

Return Of Wet Weather Prompts Words Of Caution To Drivers

The King County Road Services Division is advising motorists that the first threat of rain in nearly a month may cause very hazardous driving conditions when the more fall-like weather moves in as predicted this weekend.

Because the weather has been so dry, roads have seen substantial oil build-up this summer. When the rain does begin to fall, the oil will begin to liquefy on the road surface, causing very slippery driving conditions. Road conditions can become so slick that road crews sometimes have to respond with sanding trucks.

Before the long, dry spell comes to an end, motorists should also take time to inspect their vehicle's windshield wiper blades and tires. That includes paying close attention to both your tire tread and air pressure. When the rain does begin to fall, motorists should also remember to leave plenty of space between themselves and the car ahead. That extra caution just may help you avoid an accident when conditions deteriorate.

Some parts of the county are also seeing dry leaves begin to fall now that the days are getting shorter and we're slipping into fall. That means property and roads will become increasingly vulnerable to water pooling and flooding as we enter the storm season. Property owners should remember to check storm drains often during the fall months to maintain proper drainage.

Compton Repays Costs Of Portland Basketball Trip

(AP) - City Councilman Jim Compton has changed his mind and reimbursed billionaire Paul Allen's mother for the private plane trip and game tickets he accepted in March to attend a Portland Trail Blazers game, which Paul Allen owns.

Compton said originally that he wouldn't reimburse Allen, or his holding company Vulcan, for the cost of the travel and entertainment.

City of Seattle elected officials and employees are prohibited from accepting gifts worth more than \$50.

Vulcan owns about 50 acres in South Lake Union that it plans to develop, along with other companies and institutions, into a center for biotechnology.

City Council committees began

A Glance At The U.S. And Allied Anti-Terrorism Deployment Around The World

By The Associated Press

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IRAQ: Nearly 140,000 U.S. soldiers, 11,000 British and 9,500 others under Polish control from 21 countries.

AFGHANISTAN: NATO leads 5,000 peacekeepers from 30 nations

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Kayesha Henderson Martin Luther King Elementary

Age: 7

Favorite School Subject: Math - it's her favorite because she can calculate fast.

Hobbies/Interests: Kayesha loves to read because it helps her to understand many things.

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department did not "adhere strongly" to his findings.

Tacoma police sometimes offered second or third psychological examinations to candidates who failed the first.

"If they really wanted someone, they would say, 'We want this person and we're going to find somebody who will give us a positive evaluation so we can hire him,'" Shaw told investigators.

"It's the only agency that I know of that does that," he said.

Investigators could not explain why Brame was hired 22 years ago, but they offered two theories. One is that Brame slipped through a training division that was in disarray, the other is that rules were bent to get him hired.

Some of those interviewed said Brame was hired while a major lawsuit distracted the department and prompted changes in the

command staff, including the chief.

"I think this thing dropped through the crack," said retired chief Richard Amundsen, who signed Brame's hiring letter.

He said he never would have hired Brame if he knew the results of either psychological test.

Brame's father worked for Tacoma police and his older brother was a Tacoma policeman.

None of the department employees interviewed said they felt pressured to favor Brame. They said they saw only portions of his application, not his complete file.

Some city attorneys considered his promotion to chief inevitable.

"He was the golden boy," Assistant City Attorney Cathy Parker said. "Everybody talked about him as the golden boy. He was favored by people in City Hall."

Chief Assistant City Attorney Elizabeth Pauli told investigators

she thought all the external candidates were more qualified to be chief than Brame.

Parker added that city leaders should have investigated the 1988 date-rape allegation more thoroughly before appointing him.

The allegation led to an Internal Affairs investigation at the time, with a finding that the accusation could not be proved.

"People relied on the word of other people all the way down the line," Parker said. "That may have been a big mistake."

On Thursday, the parents of Crystal Brame revised their claim against the city of Tacoma, saying that instead of demanding \$75 million, they'll accept whatever the city's insurance will cover.

The generous offer comes with conditions, including the city taking responsibility for their daughter's death at the hands of her husband.

