

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

TUESDAY

8:37 a.m. - Hermiston police received a complaint about a dog owner who lives in an apartment on West Juniper Avenue and has a dog with a tumor "so large it drags on the ground when the dog walks around, which causes it to bleed." The caller asked police to check on the dog.

10:24 a.m. - A caller at Irrigon Junior-Senior High School, 315 E. Wyoming, Irrigon, reported telephonic harassment. A Morrow County sheriff's deputy advised the other party to stop the contact, and she said she understood.

11:46 a.m. - Three vehicles crashed and blocked traffic at West Elm Avenue and North First Street, Hermiston, but there were no reports of injuries.

12:55 p.m. - Stanfield police received a report of a vehicle theft on North Thielsen Street, Echo.

4:47 p.m. - A caller reported a field fire by the cellphone tower off Old Emigrant Road, Pendleton, near the site of the last big fire.

4:59 p.m. - A resident on Columbia Lane, Irrigon, reported a male came by the house and asked if he could do some odd jobs to earn cash. The caller said this seemed suspicious and asked the Morrow County Sheriff's Office to check it out.

5:50 p.m. - Hermiston police responded to a report of teens trying to break into the Tiki Hut at Butte Park, Hermiston, and made an arrest.

6:10 p.m. - An anonymous caller asked Hermiston police to respond to South Highway 395 and East Highland Avenue to check on a man who was "yelling at the wind and beating his head."

6:37 p.m. - Umatilla police took a report of property damage on Pendleton Avenue, Umatilla.

ARRESTS, CITATIONS

*Hermiston police arrested Ashley Brean Cox, 33, of 1230 S.E. Idaho Ave., Irrigon, for first-degree burglary and second-degree criminal mischief.

*Hermiston police arrested Michelle Lynn Petska, 44, no address provided, on a warrant and for felony possession of a controlled substance.

COMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, OCT. 19

BOARDMAN SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Boardman Senior Center, 100 Tatone St., Boardman. Cost is \$4 for seniors 55 and over or \$5 for adults. (541-481-3257)

HERMISTON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12 p.m., Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church parish hall, 565 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Cost is \$4 for adults, free for children 10 and under, \$4 for Meals on Wheels. Extra 50 cents for utensils/dishes. Bus service to parish hall by donation. (541-567-3582)

PENDLETON SENIOR MEAL SERVICE, 12-1 p.m., Pendleton Senior Center, 510 S.W. 10th St., Pendleton. Costs \$3.50 or \$6 for those under 60. Pool, puzzles, crafts, snacks, Second Time Around thrift store 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For Meals On Wheels, call 541-276-1926. (541-276-7101)

SENSORY STORY TIME, 12:30 p.m., Boardman Public Library, 200 S. Main St., Boardman. For children from birth to age 4. (541-481-2665)

SKILLS FOR LIFE, 3-5 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Gym activities and life skills for middle and high school students. Registration requested. (Danny Bane 541-379-4250)

MIDDLE SCHOOL BOOK CLUB, 4:30 p.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. For youth in sixth through eighth grades. No registration required. (Mary Finney 541-966-0380)

YARN CLUB, 5:30 p.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES REMEMBRANCE WALK, 5:30 p.m., Tienda del Sol II, 203 Kinkade Road, Boardman. Join others to show support for domestic violence victims and survivors. Free. (541-276-3322)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SERVICES REMEMBRANCE WALK, 5:30 p.m., Sub Shop No. 38, 4 S.E. Ninth Ave., Milton-Freewater. Join others to show support for domestic violence victims and survivors. Free. (541-276-3322)

THE ARC UMATILLA COUNTY BINGO, 6-10 p.m., The Arc Building, 215 W. Orchard Ave., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., seats may be held until 6:30 p.m., then all seats first come, first served; games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Umatilla County citizens with developmental disabilities. 18 years or older, must have proof of age and photo I.D. Basic pot \$20, prizes range from \$20-\$750. (541-567-7615)

FIDDLERS NIGHT, 6:30-8:30 p.m., Brookdale Assisted Living, 980 W. Highland Ave., Hermiston. Enjoy light refreshments, listen to some favorite oldies or join in the jam session. All ages welcome. (541-567-3141)

