

Coach: 'The three of us that resigned ... we didn't do anything wrong'

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coach, was charged with second-degree sex abuse, third-degree rape and third-degree sodomy after allegedly having sex with a 15-year-old girl on the wrestling team during the Redmond trip. The sex abuse charge is based on Truax being her coach and the alleged victim being underage and unable to consent to sex. The rape and sodomy charges are based on allegedly having sex with a victim under 16.

"This is a sad and traumatic situation for our school community and our community at large," Johnson wrote in a statement. "The district is committed to making the situation better for students, chaperones, and adults who take future trips by implementing new policies and procedures."

Owings said this is not the way he wanted to end his career after more than 30 years as Knappa's wrestling coach. He called the situation "heartbreaking."

"The three of us that resigned ... we didn't do anything wrong. In hindsight, there's things we would have done to prevent the situation, but that's hindsight," Owings said without elaborating.

The wrestling coaches were placed on leave after the allegations against Truax surfaced. Owings and Whitworth were paid coaches, while Posey and Truax were volunteers.

Truax, who was suspended as coach, will not return, Johnson said.

The school district has also learned that Truax did not undergo a background check, which is a requirement for anyone who works with students at the school. "We thought one was done," Johnson said.

Before the resignations were announced, many in the community spoke in support of Owings at a school board meeting Monday night and urged the school district to keep him on as coach. Former students and wrestlers described how Owings was an important and formative part of their high school years.

"That man does nothing but provide an outlet for so many students in the community for so many years. He's a man worth his word," said Gary Newberry, a coach for Knappa Kids Wrestling. "The support he has behind him speaks volumes to what kind of person he is."

Parents and coaches said the school district should have clearer guidance for managing behavior on overnight trips.

Aaron Barendse, the Knappa football coach, said while some things "are obvious," it's troublesome and nerve-racking to go on trips and feel like the responsibility for what happens falls entirely on him.

"As a coach, I don't think I've had any formal, sit-down training," he said.

Johnson presented the school board on Monday with a draft policy outlining expectations for field trips and overnight trips.

"We want to continue the program," Johnson said of the wrestling team. "We want to make it the best we can for kids, so we're going to do everything we can."



Photos by Luke Whittaker/Chinook Observer
Vancouver Weed Co. owner Gary Green holds a sample of concentrated marijuana oil he extracted using a rotary evaporator in the Ilwaco lab.

Marijuana: Concentrates becoming an alternative to prescription medications

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Pacific County, where the potent oils were readily available at a relative discount. The trend developed despite federal prohibition of interstate transportation of marijuana products.

"People were coming in because we had good concentrates at a really good price with high numbers," Nichols said. "We have some that start at about \$12 per gram and a lot in the \$15 to \$18 category."

Outdoor harvests in Oregon have since slashed price disparities, allowing Clatsop County stores to counter with rock-bottom prices of their own, including grams less than \$12 at The Pharmacy and Sweet Relief.

Concentrated cannabis oils have become increasingly popular as an alternative to prescription medications.

"A lot of people have been cutting back on their medications and using oils," Nichols said.

Customers often seek concentrates for relief of side effects from cancer treatments, arthritis, fibromyalgia and muscular dystrophy, but sales haven't been exclusive to a particular age group or demographic.

"I'm surprised by how many senior citizens who have taken up dabbing," Nichols said. "I had some people in here earlier in their 60s and 70s seeking dabs. It's not just the kids, everybody seems to have grav-



Quality Growers employee Mataya Disney described the steps involved creating marijuana concentrates at the extraction lab in Raymond.



Local sales of marijuana concentrates continue to grow.

itated towards it in one way or another."

Cannabis concentrates are also popular for consumers who don't want to smoke or eat edibles but still want the benefits.

"We beefed up in the concen-

trate department because we're a top seller and they move out of here really quickly," Nichols said. "There are also a lot of growers producing a lot more concentrates because it's been picking up in popularity."

Mural: Other students have also honored Chinese heritage

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a park, said junior Allison Keeling. They made a template of the dragon on paper and scaled it up to the wall in chalk before painting, finishing last week.

The members of Cereghino's class aren't the first students to honor Chinese heritage. Asto-

ria graduate Raina Christian, an adoptee from the Guangxi province of China, erected a hanging lantern exhibit and organized the area's first Mid-Autumn Festival in 2016 for her senior project, hoping to raise awareness about the influence of the Chinese on the city.

By 1880, Chinese immigrants

comprised a third of Astoria's population, according to historian Liisa Penner of the Clatsop County Historical Society. They were drawn as cheap labor to build the city's infrastructure and work in canneries. The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882 drained much of the population out by World War II.

Regulate: Auditors find state oversight insufficient

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guidance on cannabis that had allowed more leeway for states during the Obama administration. Shortly thereafter, Oregon's top federal prosecutor, Billy Williams, made headlines when he lambasted what he claimed was a rampant problem of diversion from the state, with tons of legally grown Oregon cannabis leaking across state lines and into the black market.

