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Lynnwood Times wins 14 awards at WNPA Journalism Convention

By KIENAN BRISCOE

BELLINGHAM—The Lynnwood Times took home a whopping 14 awards at the Washington Newspaper Publisher Association’s (WNPA) 135th annual Journalism Convention, Saturday, October 8, as part of its 2022 Better Newspaper Contest. The competition pitted newspapers from all over the state, divided into groups by circulation, and spanned a variety of categories.

Reporter Kienan Briscoe won an, impressive, nine awards including first place in the Social Issues category for Rebuilding a Life, first place in the COVID-19 Coverage category for We ain’t cancelling church, first place in the Arts Feature category for Mexican folk dance performance a win for sister city program, second place in Government Story for Council rejects mayor’s DEI picks, second place in Business Feature Story for Retired Mukilteo Police Officer turns Thanksgiving turkey farmer,

second place in Arts Feature Story for Lynnwood actor lands role in feature film, third place in News Story for Innovations in Aerospace, third place in COVID-19 Coverage for Vaccine Billionaires, and third place in General Feature Story for Red Cross NW volunteer Deb Phelps.

Publisher and Founder Mario Lotmore won second place in the Election Story category for Binda fails to provide required documentation required by law.

Reporter Olivia Thiessen won second place in the Education Story category for Do parents have a say over education.

The Lynnwood Times also came in third place for Business Feature Story for Stories from Esther’s Place, second place in Video for Local Eats: Taqueria Puebla, and first place in Video for Local Eats: Zuri’s Donutz.

The awards ceremony capped off the second night of the convention, which took place

at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel in Bellingham, Washington from Friday, October 7, through Sunday, October 9. Before the ceremony commenced, Lynnwood Times staff had the opportunity to attend discussions, panels, and workshops to learn about Journalism and the Law, Reporting on Crime, Open Government in Washington, how to improve photos, how to grow circulation, and connect with newspaper employees across the state.

Puget Sound Energy to increase natural gas rates 17 percent for residential customers

BELLEVUE, Wash., October 6, 2022—On Monday, Puget Sound Energy (PSE) files with the Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission (UTC) to increase natural gas rates effective on November 1, 2022. PSE services natural gas to Snohomish County.

A typical residential natural gas customer the uses 64 therms per month would see an increase in their bill from \$75.59 to \$88.45 (or 17.01%).

According to the notice, PSE has requested to increase natural gas to reflect fluctuations in the price of natural gas in the wholesale market. The overall average increase in rates would be 17.32 percent. The cost of natural gas is shown on the monthly PSE bill as “Gas Cost.”

The other component of the increase to Puget Sound Energy gas rates is to recover costs from Nov. 1, 2021, through Oct. 31, 2022, for the replacement of aging natural gas pipelines. The CRM rates are shown on your monthly PSE bill as “Other Natural Gas Charges & Credits” and will be an average increase of 0.54 percent.

On January 31, 2022, PSE filed a general rate case with UTC requesting a multiyear adjustment to electric rates to take effect January 1, 2023. The

key drivers for the rate increases are to decarbonize energy systems to comply with state mandates and to recover more than four years of capital and operating improvements not billed to customers.

The proposal would increase electricity rates for residential customers an average of 15.8% in 2023, another 2.62% in 2024, and 1.2% in 2025.

Bill assistance programs are available to help those struggling to pay their energy bills. PSE customers can go to pse.com or call 1-888-333-9882 to learn if they are eligible. Payment plans are also available.

To comment to the UTC on PSE’s requested rate changes: use the online comment form at <http://www.utc.wa.gov/comment>; email comments@utc.wa.gov; phone 1-888-333-9882; or write to P.O. Box 47250, Olympia, WA, 98504-7250. Please include your name, mailing address, the name of the company (PSE), and electric and natural gas docket number(s).

Puget Sound Energy serves approximately 1.1 million electric customers and more than 790,000 natural gas customers in 10 counties. A subsidiary of Puget Energy, PSE meets the energy needs of its customers, in part, through incremental, cost-effective energy ef-

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“Take a trip on the zip,” Lynnwood and Community Transit’s on-demand service

By KIENAN BRISCOE

LYNNWOOD— Community Transit’s latest innovation to public transportation hit Lynnwood October 20th with Zip Shuttle, an on-demand ride service within the Alderwood area, a shopping and dining hub, known throughout the region.

Starting Thursday, Lynnwood commuters can book a trip through the GOIN’ – Rides for All app, designate a pick-up and drop-off location, and within minutes, a blue and white Community Transit Zip vehicle will arrive offering easy and affordable access to Alderwood Mall, the library, and near-by multimodal transit centers.

For the technologically challenged, or non-native English speakers, commuters can also call a phone number to book their ride with interpreter services available in just about every language.

