. "That's what I feel we have to do — we have no other options."

And taking in the whole scene was Jon Bradham, who was using water colors to capture the moment. He said he's normally on the street with his signs, but he decided to support the protest through his art this time around.

"It's incredibly meaningful to me to be here and to support this in any way I can," the artists said; with his 9,000 followers on Instagram and close to another 4,000 on Facebook, he hopes the painting will inspire others to "save our democracy."

"Our county's in really bad shape," he continued. "We got to stand up and so what's right, even through in uncomfortable sometimes."

## Cameras

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develop "independent reasonable suspicion" for the stop.

Alternatively, officers would have to immediately confirm visually that the "hit" was correct and also confirm by other means that the license plate is in another system, be it the state Department of Licensing or another law enforcement database, local or federal.

"This has always been the case essentially. Even with a stolen hit on a plate, an officer would be required to visually confirm the plate and then re-confirm the stolen hit before taking enforcement action," Floyd said. "This was standard language in most ALPR department policies, including ours,

prior to the legislation. The legislation just memorializes it."

However, the bill only allows law enforcement to use ALPRs to investigate gross misdemeanors and felonies, and not misdemeanors.

Additionally, most Flock Safety contracts allow departments to retain collected data for up to 30 days before it's "hard deleted" from the system, meaning it can't be recovered by any means. This does not apply to vehicles already flagged in the system.

The bill limits data retention to 21 days, which is less than the 30 days allowed by a typical Flock Safety contract.

"I am pleased with the 21-day retention considering the legislation initially called for a retention period of only 72 hours," Floyd said. "Ideally, the

retention period would have stayed at 30 days or even longer as police investigations often take weeks or longer to work through, and crimes are often not reported in a timely manner. But in the end, we can live with the 21-day retention parameter."

And while Flock contracts required law enforcement departments to have the ability to audit their ALPR use - which includes tracking which officer was searching for what plates - annual reports will be required to be made available to the public and submitted to the appropriate legislative committee by December 2027.

Audit reports must include the number of hits that resulted in traffic stops, arrests, and prosecutions; the number of stolen vehicles and recovered license plates; the total

number of license plate reader reads and searches that yielded results; the number of times data was shared with or accessed by another government entity; and the location of cameras, among other requirements.

EPD reports would be required to be put "conspicuously" on the city's website.

The city of Enumclaw approved an ALPR policy last July — this is not a contract with Flock Safety — and approved funds for the cameras in the 2026 budget.

It's expected to cost \$30,000 for eight cameras (two positioned at SR 167 and SR 164 each, and four on SR 410, and installation) during the first year, and then \$24,000 every year after.

Floyd said he expects the cameras to be operational by the end of the summer,

"if not sooner."

"Due to the legislation, we are reconfiguring our camera locations to meet the requirements within the bill," he added. "This takes some planning time, permit reviews and the like."

## DATA SHARING CONCERNS

While Enumclaw is moving forward with its Flock Safety contract, other cities have recently paused or canceled their agreements with the company.

Lynwood canceled its contract last February after a University of Washington report found that out-of-state agencies access its collected data "seemingly for the purposes of immigration enforcement," the Everett Herald reported, adding that the Lynwood Police Department's

system was only accessible to out-of-state agencies for nine days.

In that time, more than 100,000 searches were made, and at least 16 directly related to immigration enforcement.

The ability for law enforcement to share its data with outside agencies can be turned on and off, and was a feature that some departments were not aware of; Kent and Auburn also changed how it shared with outside agencies after the UW report was published, but continue to partner with Flock Safety.

Redmond officials announced earlier this month that it was suspending its contract with Flock Safety due to privacy concerns.

Floyd said that the EPD will allow only in-state agencies to access its database.

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# Process

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revised contract would not do; only annexation.

After failing to find another department for the city to contract with, Black Diamond had two options left: form its own fire department, or find a department willing to annex the city into its district.

Mountain View and the Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority were the only two departments to respond to the city's inquiry into possible annexation partners.

After extensive lobbying from both departments, the city council voted 4 - 3 to work with the Regional Fire Authority and be annexed into its district.