FIRST DRAFT WRITERS' SERIES

7-9 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. Ki Russell and Matt Schumacher will share from their work. Open mic slots of 3-5 minutes available following main presentation. Free. (Roberta Lavadour 541-278-9201)

FRIDAY, OCT. 20

FREE FRIDAY MEDICARE MADNESS, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Good Shepherd Medical Center, 610 N.W. 11th St., Hermiston. Get answers to Medicare questions and assistance with prescription plans and open enrollment. Oct. 27 and Nov. 10 session in conference rooms 5-6; all other dates in conference room 7. (541-667-3507)

STORY TIME, 10:15 a.m., Hermiston Public Library, 235 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-2882)

TODDLER STORY TIME, 10:15-11 a.m., Pendleton Public Library, 502 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. (541-966-0380)

STORY AND CRAFT TIME, 2 p.m., Echo Public Library, 20 S. Bonanza, Echo. (541-376-8411)

NIGHT AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, 5-8:30 p.m., Children's Museum of Eastern Oregon, 400 S. Main St., Pendleton. Includes dinner, games, crafts and a movie. Costs \$20 members/\$25 non-members, \$10 for each additional child. Preregistration required. (541-276-1066)

VFW BINGO, 6 p.m., Hermiston VFW, 45 W. Cherry St., Hermiston. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. (541-567-6219)

SAGE CENTER MOVIE EVENT, 7:15 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. Watch "The LEGO Batman Movie" and enjoy a bag of popcorn with \$3 admission fee. Bottled water and concessions available for cash purchase. (Stefania Swindler 541-481-7243)

LOTTERY

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Mega Millions
31-45-49-56-70
Mega Ball: 11
Megaplier: 5
Estimated jackpot: \$15 M

Lucky Lines
01-06-09-15-FREE-17-21-27-31
Estimated jackpot: \$15,000

Pick 4
1 p.m.: 7-8-2-5
4 p.m.: 7-5-5-5
7 p.m.: 2-5-1-6
10 p.m.: 1-8-3-2

Wednesday, Oct. 18

Pick 4
1 p.m.: 8-0-5-7

DEATH NOTICES

Nancy Dee Sheoships Turner

Kennewick, Wash.

May 9, 1964 - Oct. 17, 2017

Nancy Dee Sheoships Turner, 53, of Kennewick, Wash., died Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017, in Seattle. She was born May 9, 1964, in Pendleton. A dressing ceremony will be held Thursday, Oct. 19 at 11 a.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Burial will be held Friday, Oct. 20 at 11 a.m. at Olney Cemetery. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

UPCOMING SERVICES

THURSDAY, OCT. 19

TURNER, NANCY — Dressing ceremony at 11 a.m. at Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop, 131 S.E. Byers Ave.

WONDRA, EILEEN — Funeral service at 11 a.m. at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

FRIDAY, OCT. 20

KELLY, IRENE — Memorial services at 2 p.m. at Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home, 902 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

MCELROY, GINGER — Celebration of life service at 2 p.m. at the Stanfield Moose Lodge, 615 W. Coe Ave.

SPOMER, JANET — Celebration of life memorial service at 2 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 485 W. Locust Ave., Hermiston.

TURNER, NANCY — Burial at 11 a.m. at Olney Cemetery, Pendleton.

OBITUARY POLICY

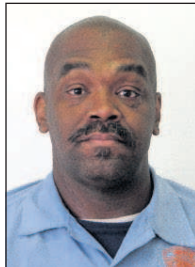
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Oregon murder case shows obstacles to DNA testing

By **ANDREW SELSKY**
Associated Press

SALEM — Jesse Johnson was accused in 1998 of fatally stabbing a nurse's aide in her apartment. He repeatedly said he was innocent, his DNA wasn't on any of the tested murder evidence, and he refused a plea deal. Johnson was convicted of aggravated murder and sentenced to death.

Nearly two decades after Harriet Thompson, 28, was killed in Salem, a judge is considering a request from the Oregon Innocence Project to allow DNA testing of crime-scene evidence in the case.



Johnson

The tests, using techniques that had not been developed when Johnson went on trial in 2004, could lead to the real killer and exonerate Johnson, his lawyers say.

"This case cries out for finding out what's in those other items," Steven Wax, legal director of the Oregon Innocence Project, told the judge. "The person who was convicted is excluded from so many pieces of evidence in the crime. There are questions here, and a man's life on death row."