“A lot of people expressed having an issue getting to the transit center from their home, and from the transit center back home,” Mayor Christine Frizzell told the Lynnwood Times. “The idea that we can get people closer to using public transportation and reducing greenhouse gas emissions, this is really embracing public transportation for all that it can be.”

The price of a Zip ride is just \$2.50 for adults, \$1.25 with ORCA LIFT or a Regional Reduces Fare Permit, and free for youths 18 and younger making the service incredibly affordable compared to other ride share services such as Uber or Lyft.

Currently, Zip is limited to a fixed area, from 204th Street Southwest to just north of 16th Street Southwest (North to South), and Highway 99 to Interstate-5 (East to West) from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily. Depending on the success of the pilot project, both the city of Lynnwood and Community Transit hope to expand this service to other areas of the city. What that will look like, as far as routes and additional lines, will depend upon the success of this pilot project and community feedback.

“It’s really trying to crack the nut on convenience and making it easy for people to choose transit,” Ric Ilgenfritz, Community Transit Community Transit CEO, told the Lynnwood Times. “More and more people are living in their smart phones; it’s how they communicate, it’s how they share information, it’s how they waypoint so to be present in that space and providing an option for people to summon a ride, we think, has the potential of being a big barrier breaker for the usage of transit.”

There are current four vehicles, three gas-powered Plymouth Voyagers for larger parties and passengers in need of ADA assistance, and a Hyundai Ioniq hybrid sedan.

“Many of the people served by YWCA’s programs don’t have easy access to transportation. Many have faced homelessness, domestic violence and mental health challenges. Many of



Lynnwood Mayor Christine Frizzell (center left) with Mukilteo Mayor Joe Marine at Wednesday’s ribbon cutting ceremony.

them are parents with children. All of them have transportation needs,” said Kresha Green, YWCA regional director of housing and a member of the community working group that helped develop the pilot. “Zip Shuttle will help them access those critical things like jobs, healthcare and school. But it will also help them travel for fun, to visit family and friends, to go to the park or the library or to community events.”

The Voyager seats up to seven people and also transports bicycles. Kevin Futhey, Transportation Specialist for Community Transit, shared with the Lynnwood Times the make and model of the Zip vehicles were considered due to their gas efficiency and to have better “flexibility to go point-to-point more precisely.”

For the time being, trips are only reserved for single parties, but Futhey said Community Transit is currently working with their vendors to develop ride share services with multiple parties at a later date.

To commemorate the beginning of Zip’s service, Community Transit and elected officials had a ribbon-cutting ceremony Wednesday morning at the Lynnwood Convention Center where keynote speakers including Mukilteo Mayor Joe Marine, Chair of Community Transit Board, and Representative Rick Larsen, senior member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, shared a few words.

Mayor Frizzell told the Lynnwood Times the ride experience was smooth, easy, and although there were five passengers, the vehicle could easily fit more.

“This is a big philosophical shift; it’s bringing service to where they are. We’re trying to solve that dark, wet, walk to the bus stop at night and overcome that mental barrier in the morning,” Ilgenfritz said.

The Zip project was funded by a \$1



Community Transit Zip Shuttle Service Map. Source: Community Transit.



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Black, Queer, Afro-Dominican Pop Punk artist Haley Graves makes Lynnwood debut

By KIENAN BRISCOE

LYNNWOOD—Haley Graves (21), a Black, Queer, Pop Punk artist originally from Maine, has only had a leg in the Seattle music scene for a couple years but that hasn't slowed down her momentum in the slightest – opening for nearly 100 bands and performing at some of the city's biggest festivals including Capitol Hill Block Party, PrideFest, Fremont Friday, Belltown Bloom, and Taking Black Pride. Recently Graves added Lynnwood to this list making her Snohomish County debut at Vessel Taphouse Saturday, September 10, as the headlining act.

"It was super fun. It was definitely scary to headline in a city I have never been in, but Vessel is a great stage," Graves told the Lynnwood Times.

One of Graves' favorite things about playing Vessel, she continued, is how easy everyone was to work with and how well they promoted the event.

Since moving to Seattle Graves has released two EP's ("She Thinks My Pop Punk is Cringey", and "Over") gaining nearly 7,000 streams on Spotify. She has also been featured in the Seattle Times twice, Maine Women's Magazine, Femme Audio, and K5 News. In addition to streaming platforms her music can be heard on KEXP radio.

Graves told the Lynnwood Times it was her initial appearance on the cover of the Seattle Times that launched her success. After playing the Welcome Back Seattle event last year she woke up the next morning, surprised to see a photo of herself rocking out on Occidental Square stage.

"I think that's what gave me that leverage, that first little bit of attention. It was almost like over-night success for me. I woke up one morning and I'm on the Seattle Times, I'm on every one's Instagram feed, and I'm the person everyone's talking about," Graves told the Lynnwood Times. "It was absolutely wild to me. It was this feeling of absolute excitement, but it was also weird because all the sudden everyone knew who I was."