MVFR continues to serve as the city's fire department until the contract expires in 2028. Before then, a majority of residents will need to approve of the annexation in order for it to happen.

If voters approve of the annexation, they should be ready for a tax increase.

## PROPERTY TAX & FIRE BENEFIT CHARGE

Being annexed into the Regional Fire Authority will affect taxpayers and increase property taxes.

First, there will be a new property tax set at \$1 per \$1,000 in assessed property value. For someone who owns a \$600,000 home, that comes out to an additional \$600 in property taxes a year.

But there's also a fire

benefit charge, which is not a tax voted on by residents but is set by the Regional Fire Authority.

The department described the fire benefit charge as a "shock absorber," as it is not affected by rising or falling levy rates or assessed property value levels.

The fire benefit charge is calculated based on building size, risk, and resources necessary to respond to a fire at a particular location. This means that two similarly-sized homes, even if their APVs are vastly different, would have a similar fire benefit charge.

While it can be difficult to estimate how a fire benefit charge may affect specific homeowners, the Regional Fire Authority provided some examples during its pitch to the

council in August 2025.

Two examples were of a 2,790 square foot house with an APV of \$754,000 and a 2,900 square foot house with an APV of \$894,000. The fire benefit charge for these homes was \$330 and \$336 respectively.

After factoring in the property tax, the owner of the first home would be taxed what would be roughly equal to \$1.44 per \$1,000 in APV — about \$1,084 a year.

The second would be taxes what would be about \$1.38 per \$1,000 in APV — about \$1,230 a year.

Bigger buildings, like warehouses and commercial businesses, are expected to have a higher fire benefit charge.

An example the Regional Fire Authority gave was a 3,372 square foot business,

which was taxed \$596.

But a 7,560 square-foot building paid \$1,250 for the charge.

The fire benefit charge is approved by the Regional Fire Authority's board and not voters; if Black Diamond is annexed into the district, it would have representatives on the board.

There are some limitations to how high the fire benefit charge can be, namely that the charges cannot exceed 60% of the Regional Fire Authority's budget.

There are discounts for buildings with certain modern alarms or sprinklers, among other items and qualifications.

## NEXT STEPS

The recently-passed annexation resolution

now puts the ball into the Regional Fire Authority's governing board's court.

The RFA's board may then adopt its own resolution to establish the terms and conditions of annexation — those would return to the city council for review and possible approval.

If all parties agree to the annexation conditions, the matter goes to city voters.

Black Diamond's resolution requests conditions like being represented on the RFA's governing board; preserve fire and EMS service levels for city residents; and the transfer of EMS-related assets to the RFA (like any city-owned fire departments or equipment) once annexation is approved by voters.

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**CITY OF BUCKLEY NOTICE OF DECISION**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, on 4/1/26, on approval of the Glacier Meadows East and South Preliminary Plat. (File #SUB-25-0001) proposed on six parcels totaling approximately 29+ acres, parcel # 7 5 3 5 0 0 0 3 0, 7 5 3 5 0 0 0 1 0 0, 7 5 3 5 0 0 0 1 4 0, 7 5 3 5 0 0 0 2 4 0, 7 5 3 5 0 0 0 2 9 1, 0619022702 at 1676 Collins Road. The application, initially received 5/13/2025, is for a residential cluster subdivision of the subject parcels into 127 residential lots, 113 single-family lots and 14 duplex lots, new roads, storm drainage, and open space. The applicant is Josh Hosford of Hosford Construction (PO Box 254, Buckley WA, 98321). A SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS) was issued for the project on 6/18/25. A public hearing was conducted 3/12/26 at 9 am before the City of Buckley Hearing Examiner. After review of the record, on 3/20/26 the Hearing Examiner approved the applicant's proposal, subject to conditions. Any person with standing may appeal this decision. Pursuant to Buckley Municipal Code (BMC) Chapter 20.08.030, and in accordance with requirements of WA State RCW 34.05.518 and RCW 36.70C, appeals on type C-2 application processes shall be made to the Pierce County Superior Court within 21 days of this decision notice. Parties of record may also request reconsideration of the decision by filing a written request for reconsideration to the City contact below within 10 days of this notice date according to processes and limitations of BMC 20.20.100. Requests for reconsideration shall state specific errors of facts or law. Additionally, it is the right of affected property owners to request a change in valuation for property tax purposes notwithstanding any program of revaluation. Requests for information, including the Hearing Examiner's written decision, may be directed to Chris Farnsworth, Senior Planner, by phone at 360-761-7819, by email at cfarnsworth@cityofbuckley.com, by mail at P.O. Box 1960, Buckley, WA 98321, or in person at the City of Buckley Building & Planning Office in City Hall at 933 Main Street in Buckley, ECH1028661 4/1/26

