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KING HEROIN

Opioids have become Kitsap County's drugs of choice

By MARK BRIANT

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Take a moment to really study the photo on page A2, and when you finally need to look away, consider this:

It happened in the bucolic hamlet of East Liverpool, Ohio, a town of 11,000 nestled along the north bank of the Ohio River. It is best known for its pottery and as the final destination for the body of gangster Pretty Boy Floyd.

The couple in the front seats had, moments before this picture was taken, OD'd on heroin. Both have white, bloodless lips. The woman slumps over, eyes open and unseeing, while a police officer reaches in to check for a pulse. There was one, and both survived after being

administered naloxone, an overdose antidote. Otherwise, police said, the two would almost certainly have died.

The East Liverpool police officer who conducted the traffic stop said the driver was trying to tell him that he was transporting his passenger to the hospital when he lost consciousness.

But the most shocking element is the curly haired little boy in the back seat (face blurred for anonymity). He sits blankly, impassively, betraying no emotion as he stares at the camera from his booster seat. He is just 4, but he has clearly seen this before. The woman is his grandmother.

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Photo illustration

35TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT HOUSE SEATS

Candidates share their views on education, funding issues and other district priorities

By BOB SMITH

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As the urban-rural mix of the 26th Legislative District prepares to vote whether to extend the terms of their two state representatives in November, the expansive, mostly rural 35th Legislative District is quietly sorting out two House incumbent-versus-challenger races of its own.



The 35th district spans territory west of Bremerton and Silverdale, skirting the Port Orchard to the

east and Olympia to the south. It shares portions of Kitsap, Mason and Thurston counties and includes vast sparsely populated areas west of Shelton and into the Olympic National Forest.

While it covers a hodge-podge of disparate communities with their own special interests and challenges, the residents who reside within the 35th District's boundaries are decid-

edly rural, fairly conservative and generally Republican.

That is reflective of the district's two House representatives. Dan Griffey, a Republican from Allyn who's the 35th Position 1 incumbent, and Drew MacEwen, who lives in Union, also a Republican incumbent of the Position 2 seat, are reliable,

conservative votes in the state legislature. Griffey was first elected to his seat in 2014. MacEwen is seeking his second term. He was first elected in 2012.

Challenging them are two Democrats, one of which is making

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The Readers' Choice votes are in!

Thank you to all who voted in our 2016 Best of South Kitsap,

In this issue of The Best of South Kitsap, we're happy to announce our Readers' Choice Awards. We've counted the votes submitted in our annual competition, and the readers have spoken. There were plenty of great businesses to choose from and the decisions were difficult.

Our annual survey included top choices in categories such as the Best Place to Pick Up Pizza to the Best Place to Work.

We were overwhelmed by the response. Hundreds of our readers voted in a variety of categories including food, fitness, shopping, services and much more.

You will notice that many of our past winners continue to provide top-notch products and services.

But there also are some new winners — upstarts who are making a name in South Kitsap.

Have a suggestion for new categories or other

"bests" in our region? Please email Donna Etchey, general manager, detchey@soundpublishing.com with your ideas.

Again, thank you for participating and congratulations to the winners and finalists.

Enjoy looking through and finding your favorites. Next time you are out and about, we hope you will take the time to visit the winners and finalists.



Thank You for Voting

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- Grey Chevrolet

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- Twice Around the Closet
- That's Beautiful
- Josephine's Redeemed Boutique

GIFT SHOP**South Park Pharmacy****FINALISTS:**

- The Candy Shoppe LLC
- Carter's Chocolates
- The Grey House

GROCERY STORE**Fred Meyer****FINALISTS:**

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- Safeway
- Albertson's

PLACES**BAR/PUB****Whiskey Gulch****FINALISTS:**

- Bethel Saloon
- MoonDogs, Too
- Puerto Vallarta

GOLF COURSE**McCormick Woods****FINALISTS:**

- Trophy Lake
- Gold Mountain
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Golfer at McCormick Woods, voted Best Place to Golf in South Kitsap.