After that, Graves was being contacted left-and-right with booking inquiries and KEXP DJ, Marco Collins, wanting to feature her music. For the last year, Graves informed the Lynnwood Times her life has been almost exclusively going to her day job, rehearsing, and playing shows back-to-back although a back injury has recently slowed that down. When the stress of managing herself became too much she reached brought upon Amy Gill as her official manager.

Graves described her music as "Pop Punk" inspired by bands like Green Day, Blink-182, and All Time Low.



Haley Graves. Photo courtesy of Haley Graves Music.

Her biggest influence is Mayday Parade, both musically and lyrically, and even has a tattoo dedicated to the Florida-based rock band. As an openly gay, BIPOC, woman writing in a male-dominated genre, she hopes to be an influence for other pop punk enthusiasts everywhere to be loud and proud of who they are.

"There are not many women in the Pop Punk genre of music who have been super successful. I grew up idolizing men in the genre and I would love to see more representation of women, especially women of color," Graves told the Lynnwood Times. "As a woman in Pop Punk, let alone being black and gay, I started out feeling isolated. I hope I can be one of those people that changes that."

Graves grew up musically inclined in the small town of South Bristol, Maine – a town that is 98% White. From a young age she always knew she was gay but told the Lynnwood Times, in many ways, it was easier to be gay in South Bristol than it was to be Black. Despite her skin color many of her friends told her they did not believe

she was Black because she was "not from the hood" or acted like Black characters in television shows. She told the Lynnwood Times she didn't understand what it meant to be Black until she was much older. In many ways her journey to discover her identity has helped shape her songwriting.

"I knew I was biracial, but I didn't fully understand that I was black. I didn't really understand what that meant," Graves said.

From an early age Graves would almost always be singing, whether to herself or to the guests of the Harbor Side restaurant where her parents worked. She began playing guitar at the age of 10, and took up hip-hop dance lessons, in order to be "just like Justin Bieber." At the age of 14 she fell in love with Pop Punk thanks to a band called Five Seconds of Summer, which lead her to bands like Green Day, All Time Low, Pierce the Veil, and Sleeping with Sirens.

When Graves was 19, she moved to Seattle to study Composition and Jazz Guitar at Cornish College of the Arts but dropped out when the pandemic put a halt to classes. After that she briefly studied Music Composition at Bellevue College Graves but decided school wasn't for her and dropped out again to pursue her music career full-time. She is releasing her first EP, She Thinks My Pop Punk is Cringey, that same year. Its titular song was inspired by a comment a girl she was dating at the time made about her music tastes.

Graves' latest EP, Over, released this year on February 25 and features four songs: "Miss Me", "Tryin'", "Over", and "Waiting". In the next year she hopes to record a full album and tour. She told the Lynnwood Times she is still waiting to find the right band to open for.

You can learn more about Haley Graves' music by visiting her website at <https://imcalledhaleygraves.com/> or follow her on social media at:

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Thomas Family Farm: A must-go Halloween experience for all ages

By KIENAN BRISCOE

SNOHOMISH—Each October, the Thomas Family Farm in Snohomish transforms its historic site into a Halloween playground for anyone seeking an unforgettable one-of-the-kind experience for the whole family. Apart from other pumpkin patches, this 100-year-old farm includes escape rooms, a corn maze, beer garden, hayride, apple cannon, giant slide, games, mini golf, and paintball activities

But the fun isn't just reserved for the day. At night, visitors can shake in their boots as they walk the quarter-mile-long haunted trail or test their fear in the haunted barn by Own the Night Productions. The corn maze – which reads Thomas Family Farms from above – also transforms into an eerie setting where navigators must find their way via flashlight adding an extra layer of fright.

In addition to its activities, the farm's pumpkin patch has over 140,000 pumpkins of 149 different varieties to choose from ensuring everyone takes home a carving canvas they can be proud of.

In many ways, Thomas Family Farm is a living piece of Snohomish History. Marv Thomas' great grandfather immigrated to the United States from Wales in the late 1800's and settled in Snohomish County as a dairy farmer. After Marv's brother, Dennis Thomas Sr., served in Vietnam and Marv attended college, the two brothers continued in their family's footsteps. Through their hard work, the brothers increased their milking cows from 200



Thomas Family Farm. Source: Lynnwood Times | Kienan Briscoe

in 1977, to about 900, with 900 heifers by the early 2000's.

When the recession hit in 2009, the Thomas family, like many dairy

farmers, were affected by plummeting milk prices and were forced to sell their cows. Many farmers around that time began to offer their barns up for wedding venues to make up for the

loss in revenue, but Marv had the idea of growing pumpkins to dabble in agritourism.

"I was sitting in church one day and I heard this voice say, Marv, grow pumpkins," Marv said. "And I thought, that's a pretty good idea."

Many farmers around the community came together to help the farm with their new venture including converting their old planters for pumpkins and offering advice on what seeds to use.