But Judge Channing Bennet this month said he was not sure if Oregon law allows him to grant the tests.

DNA tests have set free more than 350 wrongly convicted people in the United States since 1989, including 20 who were on death row. Johnson's case shows that getting authorization for tests to be carried out can be a challenge.

Thompson was found in her blood-spattered home by her landlord. Johnson was later found selling some of her jewelry but denied ever having been in her apartment. After his DNA was found there on items unrelated to the murder, he acknowledged having visited her socially but insisted he was not there when Thompson was killed.

In 2015, the Oregon Legislature tackled a DNA testing statute enacted 14 years earlier which set the bar high for those convicted of crimes to request DNA tests.

Wax, a former federal defense lawyer who has also represented detainees held at the Guantanamo Bay U.S. military prison, said only two motions for testing



AP Photo/Rick Bowmer, file

In this Nov. 18, 2011 file photo, the leg tie downs are shown on the gurney in the execution room at the Oregon State Penitentiary, in Salem. Jesse Johnson is on Oregon's death row after being convicted of murdering a woman in 1998, yet his DNA wasn't on any of the tested evidence related to the murder, and he says he's innocent. Now, a judge is considering whether to allow modern DNA tests, which Johnson's attorneys say could lead to the real killer and exonerate Johnson.

had been granted from 2001 to 2015. Wax did not know how many had been requested but says it's likely that many convicts didn't request testing because it was so hard to get approval from judges.

The 2001 law said a court could authorize testing only if it found "there is a reasonable possibility that the testing ... would establish the innocence of the person."

Aliza Kaplan, who in 2015 was with the Oregon Innocence Project, told lawmakers: "This standard creates a Catch-22, essentially requiring a person to prove their innocence before testing is granted, when the whole point is to determine guilt or innocence after the results are in."

The new 2015 bill, as introduced, said a convicted person must show testing would "lead to a finding that the person would not have been convicted or would have received a lesser sentence if the DNA test results had been admitted at trial."

But a House committee amended the bill, specifying that a convicted person must show the tests would "lead to a finding that the person is actually innocent of the offense." That version was unanimously approved by the Legislature.

That statute could now impact Johnson's case in the Marion County Circuit Court, just three blocks from the marble-domed state Capitol.

MEETINGS

For a complete listing of regional events, visit eastoregonian.com

THURSDAY, OCT. 19

BUTTER CREEK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 8 a.m., River Point Farms conference room, 28790 Westport Lane, Hermiston. (Bonnie Kyger 509-820-3202)

ECHO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 8:30 a.m., River Point Farms conference room, 28790 Westport Lane, Hermiston. (Bonnie Kyger 509-820-3202)

HERMISTON IRRIGATION DISTRICT, 4 p.m., Hermiston Irrigation District office conference room, 366 E. Hurlburt Ave., Hermiston. (541-567-3024)

ECHO CITY COUNCIL, 4 p.m., Old VFW Hall, 210 W. Bridge St., Echo. (541-376-8411)

UMATILLA COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT, 5:15 p.m., Pendleton Center for the Arts boardroom, 214 N. Main St., Pendleton. (Erin McCusker 541-276-6449)

FRIDAY, OCT. 20

No meetings scheduled

MONDAY, OCT. 23

NIXYAAWII COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOARD, 4:30 p.m., Nixyaawii Community School,

73300 July Grounds Lane, Mission. (541-966-2680)

UMATILLA BASIN WATERSHED COUNCIL, 6 p.m., Eastern Oregon Higher Education Center, 975 S.E. Columbia Drive, Hermiston. (Michael T. Ward 541-276-2190)

HERMISTON CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Hermiston City Hall council chambers, 180 N.E. Second St., Hermiston. (541-567-5521)

MILTON-FREEWATER CITY COUNCIL, 7 p.m., Milton-Freewater Public Library Albee Room, 8 S.W. Elgth Ave., Milton-Freewater. (541-938-5531)

IRRIGON COMMUNITY PARKS & RECREATION DISTRICT, 7 p.m., Irrigon Fire Station, 705 N. Main St., Irrigon. (541-922-3047)

TUESDAY, OCT. 24

EAST IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, 9 a.m., IRZ conference room, 500 N. First St., Hermiston. (Mathew Vickery 509-820-3234)