Student's Death Puts Focus On Use Of Restraints

PARCHMENT, Mich. (AP) - The death of a 15-year-old autistic high school student who lost consciousness after being restrained by school employees is calling attention to the techniques used to control people with mental difficulties.

Mothers of autistic children point to the death as a cautionary lesson about the dangers of restraint, a practice that can range from a bear hug to use of a mechanical device to keep people from hurting themselves and others.

"The word has got to get out," Kathy Damron, who was so upset by use of restraints on her 10-year-old autistic son that her family moved so the boy could change schools, told the Kalamazoo Gazette for a recent story. "Because there's a real problem here."

Disability rights group Michigan Protection & Advocacy Service Inc. and the NAACP are investigating the death of Michael

Renner-Lewis on Aug. 25 at Parchment High School near Kalamazoo after an autopsy failed to determine a cause.

Police said the 6-foot, 200-pound sophomore had a seizure at school, recovered and then, hours later, became combative. Four school employees grabbed his limbs and sat down on the ground with him, police said.

Parchment school officials have declined comment.

The case is being investigated by the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Department.

The Michigan Department of Education is updating its 1993 policy on behavioral interventions in schools, and the use of restraints likely is to be addressed for the first time. Meanwhile, Kalamazoo County is hosting two workshops this month on restraint practices and strategies to prevent their use.

Many advocates say the practice should be banned, that it is

degrading and counterproductive. Educators say restraints should be a last resort but are sometimes necessary.

"I'd like to be able to say they're not necessary, but I can't," said Kellie Cody, executive director of Kalamazoo's Lakeside Treatment and Learning Center, a residential facility for children with emotional issues and disabilities. "The issue of safety is paramount, and it trumps everything else."

Mark McWilliams of Michigan Protection and Advocacy Service, said more positive strategies exist to prevent such problems. Moreover, he said, while institutions say it's a last resort, it's often a routine practice based on his discussions with parents.

"People don't have any idea of the extent that it's used," McWilliams said. "I think it happens a lot."

Former Official Urges One-On-One Negotiations With North Korea

By GEORGE GEDDA

WASHINGTON (AP) - A Korean affairs expert who recently resigned from the State Department urged the Bush administration Monday to assign a full-time negotiator to work with North Korea on ending the nuclear weapons impasse.

"We've got to get serious about this," said Jack Pritchard, who served as the main State Department link to the North Korean U.N. mission until he stepped down last month.

It was widely reported at the time that he left because of policy differences with the administration.

At present, the main forum for negotiations with North Korea is a six-nation mechanism that met in Beijing two weeks ago. Pritchard said that forum is too unwieldy to achieve North Korean disarmament.

A resolution of the North Korea stalemate "cannot occur without a sustained and serious dialogue between the United States and North Korea," Pritchard said in

an address at the Brookings Institution, with which he is now affiliated.

He recommended the appointment of a full-time negotiator to keep allies, and friends in the six-nation process informed on the status of the one-on-one talks.

Starting last fall, North Korea strongly urged bilateral negotiations with the United States aimed at achieving a nonaggression treaty.

The United States rejected that approach and pushed instead for a regional grouping to deal with the issue. It contended a nuclear-armed North Korea would threaten a number of countries, each of which should be entitled to have a voice in discussions.

After an inconclusive three-way meeting in Beijing involving the United States, North Korea and China in April, the six-way meeting was held last month. It involved the same participants plus South Korea, Japan and Russia.

Asked about Pritchard's

proposal, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher suggested any such proposal was premature since only one meeting has been held using the six-nation format.

"We're just getting started," he said.

Making the case for one-on-one talks, Pritchard said, "You cannot get to the point where you understand who your opponent is at the negotiating table unless you have continuous contact over a period of time."

Highlighting the cumbersome nature of six-nation discussions, Pritchard noted that 24 interpreters are needed - and 48 when backups are required.

He questioned how much work can be done at "drive-by meetings," such as the one held last month, "where we roll down the window and we kind of wave to the North Koreans and we move on."

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