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Retired Mukilteo police officer and Air Force veteran becomes Thanksgiving turkey farmer



By KIENAN BRISCOE

the Lynnwood Times.

ARLINGTON, Wash. — For most Washingtonians, Thanksgiving is the furthest from anyone’s mind in the summer, but for U.S. Air Force veteran and retired Mukilteo Police Officer turned farmer Jeremy Ballinger, that’s when the preparation starts.

Each August Ballinger and his family begin raising hundreds of birds in a way most grocery stores don’t - humanely treated, organically fed, and free-roaming. At Flying Fortress Farm, the Ballinger family-owned farm in Arlington, not only are turkeys allowed to be turkeys - but they are butchered fresh and never frozen, resulting in what many who have had the luxury to try them consider “the best turkeys they’ve ever had.”

“All of the turkeys available in a grocery store are raised in a poultry farm, even the ones labeled free-range or organic. They may have access to the outdoors, but for how long? Nobody knows. And unfortunately, all that goes into labeling a turkey as organic is to feed them organic feed,” Ballinger told

Although no breeding is done on Flying Fortress Farm, Ballinger receives all of his turkeys as poults, keeping them warm in a brooder until their feathers begin to develop. After they’ve matured, they are given the freedom to roam the 5.3-acre land, rotating through patches of fresh grass, eating a certified organic diet, basking in the sun, chasing grasshoppers, and pursuing happiness the best way a turkey can before being processed for meat just days before Thanksgiving. Throughout the turkeys’ lives, the only time they are ever confined is at night to protect them from nocturnal predators.

To Ballinger, there are several benefits to the way he raises turkeys. Not only are his animals treated humanely and given happy lives but pasture-raised poultry has been proven to be more nutrient-dense and better tasting. According to the Food Animal Concerns Trust (FACT), pasture-raised birds have less saturated fats, more heart-healthy polyunsaturated fats, lower ratios of omega-6 to omega-3 polyunsaturated fats, and higher levels of protein and colla-



gen; not to mention, they simply taste better.

“We consistently get feedback every year saying that our turkeys are the best turkeys they’ve ever had. It’s juicy, it’s fresh, it’s better for us, it’s better for the turkeys, it’s all-around better,” Ballinger said. “Having our turkeys outside, living like turkeys in the Northwest . . . it’s drastically dif-

ferent.”

According to Ballinger, there are many differences between raising chickens and turkeys, namely when it is time for the birds to go to bed, chickens will put themselves in their own shelter. Turkeys, on the other hand, will stay out all night if it weren’t for the Ballinger

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Vincent Cavaleri announces run for U.S. Congress



By KIENAN BRISCOE

MILL CREEK, Wash. – Vincent Cavaleri, Mill Creek councilman and Deputy for the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office, has announced his run for the 118th United States Congress, representing the first congressional district in 2022.

Cavaleri was hired by the Snohomish County Sheriff’s Office in 2000 and elected to Mill Creek City Council in 2015. Through his 21 years of experience in law enforcement, he has developed a platform around prioritizing public safety.

Although his platform also includes a focus on fiscal responsibility, restoring small business communities, and regulating big tech, Cavaleri believes success ultimately falls back on ensuring that the public is safe.

“Anything we do, any success we enjoy has to come from if the public is safe. Children need to go to school without fear. Parents have to be able to go to work without being robbed. It all starts from there,” Cavaleri told the Lynnwood Times.

In addition, he plans to focus on making internet platforms a public utility “governed by the people and for the people.” To ensure this, he plans to introduce oversight committees dedicated to the pursuit of free and independent speech, banning deplatforming and shadow banning. To Cavaleri, Section 230 of the U.S. Code, which protects blocking or screening of “offensive material,” is unconstitutional.

“We have to come to one common agreement that censorship is unacceptable. That deplatforming is unacceptable. That quelling free

speech is unacceptable. That can’t happen in a free society. I would make sure that these folks have congressional oversight, and anytime you deviate from the United States Constitution there would be hell to pay,” Cavaleri told the Lynnwood Times.

Cavaleri has already begun writing bills he would immediately introduce, if elected, that would aim to protect people’s civil liberties and help restore small businesses from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

His Reapply and Retry Act would dedicate \$900 billion of unused American Rescue Plan Act to restoring small businesses that have been harmed by what he calls “horrific COVID policies.”

“These businesses have not been harmed by COVID – they’ve been harmed by horrible leadership,” Cavaleri said.

Going along with his emphasis on public safety, he also plans to introduce his Law Enforcement Community Standards Act (LECSA) which would hold cities accountable for defunding their police.

While sitting on city council, Cavaleri introduced a resolution, two weeks ago, demanding that Governor Inslee hold an emergency session clarifying ambiguities when it comes to the recently passed police reform laws that regulate how officers can utilize force and respond to calls.

Through his time spent on city council, Cavaleri has attempted to involve residents and his community in any way possible in the decision-making process.

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Strengthening the cultural relationship with Chilpancingo Friendship City

By GERTI KATRO

LYNNWOOD, Wash., November 19, 2021 – On October 5, a signal box art wrap was inaugurated at the city of Lynnwood at the Alderwood Mall Parkway and Alderwood Mall Boulevard. The inauguration is a collaboration between the City of Lynnwood and the Mexican city of Chilpancingo to strengthen the cities' cultural and economic relationship.