Their old cattle barn was converted into a massive 4,000-square-foot event venue, hosting weddings, wine tastings, auctions, and more. During the farm's October festivities, the barn turns into a beer garden where parents can enjoy a refreshing beverage and follow their favorite football team while their children play games in the "fun park."

"It's weird but we're herding people instead of cows now," Dennis Thomas Jr. said.

After working up an appetite engaging in the listless activities or searching for a pumpkin to take home, visitors can stop by the general store or food court for a fresh lemonade, pizza, hamburger, or freshly fried donut.

"The way we can connect with the community now, we didn't think was possible before. It's been really cool to see the investment we made, the gamble we took, and to see the people respond was awesome," Jake Thomas said. "Since then, we've taken that

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Haunted places throughout Snohomish County to visit this Halloween weekend

By KIENAN BRISCOE

Snohomish County is an area of Washington State both deeply rooted in history and the strange, dark, and mysterious. Whether you're a ghost hunter, paranormally curious, or a history buff simply looking for an excuse to walk through the ages, consider paying the following haunted places in Snohomish County a visit this October in the spirit of the Halloween season.

RUCKER MANSION, EVERETT

At the corner of 412 Laurel Drive in Everett rests a 100-year-old, very haunted, house named the Rucker Mansion. The original owners of the mansion, the Ruckers of course, played a prominent role in paving Everett's history when they migrated to the Pacific Northwest in the 1880's in search of investment opportunities.

Alongside Tacoma Lumberman Henry Hewitt the Rucker family founded the Everett Land Company which dealt with timber and real estate in the region and gained the investments of big names like John D. Rockefeller and Charles Colby, among others. The woman of the house, matriarch Jane Rucker, committed suicide in 1907 by jumping out of her bedroom window. To this day, guests and residents alike

have spotted Jane's ghost appearing in the dead of night to play the piano and hover around the window where she leapt to her death.

OXFORD SALOON, SNOHOMISH

Considered one of the most haunted placed in Washington, the Oxford Saloon in Snohomish was built in 1900 and has had a violent history since. Multiple murders have occurred on site, over the last 122 years, many of them taking place in the basement which used to operate as a bar and card room. One notable victim of these crimes was a local Police Officer named Henry who allegedly tried to break up a fight between two drunken patrons, arguing over a card game, and was stabbed to death in the process. To this day visitors have spotted Henry's ghost hanging out on the stairs leading to the basement and several women have complained about being "pinched" by who they believe to be Henry lurking in the lady's restroom.

The second floor of the Saloon, now rented out as offices, also has frequent ghost sightings from a man wearing a bowler cap and a woman resembling a prostitute named Amelia whose body was found curled up in a closet on the second floor.

Beginning in 2005, the Oxford Saloon

has been the site of multiple paranormal investigations conducted by the likes of the Washington State Ghost Society, Weird Washington, and others. These renown ghost hunters were successful in getting photos of manifestations and recordings of disembodied voices – not all of them welcoming.

Visit the Oxford Saloon if you dare at 913 First Street.

THE BUSH HOUSE INN, INDEX

Built in 1898, Index's Bush House Inn has seen its share of history over the years. From mining camps to housing descendants of the Gunn/Doolittle families; to surviving a devastating earthquake; to serving as a popular, scenic, destination for weddings, artists, hikers, and kayakers in more recent years. However, not all its history is bright.

According to a local legend, a young woman named Anabel committed suicide upon hearing that her lover had died. The rumor ended up being untrue and, when her lover returned and discovered her body, he also ended his life out of grief. It is said that the ghosts of this double suicide still haunt Room 9, on the third floor – where the couple were living.

The Inn is located at 308 5th Street in Index and is currently undergoing an expansive restoration process. Despite its construction rooms are still available, on a case-by-case basis, for the remainder of 2022.

THE STANWOOD HOTEL, STANWOOD

Even the current owner of the Stanwood Hotel, Marilyn Guthrie, claims to have experienced paranormal activity at this historic hotel and saloon, even though she considers herself a skeptic. Established in 1890, employees and patrons alike have reported seeing (and feeling) a woman walking the halls in period clothing as though protecting (or looking over) something. Not much is known about who this woman might be, or any grim history the building might have, but regardless: it still stands as one of Stanwood's oldest buildings built shortly after a fire decimated most of the city.

MONTE CRISTO GHOST TOWN, GRANITE FALLS

Just east of Granite Falls lies an, appropriately named, ghost town called Monte Cristo. In the 1890's a mining boom brought thousands of miners to the isolated mountain region on their way to deliver lead-silver ore to Everett.

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Washingtonians prefer working out at home even a year after gyms reopen

By KIENAN BRISCOE

The pandemic shut down fitness gyms across the Washington state in 2020 for eight weeks, and although memberships have seen a resurgence since restrictions were lifted, it may be an industry that never fully recovers as more and more people have switched to home workouts.

