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Forever a Family

Kids go home for good on National Adoption Day

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PORT ORCHARD — Timothy was placed with Jorge and April Ochoa when he was 7 months old, and for the three years since he has lived with the Port Orchard couple as one of their own.

The couple knew they loved the spirited boy and wanted him to permanently

join their family, but it wasn't until Friday that they could have Timothy's adoption finalized and make it official: They are his forever family.

"It's a big relief to know he is staying with us forever," April Ochoa said.

Relief is the common feeling noted by parents who have adopted from foster care. Many placements do not

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TOP: Timothy Ochoa and his parents, Jorge and April Ochoa, are sworn in by Kitsap County Superior Court Judge Anna M. Laurie on Friday at the Kitsap County Courthouse. Timothy, who has lived with the Ochoas as a foster child for three years, legally became part of the Ochoa family on National Adoption Day.

MIDDLE: Laurie hands a teddy bear to Jordan Mihai, who is held by his father, Viorel Mihai. Brother Riley, mom Jennifer, and sister Veronica also gather for a photo on National Adoption Day.

BOTTOM: Jordan Mihai offers his toy truck to court reporter, Jami Hetzel, while being held by his father at the bench of Laurie.



Evidence in slaying sought

Handwriting, dental analysis among requests

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PORT ORCHARD — Prosecutors on Monday will ask a judge to force David Michael Kalac, suspected of murder, to provide dental impressions and handwriting samples so they can compare it to evidence found at the Port Orchard crime scene.

A hearing has been

scheduled for next week in front of Kitsap County Superior Court Judge Jeanette Dalton, who has been assigned Kalac's case.

Kalac is charged with first-degree murder for the death of his girlfriend, Amber Lynn Coplin, 30, who was found dead Nov. 4 at their apartment in Port Orchard. Crime scene photos were posted on an Internet message board allegedly by Kalac, before the crime was reported to police. Coplin died from strangulation and blunt force trauma.

Kalac is being held on \$2 million bail.

Investigators want to

see if Kalac's handwriting matches writing at the crime scene and on a note recovered by Oregon police when Kalac was arrested. Numerous statements were written around the crime scene, and the note contains a confession. Investigators believe it was written in black ink from a felt-tipped pen. Kalac was found in possession of a pen at his arrest, along with his cellphone.

They are also asking for a sample of Kalac's DNA and photographs of his teeth to see if it matches wounds found on Coplin's body, according to court



Kalac is charged with first-degree murder in the death of his girlfriend, found Nov. 4.

documents.

Deputy Prosecutor Robert Davy said he could not comment on whether prosecutors will seek the death penalty. Washington state law allows capital punishment, but Gov. Jay Inslee this year instituted a moratorium on executions.

Kalac was arrested at a transit center in Wilsonville, Oregon, the day after Coplin's body was found. He surrendered to a police officer without incident.

Multiple arrests in prostitution sting

Trafficking among charges several men face

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PORT ORCHARD — Two people were charged Friday with prostitution related crimes, and four more are expected to appear in court Monday following a sting operation at a Bremerton hotel.

The suspects charged Friday — Ricky Lee Grundy Jr., 32, of Bonney Lake; and Erin Lee Hart, 32, of Tacoma — are accused of numerous crimes. Grundy is accused of prostituting a 14-year-old and a 15-year-old girl. Some of the alleged crimes took place at hotels in Bremerton.

Grundy is described in court documents as the main human trafficker, with Hart's role as a midlevel manager.

Kitsap Deputy Prosecutor

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CKFR MAY CUT INSPECTORS

To save money, Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue may eliminate two inspector jobs. The work they have done would be returned to the Kitsap County Fire Marshal's Office.

LOCAL, 3A



UW SEEKS A DESERT OASIS

Today, coach Chris Petersen hopes to help the Huskies accomplish something no Washington football team has done since 2006: Win in the state of Arizona.

SPORTS, 1B

HOUSE PASSES PIPELINE PLAN

The Keystone pipeline now heads to the Senate, where leaders say they have the necessary 60 votes. A showdown with the president looms.

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OBITUARIES

Skip (Floyd) Eugene Strobel
of Port Orchard
Dec. 17, 1938
to Nov. 4, 2014



Skip (Floyd) E. Strobel passed away on Nov. 4, 2014 at age 75 at his home in Port Orchard, Wash.

Skip was born Dec. 17, 1938 in Denver, Colo.

After serving in the USMC, he returned to Washington. He was married twice and blended his family, which consisted of seven children: Troy (Sue) Strobel, Tracy Strobel, Mike (Polly) Dennis, Dale (LeAnn) Dennis, Derrick (Renée) Strobel, Ericka Strobel and Dylan Strobel, who blessed Skip with 22 grandchildren.