Present at the virtual event were the Lynnwood city Mayor, Nicola Smith council member, Julieta Altamirano-Crosby, members of the Lynnwood Sister Cities Association, Association Lazos de Amistad Chilpancingo, Guerrero Association, staff from the current Governor and Governor Elect of Guerrero, and other participants from Guerrero.

Councilmember Altamirano-Crosby said during her opening speech that this is a good opportunity for the two cities to collaborate even more in the future. "It is an honor to participate in the inauguration of the Art Box that represents the union of two cultures. Artwork from Guerrero is on display in the heart of Lynnwood. This friendship city relationship fosters cooperation between both cities and strengthens the cultural, academic, tourist, and economic ties between them," said councilmember Altamirano-Crosby, who is also the liaison for the Sister Cities Committee and has created opportunities to reconnect migrant families with their roots.

On September 14, 2020, in a virtual ceremony, Mayor Smith and Governor Héctor Astudillo Flores consolidated the friendship between the cities of Chilpancingo, Guerrero, and Lynnwood, WA. This collaboration comes after 35 years after the previous sister city.

"In March of 2020, the City of Lynnwood established a friendship city program by resolution as a part of the sister city program. The friendship city program connects us to people around the world and celebrates the diversity in our communities," said Mayor Smith.

After expressing his gratitude to Mayor



Chilpancingo Friendship City signal box art.

Smith and Councilmember Altamirano-Crosby, representative Daniel Agis Eslava, who was present on behalf of Evelyn Salgado Pineda, Governor Elect of the State of Guerrero, emphasized the importance of this relationship between the two cities in the future: "I reiterate the will of the Governor-elect to continue working for the binational relationship, the migrant community, and to strengthen the ties that exist in favor of our people; and in this sense, I cordially invite you to join us on October 16 at 6 p.m. to the Binational Cultural Festival 'Guerrero across the borders,'" said Mr. Eslava.

"I am very happy to be able to share this space to celebrate the folklore, art, culture, and traditions of Chilpancingo de los Bravo, Guerrero, which from today will be represented in this Art Box," concluded on behalf of the

Governor-elect Mr. Eslava.

Others present at the inauguration include Wally Webster of the Lynnwood Sister City Association; Ana Lilia Leyva Sotelo, President of the Lazos de Amistad Association in Chilpancingo, Guerrero; Anthony Geist, President of Guerrero Association in Lynnwood; Daniel Agis Eslava, on behalf of Evelyn Salgado Pineda, Governor-elect of the State of Guerrero; and Fred Wong, Community Programs Coordinator of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Arts Department at the Lynnwood Recreation Center.

The art box represents a piece of Mexican culture and was created by the artists Roberto Artemio Iglesias Giz, Maricela Figueroa Zamilpa, and Gaudencio García.

Wreath Walk Edmonds auction is back!

EDMONDS, Wash. – Last year Art Walk Edmonds started a new tradition for the downtown Edmonds, Wreath Walk Edmonds! This new tradition of hanging original, artist-designed and decorated wreaths in select storefronts during the holiday season is back, November 18th to December 16th, along with an online auction for those who wish to take home one of these special wreaths!

Art Walk Edmonds has juried the wreath concepts to pick the best of the best in these one-of-a-kind wreaths. Artists thought "outside the

wreath" with their designs – each portraying the artist's unique style. Learn more about the wreath's artist by reading their bio listed beside the wreath and on the Auction Page.

Bid on and win your favorite wreath through an online auction.

Auction Details

Online Auction goes live at 5pm on November 18th – timed with the beginning of November's Art Walk. Stroll around all 18 locations to see the wreaths in person either during Art Walk or during

business hours.

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You also have the opportunity to skip all the bidding and go straight to the "BUY IT NOW" price. However, the wreath will not be available to take home until December 17th.

The Auction closes at 8pm

on December 16th, timed with the ending of December's Art Walk.

If you have the winning bid, you may pick up your wreath anytime between December 17th and the 31st (we will let you know and help you coordinate with the business owner).

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PETA calls upon UW Primate Research Center to close

By KIENAN BRISCOE

SEATTLE, Wash. – After years of violations and questionable conduct, animal activist group PETA calls upon the University of Washington Primate Research Center (WaNPRC) to close its operation as its last year of funding and potential breach of lease approach in 2022.

The Washington National Primate Research Center (WaNPRC) is one of seven remaining flagship primate centers established in the early 1960's and continuously funded by the National Institute of Health (NIH), with satellite facilities located in downtown Seattle and Mesa, Arizona.

The center first began operating in 1961 and includes the following divisions: AIDS-Related Diseases, Global Programs, Neuroscience, NHP Systems Biology, and other related research support cores. Key areas of research at the facility, according to its website, include infectious diseases, neuroscience and brain disorders, and reproduction and endocrinology. The facility housing over 1,500 primates according to National Primate Research Centers.

In 2021 the University of Washington received \$527,499,672 in NIH funding, slightly lower than its 2020 amount of \$533 million, for research and training.

