

4 injured in I-82 wreck on Thanksgiving

GRANDVIEW, WA
Two adults and two children were hurt Thursday night when their SUV rolled near Grandview, the Washington State Patrol reported.
Eufemia Larios-Valencia, 46, of Benton City, who was driving the 2004 Chevrolet Tahoe, was taken to Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, along with three passengers, troopers said.
The passengers were Abraham L. Ventura, 40,

Angel Leyva-Larios, 7, and Jasmin Leyva-Larios, 5, also of Benton City.
Jasmin was treated and later released. Hospital officials didn't have information on the other three.
Larios-Valencia was driving the Tahoe west on Interstate 82 when she lost control at about 11:20 p.m., troopers said.
The Tahoe flipped on its roof and came to rest in the median.
Troopers are recommending charges of speeding too fast for conditions. The roads were slick and it was near freezing.
—SARA SCHILLING

Islamic Center bake sale set Saturday in West Richland

WEST RICHLAND, WA
The popular multicultural bake sale at Islamic Center of the Tri-Cities is

noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. The center's youth group puts on the event, which includes a variety of treats from different countries. The event will highlight the cultures of numerous Muslim countries.
The center is at 2900 Bombing Range Road, West Richland.
—TRI-CITY HERALD STAFF

Winter storm warning remains for Snoqualmie, North Cascades

Drivers were facing falling snow on Snoqualmie Pass on Friday afternoon.
A winter storm warning remained in effect until 4 p.m. Saturday above 3,000 feet, said the state Department of Transportation.
The transportation officials were advising holiday weekend drivers to use traction tires if they planned on crossing the

mountains on Interstate 90, as well as other areas of the North Cascades. The heaviest snowfall was expected Friday afternoon, with more snow possible overnight.
The National Weather Service forecasts daytime snow amounts could total three to seven inches Friday and less than one inch overnight.
Snoqualmie Pass is about 3,000 feet, Stevens Pass about 4,000 feet and White Pass is 4,500. Rain and partly sunny skies are forecast for Saturday and Sunday.
—ANNETTE GARY

Two men charged in sex trafficking sting

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PASCO, WA
Two men recently nabbed in a sex trafficking sting denied knowing anything, even though police said they watched the men drop off a woman at a Pasco hotel and wait nearby.
Edward L. Nelson had \$900 cash on him and a woman's luggage and belongings inside his SUV when stopped by officers, according to court documents.
And Efraim Gonzalez, arrested as he "aimlessly wandered" the hotel's hallways, later questioned why detectives weren't thanking him, documents said. "If it wasn't for us, the prostitutes wouldn't be able to get from point A to B."
Nelson, 28, and Gonzalez, 26, both are charged

in Franklin County Superior Court with second-degree promoting prostitution.
The operation was organized by Pasco's Street Crimes Unit, with help from the county prosecutor's office and the Sexual, Advocacy & Resource Center, or SARC.
It involved an undercover officer responding to "posted internet ads soliciting money" for sex, court documents said.
The women who had been dropped off by Nelson and Gonzalez both were linked to ads with Western Washington phone numbers, documents said.
Nelson, who lives in Kent, was released from the Franklin County jail on Tuesday after posting bond.
Gonzalez, who's from the Tri-Cities, remains locked up on \$4,500 bail.

Six women were arrested in the sting. Four of them charged in Franklin County District Court with misdemeanor prostitution, while the other two were charged in Superior Court with felony drug possession.
The prostitution cases may end up resolved with sentences in a diversion program or dismissals if investigators determine any of the women were victims of sex trafficking, prosecutors said.
Nelson allegedly drove a woman to the designated hotel at 9:30 p.m., then parked at a nearby gas station.
Meanwhile, the woman who had initially agreed to be paid \$300 for sex went to the room, where they asked for up to \$400, court documents said.
Once she was arrested, the officer called the same number that was in the ad

to confirm it went to the woman's phone, documents said.
The woman claimed she had been dropped off by an Uber driver. She had ledgers, or pay-owe sheets, which are used by people in the drug or trafficking trade to "keep track of the illegitimate proceeds from their criminal endeavors," court documents said.
Nelson waited at the gas station for about 15 minutes, then drove off. He was arrested in a traffic stop.
Nelson initially claimed he'd taken a guy to a grocery store. When investigators said they knew he was lying, he changed his story to say he'd driven a woman, whom he had just met, to a nearby auto shop, documents said.
Nelson said the woman had been using cocaine earlier in the day and needed a ride to meet someone at a hotel. He said he didn't know if she was trying to buy drugs.
Almost an hour later, Gonzalez was seen driving another woman to the