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**CITY OF BUCKLEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of a public hearing on the adoption of the City Local Road Safety Plan and the City Sidewalk and ADA Transition Plan. The Local Road Safety Plan is a transportation planning document that outlines the future plan of the City to reach its adopted goal of zero traffic fatalities and zero serious injuries on roadways within the city limits. The Sidewalk and ADA Transition Plan is a transportation planning document that identifies and addresses deficiencies in infrastructure in public rights-of-way within the city limits. The Buckley City Council will conduct a public hearing both planning documents. The hearing will start shortly after 6:00 pm (during the regularly scheduled Council meeting) on Tuesday, April 14, 2026, at 811 Main Street, Buckley, WA 98321. A hard copy of the documents is available for public review at the City Hall front desk, 933 Main Street, Buckley, WA 98321. An electronic (pdf) version of the documents can be viewed here by using the following links or accessing them through the Public Notices page on the City website (www.cityofbuckley.com): Local Road Safety Plan Appendix A Appendix B Appendix C Appendix D Appendix E Appendix F - Sidewalk and ADA Transition Plan The public is invited to attend the hearing and all interested persons may provide oral or written comments or testimony at the hearing. Buckley does not discriminate on the basis of disabilities. If you need special accommodation, please contact City Hall within three business days prior to the public hearing at (360) 761-7801. **The City will accept written public comment until 4 pm the day prior to the hearing.** Comments shall be delivered to City Hall located at 933 Main Street, emailed to [tzmek@cityofbuckley.com](mailto:tzmek@cityofbuckley.com) or mailed to PO Box 1960, Buckley, WA 98321. ECH1028525 4/1/26, 4/8/26

**CITY OF BUCKLEY, WASHINGTON ORDINANCE SUMMARY**  
The following ordinance was adopted by the Buckley City Council at their regularly scheduled meeting on March 24, 2026:  
**ORDINANCE NO. 02-26**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BUCKLEY, PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A NEW 2026 CITY OF BUCKLEY PHASE II NPDES STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM. For the complete text of these ordinances, please contact the City of Buckley at (360) 761-7801, or stop by City Hall at 933 Main Street. ECH1028564 4/1/26

**CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**CITY COUNCIL MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026 6:30 p.m.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of Maple Valley will hold a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing resident's comments on the imposition of a Public Safety Sales and Use Tax for criminal justice purposes. The City Council will hold the Public Comment at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, April 13th, 2026, in the Lake Wild-

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erness Lodge, 22500 SE 248th Street, Maple Valley, and interested persons will be heard at that time. Dated this 24th day of March 2026. Andrew Dacuag, CMC City Clerk City of Maple Valley Publish Dates: April 1, 2026 April 8, 2026 ECH1028528 4/1/26, 4/8/26

**CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON ORDINANCE NO. 0-26-874**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MAPLE VALLEY, WASHINGTON, ADOPTING A NEW CHAPTER 3.50 OF THE MAPLE VALLEY MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO A MULTIFAMILY TAX EXEMPTION PROGRAM; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE ECH1028530 4/1/26