The location of the other six primate centers in the United States are in Beaverton, Oregon housing over 5,000 primates; Davis, California with over 4,000 primates; San Antonio, Texas housing over 2,900 primates; Covington, Louisiana with over 4,500 primates; Madison, Wisconsin with over 1,500 primates; and Atlanta, Georgia housing over 3,000 primates.

Although the National Institute of Health (NIH) has funded the UW's research facility since 1961, Director of National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) Dr. Anthony Fauci, who has received recent scorn for alleged testing on beagle puppies, has not been found to be directly linked to the research conducted at the Seattle facility.

The July issue of the PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases Journal published information claiming that the NIAID was funding experimental research on beagles in Tunisia – trapping the heads of the animals in mesh cages as sand flies consumed their flesh. In October, the journal issued a correction after NIAID denied involvement with the study.

Washington National Primate Research Center Violations

In one recent eight-month period, the federally funded center, including its breeding center in Mesa, Arizona, treated 332 traumatic injuries, more



than 200 gastrointestinal problems, 149 cases of significant weight loss, 19 cases of rectal prolapse, and a dozen implant abnormalities.

Within the last few years, federal inspection reports reveal violations of federal law, negligence, and failure of oversight resulting in the deaths of thousands of monkeys within the facility.

In 2019, an experimenter at the facility insisted a surgery be proceeded on a monkey that had not been properly fasted the night before, resulting in the monkey entering respiratory arrest and dying.

In that same year, a monkey undergoing a painful procedure was given a diluted opioid analgesic resulting in inadequate pain relief. Through an investigation by the U.S. Department of Agriculture it was found that the medicine cabinet had been left open and the opioid had appeared stolen.

In 2018 a pigtail macaque strangled to death when he became entangled in a chain attached to his cage.

In 2016 a monkey died while undergoing an MRI but the cause of death could not be determined because the facility failed to maintain appropriate records. In less than a month later, an eight-year-old pigtail macaque died from dehydration when her watering line had not been properly fastened to her cage. The reported found that the animal did not have water for at least 48-72 hours.

In 2015 three monkeys died due to significant health issues as a result of medical documents that were not adequately filled out.

In three separate incidents in 2013, baby pig-tailed macaques were attacked and sustained extensive traumatic injuries, and either died or were euthanized.

In 2011, the USDA fined the UW \$11,000 after a pig-tailed macaque was

found, dead in her cage having lost over 25 percent of her body weight – she starved to death.

In 2008 the UW was fined \$20,000 for conducting unauthorized surgeries.

According to the Office of Animal Welfare at UW, only three incidents of non-compliance were reported to the USDA for 2021 at the Seattle facility – all were in January. Rabbits did not receive the required daily checks, a nonhuman primate was left in a trapping run for at least 12 hours without access to food or water, and two nonhuman primates escaped their cages and were treated for injuries.

Dr. Lisa Jones-Engel and PETA's campaign to close the University of Washington Primate Center



The Lynnwood Times reached out to Dr. Lisa Jones-Engel who spent 14 years working as a senior primate research scientist at the WaNPRC and three years as a professor of Anthropology at the University of Washington.

Through her time at the facility she accounted, firsthand, many of the conditions the monkeys underwent including experimental surgeries. She shared where electrodes were implanted into monkey's brains and wire coils implanted into their eyes, infecting them with Ebola which resulted in hemorrhagic fever – both internal and external bleeding. She stated that the primates were kept in small, enclosed cages, sometimes only

eating on weekends for as long as seven weeks straight.

“These are incredibly social animals; what makes you a macaque is your relationship with other animals in your group. It's who you forage with, who you groom with, being able to come back at night and huddle together for safety and comfort, that is what makes a macaque. You take [all of] that away from them by placing them in a cage the size of your kitchen cabinet,” Dr. Jones-Engel told the Lynnwood Times.

Dr. Jones-Engel explained to the Lynnwood Times that many of the diseases the research facility aims to build vaccines against, including COVID-19, simply do not work the same way in primates as they do in humans and therefore using the species for testing does not provide accurate results.

Pfizer and Moderna scientists, for example, tested their products on around 51 primates in compliance with the FDA requirements but according to Dr. Jones-Engel, “They knew from the beginning that these monkeys were just not a reliable model for what this infection looks like in humans.”

As scientific research continues to develop, more sufficient ways to test drug compounds, according to Dr. Jones-Engel, would be organs on a chip or stem cells, both more accurate models for how vaccines work in a human system than monkeys, and more sustainable and ethical.

Scientific communities in 2010 began discussing the use of chimpanzees for animal testing, our closest living relatives sharing a common ancestor about 5 million years ago. The decision they came to was that the use of chimpanzees was neither appropriate nor scientifically relevant to improve human health.

“If we know, as a community that

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Huskies and Cougars lose head football coaches

By **BO JOHN BRUSCO**

Rival schools — University of Washington and Washington State University — both lost their head football coaches within a 30-day period. On October 19, WSU terminated coach Nick Rolovich due to his vaccination status, and just this past week, UW fired coach Jimmy Lake.

Cougars lose their head coach to state-wide vaccine mandate

Last month, Washington State University, UW's rival school, fired Nick Rolovich for refusing to get vaccinated against COVID-19. As his unvaccinated status violates Gov. Inslee's mandate for state employees, WSU had no choice but to let him go.

