NORTHWEST

Lynching murals spark debate

By KIMBERLEE KRUESI Associated Press

BOISE — Two murals depicting the lynching of an American Indian in a former Idaho county courthouse are once again at the center of a disagreement over whether they should be displayed or covered up as offensive.

Historic preservationists and members of Idaho's tribes oppose covering the 75-year-old murals that were commissioned as part of a Depression-era program to help put artists to work, arguing that the public can learn from history's mistakes. However, the University of Idaho currently leasing the building as a satellite campus of its law school — contends the murals create a negative learning space.

State officials held a public hearing Wednesday to gather public input as they consider weighing in on the issue. The murals have been covered ever since the college opened up the law school earlier this year.

"It may not be tasteful and it may not be art, but it displays some of the past history that happened in our state," said Blaine Edmo, a member of the Shoshone Bannock Tribe. "These murals need to be openly displayed. The reasons behind these murals need to be discussed.'

The murals show an Indian in buckskin breeches, on his knees with his hands bound behind his back. He is flanked by one white man holding a rifle and another holding the end of a noose dangling from a tree.

Twenty-six murals were painted in southern California and mounted in the former Ada County courthouse in 1940. Because the murals are installed as part of the historic building's staircase wall, the state is banned from tampering or destroying the paintings.

Man shot in Pasco may

have been killed by own gun

PASCO (AP) - A Pasco man who

shot with his own gun while giving a ride

documents unsealed Tuesday show that

five times in the head and neck, possibly

at close range. He was killed Oct. 7 and

Court documents show that a

been seen driving, was found with a

pistol rounds were found at the scene.

and 17-year-old Jaden Quintero have

both pleaded not guilty to Thacker's

shooting. Their trials are scheduled for

Chevrolet Cobalt, which Thacker had

large amount of blood and unspent 9 mm

Brothers 23-year-old Nathan Quintero

18-year-old George Thacker was shot

The Tri-City Herald reports that court

was killed last month may have been

to the two alleged shooters.

found near a cable bridge.

Dec. 16.



AP Photo/Matt Cilley, File In this Jan. 17, 2007 photo, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Vice Chairman Lee Juan Tyler talks with others from his group while shooting some video of murals depicting the lynching of an Indian during a tour of the old Ada County Courthouse in Boise, Idaho.

"The history of art is the history of humanity in all of its complexity," said Michael Faison, executive director of the Idaho Commission on the Arts. "The murals should be displayed with the

proper contextualized plaques." Much the same arguments about the murals were repeated nearly nine years ago when lawmakers began preparing to move into the courthouse while the Capitol underwent renovations. Lawmakers, historians and tribal members came to a solution by spending months — described as painful on Wednesday — working on appropriate explanatory language to post on plaques under the murals to offer historical

context to the images.

However, now that the law school is occupying the building, the debate has resurfaced.

"Covering the murals is not erasing history," said Mark Adams, dean of the university law school. "The display of the murals says, particularly to our Native American and African American students, that people like you are not welcome here.'

Ty Simpson, a member of the Nez Perce Tribe, echoed support for covering the murals. "I don't see a vibrant history in the mural. I see pain. I see genocide that has long-reaching impacts on our people today," Simpson said.

BRIEFLY

City eyes raising taxes to fund anti-gang program

WALLA WALLA (AP) — The Walla Walla City Council is considering raising taxes to increase anti-gang activity.

The Walla Walla Union-Bulletin reports that the council on Wednesday will consider a proposal to use \$169,542 in banked-levy-capacity taxes, as well as take an additional \$40,778 in taxes beyond a state mandated cap for the city, to fund more initiatives to combat gang violence.

The cap comes from state law that says cities can increase taxes up to 1 percent or the rate of the Implicit Price Deflator — a measurement of increase in cost of goods and services — and must take the lower of the two.

The council will need a supermajority to pass the resolution of need to fund public safety programs

Truck hauling frozen blood crashes in Oregon

OAKRIDGE (AP) - Police say two truck drivers from Texas were injured when their truck hauling frozen blood crashed over an embankment on a rural Oregon highway.

Oregon State Police say the men were taken to a hospital in Springfield after the crash early Wednesday morning. Both are expected to recover.

Police say the truck was pulling a refrigerated box trailer carrying 30,000 pounds of frozen blood and plasma being transported for medical purposes. Hazardous materials teams responded to the scene, and the road was closed for more than 6 hours.