**Notice of Application SEPA (Non-Significance (DNS), and Public Hearing Minor Code Updates SEPA (MLU-26-5)**

Effective Date: 04/01/26 Project: Minor Code Updates Applicant: Lance Ferrell Owner: N/A Location: City Wide Tax Parcel(s): N/A Zoning: Title 18 Development Regulations Prepared by: Lance Ferrell, Senior Planner **Notice of Application file** On March 11, 2026, the Department of Economic and Community Development received the above-referenced applications for minor code updates to Title 18 Development Regulations. The review process for this project, a Process 2, includes a Public Hearing (see date and time, below). **Site location** This is City wide as it encompasses many zones throughout the City. **SEPA Determination of Non-Significance (DNS)** The Department of Economic and Community Development received an application for a SEPA threshold determination for the above referenced proposal. The City of Maple Valley, as lead agency, issuing a DNS for this project based on review of the SEPA environmental checklist and other documents submitted with the application for preliminary plat approval. The proposal may include mitigation measures under applicable codes, and the project review process may incorporate or require mitigation measures regardless of whether an EIS is prepared. This determination is issued using the Optional DNS process in WAC 197-11-355. **This may be your only opportunity to comment on this SEPA determination.** **Notice of Public Hearing** The City has scheduled a public meeting to provide an opportunity for any interested parties to obtain more information about this proposal. The meeting will take place in person at **The Lake Wilderness Lodge** in the Wilderness Room and virtually, on **Wednesday, April 15th, 2026 at 6 p.m.** **Public Comment and Review** You may submit written comments on the SEPA proposal through **April 15, 2026** by mail to P.O. Box 320, Maple Valley, WA, 98038, or by emailing Lance Ferrell, Senior Planner. Any person has the right to comment on this application, receive notice of and participate in the public meetings or hearings, and request a copy of the land-use decision once made.

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Project files are available for public review electronically per request. For further information, contact Lance Ferrell, Senior Planner, lance.ferrell@maplevalleywa.gov. ECH1028557 4/1/26

**WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416 PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE LIMITED GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS AND CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Directors ("Board") of White River School District No. 416, Pierce County, Washington ("District") intends to issue its non-voted limited general obligation bonds ("Bonds") under RCW 28A.530.080 and will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments from the public on the proposed issuance of the Bonds. The public hearing will be conducted during the regular Board meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2026, which will begin at 5:30 P.M. at the District Board/Conference Room, located at 310 River Avenue North, Buckley, WA 98321. Please call or email Maiden Greene, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, at 360-829-3814 or [mrgreene@whiteriver.wednet.edu](mailto:mrgreene@whiteriver.wednet.edu), if you have any questions regarding attending the meeting and public hearing. The proposed Bonds will be issued as limited general obligation bonds in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$12,200,000; will be issued only in fully registered form; and will mature within five (5) years of the date of issue. The exact amount, date or dates, denominations, interest rates, payment dates, final maturity, redemption rights, price, manner of sale, and other terms and conditions of the Bonds (or parameters with respect thereto) will be hereafter fixed by one or more resolutions of the Board authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds, which resolutions may delegate to a District officer or employee the authority to fix any of the foregoing. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to pay costs to: (a) continue funding technology equipment, infrastructure and improvements; (b) continue funding critical school and facility projects and the construction, modernization, remodeling and improvement of school facilities; and (c) carry out other purposes authorized by RCW 28A.530.080. The principal of and interest on the Bonds will be paid from money from the District's Capital Projects Fund and General Fund, and from other legally available money of the District. Tax proceeds received from the District's Replacement Capital Projects Levy (Technology and Critical Repairs), approved by the voters on February 10, 2026, will be used to pay principal of the Bonds. Any person wishing to be heard on the proposed issuance of the Bonds should appear at the public hearing and present their views. Alternatively, or in addition, such interested persons may submit their views on the proposed issuance of the Bonds in writing and deliver them to Donna Morey, Chief Financial Officer, via email at [dmorey@whiteriver.wednet.edu](mailto:dmorey@whiteriver.wednet.edu), or regular mail, 240 North A Street, Buckley, WA 98321, by April 14, 2026. **WHITE RIVER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 416 PIERCE COUNTY, WASHINGTON** /s/ Dr. Scott Harrison

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