WSU's press release also stated that Rolovich's four assistant coaches — Ricky Logo, John Richardson, Craig Stutzmann, and Mark Weber — were terminated for the same reason.

In the press release, WSU Athletic Director Pat Chung said, "This is a disheartening day for our football program. Our priority has been and will continue to be the health and well-being of the young men on our team."

"The leadership on our football team is filled with young men of character, selflessness and resiliency and we are confident these same attributes will help guide this program as we move forward."

WSU President Kirk Scholz also issued a statement, focusing his remarks on the mandate. "While much has been made of the relatively small number of university employees who are not complying with the Governor's mandate, we are immensely gratified that nearly 90 percent of WSU employees and 97 percent of our students are now vaccinated," he said.

"WSU students, faculty, and staff understand the importance of getting vaccinated and wearing masks so that we can safely return to in-person learning and activities. I am proud of all those members of our community who have set the example and taken the steps to protect not just themselves, but their fellow Cougs," Scholz concluded.

Rolovich noted his decision to refuse vaccination earlier this year when he participated remotely in a



Former WSU Head Coach Nick Rolovich (left) and former UW Head Coach Jimmy Lake (right).

Pac-12 conference that required in-person participants to be vaccinated.

Before the conference began, Rolovich tweeted the following statement:

"I have elected not to receive a COVID-19 vaccine for reasons which will remain private. While I have made my own decision, I respect that every individual — including our coaches, staff, and student-athletes — can make his or her own decision regarding the COVID-19 vaccine. I will not comment further on my decision."

The Cougar's defensive coordinator Jake Dickert has been acting head coach since Rolovich's departure.

Rolovich appeals termination

As of November 4, Rolovich's attorneys are appealing his termination. Screenshots of the appeal have been shared to Twitter by The Athletic's Chris Vannini.

The appeal recounts Rolovich's application for religious exemption in September, just after Gov. Inslee announced the October 18 deadline for state employees to get vaccinated.

On October 6, according to the appeal, WSU's Human Resources Services (HRS) determined that Rolovich was entitled to his exemption because he articulated his "sincerely held religious belief."

Afterward, HRS prepared precautionary COVID-19 measures Rolovich would have to follow in place of vaccination and sent said recommendations to the Athletics Department. However, the Athletics Department ultimately rejected the proposal and even challenged the approval of Rolovich's religious exemption.

The appeal recounts the Athletics Department's argument against Rolovich's exemption, the basis of which was that "Rolovich had made several statements that cast doubt on his claimed sincerely held religious belief."

The flip-flop of approval leads to the appeals primary claim that "The University's procedural detours are as disturbing as they are unlawful."

Athletic Director fires Husky's head football coach

Rolovich isn't the only coach to get canned this fall

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chimps, our closest living relatives, don't recapitulate disease in the same way that we do, who in their right mind thought that monkeys we haven't shared a common ancestor within 24 million years would be appropriate?" Dr. Jones-Engel said.

Dr. Jones-Engel continued to say monkeys are used in these experiments simply because they are smaller and cheaper than apes.

Congress was about pull the plug on the research facility back in the 80's after the facility failed to deliver on their promises but the facility promised, if given more money and monkeys, they could develop a vaccine for HIV — there was never a vaccine developed. In fact, the five vaccines that passed clinical trials and succeeded in monkeys, failed miserably when tested on humans signifying Dr. Jones-Engel's claim that monkeys are not an appropriate surrogate in developing vaccines in humans.

Dr. Jones-Engel tried multiple avenues to have UW look critically at the primate center and animal use program while she was a member of the institution. In December of 2019, she began sending letters to UW's President, Ana Mari Cauce, outlining

issues that were uncovered through a two-year investigation involving FOIA's and public records but she received no response.

"I left the primate center for failure to act on presence of tuberculosis, I left the UW entirely because of the systemic failure of animal oversight and scientific integrity," Dr. Jones-Engel, who resigned from the University of Washington in 2019, told the Lynnwood Times.

Since her resignation, Dr. Jones-Engel was approached by two executive members of the animal activist group PETA to aid in a public campaign to shut down the facility completely, which began last year.

Dr. Jones-Engel grew up in a primate biomedical community beginning in the late 80's. Back then, she explained to the Lynnwood Times that the animal rights community were "looked upon as fools."

"It never crossed my mind, ever in my entire career, that I would be sitting where I sit now — as an animal rights scientific advisor for PETA," Dr. Jones-Engel said. "The University of Washington turned me into an animal activist."

In February of 2022, the ten-year

anniversary for the lease agreement at the breeding site in Arizona, which is located next to a toxic waste site exposing the animals to valley fever, grants the opportunity to break the lease.

The exposure to valley fever in these primates make them unacceptable candidates for HIV testing, as reported by AZ Central, which Dr. Jones-Engel adds only supports the notion that the research facility continues to use the development of an HIV vaccine as a justification for remaining operational.

The University of Washington is in its last year of funding for the primate center, expiring April 30, 2022. The grant is currently in review for a new five-year cycle. According to Dr. Jones-Engel, the ability to sever the lease of the breeding facility and grant renewal could be an opportunity to close the research facility for good.