When fitness centers reopened in January 2021, they were only allowed one customer per room, or per 500 square feet for larger facilities, with additional mask and physical distancing requirements. In Phase 2 of the state's reopening, fitness centers were allowed to increase to 25% capacity. These restrictions hit the fitness industry hard causing centers like 24-Hour Fitness to file bankruptcy in June of 2020, closing down over 100 of their locations.

New data from market-research firm Nielsen shows that the Seattle metro area experienced the seventh biggest drop in gym memberships among the 50 largest metro areas in the country at a rate of just 18.4% as of August 2022. The Washington Post reported last year that home fitness equipment revenue more than doubled during the pandemic to \$2.3 billion in the first six months. The Nielson study also showed that 23% of Seattle-area adults own at-home exercise equipment which could be a leading factor as to why fitness enthusiasts have no interest in returning to their previously attended facilities.

Another paradigm shift in the fitness world is the insurgence of remote fitness classes that arose during the pandemic's height, which many new



subscribers say they won't be replacing with gym memberships. Virtual platforms such as the Oculus-based Supernatural app and Peloton doubled their subscribers since the pandemic lifting revenue to \$607 million in just one year – a 172% increase since pre-pandemic times.

Despite plummeting memberships, Washington State still ranks fourth in nation for most expensive gym memberships, according to a recent report conducted by fitness resource Total Shape. The report was conducted by analyzing data from cost-of-living site Numbeo to discover the average price of gym memberships across a list of 80 major U.S. cities.

Washington gym memberships averaged \$84.51, according to the study, which is nearly twice (or \$39.53) more expensive than the U.S. average. At each end of the spectrum, New York ranked most expensive at an average price of \$106.06 a month, and Mesa, Arizona ranked most affordable at just a \$18.29 a month on average. It may come to no surprise that New York also ranked first in the nation for dropped gym memberships since the pandemic as well.

“Working out is a vital use of your time for not only your physical health but your mental wellbeing too.,” a spokesperson for Total Shape said. “Whilst exercise can be done from

anywhere, a gym membership can serve as a motivating factor for your fitness goals, whilst offering a space to escape from everyday life. The disparities in gym membership cost across the states is shocking to see.”

Gyms across the state have scurried to do all they can to persuade their members to return. From upgrading infrastructure and safety protocols to offering virtual personal training. However, with more expensive rates of memberships paired with the thousands of dollars Seattle-area residents paid for at-home equipment, local gyms may be the next to suffer in today's worsening economy.



RETIRED DETECTIVE JIM SCHARF TO SPEAK ON THE USE OF DNA IN SOLVING COLD CASES

The public is invited to join Detective Jim Scharf as he discusses solving a 1987 double homicide case using genetic genealogy. His focus will be on the Jay

Cook and Tanya Van Cuylenborg case. This program is free and open to the public.

The event will take place at the Lynnwood-

Alderwood Manor Heritage Association located at 19903 Poplar Way in Lynnwood on Saturday, October 29, 2022, at 10 a.m. Doors open at 9:45 a.m.

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Bombshell: Pfizer Exec admits COVID vaccine never tested on preventing transmissions

By MARIO LOTMORE

BRUSSELS—During an October 11, 2022, hearing on the European Union’s COVID-19 response, Pfizer’s president of international developed markets, Janine Small, admitted that its vaccine had never been tested before its release to the general public on its ability to prevent the transmission of COVID when asked by Dutch politician and a current Member of the European Parliament (MEP) Robert “Rob” Roos.

“Regarding the question around did we know about stopping immunization before it entered the market...No.,” Small replied with a smirk when asked by Roos if the Pfizer’ COVID vaccine was ever tested to stop the transmission of the virus before it entered the market.

She continued, “We have to really move at the speed of science to really understand what is taking place in the market.”

It was not clear from the questioning of Ms. Small if she were referring to the Pfizer BioNTech (BNT162b2) vaccine which is authorized under Emergency Use Authorization or Comirnaty which is the FDA-approved vaccine. Under an Emergency Use Authorization, vaccines cannot be mandated.

According to the August 2022 article, The Pfizer BioNTech (BNT162b2) COVID-19 vaccine: What you need to know, it states that there “is modest vaccine impact on transmission” to prevent COVID infection.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the EU implemented a wide range of health policies with its EU Vaccines Strategy and initiatives, one being EU Digital COVID Certificates which exempted persons from “free movement” restrictions. The EU implemented “free movement” restrictions to slow down the spread of coronavirus and protect the health and well-being of all Europeans.

EU Parliamentarian Roos, exposed an alleged misinformation campaign by Pfizer with the release of his video tweet today. In it he called the actions “criminal”, “scandalous” and “a cheap



Janine Small attending COVID special Committee on October 11, 2022. Source: European Parliament media.