Police say the truck was traveling eastbound on Highway 58 near Oakridge when the driver drifted off the roadway.

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In wake of lawsuit, Latinos win Yakima seats

SPOKANE (AP) — In the wake of a federal court lawsuit, Hispanic candidates have for the first time been elected to the Yakima City Council.

Two Latina candidates won council seats on Tuesday and a third was leading her opponent.

This was the first election since the American Civil Liberties Union of Washington sued the city under the federal Voting Rights Act, demanding that the community's election system be changed to give Hispanics a better chance of winning elections.

Yakima, which has about 90,000 residents, is about 40 percent Hispanic. The agricultural community is 140 miles east of Seattle.

'The ACLU's voting rights case was intended to give Latinos in Yakima their rightful voice on the City Council, after decades of being shut out from repre-sentation," said Kathleen Taylor, executive director of the group. "We are thrilled with this historic election that ensures the Latino community will have seats at the table when decisions are made.'

The state Democratic Party also praised the outcome.

"A Latino will sit on the city council for the first time in Yakima's history," said Jaxon Ravens, chair of the Washington State Demo-cratic Party. "Largely due to the Voting Rights Act, a community that had been disenfranchised will now have a voice in their local government."

The outcome shows the state needs to pass the Washington Voting Rights Act, which has stalled in the Legislature, Ravens said. "We need what happened in Yakima to ripple across the

state," he said.

The Democratic Party hired a field organizer in Yakima and organized a get-out-the-vote drive, Ravens said.

The number of Hispanic residents has exploded in the central portion of Washington in recent decades, with some communities becoming majority Hispanic. But political clout has not followed the population gains.

Yakima's Hispanic population quadrupled from 1990 to 2010, with many new residents drawn to work in the region's agriculture and food-processing industries.

In 2012, the ACLU filed a lawsuit in federal court on behalf of two Latino residents, alleging that Yakima's hybrid of district and at-large voting for City Council races was suppressing that group's voice in public representation.

U.S. District Court Judge Thomas Rice ruled in favor of the ACLU and in February ordered that an all-district system be adopted. Several of the districts contained a majority of Hispanic residents.

The city has appealed that ruling to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

On Tuesday, Latina candidates Dulce Gutierrez and Avina Gutierrez were easily winning election in two City Council districts. In a third race, candidate Carmen Mendez held a narrow lead over Kelly Rosenow.

Gutierrez, who has a degree from the University of Washington and works for Yakima Valley Hops, said she never imagined she would one day represent northeast Yakima, where she grew up.

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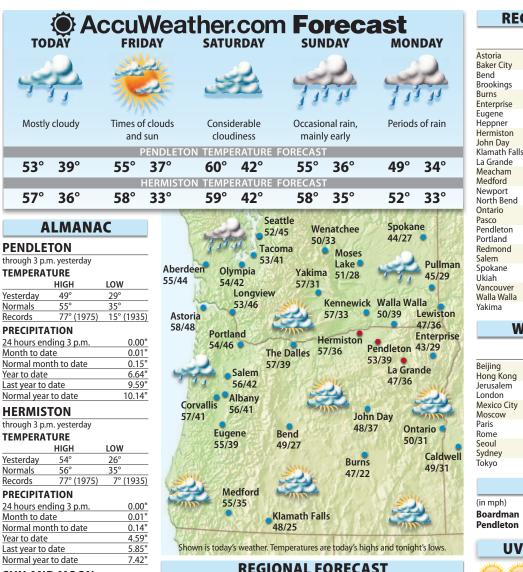
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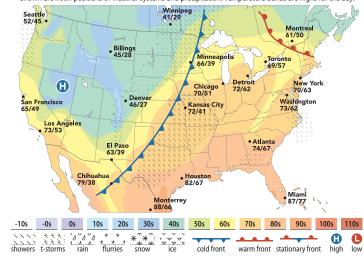
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north; a morning rain or snow shower, then rain and drizzle in central parts. Northern California: Periods of clouds and sun today; cold. Clear tonight; cold. Mostly sunny tomorrow.

NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY





National Summary: Much of the East will be sunny and warm today. A cold front will bring heavy showers and storms from Texas to Missouri. Less rain is in store for the northern Plains. Rain will return to the Northwest.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) **High** 92° in Fort Myers, Fla. Low 9° in Burns, Ore.

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