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ON THIS DAY

1964 - Construction has started on the proposed \$300,000 nursing home to be located at 2204 Road 22 in Pasco. Convalescent Homes Inc., Grandview, took out a \$283,450 building permit and foundation work is nearly completed on the building. The 90-bed facility will contain 18,770 square feet of floor space. It will be a one-story frame building with a brick veneer. It is expected to be ready for use in six months.

On this Date

BIRTHDAYS

Actor-comedian **Billy Connolly** is 76. Singer **Lee Michaels** is 73. Actor **Dwight Schultz** is 71. Actor **Stanley Livingston** is 68. Rock musician **Clem Burke** (Blondie; The Romantics) is 64. Actor/director **Ruben Santiago-Hudson** is 62. Actress **Denise Crosby** is 61. Actress **Shae Lynn** is 56. Rock musician **John Squire** (The Stone Roses) is 56. Rock musician **Gary Strong** (Big Audio) is 56. Actor-comedian **Brad Sherwood** is 54. Rock musician **Chad Taylor** (Live) is 48. Actor-writer-director-producer **Stephen Merchant** is 44. Actor **Colin Hanks** is 41. Actress **Katherine Heigl** is 40. Actress **Sarah Hyland** is 28.

TODAY IN HISTORY

In 1859, British naturalist Charles Darwin published "On the Origin of Species," which explained his theory of evolution by means of natural selection.
In 1941, the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Edwards v. California*, unanimously struck down a California law prohibiting people from bringing impoverished non-residents into the state.
In 1944, during World War II, U.S. bombers based on Saipan attacked Tokyo in the first raid against the Japanese capital by land-based planes.
In 1963, Jack Ruby shot and mortally wounded Lee Harvey Oswald, the accused assassin of President John F. Kennedy, in a scene captured on live television.
In 1969, Apollo 12 splashed down safely in the Pacific.
In 1991, rock singer Freddie Mercury died in London at age 45 of AIDS-related pneumonia.

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BOB BRAWDY Tri-City Herald

REACHING NEW HEIGHTS IN SOUTHRIDGE

A crew of construction workers navigate scaffolding surrounding the new Comfort Suites hotel under construction on the 3700 block of Plaza Way in the Southridge area of Kennewick. The new facility is four stories tall and will have 94 guest rooms, according to the company. It will also feature meeting rooms, a business center and an indoor heated pool. The scheduled opening is expected to be at end of March 2019.

Husky Marching Band doesn't play at Apple Cup after crash

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The Husky Marching Band did not play at the Apple Cup on Friday evening after the Thursday night crash of a charter bus carrying members of the band and spirit squad to Pullman.
"The Husky Marching Band is like a family, and we do everything together," said Brad McDavid, director of UW athletic bands, in a statement released Friday.
"With that in mind, the band will not attend the 2018 Apple Cup game in respect and consideration of the recovery our students and staff need following our bus accident last night," he said.
In a show of support,

the WSU marching band spent Friday learning how to play "Bow Down to Washington," the UW fight song, reported the Seattle Times.
"The Huskies are missing their band, and that's an important part of the gamemad experience," WSU band director Troy Bennefeld told the Times.
"We want to honor the camaraderie and their dedication and show our sportsmanship."
The bus was carrying 56 people when the driver lost control on an icy road way about 5:30 p.m. on Interstate 90 west of George. The bus left the road and rolled onto its side, according to the Grant County Sheriff's Office.
UW reported that 47 people were taken to local

hospitals for evaluation Thursday night.
Friday morning two remained under medical care, but their injuries did not appear to be life threatening, according to a UW news release.
The Seattle Times reported that it was one of six charter buses traveling to Pullman for the annual football game between the Washington State University Cougars and the University of Washington Huskies.
About 280 students and staff were taken to George Elementary School Thursday night, where residents brought them Thanksgiving meals and other food, according to the Sheriff's Office.
They were later bused to Moses Lake to spend the night, according to the

sheriff's office.
The decision to take the Husky Marching Band back to Seattle was made as "it became evident that our band members need to recover and return home," said Jennifer Cohen, director of athletics, in a statement.
"The health and well-being of our students is our top priority," she said.
She thanked the first responders, Quincy School District and the administration and staff of George Elementary "who went far out of their way to take such incredible care of our students on Thanksgiving night."
"Many of the most helpful and supportive community members were Cougar fans, who demonstrated the caring values of WSU, which transcend rivalry," Cohen said.
The WSU Marching Band posted to Twitter that its thoughts and prayers were "with the UW band family."