"UW could use this natural end point to say you know what? This is not working, it simply does not work to use these animals in biomedical research, we've wasted enough money, enough lives, we need to redirect our resources to human development research, and we need to shut down this primate research center," Dr. Jones-Engel said.

When Harvard's New England National

Primate Research Center faced similar issues in 2013, they decided to close down.

"If you choose to look it takes an extraordinary person to decide not to see," Dr. Jones-Engle said. "When people do that, that's when this will stop. There are better ways to do science that doesn't involve animals that are never going to give us the answers we need."

University of Washington official statement

The University of Washington defends the WaNPRC as necessary to test certain research, dismissing PETA's claims as inaccurate and misleading. They offered the Lynnwood Times the following statement regarding PETA and Dr. Jones-Engel's efforts:

"The Washington National Primate Research Center (WaNPRC) is committed to ensuring that non-human primates are used only when there is not another alternative. We are accountable to several regulatory agencies including the USDA and the Office of Laboratory Animal Welfare at NIH.

"These federal regulatory agencies

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Do Parents Have a Say over Education?

By OLIVIA THIESSEN

While many concerned parents are storming to school board meetings to debate Critical Race Theory (CRT), sex education, and mask mandates in their public schools, some have begun to ask a broader question: do parents have a say over education at all?

Virginians say “yes”

The recent Virginia gubernatorial race addressed this question. Democrat candidate Terry McAuliffe admitted plainly, “I don’t think parents should be telling schools what they should teach,” while his Republican opponent Glenn Youngkin said the opposite: “I believe parents should be in charge of their kids’ education.”

Republican Governor Youngkin ultimately gained the victory, partially because of this answer, in the same state that helped secure President Biden’s victory by 10 points earlier this year.

While the people of Virginia have shown their answer through the election process, the question of whether parents have a say in education remains a debate across much of the nation. School boards have become a battleground, and in some cases, board members feel threatened by those in their district speaking out against their curriculum or mandates.

NSBA says “no”

On September 29, the National School Board Association (NSBA) released a letter to President Biden, which it recently removed and apologized for, requesting “federal law enforcement and other assistance to deal with the growing number of threats of violence and acts of intimidation occurring across the nation,” likening concerned parents who disagree with their school district’s practices to domestic terrorists.

The letter also claimed that “violence” in school boards (though they did not cite examples or define their terms) stems from the “propaganda” surrounding CRT, further claiming that “critical race theory is not taught in public schools and remains a complex

law school and graduate school subject well beyond the scope of a K-12 class.”

In response to the NSBA’s letter, Attorney General Merrick Garland released his memorandum for the FBI on October 4 which detailed the “disturbing spike in harassment, intimidation, and threats of violence against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff,” and called for the FBI to convene meetings to “facilitate the discussion of strategies for addressing threats against school administrators, board members, teachers, and staff, and will open dedicated lines of communication for threat reporting, assessment, and response.”

The memorandum, like the NSBA’s letter, did not define the terms “harassment,” “intimidation,” or “threats,” nor did it cite examples. It also did not explicitly exclude civil dissent as a form of harassment.

Questions have arisen whether the Department of Justice ever investigated the claims of the NSBA before issuing the memorandum, which Garland admitted, under oath, was the basis of his letter. So far, no proof of any investigation into the NSBA’s claims has been provided.

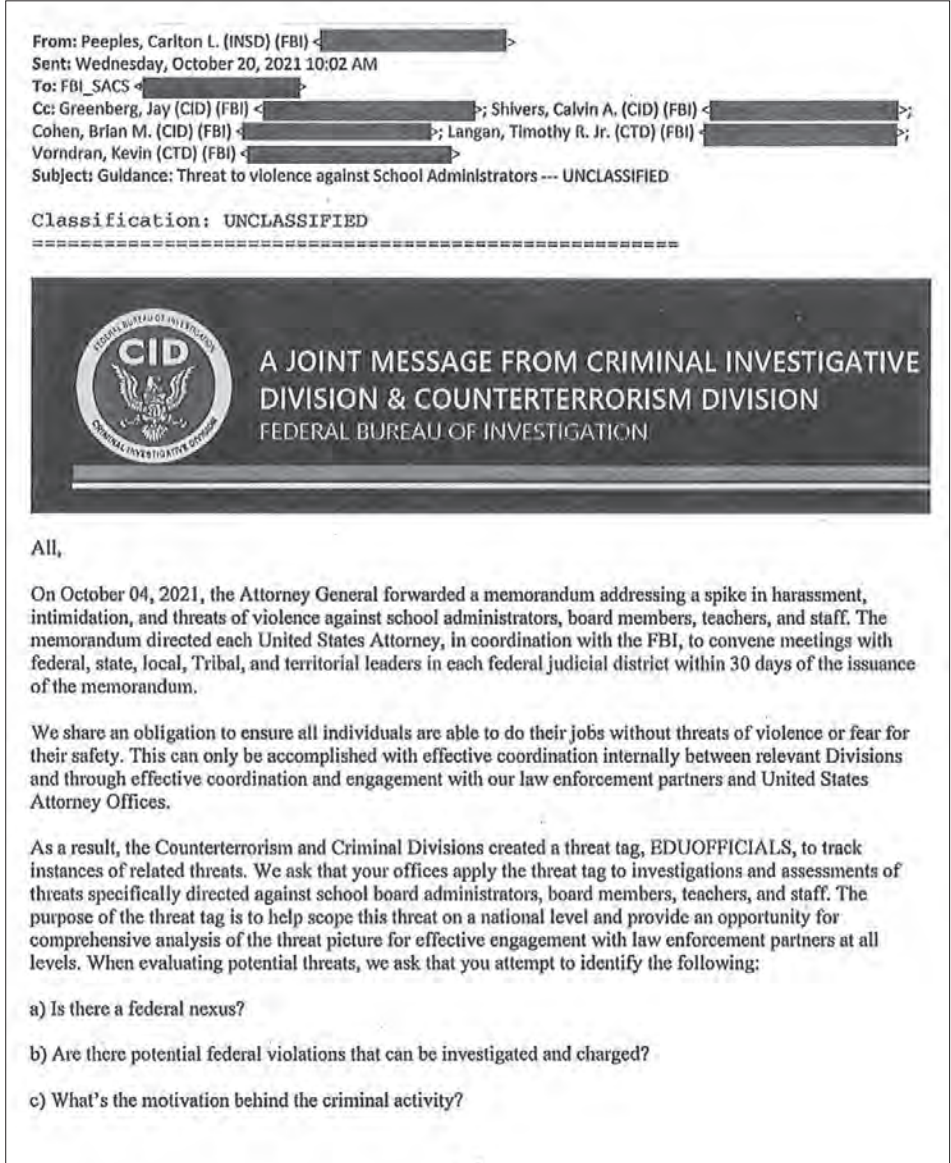
It seems as though the DOJ was hasty to accuse concerned parents of terrorism, indicating their answer to the overarching question at hand.