He worked as a roofer for many years. Skip was an amazing talented artist specializing in wildlife from his love of hunting and fishing.

He spent many a decade playing pool with his late wife Juanita (Sue) on a pool league at the Bethel Saloon, which was his home away from home where he made a vast array of close

friends that would share stories and a beer (or five). He enjoyed those times and kept the memories close to his heart.

Skip was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd E. Carr and Anna M Strobel (Herb Strobel); his wives, Marylyn Jensen and Juanita (Sue) Strobel.

The family will have a potluck Celebration of Life at The Bethel Saloon on Saturday, Dec. 6, 2014 beginning at 5 p.m. Please bring a dish and a copy of your favorite photo to share on a memorial board, along with your colorful stories 'cuz that's how Skip rolled.

Dad, your infectious smile and sense of humor will be forever missed. We love you eternally.

Lawrence Robert Caseria
of Poulsbo
June 1, 1931
to Nov. 1, 2014



After fighting a valiant fight with cancer, our father, Lawrence Robert Caseria, made his final ride on Nov. 1, 2014 surrounded by his family.

While we know he is in a much better place and finally pain free, he has left a huge hole in the hearts of all he has touched throughout his life.

He was born to Anthony and Marion Briggs Caseria in Canton, N.Y. on June 1, 1931.

Survivors include his three children, Laurie Carson (partner Scott), Scott Caseria (LeAnn), Denise Caseria (Read) (Steve), close companion, MaryAnn Lee, four loving grandsons, Aaron (Ashley), Dustin (finance Emily), Cody (KC) and Tyler, and two very cherished great-grandsons, Iroh Noah and Kawika Lawrence. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Phil Caseria; his brothers-in-law, Pat Caseria and Virginia Caseria, all from Connecticut, as well as his beloved aunt, Myrna Coolidge of Canandaigua, N.Y. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews and cousins. Additionally, he is survived by the staff of Poulsbo Marina Veterinary

Clinic, whom Dad truly considered his family.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Robert W. Caseria and Anthony P. Caseria, both of Connecticut.

The family would like to thank all of the doctors and staff who provided such good care of Dad during his illness, especially his special angel Sarah from Dr. Willerford's office. You all meant so much to him. A memorial service will be held at Miller Woodlawn in Bremerton on Sunday, November 23 starting at 2 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Animal Rescue Families of Bremerton or PAWS of Bainbridge Island, as these were two organizations Dad was passionate about. To view the full obituary, please visit www.miller-woodlawn.com, where the family would welcome and encourage any memories and comments you wish to share.

Philip Raymond Singleton, Sr.
of Bremerton
Feb. 14, 1942
to Nov. 11, 2014

Tim Singleton, Julie Forville and Michelle Singleton (died) on Nov. 11, 2014 at Harrison Hospital of natural causes.

For more information visit www.lewisshapel.com/obituary.

Ethel J. Peterson
of Seattle
Feb. 2, 1929
to Oct. 27, 2014

Seattle on Sept. 3, 1955 and they lived subsequently in Healdsburg, Calif.; Vashon Island, and Lakebay, Wash. where they raised their three children: Karen, Kristin (husband Charles), John (wife Erin). They later moved to Tacoma and Seattle to be closer to their family.

The Petersons were members of the Tacoma Alliance Church and later attended Westside Presbyterian Church.

A memorial service will be 2 p.m., Saturday, November 22nd at Tacoma Alliance Church, 2401 S. Orchard Street, Tacoma.

Condolences may be sent to www.forestlawn-seattle.com.

PROSTITUTION
from 1A

Farshad Talebi said Friday that the sting operation at the Baymont Inn and Suites on Kitsap Way on Thursday night netted 20 arrests, including about five to six suspected traffickers. Most of the arrests were of prostitutes, who were booked, released and offered services.

In a media release about the operation, Bremerton Police Chief Steve Strachan refers to them as victims, reflecting law enforcement's emphasis on the women as victims and the traffickers as the criminals. Strachan

noted that some women brought along young children and hid them wait nearby. Strachan also alleged suspects told investigators recent crackdowns in King and Pierce counties led traffickers to believe Kitsap was "wide open."

"The operation is intended to send the strong message that we are working together to ensure that trafficking is not just moved around, it is stopped," Strachan said in the release.

More than 40 officers from multiple agencies in Kitsap,

Big year for juice grape harvest

■ Estimated 264,000 tons is near record

By The Associated Press

GRANDVIEW — Thanks to very little spring frost damage, a hot summer and warm fall, growers of Concord grapes have harvested a near-record juice crop in Washington, industry officials said.

