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Sarah Walsh, standing, and her three boys Aaron, 5, left, Thomas, 1, and Kellan, 3, play with Lego blocks during an activity at the Liberty Park Library on Friday in East Central Spokane. The family home schools the children and uses the library often.

LIBRARY FUNDING FIGHT EXPOSES COUNCIL DIVIDE

Competing budget plans reveal split over staff reductions, long-term stability

By Emry Dinman
THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

As the eleventh hour sounds on yet another difficult budget year for the city of Spokane, the City Council finds itself at odds about how deeply to cut its own budget to avoid cuts elsewhere, particularly in the library system.

The debate follows a presentation last week by Spokane Public Library Executive Director Andrew Chanse, who warned a 5% cut to the library budget approved last year is now coming to a

head. The library has managed with only minor cuts by burning through reserves, but now has to make a major reduction in operating hours and community services in 2026 if the funding isn't restored (and preferably enhanced).

Mayor Lisa Brown's proposed budget kept the cuts in place. Acknowledging the community benefit provided by the

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Marijuana linked to bouts of intense vomiting

Years of frequent use may cause condition, but it's unknown why

By Amanda Sullender
THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

Mysterious bouts of intense vomiting may be caused by frequent marijuana use, health officials warn.

With the illness recently having been recognized by the World Health Organization, University of Washington researchers hope to find the cause behind a mysterious, cannabis-linked disease.

The condition, cannabis hyperemesis syndrome, has become prevalent in recent years with increased chronic use of the drug postlegalization. It can be difficult to diagnose because the recurrent vomiting only develops years or decades after an individual becomes a frequent cannabis user.

"People will vomit four or five times in an hour and go to the emergency room because it's really painful and uncomfortable," said University of Washington cannabis researcher Beatriz Carlini. "But until recently, very few doctors knew about the condition, and it can be difficult to connect the symptoms to cannabis use."

It is unknown what in cannabis

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2-3 HOUR STANDOFF LEADS TO ARREST

One person is in custody and another injured after a shooting in West Central. **NEWS, 8**

AIRLINE ADDS DIRECT FLIGHTS TO PHOENIX

With fares starting at \$29, Frontier has added a route at Spokane airport. **NW, 1**



THANKSGIVING TRAVEL RUSH BEGINS

Airports brace for peak holiday surges while WA drivers face delays



By Monica Carrillo-Casas
THE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW

With travel increasing this Thanksgiving holiday, officials are advising people to prepare ahead to ensure they make it safely to their final destination.

Heidi Dettmer, director of marketing for AAA Washington, said more than 81 million people nationwide are expected to travel this year, a 2% increase from last year. About 90% of those travelers are expected to drive, which will contribute to increased delays on the roads. Airports are also anticipating high volumes, she said.

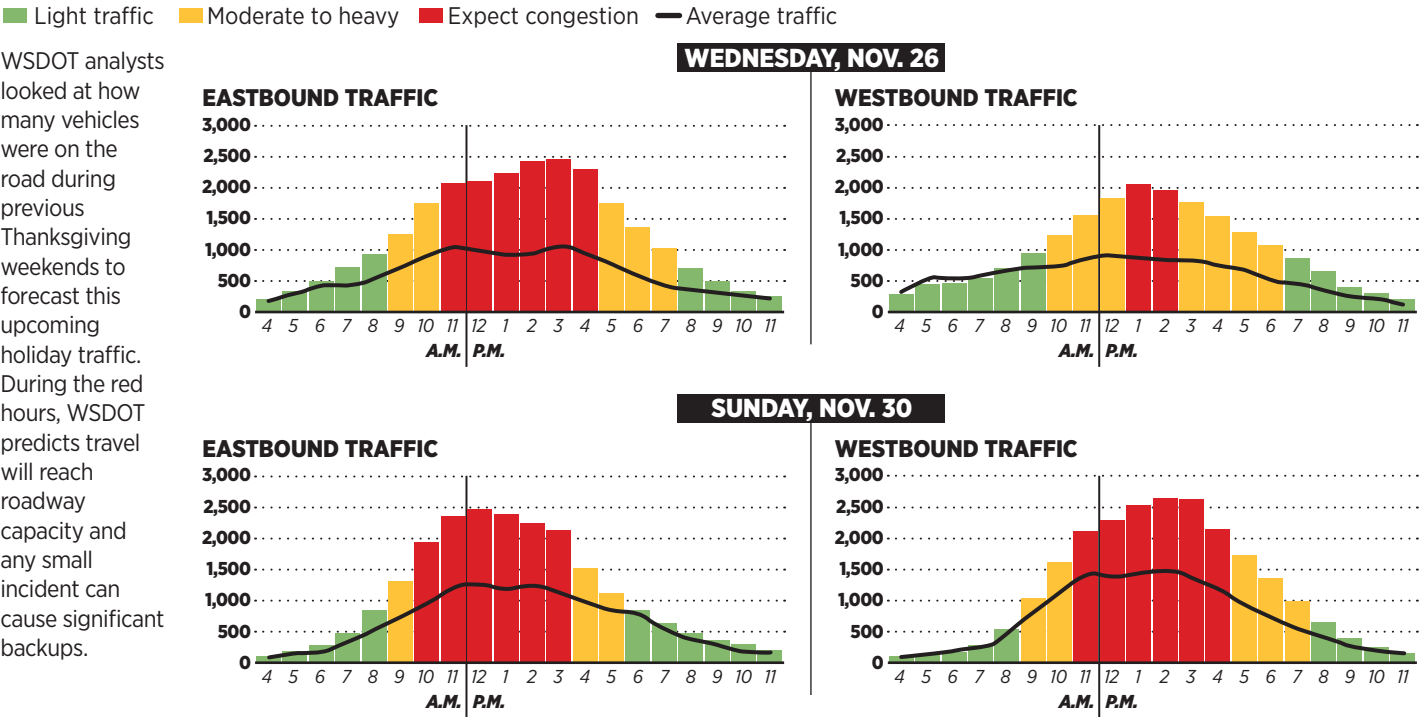
Seattle-Tacoma International Airport is forecasting over 900,000 travelers by plane between Wednesday and Dec. 1, Dettmer said.

"We also know that over 300,000 people are expected to use Washington state ferries

Air travelers at Spokane International Airport scurry to catch their flights on Friday.

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Holiday traffic forecast: I-90 North Bend to Cle Elum



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