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Stone associate in plea talks with special counsel

Jerome Corsi, a conspiracy theorist and ally of the former Trump campaign adviser Roger Stone, is in plea negotiations with prosecutors working on the special counsel investigation into Russia's interference in the 2016 election.

A person familiar with the talks said the prosecutors had presented Corsi with evidence he had not been truthful when investigators asked him whether he knew beforehand that WikiLeaks was going to publish emails stolen from Democratic computers.

Corsi apparently had no direct role in the Trump campaign, but he was in touch with Stone.

— NEW YORK TIMES

Nissan pushes for more power in post-Ghosn era

Nissan will seek a review of the shareholding structure of its alliance with Renault, moving to create a more equitable partnership between the two carmakers just days after Carlos Ghosn's shock arrest, according to people familiar with the plans.

The review will cover the issue of voting rights, the people said, asking not to be identified as the information isn't public. Renault has more influence in Nissan than the Japanese company has in its French partner, creating an imbalance in their two-decade-long relationship. The plan signals Nissan is moving swiftly to gain a stronger position in the alliance.

— BLOOMBERG

Court pressed to rule on military transgender ban

The Trump administration on Friday once again asked the Supreme Court to bypass the usual legal process to take on another controversial issue - President Donald Trump's decision to ban transgender people from military service.

Solicitor General Noel Francisco asked the justices to consolidate the challenges to the ban - which so far have been successful in lower courts - and rule on the issue in its current term.

The administration's order would prohibit transgender people from enlisting, possibly subject current service members to discharge and deny certain medical care.

— WASHINGTON POST

With winter looming, salting roads gets costly

Budget-busting road salt prices are leaving municipal officials in the Snow Belt hoping for a mild winter.

Salt supplies are tight on the heels of a harsh winter last year that depleted reserves, leaving many localities in the Northeast and Great Lakes to pay prices that range from about 5 percent higher to almost double.

"Everybody's got their fingers crossed for good weather," said Rebecca Matson, an official in western Pennsylvania's Beaver County, where one contract price came in at \$109 a ton, 95 percent higher than last year.

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Syrian refugee outside Moria, on the Greek island of Lesbos, March 1. Centrist leaders in Europe have cut migration to Europe by about 90 percent since 2015.

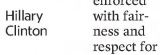
Clinton tells leaders in Europe to 'get a handle' on migration

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New York Times

ROME — When Hillary Clinton warned in an interview this week that Europe's centrist leadership needed to "get a handle" on migration, or risk further fanning the flames of populism, some wondered where she had been the last few years.

"We already did this," said Italy's former center-left interior minister, Marco Minniti, when asked about the comments. "She is talking about another era."

She criticized President Donald Trump's detention of immigrant children at the southern border of the United States, and she added: "On both sides of the Atlantic, we need reform. Not open borders, but immigration laws enforced with fairness and respect for human rights."



Hillary Clinton

Unauthorized migration to Europe has already fallen by around 90 percent since the height of the Continent's refugee crisis in 2015, when more than 1 million asylum-seekers, mainly from Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan, crossed into Greece and Italy. That precipitous drop is due in large part to Europe's centrist leadership.

On Friday, facing some backlash for her remarks, Clinton said in a series of tweets that it was precisely a centrist approach she was advocating.

"I have always been and remain a staunch advocate of comprehensive immigration reform that's true to our values and treats every person with dignity," she wrote.

While Europe's mainstream leadership is perceived in many quarters to have been lax on migration, it has in fact quietly outsourced border management to countries with shady human rights records, curbing migration flows.

As early as November 2015, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany was spearheading efforts to persuade the autocratic Turkish government to do more to stem migration from Turkey toward Greece, then the main gateway to Europe. By March 2016, a deal had been reached that slashed migration flows almost overnight.

In July 2017, Minniti himself cut flows to Italy by 70 percent by negotiating with the Libyan militias that control the migration business in the southern Mediterranean.