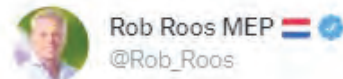
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Below is a transcript of Roos’ Twitter post:

“If you don’t get vaccinated, you’re antisocial. This is what the Dutch prime minister and health minister told us. You don’t get vaccinated just for yourself, but also for others. You do it for all of society, that’s what they said. Today, this turned out to be complete nonsense.

“In a COVID hearing in the European Parliament, one of the Pfizer directors just admitted to me at the time of introduction, the vaccine had never been tested on stopping the transmission of the virus.

“This removes the entire legal basis for the COVID Passport. The COVID passport that led to massive institutional discrimination as people lost access to essential parts of society. I find this to be shocking, even criminal.”

“This is scandalous. Millions of people worldwide felt forced to get vaccinated because of the myth that ‘you do it for others.’ Now this turned out to be a cheap lie.



BREAKING:

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European Union launches investigation into the acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines

By MARIO LOTMORE

LUXEMBOURG—The European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO) announced last Friday, October 14, that it has launched an investigation into the acquisition of COVID-19 vaccines in the European Union (EU).



Ursula von der Leyen.
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The EPPO is an independent public prosecution office of the EU, and since June of 2021, it has been investigating, prosecuting, and bringing to judgment

crimes against the EU's financial interests.

According to the EPPO's website, crimes investigated include fraud and/or corruption that damages, or is likely to damage, the EU's financial interests that "affect revenues, expenditures and assets covered by, acquired through, or due to the European Union budget and the budgets of the institutions, bodies, offices and agencies established under the Treaties, and budgets managed and monitored by them."

The EPPO announcement did not specify who, nor which COVID-19 vaccine companies and contracts were being investigated. However, a September 12 article by Politico and an October 10 article by Reuters may provide some insight as to the nature of the investigation.

The European Court of Auditors published a report in September accusing the European Commission (EC) of refusing to disclose its President Ursula von der Leyen's personal role in negotiating a €35 billion contract with Pfizer/BioNTech back in May of 2021.

The contract was for 1.8 billion doses of COVID-19 vaccine for the European Union's 2022-23 portfolio, yet, as of the end of 2021, "80% of the EU's adult population had been fully vaccinated," according to the report.

"We asked the Commission to provide us with information on the preliminary negotiations for this agreement (scientific experts consulted and advice received, timing of the talks, records of the discussions, and details of the agreed terms and conditions). However, none was forthcoming," the report reads.

On page 29 of the 51-page report, it states that von der Leyen conducted preliminary negotiations in March 2021 with Pfizer/BioNTech outside of the established system for vaccine procurement and did not involve the joint negotiation team (JNT) who are responsible for negotiating the contracts.

President Ursula von der Leyen then presented to the Vaccine Steering Board on April 9, 2021, the conditions negotiated between her and Pfizer/BioNTech. The €35 billion COVID-19 vaccine contract was signed on May 19, 2021.

The report also revealed that European Ombudsman Emily O'Reilly, opened an investigation into the "European Commission's refusal to grant public access to text messages exchanged between the Commission President [Ursula von der Leyen] and the CEO of Pfizer [Albert Bourla] at the time of the preliminary negotiations."

The European Ombudsman is an independent and impartial body that holds the EU's institutions and agencies to account and promotes good administration.

In January of this year, a report from O'Reilly found that "the way the Commission dealt with this request constituted maladministration."

According to Politico, the Commission

argued that a "text message or another type of instant messaging is by its nature a short-lived document which does not contain in principle important information concerning matters relating to policies, activities and decisions of the Commission" and that "the Commission record-keeping policy would in principle exclude instant messaging."

The New York Times article revealed that for a month von der Leyen was exchanging texts and calls with Bourla and that "personal diplomacy played a big role" in a deal to purchase the Commission's biggest COVID-19 vaccine contract.

Following the September report, Pfizer CEO Bourla pulled out of a European Parliament's COVID-19 committee hearing on lessons learned that was scheduled for October 10, 2022. In his place, Janine Small, resident of international developed markets at Pfizer, attended.

During the meeting she denied that the Pfizer CEO negotiated the COVID-19 vaccine contract via SMS (text messaging) with von der Leyen.

"As to whether a contract negotiation such as this contract which you referred to, 1.8 billion doses, was negotiated through an SMS, I can categorically tell you that would not be the case," Small told the European Parliament's special committee.

Small, also shared that she had been involved in all vaccine negotiations between Pfizer and the EU since 2020, and added that talks typically are too detailed and involve too many parties to be conducted through text messages.

Small, was marred in controversy the following day when she revealed in a hearing on the European Union's COVID-19 response, that Pfizer's COVID-19 vaccine had never been tested before its release to the general public on its ability to prevent the transmission of COVID when asked

by Dutch politician and a current Member of the European Parliament (MEP) Robert "Rob" Roos.

According to the August 2022 article, The Pfizer BioNTech (BNT162b2) COVID-19 vaccine: What you need to know, by the World Health Organization, it states that there "is modest vaccine impact on transmission" to prevent COVID infection.

