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a Republican state legislator with a college degree from a mail-in correspondence course that the newspaper’s sources described as a “diploma mill.”

The newspaper compared Pennington’s experience with that of former U.S. Under-secretary of Emergency Preparedness and Response Director Michael Brown, widely criticized for his inadequate response to the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

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Brown was appointed to the FEMA post by President Bush after being driven out of his previous position – and forced to buy out his employment contract — as Judges and Stewards Commissioner for the International Arabian Horse Association.

When the Times singled out Pennington for scrutiny regarding his lack of emergency management experience in 2005, members of Congress were calling for federal regulations requiring emergency managers to have a track record in the field, rather than allowing such positions as “political patronage.”

Pennington was appointed by former Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon, himself driven out of office last year over

several allegations of corruption and an extra-marital affair.

Current Snohomish County Executive John Lovick – formerly county sheriff but appointed to the executive job last year in the wake of Reardon’s resignation – wiped tears from his eyes at a Monday press conference on the disaster site.

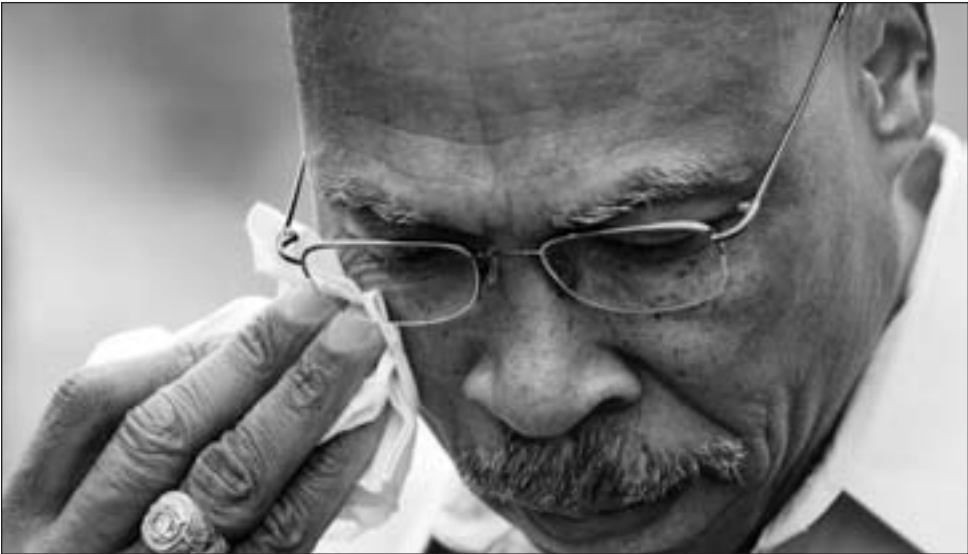
Despite his own stormy tenure as sheriff – some five lawsuits are pending over deaths

in custody at the county jail – Lovick has been seen as the right man to bring stability to county government.

He is running for election to the post this May.

Lovick told KIRO reporter Dori Monson this week that the devastation is overwhelming.

“I had a gentleman walk up to me and tell me his 13-year-old son is missing and I had a lady tell me her entire family is missing. You know me, I’m a family man, I have youngsters,” Lovick told Monson. “The fact of the matter is I can’t tell them anything and I can’t stand there and say ‘I know how you feel,’ because I truly don’t know how



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they feel. This has never happened to me and all we can do is do what we are all doing - hope and pray for them.”

Experts report that increases in warm, winter rain due to global warming trends mean more landslides are likely in the future for Washington State – already a landslide-prone area.

Snohomish County last year established a “Sustainable Operations Management Plan” to reduce greenhouse emissions.

However – unlike King County and Mult-

nomah County in Oregon – the “action plan” does not include tips or resources for how global warming impacts residents in their homes.

Meteorologists report that March rainfall in the Snohomish County town of Everett is currently at more than 250 percent of normal.

For more information on the county’s disaster response go to www.snohomishcountywa.gov.

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Quarter Center in Portland.

Now Curry looks at health with a deeper perspective. She said she eats more fruit and exercises regularly, though vegetables will take a bit more work. “If I could teach others, I would emphasize how important kidneys are,” Curry said. “I would show them how food and alcohol affects their bodies.”

