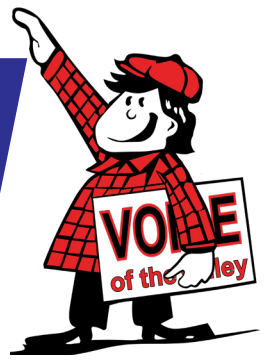


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Sunday afternoon October 27th Pacific Raceways held its Annual Trunk or Treat. The weather was a bit chilly, but that did not stop the kids from bringing their parents out to the track to walk through the parking area and see what goodies awaited them, not to mention the number of cars that were on display for all to enjoy. There were princesses and dinosaurs, young drivers behind the wheel and the Jolly Roger flying high above it all. Even with the weather hindering the turn out, to me this year's event was a big success. Next on the schedule is the Bad Santa Car Cruise-In being held December 1st. For more information you can always check out www.pacificraceways.com. Photo by Bill Archer



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Detectives Seeking Information On A Homicide Investigation

King County: Washington State Patrol (WSP) detectives are investigating a homicide and are requesting dash cam footage that captured SR 410 between Enumclaw and Greenwater between the dates of October 28th and October 31st.

An adult male victim was discovered near the vehicle shown below in this area on October 31, 2024.

Please upload any video using the QR code below. Additionally, detectives are seeking anyone with information on the 2006 Honda Pilot with Pennsylvania plates. Email Detective Ford at Brody.Ford@wsp.wa.gov.

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- **LOOK BACK**, by Charlotte Chang
- **THE MYSTERIOUS SHADOW MAN**, by Hudson Hurlburt & Ruby Gillman-Koski
- **THE SECOND CHOICE**, by Willow Askew

NOV. 8 @ 7:30 PM

ADULT SHORT PLAYS

- **OUT OF THIS WORLD**, by Barbara Lindsay
- **A BUTT NOT RIGG'D, NOR TACKLE, SAIL, NOR MAST**, by Jim Kelly
- **FIRE AND BRIMSTONE**, by Anna Tatelman
- **HEARD MENTALITY**, by Allison Fradkin
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God's Providence

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Exhausted, he eventually managed to build a rough hut and put his few possessions in it. But then, one day, after hunting for food, he arrived home to find his little hut in flames, the smoke rolling up to the sky. The worst had happened; he was stung with grief.

Early the next day, a ship drew near the island and rescued him. "How did you know I was here?" he asked the crew. We saw your smoke signal," they replied."

There are times in our lives when we feel that we are constantly dealing with difficulty and despair, times when we just don't understand why things are happening the way they are. Times when we develop the "why me" syndrome and all we can do is sit around and mope, blaming God and others. Yet the fact is, we must realize that even in the most difficult circumstances, God is working. Even when we cannot see anything good that could come from it, God has it all under control and is working through these circumstances to accomplish His work in us.

The prophet Elisha is an excellent example of such providential workings. On one occasion, when he had kept the king of Israel safe from the Arameans, one of Israel's enemies, the king of Aram sought to kill him. When the king found the city he was staying in, he sent his army to surround it. When Elisha and his servant awoke the next morning and looked out, his servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" and Elisha said to him, "Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, I pray, open his eyes that he may see." And the LORD opened the servant's eyes, and he saw; and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. - 2 Kings 6:15-17.

God had not left Elisha. Elisha knew it, and the Lord opened the eyes of his servant to see it as well. If you are a child of God, He has not left you either. It may be that the current situation is the "smoke signal" that God is using to accomplish something greater in your life. It may even be that the "smoke signal" is what God is allowing into your life to bring you to repentance and salvation in Him. Whatever the case may be, we can be assured that God is with those who love him and is working. It may be that we just need to ask the Lord to open our eyes.

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When Coal Was King

By Bill Kombol



Coal has been mined in South King County since 1885 after the Columbia & Puget Sound Railroad was extended up the Cedar River Valley through Black Diamond to nearby Franklin, located adjacent to the Green River Gorge. During the first 60 years, almost all mining was conducted underground through labyrinth systems of subterranean tunnels that followed the coal seams. In most parts of the country, sedimentary coal seams lay horizontally. However in the Pacific Northwest, due to the uplift of the Cascade Mountain range, the coal tilts at angles, meaning the veins of black diamonds angle anywhere from 20 degrees to 90 degrees, in the latter case vertical to the earth's surface.

In the early days, underground mining was the only economical way to extract coal. Earthmoving equipment capable of displacing thousands of cubic yards of overburden rock didn't exist. Underground mining methods focused on extracting the softer coal seams, leaving the surrounding bedrock in place. Plus surface mining typically required stripping ratios of perhaps 4:1 meaning four cubic yards of rock are handled for every ton of extracted coal.

By the end of World War II surface coal mining became more common after new explosives, better drilling techniques, and larger excavating equipment made it economical to move substantial amounts of earth. Mining companies were also experiencing serious labor shortages, particularly for underground miners when over 15 million men served in the armed forces.

Washington state coal mine production peaked at four million tons in 1918. In 1946, coal output had fallen 75% to one million tons, of which nine mines were open pit, though another 1.5 million tons was imported from other states. Production dropped steadily until the Centralia mine began supplying the Big Hanford power plant in 1971. The plant still burns coal today but is expected to close in 2025.

When this photo was taken in April 1977, every underground coal

mine in Washington had ceased operating. The last to close was Rogers No. 3 in Ravensdale, blasted shut in Dec. 1975. Two surface mines still operated – the Centralia Coal Mine which fed the nearby power plant generating about 10% of Washington's electricity needs, plus the far smaller McKay mine owned by Palmer Coking Coal Co. While the Centralia mine regularly produced over four million tons per year, Palmer's McKay operation was tiny, supplying 20,000 tons annually to heat four state institutions – Washington Correction Center near Shelton, Monroe Reformatory in Monroe, Washington Soldiers Home in Orting, and the Maple Lane School, a youth detention facility in Centralia.

This photo of the McKay surface mine looks south towards Randolph Creek, sometimes called Franklin Creek. It was located about 1/2-mile northwest of the Green River Gorge Bridge. A Koehring 405 excavator is removing coal from the McKay seam and placing it on a stockpile. A dump truck operated by Moulden & Sons, a Buckley firm associated with the coal industry is waiting to haul the raw coal to Black Diamond for processing through a wash plant to remove impurities and prepare the coal for market. The state institutions demanded stoker coal, about the size of pebbles and marbles to fuel their boiler.

This photo was colorized by Doug 'Boomer' Burnham, a Tahoma high school photography instructor doing business as: <http://www.boomersphotography.com/> Next week, more about surface coal mining on Franklin Hill during the 1970s.

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