Between August 2020 and November 2021, the EC signed 11 contracts with eight vaccine manufacturers providing access to up to 4.6 billion COVID-19 vaccine doses at an expected total cost of approximately to €71 billion.

The heads of the Member States' Medicines Agencies adopted a Memorandum of Understanding allowing more flexible labelling and packaging requirements for COVID-19 vaccines. The EMA recommended granting conditional marketing authorization for the first COVID-19 vaccine on 21 December 2020, nine months after the WHO had declared the coronavirus outbreak a global pandemic.

Because the EU considered early introduction of the vaccine to be in the interest of public health, they agreed to reduce vaccine manufacturers' risks linked to liability for adverse effects.

Under the Product Liability Directive of the EU, producers are liable for damage caused by a defect in their product, even in the absence of negligence or fault on their part. A producer can be exempted from such liability if the state of scientific and technical knowledge at the time when the producer put the product into circulation was not such as to enable the defect to be discovered.

Also, an EU citizen who suffers serious adverse effects from a medicine can file a compensation claim for damages against the manufacturer under the Directive, which has been enacted in Member States' legislation.

employee as of 2018, shared that multiple employees have reported seeing an apparition of the woman and are frightened to go down into the basement alone. Before The Rock Woodfire Pizza opened their Lynnwood location on 196th, the site was home to Tankee Diner. Before that, a restaurant named The Crab Tree was in operation where the bookkeeper was embezzling money in the 1950's. As the story goes, when the restaurant was going out of business, she hung herself in the basement.

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At the time it was widely believed the town would be the greatest lead-silver district in the Western Hemisphere. By 1893 the town had well over 1,000 residents and a railroad, processing mills, and multiple houses were built; however, a flooding disaster in 1896 brought havoc to the town cutting deep into its mining profits for repairs. By 1900 most of the town had been evacuated to pursue mining efforts in the Klondike, and upon realizing they had grossly overestimated the value of the ore in the area.

The abandoned ghost town was marketed as a tourist trap for several years until another devastating flood, paired with a destructive fire in 1980, again left much of the town in ruins. Today the Monte Cristo Ghost Town is recognized as a hiking trail popular among hikers and mountain bikers both.

Those interested in visiting the

abandoned mining town can find it by starting at the Barlow Pass (From Granite Falls follow the Mountain Loop Highway east for 31 miles to Barlow Pass trailhead) and hiking along the closed road for about 4 miles.

THE ROCK PIZZA, LYNNWOOD

People who love pizza are few and far between. What's not to love about the sweetness of the tomato-based sauce balanced with a layer of freshly baked dough, melted mozzarella, and topped with an assortment of other ingredients? At the Rock Pizza on 4010 196th Street Southwest in Lynnwood – a rock-n-roll themed woodfire pizza joint – founders Don Bellis and Jay Gigandet successfully welded their love for classic rock music and pizza to form a delicious menu of made-from-scratch, gourmet pies, "rocktails", and special microbrews. But the corporeal aren't the only visitors lured in by the enticing tastes and smells of this local "haunt" – apparently one's love for pizza follows into the afterlife as well.

Servers have claimed they have seen the apparition of a woman, in 1950's attire, passing through walls in the women's bathroom. Additionally, a previous Assistant Manager allegedly has video of a chair being thrown from a table by an unseen force and "white orbs" have been spotted flying across security camera footage, triggering motion sensors when no one else is in the building.

On Hauntedplace.org, Niomee Hendricks, a Lynnwood Rock Pizza

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Red-Tail Hawks Flying Club awards seven students the Jasper Harris, Jr. Scholarship

By KIENAN BRISCOE

MUKILTEO, Wash.—The Red-Tailed Hawkes Flying Club awarded seven students its 2022 Jasper Harris, Jr. Aviation Scholarships, this month, for their academic success and willingness to serve others.

The recipients of the scholarship are Rumeisa Maresha, of Green River College, Axel Scales, of Big Bend Community College, Gibril Dyfan, of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Asher Tungsvik, of Green River College, James Njane, of Galvin Flying, Julian Dorsey, of Green River College, and Joseph Truss, of Green River College.

The Jasper Harris, Jr. Aviation Scholarship can be used for either flight training or college tuition and is intended for BPA college students pursuing an aviation-related career. It is made up of individual donations, employer matches, and the SPEEA-Aerospace Career Enhancement. Students can apply for the scholarship between August 1 and September 1 annually.

The scholarship is named after Jasper Harris, Jr., a U.S. Army veteran who served in World War II, and was one of the first African-American aerospace pioneers hired by the Boeing Company in 1951. Harris graduated from the Howard University School of Engineering in Washington D.C. that same year and eventually worked on the Minuteman Missile Program,



Photo of Jasper Harris, Jr.