The federal government says “no”

Furthermore, leaked emails indicate that the NSBA colluded with the White House before penning the letter, raising questions about whether the White House ordered Garland and the FBI to investigate parent activity in school boards.

It was also found that the FBI’s Counterterrorism and criminal division created a “threat tag” to track potential investigations into parents they deem as threats, according to an FBI whistleblower. Again, parents who voice concerns through civil dissent are not explicitly excluded.

The actions of the NSBA, the attorney



general, and the White House indicate that those in the highest authority believe parents should not have a say over education. The NSBA letter and the AG’s memorandum seem to lump all parent concerns together as domes-

tic terrorism, never clarifying that civil dissent be encouraged or even permissible.

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We appreciate your attention to this matter and welcome any engagement to identify trends, strategies, and best practices to accomplish discouraging, identifying, and prosecuting those who use violence, threats of violence, and other forms of intimidation and harassment pertaining to this threat.

On behalf of,
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Respectfully,
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What do local school districts say?

While the federal authorities have shown they believe parents have no say in public education, many local school boards are fearful to take a stand.

The Lynnwood Times contacted nine local school districts, including Mukilteo, Edmonds, Everett, Lake Stevens, Snohomish, Marysville, Arlington, Northshore, and Monroe school districts to ask if they agree with the sentiments discussed in the NSBA letter,

which at the time was still upheld by the association.

Each district was asked the following questions:

1. Does the district agree with the letter's substance and tone? If not, have you contacted the NSBA to let them know?
2. Can you please tell us how, going forward, your organization defines "intimidation," harassment," and "threat"?

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as UW's Athletics Director Jen Cohen fired head football coach Jimmy Lake on November 13, before Lake could finish his second season.

According to Cohen, the termination conversation was "professional."

In 2019, Lake was Cohen's top pick to replace Chris Petersen. "I had so much confidence in him I really believed he was the best person for the job," she said during a zoom conference the day after Lake's termination. "I'm just disappointed and really sad that this has not worked out."

During the conference, Cohen was pelted repeatedly by the same question: Why did you fire him? Cohen never did offer any details, simply stating and

restating that "it wasn't just one thing" and that she made the decision after a holistic evaluation.

"These decisions are always difficult and in this case, complicated," she said. "It was a combination of things, and I came to the conclusion that I just didn't have confidence in Coach Lake's ability to lead the program moving forward."

It is believed by some, including a few who questioned Cohen during the conference, that Lake's termination is linked to a sideline incident during their November 6 game against the University of Oregon.

After a brief rift between players, Lake shoved and swatted at Huskies' linebacker Ruperake Fuavai and was suspended immediately thereafter.

3. Finally, do you plan to report individuals in your state to the U.S. Department of Justice – or do you believe that concerns can be adequately managed by local and state law enforcement?

Seven of the eight school boards did not respond. Lake Stevens School District, the only district to respond even after follow-up, did not answer the questions directly but left the following message, attributed to their Superintendent Dr. Ken Collins and the Board President, Mari Taylor:

"The Lake Stevens School District and our Board of Directors welcomes and encourages engagement in school board meetings. Civil discourse is an integral part of public education, and our Board has appreciated hearing the different perspectives of our students, families and residents. We have had to remind participants about the procedures related to the public comment portion of our board meetings and required protocols for public health and safety—and the overwhelming majority of attendees have been courteous and respectful. We take seriously our responsibility to ensure that students and their families are heard and respected. Running safe and civil meet-

Lake would later comment on the incident, saying, "I separated him. I did not strike him. I separated him."