State auditors waded into the fray this year, finding that state oversight is insufficient, particularly when it comes to medical marijuana. Additionally, they said, the state could improve testing of marijuana products to protect public health and should consider testing cannabis products for heavy metals and microbiological contaminants. It should also make sure labs that test cannabis are consistently accredited.

Although it has worked to beef up tracking of marijuana products, the Oregon Liquor Control Commission is hamstrung in efforts to prevent diversion due to data errors and a lack of inspections, according to the report.

The agency was overwhelmed by rapid growth of the cannabis market, auditors said, and was unable to get the staff, licenses and inspections it needed to adequately oversee the program. Just 3 percent of licensed retailers have undergone a state compliance inspection, while 32 percent of growers have, the report report.

The agency halted processing new recreational marijuana license applications in June so state officials could catch up on a backlog. Gov. Kate Brown wants to change state law to allow the commission to cap licenses based on market demand and other factors.

The state doesn't have as much authority to regulate medical growers' activities, auditors said. And they found there aren't enough inspectors of medical cannabis, there is high turnover among the inspectors the program does have, and money coming into the program through fees is dropping off.

In a press release, Richardson said that preventing diversion of cannabis is "imperative to ensure federal authorities maintain confidence in Oregon's ability to adequately regulate the use and sale of marijuana."

Directors of the Oregon Liquor Control Commission and the Oregon Health Authority said they agreed with auditors' recommendations.