Rapid Ground Transportation project, Supersonic Transport, and numerous NASA and U.S. government programs

at a time when African-Americans in the aerospace industry were little-to-none. Harris quickly rose to Senior

Executive at Boeing before retiring in 1989. In addition to his contributions to the aviation industry, Harris was a firm believer of youth education and empowerment.

Hundreds of students have been soaring through the skies over Mukilteo with the Red-Tailed Hawks Flying Club since its founding in 2013. The club, which serves underrepresented and underserved communities in the area, has ignited a passion for aerospace in many of its young students.

The club held its first small meeting with 18 in attendance at New Beginnings Christian Fellowship. “I invited a bunch of folks to church, really,” founder Jesse Hayes told the Lynnwood Times. “We talked about pilot knowledge, we talked about aviation history, we made paper airplanes. We had a great time. And I asked everybody, I said, ‘Hey, you guys, do y’all want to do it again?’ And everybody said yes.”

That night, two students became the club’s first “due-paying members.” The club has since grown to over 100 members in the last eight years and has seen over 3000 students come through its several programs, many of whom go on to pursue aerospace careers.

The flying club operates under the Black Pilots of America (BPA), Inc., a non-profit organization established in

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County’s Human Rights Commission seeks nominations

Each year, the Snohomish County Human Rights Commission (SCHRC) reaffirms its belief that human rights are the foundation of freedom and peace in the world. On the anniversary of the signing of the Universal Declaration, December 10, the Commission and community members gather to celebrate the progress to building a more just society by recognizing the contributions residents make toward that effort.

SCHRC is now accepting nominations for candidates for recognition of their contribution to making our county a place that honors the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all people.

Nominations are accepted and awards are presented in the following categories:

- Human Rights Award

- Young People’s Award
- Law Award
- Diversity Visionary Award
- Community Organization Award
- Educator’s Award

To be eligible for nomination, the recipient must be a Snohomish County resident as of the date of nomination. Nominees must have made a significant contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights in Sno-

homish County and been active in this area between August 2021 and August 2022.

For more information, contact SCHRC Secretary Angela DiFilippo at angela.filippo@snoco.org.

To access the nomination form and instructions, go to <https://snohomishcountywa.gov/149/Human-Rights-Commission>.

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It will be an evening to celebrate the RTH Youth Program and honor the recipients of the:

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motivation to build everything quicker, and better, and bigger.”

Due to the particularly warm October, Thomas Family Farm has had their biggest year yet averaging around 40 to 50 thousand visitors. Jake Thomas told the Lynnwood Times the 2022 season, by far, has been the most successful year to date.

Thomas Family Farm is located at 9010 Marsh Road in Snohomish and is open every day in October. However only the pumpkin patch is open on Mondays and Tuesdays and Zombie Paintball is not available on Sundays.

Day activities are open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. with the night activities beginning 6 p.m. until Midnight, although hours vary by day. For a complete schedule visit their website at thomasfamilyfarm.com.

“Farms need to stay relevant so people know where their food came from, where their family came from,” Jake Thomas said. “At the end of the day this community was built by farmers, especially here in Snohomish.”

from page 11 **RED TAILS**

1997. As the first BPA chapter in Washington, the “Red-Tailed Hawks” title is a reference to the Red Tail Tuskegee Airmen and the Seattle Seahawks football team, according to founder Jesse Hayes.

An arm of the BPA, the Red-Tailed Hawks Club follows a larger goal of empowering people of color to pursue aviation and other STEM opportunities, but their inclusive message remains – all are welcome.

“You know, this industry is one that is diverse and inclusive,” Hayes told the Lynnwood Times. “We do have an affinity for Black people. But we but we are very diverse.”

million grant from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ), which provides funds to States for transportation projects designed to reduce traffic congestion and improve air quality, particularly in areas of the country that do not attain national air quality standards.

Representative Larsen supported the Bipartisan Infrastructure Improvement and Jobs Act, signed by President Joe Biden November 2021, which invested \$2.54 billion in CMAQ through the 2022 fiscal year.

“The Zip shuttle signifies a couple things; one is equity in transportation. This is going to expand opportunities to use transit and to get them to where they need to go. The second thing is

this is the Federal dollar going to work. Zip is just one way the infrastructure funding is coming home,” Representative Larsen told the Lynnwood Times.

To develop the one-year pilot, Community Transit began working closely with the City of Lynnwood and local community organizations in 2021 to better understand how to meet local transit needs. The Alderwood area was chosen as the first test area because of its growing population, popular destinations, and the new Link light rail station opening in Lynnwood in 2024.

On-demand ride share service is just the beginning for Community Transit who are currently working on transitioning their entire fleet to electric vehicles within the next 10 years.

In addition to the pilot project in Lynnwood, Community Transit is also planning Zip Shuttle pilots for Arlington, Lake Stevens, and in Darrington. The idea is to serve four different Snohomish County cities of varying densities and sizes to understand how to better provide the on-demand service.

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