NFL Analyst and former professional quarterback Ryan D. Leaf spoke with King 5's Steve Bunin about the incident. "There's no reason why I thought he should have been suspended," he said. "The reason he's being suspended is because of the backlash from the fan base."

Leaf concluded his remarks predicting the suspension would mark Lake's exit.

When asked if the suspension and termination were connected, Cohen said, "The decision to terminate was a completely different decision based on a holistic review."

Cohen made it clear that the university will honor the terms of Lake's contract, putting UW on the hook for about \$9 million, according to the Associated Press. In the 13 games Lake coached, the Huskies went 7 – 6.

While defensive coordinator Bob Gregory will serve as interim coach for the last two games of the season, Cohen stated that UW has already begun searching for Lake's replacement.

ings is key to our democratic process.

"We have a strong partnership with the Lake Stevens Police Department, and have had an officer present at several board meetings to provide assistance as needed. While we are aware of situations at school board meetings that have gotten out of control locally and nationally, we do not anticipate needing to take any additional precautions in Lake Stevens."

When it comes to topics that matter greatly to parents, such as sex education, CRT, and mandates, parents need to know whether their school district will value their voices, or if their district will consider them a threat, worthy of an FBI investigation.



LEGAL NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: NICHOLAS DORAN HUNDLEY, 4217 164TH STREET, APT. #C101, LYNNWOOD, WA 98087

In the Matter of the Welfare of the children of, Cynithia Zimmerman, Charles Deherra and Nicholas Hundley, Parents.

District Court CHIPS File No. 10-JV-20-227
 District Court PERM File No. 10-JV-21-167
 County Attorney File Number JC-20-55366

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: That a hearing will be held at the Carver County Government Center, Justice Center, 604 East Fourth Street, Chaska, Minnesota, 55318, on Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at 10:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, to determine the permanent placement of your children.

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family spending each night corralling them inside.

“That turkey on your plate - there’s work that goes into it. If you think about it: every single night for about four months we’re going out and putting turkeys to bed,” Ballinger joked.

Although Jeremy grew up in the suburbs of Mukilteo, he belonged to a long line of farmers. His grandfather grew up on a farm, his father worked on farms around Kansas and Texas. And while his father eventually settled in Mukilteo, Ballinger says that itch to raise his own food never disappeared.

“He always had really big vegetable gardens every year, and I remember he used to raise quail in our backyard, in the suburbs, that he used to provide meat for us,” Ballinger said.

Jeremy’s parents eventually bought some property outside of Monroe where he began to raise cows and steer to fill the freezer full of beef each year. To Jeremy, seeing this growing up was what inspired him to follow in his father’s footsteps all throughout his 20-year career as a Mukilteo police officer.

“That was what I did in the military, so naturally it’s what I did when I got out, and I thought it would be my career, but I always thought it would be really fun to own a farm - I just didn’t know how it would ever happen,” Ballinger said.

In 2013 Ballinger and his family moved out of the city and bought a house on 3-acres in Granite Falls, playing around with the idea of raising some animals. They purchased some goats and a steer that they raised and butchered for meat. By the time their third child was born, they decided to “double down” and move again to Ar-

lington, the current site of Flying Fortress Farm.

“The property had sat for 20 years, everything was super overgrown, and the house itself was abandoned for the last 10 years before we bought it, so there was a lot of work that had to go in before it was even livable,” Ballinger said.

Ballinger connected with the Farmer Veteran Coalition, a national non-profit based out of California that helps veterans get into farming, providing educational resources, mentoring, and marketing, and was awarded a grant of \$5,000 in 2020 that they used to purchase some butchering and processing equipment.

Before purchasing the equipment, the Ballinger family had to transport their birds to a butchering facility, which required appointments a year in advance with little to no flexibility.

“If your birds didn’t grow as fast - too bad - you couldn’t change your butchering date. So we used that grant to purchase some butchering equipment that we got approved by the WSDA to have more flexibility,” Ballinger said.

The new equipment has allowed the farm to open up new avenues, including processing their meat into sausage and even offering holiday eggnog using farm-fresh eggs.

Flying Fortress Farms, named after the World War II B17 Bomber that Jeremy’s grandfather flew, started in 2018 while Ballinger was still working as a full-time police officer. The Ballinger family began by purchasing around 12-14 chickens to have fresh eggs for the family. Later that year, upon learning about the health benefits from eating grass-fed, free-roaming meat, Jeremy decided he wanted to try his luck out with raising chickens for meat. At first he started small, pasture raising about

60 chickens his first year using no additives or chemicals, feeding them an organic diet, and allowing them to have free-roaming, loved, and happy lives. He figured at the very least he could fill his freezer with frozen chicken meat for a year.

“The thought is, back when the B17 Bomber was produced, back in the early 40s, our food was much simpler then. It wasn’t GMO’s or organic or nonorganic - it was just food. And that’s kinda what we want to get back to. It’s just food, it’s just old-fashioned food, there’s nothing weird in it. It’s something that our grandparents would have eaten,” Ballinger told the Lynnwood Times.

According to Ballinger, the meat tasted great and was a huge success. He decided to start raising chickens for farmers markets the following year.