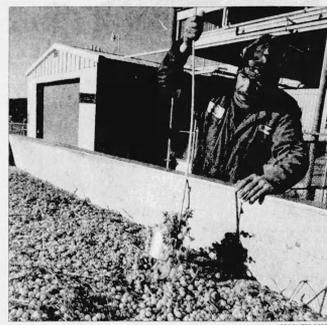
Figures compiled for the grower estimate the crop at 264,000 tons, the third-highest on record and well above the 10-year average of 190,000 tons, the Yakima Herald-Republic reported Friday.

Washington is the nation's largest producer of juice grapes, contributing about half the annual tonnage.

"It's very unusual to see this, like quite this heavy," said Mary Ann Blesner, owner and president of Sunnyside's Valley Processing.

Most of the juice grapes

LOCAL/STATE



Martin Singletary pulls a cup of Niagara grapes from a bin as he prepares to measure their sugar content at Valley Processing in Sunnyside. Thanks to very little spring frost damage, a hot summer and warm fall, growers of Concord grapes have harvested a near-record juice crop in Washington, industry officials said.

in the state are grown around Sunnyside, Grandview and Prosser. The juice is processed at Yakima Valley plants into concentrates used for jams, juice, syrups and fruit snacks. Welch's contracts for nearly half the region's grapes.

Processors averaged 12.3 tons per acre for Concord, well above the 10-year average of 8 or so, said Trent Ball, a Yakima Valley Community College viticulture professor contracted by the

industry for an annual statistical report.

About 90 percent of the state's juice grapes are Concord grapes, which are purple. The rest are white Niagars, which are marketed separately. The Niagara harvest is about 26,000 tons this year, the highest since 2006, Ball said.

Prices are down to about \$110 per ton, partly because of cheaper imports and inventories left over from large 2013 harvests in New York and Pennsylvania, Ball said. Last year, Washington growers received \$225 per ton after record prices of \$280 per ton in 2012.

ADOPTION
from 1A

result in adoption, as social workers try to reunify birth families.

In many cases, foster care providers grow close to children, bond with them, only to have to say goodbye.

Children are placed in the system for a variety of reasons. Sometimes it's because of neglect, but sometimes it is because their birthparents are imprisoned, ill or have died.

Kathy McEuseu of Bremerton said she respects the idea that the children in foster care are "damaged."

"They have issues, but who doesn't?" she said. Washington, about 8,600 children live in foster care and more than 1,700 are legally free to be adopted into new families, according to the state Department of Social and Human Services.

In Kitsap, the yearly total of children who are placed in foster care varies, from

a high of 275 to a low of 135 annually, said Saeed Saber, supervisor for Superior Court's guardian ad litem program.

About 40 percent of children from Kitsap entering foster care will be placed outside of the county, either to be with extended family or because of a shortage of qualified Kitsap homes.

The reason for the fluctuating numbers is not known, said Ursula Peters, Kitsap area administrator for the state's Children's Administration.

"If I knew why, we would have fixed it already," she said.

But there are patterns social workers pick up on, said Virginia Ford-Faulkner, regional adoption supervisor for the state Division of Children and Family Services. She said workers notice an increase of referrals near the end of the school year, possibly because teachers have been able to watch over a child until then.

"They want somebody to keep their eyes on them, so

they call us," Ford-Faulkner said.

Jennifer and Viorel Mihai had four children placed with them over the years, who were then removed. Jordan, 2, was placed with the family at birth. The Mihais also had their adoption finalized Friday.

"We just had to go on the hope that it would happen," Jennifer Mihai said. In May, Jordan's birth mother relinquished her rights to him, setting into motion Friday's hearing. "Everything worked out the way it's supposed to, and we get the prize."

Friday was National Adoption Day, and although just two families scheduled their adoption hearing for the day, the courtroom in Kitsap Superior Court was near capacity and buzzed with the sounds of kids.

Some of the parents tried to quiet the young ones as Judge Anna Laurie spoke, but she told them not to worry.

"You don't have to shush those children," Laurie said,

Grain growers to receive terminal

By The Associated Press

SPokane — Eastern Washington grain growers are building a terminal near Medical Lake to load Burlington Northern Santa Fe trains.

Members of five grain cooperatives behind the project kicked off construction of the \$2 million terminal on Thursday. The Spokesman-Review reported.

The 190-foot-tall elevator and concrete and steel storage tanks will have a capacity of 2 million bushels and will be able to fill 110-car trains. In addition, the terminal will serve truck deliveries to flour mills operated by Arco and Pillsbury and Odessa Union Warehouse Co. and Spokane and Cheney.

The Almirra Farmers Warehouse Co., Davenport Union Warehouse Co., Rear-dan Grain Growers Inc. and Odessa Union Warehouse Co. are participating in the terminal project through High-Line Grain LLC.