Curry’s determination has carried her successfully through her academic life at De La Salle North. As a recipient of the 2014 Family Care Scholarship for academic excellence and community service awarded at The Skanner’s Martin Luther King Jr.

Day Breakfast in January, Curry reflects the emphasis placed on student success at the school.

‘But seeing those machines and finding out how people have to manage with dialysis, I decided how to eat better and watch myself.’

De La Salle North prepares youth for college who experience challenges economically, socially and academically. The private school accepts families who

earn 75 percent or less of Portland’s median income and are on average 1.5 years behind their peers in reading in math. By the time

De La Salle North students graduate, 95 percent are accepted into college and already have a work portfolio for interning a day each week during their time at the

school. De La Salle North students intern with more than 100 Portland area corporations, institutions and agencies.

During spring break, Curry senior will visit Xavier University of Louisiana in New Orleans where she plans to study in the fall.

For Curry being a nurse is a way to reinforce what she’s learned. “I want to help people,” said Dayja, who plans to return to Portland after college. “I want to help those in disadvantaged communities. And, I want to give back to where I came from.”

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talking not only about Troy’s case, reading from the book “I Am Troy Davis” and talking about the Davis’s family two-decade struggle to prove Troy’s innocence, but we will also be talking about how Troy’s case is so emblematic of what is broken about our death penalty system, and the criminal justice system as a whole.

TSN: Is there any sense of how many incarcerated people are right now in the same position as Troy Davis?

Marlowe: We don’t know how many innocent people are currently on Death Row, nor do we know how many innocent people are incarcerated not on Death Row, though. What we do know is this: There are 144 individuals who have been exonerated from Death Row, the most recent exonerate having spent 30 years there for a crime he did not commit. There are thousands more who have been exonerated who were wrongfully convicted and imprisoned,

though not on Death Row. And, we know for a near certainty that we have killed other innocent prisoners aside from Troy, in the name of “justice.”

TSN: Can you talk a little about Martina Davis Correia? What do you feel is her legacy?

Marlowe: Martina Davis-Correia was a warrior for justice and a warrior for human rights. For two decades she fought for her brother’s life, and one of those decades she was fighting for her own life as well. Martina had been diagnosed with Stage IV breast cancer in 2001 and was given 6 months to live. At that point, with a six-year-

old son to raise and a brother to get off of death row, she decided that dying was not an option, so she fought fiercely for her own life so that she could continue to fight for her brother, and raise her son.

When Troy’s fourth (and final) execution date was set, Martina (whose health had been declining precipitously in the last months) all but busted out of the hospital in order to be there with and for Troy in what were his final days.

I stood with Martina on Sept. 21, 2011, on the grounds of the prison in Jackson, Ga., as the state of Georgia killed Troy. Soon after, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear Troy’s final petition, mean-

ing the execution would begin, effective immediately.

I saw Martina (who was too weak to walk and was sitting in a wheelchair) talking to a young woman. Martina then called over Laura Moye, the Amnesty USA Death Penalty Abolition Campaign director, and introduced her to the young woman. This young woman had driven all the way from San Francisco in order to be there with Troy’s supporters.

Martina wanted Laura to connect this young woman with the death penalty repeal activists in California, and help her get plugged into the struggle.

Scott Langley (a human rights photojournalist) took a snapshot of Martina introducing the young woman to Laura. The time of the picture was 11:08 p.m.

Only later did we learn that 11:08 p.m. was the precise time of Troy’s death, the moment he succumbed to lethal injection.

What was Martina doing the moment that Troy died? She was

recruiting another activist. She was enlisting another soldier in the struggle to bring down the system that killed her brother.

That was the essence of Martina Davis-Correia.

Marlowe and Kimberly Davis appear as follows: Seattle, Tuesday, April 8, 6 p.m. at the Woodland Park Presbyterian Church, 225 N 70th St.; in Olympia on Wednesday, April 9, 3 p.m. at the Evergreen Communications Building Recital Hall, 2749 McCann Plaza NW, and again at 7 p.m. at Orca Books, 509 E. 4th Ave.; and Portland, in conjunction with the NAACP, on Thursday, April 10, First United Methodist Church Fireside Room, 1838 SW Jefferson St.

For more information on the “I Am Troy Davis” tour — and Marlowe’s other work on Darfur and Bahrain — go to www.donkeysaddle.org and click through ‘I Am Troy Davis’ links.