By 2019 the family had bumped their production up to 350 broilers (chickens raised for meat), 50 Thanksgiving turkeys, and 10 pigs, selling the fruits of their labor at the Lake Stevens Farmers Market, The Stanwood Farmers Market, as well as on-site.

“Everything we do is natural. On the pasture, all the animals are rotated out to fresh grass every day,” Ballinger said.

The Ballinger family does this with the use of mobile shelters that are wheeled out to new areas to allow their animals access to fresh grass whenever a plot of land is worn thin. The mobile shelters allow the animals to roam free and remain stimulated while not being confined to a closed-off space. Surrounding these free roam areas are mobile electric fences that protect the animals from predators like coyotes and bald eagles.

At the beginning of 2020, Ballinger began to get burned out from balanc-

ing his law enforcement career with his farming hobby, so he presented himself a choice: He could either scale back his farming and focus on his police career, or scale up his farming and quit his job. He chose farming and resigned from public service last year.

Since then, the Ballinger family doubled their production, raising 750 chickens, 75 Thanksgiving turkeys, 12 pigs, as well as ducks, geese, and rabbits. At their small patch of land, nestled between Mount Pilchuck and the Stillaguamish River, the animals do not simply have access to land - they live in it. At Flying Fortress Farm, their motto is to “give the animals the respect they deserve from the first day at the farm to their last, use only high quality, non-GMO and organic local grains, and never give animals any drugs in the form of vaccines, preventable antibiotics, hormones, or chemical supplements.”

Raising animals this way does not come without obstacles, however. Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the farm has resorted to online sales, unable to make appearances at local farmers markets. By also committing to 100 percent pasture-raised food, about 10 animals are lost each year due to predators or the harshness of the Washington weather, particularly within the last couple of stormy seasons.

“The benefits of raising them outside far offset the few that we lose to weather or predators. It’s still the way we’re going to do it,” Ballinger said.

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ensure compliance with standards as outlined in the Animal Welfare Act, the PHS Policy and the Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals. Additionally, the University of Washington is accredited by AAALAC International, which is a voluntary accreditation organization that oversees animal care programs.

“The University of Washington and WaNPRC remain in good standing with these oversight bodies and were most recently approved for continuing accreditation by AAALAC in November 2019. All these agencies are aware of all aspects of our program and all the issues raised have been corrected or dismissed as inaccurate or misleading.

“Our center as well at the six other primate centers across the country are frequently targeted by animal rights groups whose aim is to shut down all animal research. We continue to look for ways to conduct this research by using computer models, simulators and cell cultures, however, for some research, it is necessary to use non-human primates and we will continue to use that best practice while following appropriate care guideline and regulations”

from page 2 **CAVALERI**

Cavaleri also introduced ordinances while on council that would reinstate charges for simple possession of drugs and forbid mandatory vaccine passports to maintain employment.

“Actions speak louder than words. I do everything to involve our people. When I’m aware of a situation, I take action. I don’t sit around. I don’t wait around to see what’s popular or what the other council members think. . . . At the end of the day, we are responsible to our citizens to keep them safe,” Cavaleri told the Lynnwood Times.

About Vincent Cavaleri

Cavaleri was born in Queens, New York, and grew up in West Babylon in Long Island. He was a troubled teenager, but after a police officer in his neighborhood pushed him to enlist in the military, his life and priorities changed.

“I probably would have ended up in jail, prison, dead, or one or the other. It’s kind of why I base everything I do on helping others. It’s why I chose public service, simply because we always have to be there for the next generation, just like someone was there for me,” Cavaleri told the Lynnwood Times.

Cavaleri was honorably discharged

from the United States Army Reserve in 1989 after serving for six years and subsequently moved to Washington state. Through his time spent on council, he has sat on numerous boards and committees, including SNO911 and the fire board.

When he is not working as a deputy or council member, he is extremely active and involved in high-impact athletics. He enjoys kickboxing, biking, hiking, and hot yoga. Yoga, to him, is a way of decompressing from the stresses of his occupation and the pressures of life.

He has been married to his wife Lilian for 32-years, with whom he shares two adult children. This month they just welcomed their first grandchild into the world.

“We’re your next-door neighbors. There’s nothing pompous about us,” Cavaleri said.

Cavaleri was a due-paying Democrat until 2015. Although he considers himself and his ideology to be Libertarian, he will be running as a Republican in the upcoming election.

“Running as a Libertarian is a death sentence. . . . Running as a conservative, with my Christian values, seems to have a better marriage than what’s available now in the Democratic party. This isn’t about partisanship, this isn’t about picking a side. It’s about making

sure the very people we swore to protect and defend end up the winners,” Cavaleri told the Lynnwood Times.

To learn more about Vincent Cavaleri, his platform, and how to aid in his campaign, visit <https://www.cavaleriforcongress.com/>

“America desperately needs some sort of nonconventional leadership at this point. What we have is broken. What we have is falling apart right in front of us. What we have with one-party rule is a monarchy, and it’s destroying America. You can take every facet of America, whether it’s the \$3.5 trillion they’re trying to pass in new debt, whether it’s the border, whether it’s citizens left in Afghanistan. Bad decision after bad decision needs to be held into account, and I intend to do that as a member of Congress,” Cavaleri told the Lynnwood Times.

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