The goal is to preserve favorable shipping rates for grain. The terminal is in the upper Columbia Basin. They rely on the state-owned Central Washington Branch of the Palouse River and Coulee City line to get their grain to the main BNSF line.

CONDOS
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investments.

"From the entrepreneurial spirit that makes counties and cities and towns grow, I'm the guy who's trying to invest in the county, and it's a little bit frustrating to come all this way and have one sentence on one piece of paper take all this out," Tweten said.

Tweten's attorney Alan L. Wallace argued to Hearing Examiner Ted Hunter that the county's development code is inconsistent. The code cites a 90-day deadline for an applicant to respond to the county's request for more information in one section (21.04.200 F) and a 120-day deadline in another (21.04.250, B, 2-b), according to Wallace. And the county code is inconsistent with the International Building Code adopted by the state of Washington, which allows 180 days, he added.

Scott Diener, the county's Pierce and King counties, along with the FBI, were invited in the operation. The involvement of multiple agencies across the region reflects the scope of the issue, where traffickers can advertise on the Internet and girls on the Internet to customers from Olympia to Tacoma and Bainbridge Island. In charging documents for Hart and Tweten, the undercover victims said they were shuttled between motels in Pierce County and Bremerton, with their photos or photos of women looking similar to them posted on backpage.com and other sites.

"It's not like these people are involved in one

development services engineer, made the case that the part of the code that addresses the applicant's burden for completing the permit requirements (21.04.200 F) is clear and must be enforced.

Engineer Norm Olson of N.L. Olson & Associates testified he was aware of the 90-day deadline and had been working with county staff to meet their conditions of approval. One document, however, was lacking. Despite repeated requests, Olson was unable to get a response from a Waste Management official approving plans for location of garbage containers.

Olson said the county has interchangeably used "90 days" and "three months" in the past. On June 25, the three-month deadline, he called the county to ask for help in getting the approval letter. That was two days after the 90-day deadline, and the code does not allow for wiggle room. Diener asserts Olson said the county has

been inconsistent in the past in how it applies the deadline. Wallace called it "selective and discretionary administration of timing requirements."

Bill Palmer, a planning consultant, testified on behalf of Tweten that a recent permit application for a project in Tweten's name on had been reinstated by Diener himself after the 90 days had come and gone.

In Palmer's case, the missing item was an approval from Kitsap Public Health. Diener said the Department of Community Development has an unwritten policy that if the delay is caused by a government agency versus a private entity, the department will allow additional time.

Hunter questioned the logic at work, saying, "So it's about the inefficiency of government agencies?" Diener said public entities are highly burdened by regulations and so "quite often it takes longer" for them to respond.

who was adopted from foster care as an infant. "You have no idea how joyous that noise is for me."

Port Orchard lawyer Kathleen Schultz represented both families. Adoptions aren't a huge part of her practice, but she says "it's the best part of my job."

Those who have adopted children out of the system say they encounter a variety of misconceptions and stereotypes about people saying children in foster care are "damaged" or when they are asked if they have any children of their own.

Deanna Parker of Port Orchard attended the ceremony Friday to support the Ochoas. She picked up her son, David, who is almost 6 years old, when he was 2 days old.

"He is my son," she said. Often children in foster care are adopted by family members. McEuseu adopted her 15-year-old granddaughter.

"She is my own child," McEuseu said.

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community," Talebi said. "It's a regional issue, it's a national issue."

Talebi said the women and girls are taken wherever the customers are. Traffickers have gang ties and histories of drug dealing, but have discovered there is more money and less risk in selling human beings than drugs, Talebi said.

"We're a huge demand center," he said of Kitsap. In the case of Grundy, court documents allege in addition to being a pimp he was a meth dealer and user. Described as 6 feet 11 inch tall and 280 pounds, he is accused of trafficking a 14-year-old and a 15-year-old, along with raping them, assaulting them, whipping them with an

extension cord and providing them with drugs.

One girl said she was sold to men about two to three times a day, making about \$600, which she turned over to Grundy.

The 18-year-old told an FBI agent interviewing her in October that she felt relieved when she was arrested during a bust because she knew she would be safe from Grundy. She didn't tell the police that she was a prostitute, however, because she was afraid. She told investigators she believed if she tried to find help he would kill her.

"Honestly, I'm still scared of him," the girl told investigators, according to

documents.

Hart is charged with promoting prostitution, a misdemeanor. Grundy is charged with human trafficking, promoting commercial sex abuse of a minor, and rape of a child.

Four more people are expected to be charged with promoting prostitution on Monday.

Two people arrested in the Baymont string were charged with human trafficking in Pierce County. Martez Ravoine Clair, 27, and Erica Jade Cromatic, 23, are accused of posting more than 200 prostitution ads to Craigslist during a seven-month period, according to a statement from the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office.