IONE SCHOOL DISTRICT, 3:30 p.m., Ione Community School, 445 Spring St., Ione. (541-422-7131)

MORROW COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION, 7 p.m., Port of Morrow Riverfront Center, 2 Marine Drive, Boardman. (Stephanie Loving 541-922-4624)

SUPPORT GROUPS

THURSDAY, OCT. 19 OPEN SUPPORT GROUP, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Bowman Building, 17 S.W. Frazer Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-6671 or 541-379-1589)

LOST AND FOUND YOUTH OUTREACH, 3 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Help for youth 12-18 facing challenges. (Danny or Leslie 541-379-4250 or 541-276-3987)

HEALTHY CHOICES AA MEETING, 5-6:30 p.m., St. Anthony Hospital conference room 1, 2801 St. Anthony Way, Pendleton. (541-207-2548)

WOMEN FOR SOBRIETY SUPPORT GROUP, 5:30-7 p.m., First Christian Church, 516 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. New members welcome. (Kimberlie Krieg 541-861-3283)

CELEBRATE RECOVERY, 6-9 p.m., First Assembly of God Church, 1911 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. 6-7 p.m. large group, 6-8 p.m. Celebration Place (children K-5), 7-8 p.m. open share group, 8-9 p.m. Solid Rock Cafe social time (all ages). Christ-centered 12-step program for those with hurts, habits and hangups. ChildCare is available for children ages 1-5. (541-276-6417)

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE/SEXUAL ASSAULT WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP, 6-7:30 p.m., call for location, call for location, Pendleton. Sponsored by Domestic Violence Services. (541-276-3322)

TOPS, 6 p.m., Peace Lutheran Church, 210 N.W. Ninth St., Pendleton. 6 p.m. weigh-in, 6:30-7:30 p.m. meeting. (Heather Endersby 541-969-6997)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 6:30 p.m., Helping Hand, 346 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.

ADDICTION RECOVERY PROGRAM, 7 p.m., Seventh-day Adventist Church seminary building, 800 S. First St., Hermiston. Everyone is welcome. (Kim Puzey 541-567-3622)

WALK AND ROLL SUPPORT GROUP, 7 p.m., Buttercreek Apartments No. 33, 405 S.W. 11th St., Hermiston. For anyone who is disabled or in a wheelchair and has issues with access or rights, or caregivers of handicapped people. (Nana Carpenter 541-303-3359)

OPEN AA MEETING, 7 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)

OPEN AA MEETING, 7:30 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.

HEPPNER MIRACLES OPEN AA MEETING, 7:30 p.m., All Saints Episcopal Church parish hall, 1410 W. Church St., Heppner. (800-410-5953)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7:30-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7:30 p.m., Wesley United Methodist Church, 816 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater.

OPEN AA MEETING, 8 p.m., United Church of Christ, 114 S. East St., Condon. (800-410-5953)

FRIDAY, OCT. 20 OPEN AA MEETING, 12 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)

CELEBRATE RECOVERY GROUP, 6 p.m., Salvation Army, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. (541-276-3369)

OPEN AA MEETING, 7 p.m., Yellowhawk Tribal Health Center, 73265 Confederated Way, Mission. (800-410-5953)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7 p.m., Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 241 S.E. Second St., Pendleton.

OPEN AA MEETING, 7 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, 7:30-9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, 191 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.

OPEN AA MEETING, 7:30 p.m., lone Community Church, 395 Main St., lone. (800-410-5953)

SATURDAY, OCT. 21 AA OPEN BOOK STUDY, 10 a.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 665 E. Gladys Ave., Hermiston.

OPEN AA MEETING, 12 p.m., complex, 680 W. Harper Road, Hermiston. (800-410-5953)

OPEN AA MEETING, 7 p.m., United Church of Christ, 114 S. East St., Condon. (800-410-5953)

WILDHORSE RESORT & CASINO

10/19

Cineplex Show Times

\$5 Classic Movie

10/25 12:00 PM

Creature From the Black Lagoon (1954)

Happy Death Day (PG 13)
5:00 7:30 10:10

The Foreigner (R)
4:40 7:10 10:00

Blade Runner 2049 (R)
3:00* 6:20 9:40

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4:30 7:00 9:30

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4:50 7:20 9:50

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