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SCHEDULE

Evening listings THURSDAY

THURSDAY EVENING												JANUARY 31	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU	(2) KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	Grey's A. "The Winner Takes It All" (N)	Little Things "Twelve Seconds" (N)	Away With Murder "Be the Martyr" (N)	News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
3	KOMO	(4) KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	Grey's A. "The Winner Takes It All" (N)	Little Things "Twelve Seconds" (N)	Away With Murder "Be the Martyr" (N)	KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel			
4	KING	(5) NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	KING 5 News (N)	Evening	The Titan Games "Trials Five" (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Law&O: SVU "A Story of More Woe" (N)	KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight Show		
5	KOIN	(6) KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Fam (N)	S.W.A.T. "Encore" (N)	News (N)	(35) Colbert	
6	KIRO	(7) KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	The Big Bang (N)	Young Sheldon (N)	Mom (N)	Fam (N)	S.W.A.T. "Encore" (N)	KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert	
7	KGW	(8) KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	The Titan Games "Trials Five" (N)	Brooklyn 99 (N)	Will & Grace (N)	Law&O: SVU "A Story of More Woe" (N)	News (N)	(35) Tonight Show		
8	KRCW	(9) Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	Supernatural "Prophet and Loss" (N)	Legacies (N)	News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half		
9	KOPB	(10) Family Travel	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour (N)		Oregon Art Beat	Oregon Guide	Midsomer M.	(50) Midsomer M.	Fit for Murder	(35) Masterpiece Mystery!	Endeavour: Ride	
10	KPTV	(12) 6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Gotham "Pena Dura" (N)	The Orville "A Happy Refrain" (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV		
11	KPDx	(12) Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	8pm Prime News (N)	9pm Prime News (N)	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game		
12	KCPQ	(13) Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Gotham "Pena Dura" (N)	The Orville "A Happy Refrain" (N)	Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons		
13	TBS	(20) Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Drop the Mic (N)	Joker's Wild (N)	Conan (N)	Brooklyn 99
14	KZJO	(22) Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half	
15	ESPN	(29) 30 for 30 "Deion's Double Play" (N)		SportsCenter (N)		To Be Announced		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)	SportsCenter (N)		
16	ESPN2	(30) NCAA Basketball (L)		NCAA Basketball Gonzaga at BYU (L)				Gymrats	UFC Main Event	Now or Never	30 for 30 (N)		
17	NICK	(31) The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare	To Be Announced		Friends	(35) Friends		
18	DISN	(32) Raven's Home	Sydney to the Max	Bunk'd	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home 1/2	Raven's Home 2/2	Bunk'd	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home	
19	FAM	(34) (5:30) **** The Goonies '85, Adventure	Corey Feldman, Josh Brolin, Sean Astin.	Siren "The Wolf at the Door" (N)		*** Role Models '08	Paul Rudd, Christopher Mintz-Plasse, Seann William Scott.	The 700 Club					
20	FMC	(35) (15) ** The Purge: Anarchy '14, Horror	Kiele Sanchez, Zach Gilford, Frank Grillo.	(10) The Purge: Election Year (2016, Action)	Elizabeth Mitchell, Mykelti Williamson, Frank Grillo.	Bring It! "A Dollhouse Abandoned" (N)	Bring It! (N)	(05) The Rap Game	Style Wars" (N)	DaBrat/ RapGame	Bring It! (N)		
21	LIFE	(36) Grey's Anatomy "Six Days" Pt. 2 of 2		Bring It! "No Boys Allowed?"									
22	ROOT	(38) Mariners Access	WCC All-Access	NCAA Basketball Pepperdine at Portland (L)				NCAA Basketball USC at Washington			Cliff Diving		
23	FS1	(39) NCAA Basketball Oregon at Utah (L)		Fox College Hoops	PBA Bowling Lubbock Sports Open					TMZ Sports (N)	NCAA Basketball Purdue at Penn State		
24	SPIKE	(43) Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Lip Sync Battle (N)	*** Dumb and Dumber (1994, Comedy)	Jeff Daniels, Lauren Holly, Jim Carrey.			
25	COM	(44) (15) The Office	(15) The Office "New Leads"	Friends	Friends	The Office	The Office	The Office	Broad City (N)	The Other Two (N)	The Daily Show (N)	(35) Other Two	
26	HIST	(45) Swamp People "Speed Demons"		Swamp People "Danger Zone"		Swamp: Blood "United We Stand" (N)	Swamp "Clear and Present Danger" (N)	(05) Truck Night "Up the Creek" (SP) (N)	(05) Truck Night "Up the Creek"	(05) Truck Night "Up the Creek"			
27	A&E	(46) The First 48 "Bloodline"		The First 48 "Old Wounds"		The First 48 "Last Rap" (N)	HomicideAtlanta "Secrets & Lies" (N)	60 Days In "Liars and Thieves" (N)	(05) The First 48 "Standing Ground"				
28	TLC	(47) Say Yes to the Dress		By the Ton "The Kings: Do or Die" (N)		Dr. Pimple "Sisters Lumpily Lump Lump"	Dr. Pimple Popper (N)	Untold "Wedding Day Mishaps" (N)	Untold Stories "Maternity Mayhem"				
29	DISC	(48) Building Off the Grid		Building Off the Grid: Alaskan Glacier		GeorgiaTreehouse	Building Off Grid (N)	EdStaffordFirstMan "Borneo" (P) (N)	Naked and Afraid "Swamp Queen"				
30	NGEO	(49) Access 360 World Heritage "Mt. Fuji"		Wild Galapagos		Alaska State Trooper "Loaded for Bear"	Alaska Troopers "Battling Demons"	Life Below 0 "Sweet Home Alaska" (N)	Life Below Zero "Forged in Ice"				
31	TNT	(50) (5:00) NBA Basketball Milwaukee Bucks at Toronto Raptors (L)	NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Golden State Warriors Site: Oracle Arena - Oakland, Calif. (L)			*** The Breakfast Club '85, (Dra) Emilio Estevez, Molly Ringwald, Judd Nelson.		(20) *** Revenge of the Nerds '84	Anthony Edwards, Robert Carradine.				
32	AMC	(51) (5:00) *** Jaws (1975, Horror)	Richard Dreyfuss, Roy Scheider.	NCIS "About Face"		*** Iron Man 3 (2013, Action)	Gwyneth Paltrow, Guy Pearce, Robert Downey Jr.	(55) Iron Man 3 '13	Robert Downey Jr.				
33	USA	(52) NCIS "Recoil"		Chopped "Chopped: College"		Chopped "Whiz Kid Cooks"	Chopped "It's A Sibling Thing"	Beat Play (N)	Beat Bobby Fly	Beat Bobby Fly	Beat Bobby Fly		
34	FOOD	(53) Beat Bobby Fly	Beat Bobby Fly	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	
35	HGT	(54) Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	Flip or Flop	
36	FX	(56) (5:30) *** Deepwater Horizon '16	Kurt Russell, Mark Wahlberg.	*** World War Z (2013, Action)	Mireille Enos, Daniella Kertesz, Brad Pitt.			*** World War Z (2013, Action)	Mireille Enos, Brad Pitt.				
37	CNN	(57) Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon			
38	FNC	(58) Hannity		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity	The Ingraham Angle		
39	CNBC	(61) Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	Paid Program		
40	BRAV	(63) Listing "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"		Million Listing "Rumble in the 90210"		Shark Tank		Million Dollar List "Send It to Viral" (N)	BkyardEnfy "Green Is the New Black"	Watch What	Million Dollar List		
41	TCM	(64) Movie	(45) *** A Star Is Born (76, Mus)	Kris Kristofferson, Gary Busey, Barbra Streisand.	(45) *** Singin' in the Rain (52)	Debbie Reynolds, Gene Kelly.		(45) *** Show People (28)	William Haines, Marion Davies.				
42	SYFY	(65) *** The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997, Adventure)	Julianne Moore, Pete Postlethwaite, Jeff Goldblum.			*** Jurassic Park III (2001, Sci-Fi)	William H. Macy, Téa Leoni, Sam Neill.			Deadly Class "Snake Pit"			
43	RFD	(62) SF Machinery	Small Town	Rural America "Kornfield Friends" Celebrate the 50th anniversary of 'Hee Haw'. (N)		Grown		GA Farm Monitor	SF Machinery	Small Town	Time Life Library		