Given this context, Clinton's comments are "a bit surprising," said Matteo Villa, a migration specialist at the Italian Institute for International Political Studies, a Rome-based research group. "Europe has already got tough."

But centrist leaders have failed to communicate the effectiveness of their approach. Minniti said the challenge facing the left was to take credit for their achievements.

But that is easier said than done. Politicians still risk appearing both too weak for the far-right and, conversely, too hard-line for those on the left who are horrified by their leaders' lack of support for migrants.

As oil plunges, real OPEC meeting will be at next week's G20

BY JAVIER BLAS
Bloomberg

For the oil market, it looks like the real OPEC meeting will come a week ahead of schedule.

The cartel is set to meet on Dec. 6 in Vienna, but days earlier the key decision makers are set to gather on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Buenos Aires in a meeting that may well decide the direction of oil prices in 2019.

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and Russian President Vladimir Putin, who lead the world's two largest oil exporters and have been working together to manage the oil market for the past two years, both plan to be in the Argentinian capital at the end of next week. Just as important will be President Donald Trump, who's made his opposition to OPEC a regular theme in his Twitter diplomacy.

"I expect President Trump will be discussing the optimal price range with Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and President Putin at the G20," said Bob McNally, president of Washington consultant Rapidan Energy Advisors LLC and a former White House energy official.

The oil market is abuzz with talk that MBS, as Prince Mohammed is known, may not be able to defy Trump's desire for

lower oil prices after the White House supported him following the killing of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi.

"The market is assuming the Saudis won't be able to cut," said Amrita Sen, chief oil analyst at Energy Aspects Ltd. in London.

Khalid Al-Falih and Alexander Novak, the Saudi and Russian energy ministers, are also scheduled to travel to Buenos Aires together with their principals, according to people familiar with their plans, asking not to be named because their agendas haven't been disclosed yet. Their presence reinforces the impression that Saudi Arabia and Russia will try to reach a deal ahead of the OPEC meeting a few days later.

It wouldn't be the first time the two energy superpowers used a G20 to decide on oil policy.

At a summit in Hangzhou, China, in early September 2016, Putin sat down with MBS to discuss how to revive oil prices. Hours after their private meeting, the Saudi and Russian oil ministers appeared in a joint press conference.

The message was clear: Riyadh and Moscow were working together and a few days later, they announced that OPEC and a number of non-OPEC nations would cut production.

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hotel.

The woman had agreed to \$120 for an hour, but the price increased to \$160 once she was in the room with the undercover officer, court documents said. She allegedly was carrying the phone that was listed in the ad.

Detectives watched as Gonzalez parked his sedan in the hotel lot. There were two other men in the car with him.

Several minutes later, Gonzalez walked into the hotel and walked up and down the hallways. He told police he was at the hotel by himself, then admitted to having two others in his car and said they were broke, homeless and in need of a room, documents said.

Asked about the woman he had dropped off, Gonzalez first denied knowing anything about that before acknowledging it and claiming he had just forgotten about her, court documents said.

Gonzalez said he had agreed to give her a ride in exchange for gas money, documents said.

Then, once told he was being arrested for promoting prostitution, prosecutors said he told detectives, "Shouldn't you guys be thanking us?" and made the comment about prostitutes getting from one place to another.

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Alabama mall shooting leaves 1 dead, 2 hurt

Associated Press

HOOPER — Police responding to a fight inside an Alabama shopping mall shot and killed a man who had brandished a weapon, authorities said Friday.

Two other people were injured, including a 12-year-old girl.

The Hoover Police Department said in a statement that two men were engaged in a "physical altercation" at the glitzy Riverchase Galleria in Hoover late Thursday, when one of the men pulled out a handgun and shot the other man twice.

Two officers who were providing security at the mall heard the gunfire and approached the area. They spotted a suspect waving a pistol and shot him. He died at the scene. Local news media reported that the Jefferson County coroner's office identified him as 21-year-old Emantac Fitzgerald Bradford, Jr. of Hueytown.

The other shooting

victim was an 18-year-old male from Birmingham. He was taken to a nearby hospital in serious condition. A 12-year-old bystander was also shot and taken to Children's Hospital by a Hoover Fire Department rescue squad.

Police said the fight happened on the mall's second floor concourse area, near the entrance to the Footaction shoe store.

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